MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
Of Tuesday, December 4th, 2007 in the Willow River Room of the University Center

I. CALL TO ORDER:
-At 7:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
-Present: Derek Brandt, Sara Deick, Cindy Bendix, Josh Breyer, Jason Schultz, Nikki Shonoiki, Craig Witte, Nathan McNaughton, Jovan Paulzine, Laura Adrian, Casie Kelly, Tiffany Lay, Tyler Halverson, Aaron Talyor, Melody Reimer, Peter Walbolt, Rodney Hillskotter, Charles Guerin, Jordan Kocak, Michael Pearson, Patricia Fredricksen

-Tardy: Krista Hasselquist

-Absent: Jason Meier

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:
-Guests: Darryl Rhyme, LeeAnn Bjerstedt (Student Voice), Brynn Ribbens, Becca Peine, Kayla Haines

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
-Postponed

V. GUEST SPEAKER:

VI. OPEN FORUM:

VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR – Cindy Bendix
-Girls hockey games and broomball game with Student Senate
-Office supplies for office
-Ask faculty committee hours for next semester

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Josh Breyer
-Survey results

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR –Craig Witte
-Motion on agenda
-Talked about voter registration

4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Jason Schultz
-2 motions introduced onto the agenda, 2 motions from last week

5. DIVERSITY AND WOMEN'S INITIATIVES DIRECTOR – Nikki Shonoiki
DIVERSITY AND WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR- Vacant
-Safety Walk last week
-Diversity motion for next semester

6. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR – Nathan McNaughton
-Met and talked about stipends for directors
-E-mail resume for Ethics committee by Friday for the open seat

7. VICE PRESIDENT- Sara Deick
-Office hours due December 11th, at 4pm

8. PRESIDENT- Derek Brandt
-Facility and Fees and Student Affairs chairs open for next semester
-Submit resume by Friday
-Strategic Plan
-Freshman demographics
-Differential Tuition speaker next week, new academic success center
-Open At-Large positions
-Give Finance requests for J-Term stipends

B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Mike Pearson
-Zero based funding motion
-Give finance requests for J-Term stipends
C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Patricia Fredricksen
-Mandatory meal plan, South Forks not included
-Different meal plan options, different prices discussed
-Guest meals, discounted meals
-Move transfer to Roots
-Reimer parking lot during sports games
-Talk about field renovations
-TV lounges in residence halls
-New High Definition televisions
-No TIVO option
-More people are now on ITC committee
-More advertisement options offered
-No chalking on retaining wall or fire pit
-Dress code does not need changes
-Differential Tuition meets next week
D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Gregg Heinselman

VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS
IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**SS0708029**

Whereas, Student Senate makes a lot of challenging decisions on this campus and;

Whereas, building a more cohesive relationship with fellow senators may make discussion easier and more fruitful;

Whereas, broomball is a teambuilding activity which will be open to everyone:

Be it therefore resolved that Student Senate allocate 250 dollars towards the building of community by paying for the rink and refreshments.

Moved by: Director Bendix
Seconded by: Senator Paulzine

Approved by Finance Committee

-Motion Passes

**SS0708031**

Whereas, Segregated University Fees, as allocated by the Leadership Development Programming Board, are meant to be used for student programs and to support student organizations;

Also, whereas some recognized student organizations hold a balance from previous LDPB allocations in their State Treasury accounts, therefore not efficiently using all of the money allocated to them;

Be it resolved that all allocated money (minus revenues from ticket sales, underwriting, advertising, or other fundraising events) held in the State Treasury accounts of recognized Student Organizations be repossessed on the day after LDPB allocations are deposited for the upcoming academic year;

Be it further resolved that this money be placed back into the Leadership Development Programming Board account for re-allocation To student programs or student organizations.

Motioned by: Director Pearson
Seconded by: Director Shonoiki
Approved by Finance Committee
Approved by LDPB

-Motion passes

X. NEW BUSINESS

**INTRODUCTION ONLY**

**SS0708033**

Whereas, the Student Senate at UW-River Falls has witnessed a large turnover rate for directors leading into spring semester, and

Whereas, this large turnover rate will be detrimental to the effectiveness of the Student Senate, and

Whereas, the new directors will need training in their new positions, and

Whereas, a transitional retreat would function well to provide a smoother changeover,

Therefore, be it resolved that Student Senate allocated up to 625 dollars for a transitional retreat in Madison,

Therefore, be it resolved that the spring 2008 executive board attend this retreat,

Therefore, be it finally resolved that Student Senate strongly urge the retiring members of the fall 2007 executive board attend this retreat.

