MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, February 27, 2007
Willow River Room of the University Center

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The University of Wisconsin River-Falls Student Association Student Senate was called to order by President Eggers at 7:00pm in the Willow River Room of the University Center.

II. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**: Joe Eggers, Derek Brandt, Dan Scott, Adam Koski, Jennifer Biss, Avery Newman, Ali Nsabimana, Becca Peine, Jason Schultz, Nikki Shonoiki, Craig Witte, Tory Schaaf, Dustin Pfundheller, Darryl Rhyme, Lindsay Exworthy, Jim Vierling, Natalie Hagberg.

III. **INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:** Tabb Benzinger & Scott D Bolstad - ROTC Members, Sarah Packingham - Student Voice, Nick S. – Student, Sarah Eggerstrom - 1st year experience office, Dan Church - Student

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Passed

V. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Lieutenant Coronal Bolstat – Professor of Military Science - Stout
bolstads@uwrf.edu **(715)232-5629**

- Funding that will say in RF rather than going to Stout
- Two paid faculty members that are directly tied to university success
- Trains leaders and highly academic student
- Opposition from Dan Church
- 81 signatures of students and faculty against ROTC program

VI. **OPEN FORUM:** none

VII. **SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:**

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR – Derek Brandt

- All senators should have a mail box in the University Center after this weekend.
- Voice Article was removed due to shortening of paper
- All senators should now have a committee, and if you don't, it is your responsibility to contact me for faculty senate committee

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Dan Scott

- Student Survey results are in.
- teacher evaluations and food options/services are main areas of concern

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR – Jenifer Biss

- Craig is meeting with Mark Kinders
- Wrote a letter to editor last week about

4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Adam Koski

- Still working on purchase of a printer
- Working on LDPB budget

5. DIVERSITY ISSUES DIRECTOR – Ashley Olson - Excused

6. WOMEN'S INITIATIVES DIRECTOR – Vacant

7. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR – Vacant

8. VICE PRESIDENT- Derek Brandt

- New office hour forms are in binder
- Hours are due before spring Break
- Keep office Clean and picked up

- Demerit points will be issued for old senators for past two weeks, and for all senators for the next office hours period

9. PRESIDENT- Joe Eggers

- Information handed out for differential tuition
- Shared Gov applications are due by 5pm on Friday
- Is meeting about benefits for Hagstead
- Positions open for College of Agriculture, Education, and one at-large spot

B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Natalie Hagberg

- Budget motion on tonight's agenda
- Child care center still being worked on to send to senate

C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Jim Vierling

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D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Gregg Heinselman

VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Calendar Committee voted approved new academic calendar

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SS0607033

Whereas, there is an open position as the Women's Initiatives Director, and

Whereas, Tory Schaaf has shown interest in filling this position,

Therefore be it resolved, the Student Association Student Senate appoint Tory Schaaf as the Womens' Initiative Director for the remainder of the 2006-2007 academic year.

Moved by: Director Scott
Seconded by: President Eggers

Motion Withdrawn

SS0607034
Whereas, in his 2007 Budget Address Governor Doyle proposed a tax deduction not only for tuition, but for student fees as well.

Whereas, he also estimates a 4 percent increase in tuition,

And whereas, every student on financial aid will see an increase in their scholarship that will match the tuition increase dollar for dollar.

Be it resolved, that the UW-RF Student Senate take a stance in support of these initiatives as they are beneficial to students.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this motion be sent to the offices of the appropriate legislators as deemed by the Legislative Affairs committee.

Moved by Director Biss
Seconded by Senator Witte
Approved by the Legislative Affairs Committee

Motion Withdrawn

X. NEW BUSINESS:

SS060736
Whereas, higher education should be viewed as a right and not a privilege.

Whereas, there have been previous attempts to deny financial aid to students.

Therefore be it resolved, that Student Senate oppose any piece of legislation that would infringe upon a students ability to receive financial aid.

Moved By Senator Witte
Seconded by President Eggers
Approved by the Legislative Affairs Committee

Motion Passed

SS0607037

Whereas, affordable tuition **(FRIENDLY AMENDMENT 1) meaning an increase ranging from 1.5% to 3%**, increased financial aid, and lower student loan interest rates all contribute to increased accessibility to higher education.

Be it resolved that (**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT 2**) **S**tudent **S**enate advocate these interests in their lobbing efforts regarding the 2007-2009 Wisconsin state budget.

Moved by: Director Biss
Seconded by: Vice President Brandt
Approved by the Legislative Affairs Committee

Friendly amendment #1 – Offered by Chair Vierling
Friendly amendments #2 – Offered by Director Koski

Gavel Passed
Numbers are necessary to be resist broad assumptions, requires something tangible.

Motion to table SS0607037 for 1 week
Moved to table by Newman
Seconded by Schultz

Motion to table passed.