Moved by: Director Schultz
Seconded by: President Brandt
Approved by the Finance Committee

-Amend 625 dollars to 800 dollars
-Amendment passes

**Amended - SS0708033**

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-Motion passes

**SS0708034 -** UW System Reps Meeting

Whereas, the UW System hosts meetings at various times throughout the academic year, and

Whereas, UW-River Falls has attended these meetings in the past and they proved very beneficial, and

Whereas, it would be favorable if UW-River Falls sends a delegation to the remaining two meeting this year,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Senate allocate up to 550 dollars for gas, food and lodging to attend these meetings.

Moved by: Director Schultz
Seconded by: President Brandt
Approved by the Finance Committee

-Introduction only

**SS0708035**

Whereas, Student Association Student Senate, the Facilities and Fees Board, Leadership Development and Programming Board, and Faculty Senate all require representatives for their committees, and

Whereas, these students have shown interest in serving on these committees,

Therefore, be it resolved that Student Senate appoint these students as representatives to the following committees listed below:

Recreation
Krista Hasselquist
Matt Fritz
Kelsey Harberts

University Centers
Brady Voigt
Caitlin Conley

Residential Living
Keith Cremin

Motioned by: Director Bendix
Seconded by: Senator Halverson

-Motion passes

**SS0708036**

Whereas, the most recent version of the Dream Act would encourage more students to enroll in college,

Whereas, the passage of the Dream Act would also help improve diversity on campus,

Therefore, be it resolved that Student Senate support the passage of the current version of the Dream Act.

Moved by: Director Witte
Seconded by: Ethics Chair McNaughton

-Motion for a roll call vote (Y= Yes, N=No)
-Motion passes
-Vote: Cindy Bendix (Y), Josh Breyer (N), Jason Schultz (N), Nikki Shonoiki (Y), Craig Witte (Y), Nathan McNaughton (Y), Jovan Paulzine (N), Laura Adrian (Y), Casie Kelly (N), Tiffany Lay (Y), Tyler Halverson (N), Aaron Talyor (N), Melody Reimer (Y), Peter Walbolt (N), Rodney Hillskotter (N), Charles Guerin (Y), Jordan Kocak (Y), Michael Pearson (Y), Patricia Fredricksen (N), Krista Hasselquist (Y)

**SS0708037**

Whereas, the Leadership Development and Programming Board does not currently have a chair for the 2008 spring semester;

Whereas, Michael Defenbaugh has shown interest in this position and is the most qualified, and

Whereas, it is the right of the Student Senate President to appoint the LDPB Chair as listed in the LDPB bylaws under Article III Section C,

Therefore, be it resolved that Student Senate appoint Michael Defenbaugh as the Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair beginning on December 21th, 2007 for the remainder of The 2008 academic year.

Moved by: Director Bendix
Seconded by: President Brandt
Unanimously approved by the Executive Committee
-Motion passes

**SS0708038**

Whereas, the Student Senate has vacant director positions during the spring semester in the following area: Finance Director, Shared Governance Director, and Diversity and Women's Initiatives Co-Director;

Whereas, Jason Meier, Tyler Halverson, and Laura Adrian respectably have shown interest in these positions and seem qualified;

Therefore be it resolved that Student Senate appoint Jason Meier to replace Jason Schultz as Finance Director as of December 21th, 2007 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 academic year;

Be it further resolved that Student Senate appoint Tyler Halverson as Shared Governance Director, and Laura Adrian as Diversity and Women's Initiatives Co-Director beginning on Tuesday January 29th, 2008.

Moved by: Director Bendix
Seconded by: President Brandt
Approved by the Executive Committee
-Motion passes

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
XII. ADJOURNMENT
-Senate shirts
-Office hours due next Tuesday
-Broomball on Friday (December 14th) at 6:40 pm, meet in Senate Office

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, December 11th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center