Introduction Only

SS0607038

Whereas the 2006-2007 Facilities & Fees Board has approved the following increases,

		Proposed		2/19/2007
Segregated Fees:	2006-07	2007-08	$ Increase	% Increase
University Centers - 891000	$365.00	$395.00	**$30.00**	8.22%
Leadership Center - 861000	$44.95	$46.70	**$1.75**	3.89%
Clinical Services - 037662	$80.93	$101.16	**$20.23**	25.00%
Municipal Services - 821057	$32.00	$27.00	**-$5.00**	-15.63%
Textbook Services - 931000	$123.30	$133.30	**$10.00**	8.11%
Residential Living:				
Double	$2,716.00	$2,974.00	**$258.00**	9.50%
Single	$3,416.00	$3,960.00	**$544.00**	15.93%
South Fork Suites	$3,616.00	$3,960.00	**$344.00**	9.51%
Dining Services:				
Upper option	$1,150.00	$1,150.00	**$0.00**	
Take Five Meal Plan	$1,664.00	$1,890.00	**$226.00**	13.58%
10 Meal Plan	$1,800.00	$1,940.00	**$140.00**	7.78%
Flex 10 Meal Plan	$2,100.00	$2,250.00	**$150.00**	7.14%
14 Meal Plan	$1,870.00	$1,950.00	**$80.00**	4.28%
Flex 14 Meal Plan	$2,200.00	$2,270.00	**$70.00**	3.18%
19 Meal Plan	$1,930.00	$1,990.00	**$60.00**	3.11%
Flex 19 Meal Plan	$2,300.00	$2,360.00	**$60.00**	2.61%

Be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate approve the previously stated student fee increases.

Motion by Facilities & Fees Board Chair Vierling
Seconded by Kathryn Krtnick
Approved by the Facilities & Fees Board

PowerPoint presentation delivered by Jim Vierling on reasons for increases.

SS0607039

Whereas, the Leadership Development and Programming Board, Student Senate, and the Facilities and Fees Board require representatives for their committees and
Whereas, these students have shown interest in becoming a committee representative,
Be it resolved that Student Senate appoint these students as representatives to the Leadership Development and Programming Board, Student Senate, and the Facilities and Fees Board committees.

Moved By Director Brandt
Seconded by Senator Peine
Approved by the Shared Governance Committee

Student Senate

Academic Affairs Committee
Tanya Sletten
Kathryn Nelson

LDPB

Homecoming Committee
Tanya Sletten
Amanda Krier
Marcus Bonde
Katie Kramer

F&F

Recreation
Tanya Sletten

Athletics
Kathryn Nelson

University Centers
Heidi Sirek

Motion Passed

SS0607040
Whereas, the Student Association has an open position for the Womens' Initiative director, and
Whereas, Lindsay Exworthy has shown interested in the position and is more than qualified,
Therefore be it resolved the Student Association Student Senate appoint Lindsay to the position of Womens' Initiatives Director for the remainder of the 2006-07 academic year.

Motioned by President Eggers
Seconded by Vice President Barnett

Motion Passed

Introduction Only
SS0607041

Whereas, there are several initiatives and services that Student Senate has supported over the years, and

Whereas, traditionally these initiatives would be funded through the state, and

Whereas, the state has been unable to fund these initiatives, forcing student to pay for them, and

Whereas, these initiatives will increase student satisfaction with UW-River Falls,
Therefore be it resolved, the Student Association Student Senate approve funding of the following initiatives:

- Library Resources –
    - With funding, the library will add 15 additional hours a week and will also expand hours during J-Term. Proposed hours would be:
      Sunday Noon to 1:00 am
      Mon – Thurs. 7:45 to 1:00 am
      Friday 7:45am to 7:00 pm
      Saturday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
    - Purchase additional online journals and reference sources, which will provide 24/7 access to key resources that all students can use anytime, anywhere. Additional sources include; converting print journals to electronic, additional JSTOR modules, New York Times archive, additional online databases, additional online reference sources, and additional document delivery.
- Hagestad Remodeling – funding will provide remodeling in the former Hagestad Student Center to create a true one-stop shop for student services. Once completed, student support operations such as enrollment services, testing services, advising, counseling, and career services can be moved into the building. Students will no longer need to walk around

campus trying to find these necessary services; they will all be in one building. This will provide the physical space for a number of the Transition-related services.

- Testing Services – Funding will provide a centralized, dedicated space for testing. Services will include test proctoring, diagnostic testing for students who might have learning disabilities, and tutoring services. Funding will also provide for the addition of an individual qualified in giving and interpreting measures designed to identify academic difficulties (e.g., learning disabilities) and psychological problems (e.g, depression). This will also provide an area for students to take the GRE, GMAT, and other pre-professional exams.
- Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities (RSCA) – Funding will provide additional RSCA opportunities for students and additional resources for student travel to conferences. This experience is a wonderful opportunity for students to work closely with faculty and gain critical RSCA and presentation skills, not only for those students who seek graduate degrees but also for students who seek a career after their Bachelor's degree. RSCA applies to students in any field doing extra projects or work beyond their standard classes.

Be it further resolved, the Student Association Student Senate supports this initiatives on the basis that any final changes in the tuition be approved by the Senate at that time, and

Be it further resolved, Student Senate strongly recommends a committee be formed with representation from students, faculty and staff to advise Senate on any changes to the tuition proposal and this committee will fall under Facilities and Fees, and

Be it further resolved, all proposals will have a four year sunset review, with the exception of the Hagestad remodeling proposal, and will have a five year review process after, and

Be it further resolved, there be a $70 fee cap until the first four year review,

Be it finally resolved, a copy of this motion be sent to Chancellor Don Betz, Vice Chancellor Mary Halada, UW System President Kevin Reilly, and members of the Board of Regents.

Moved by Vice President Brandt

Seconded by President Eggers

XI. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

- Get contact information to Derek
- Try to attend the Vagina Monologues

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
Moved by: Vice President Brandt
Seconded by: Director Koski

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be
Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center