MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
Tuesday, February 19th, 2008 in the Willow River Room of the University Center

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

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
Present: Derek Brandt, Sara Deick, Tyler Halverson, Jenifer Biss, Nikki Shonoiki, Craig P. Witte, Nathan McNaughton, Casie Kelley , Dan Mahr, Peter Walbolt, Michael Defenbaugh, Krista Hasselquist, Jason Meier, Tiffany Lay, Rodney Hillskotter, Thomas Friant, Matthew Dale

Tardy: Laura Adrian

Absent: Charles Guerin, Aaron Taylor, Jordan Kocak

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:
Ben Plunkett, Sheltreese McCoy, Nicole Juan, Jerry Clark

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
-All approved

V. GUEST SPEAKER
United Council
-State wide association
-Encourage students to participate in issues that involve them
-Grassroots organizing
-Madison based
-Use student participation and voting to hold politicians responsible for issues
-Legislative officials answering session (2008)
-Key-note work speakers at workshops
-WHEG Grants
    -Introduced legislation, match dollar-for-dollar WHEG increase with tuition increase
        -Change from percentage increase
-Textbook legislation
    -Professors can find prices sooner, but able to choose between new and old additions
    -Book bundling
-Budget priority
    -General Assembly at Stout
        -Over 100 students attend
    -Priorities for upcoming budget
    -Last budget 115 days late
-Veteran's tuition
-Increase in financial aid
-Look at Plan 2008
    -Inclusivity, diversity
-Tuition freeze at all 2 year colleges

VI. OPEN FORUM

VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:
1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR – Tyler Halverson
-Clothes for senate, talk to Tayler if you have any suggestions

-Filling vacant seats
-Training sessions
-Talk to Rodney for questions about parliamentary procedure
2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Jenifer Biss
-Finish the draft of student survey
-Readership program, investigating other news sources (as well as other newspapers)
-Discuss student's rights in dorms
-Smoking policies
3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR –Craig Witte
-Debate yesterday
-Voting today
-March 5th: head to Madison for Legislative Days
-Lobby to state officials
4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Jason Meier
-J-Term stipends
-New Stipend motion
-Business cards and name tag motions
-By-Law Changes (talk to Jason for questions)
-Reserve account options
-Chair of residential committee will meet about CNN motion
5. DIVERSITY ISSUES AND WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO DIRECTOR – Nikki Shonoiki
DIVERSITY ISSUES AND WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO DIRECTOR- Laura Adrian
-Deadline for applications on Friday
-Upcoming events
-Presentation on violence towards women
6. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR – Nathan McNaughton
-Do not leave materials for political campaigns in senate office
7. VICE PRESIDENT- Sara Deick
-Motion for business cards and name tents on agenda
-Thank you for all the help with voting
-Office hours due Tuesday (Feb 25th)
8. PRESIDENT- Derek Brandt
-Election committee discusses ballots
-Polling can't be narrowed to one location
-Discuss campaigning on campus
-Changes to diversity positions, constitution admendments
-Changes to 36.09(5)

B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Mike Defenbaugh
-Greek funding, review policies
-Look at election rules, upcoming motion
-Motion for Greek funding
-Movie Series coming up

C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Krista Hasselquist
-Budget meeting coming up at 8pm
-Name tags for meetings

International Programs Committee
-Talk to Jason for information about Scotland Trip

D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Gregg Heinselman

VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SS0708049

Whereas, there were Student Senate Directors and other members of the Student Senate leadership that worked very hard on a number of things for Senate over winter break,

Whereas, these such Student Senate leaders include President Derek Brandt and Legislative Affairs Director Craig Witte,

Whereas, the Finance Committee deemed this to be the case based on a variety of forms of evidence;

Therefore, be it resolved that President Derek Brandt receive a J-term stipend of $275 and Director Craig Witte receive a J-term stipend of $175.

Motioned by: Director Meier
Seconded by: Senator Dale

Approved by the Finance Committee

-Passes

X. NEW BUSINESS

Introduction Only - SS0708054

Whereas, there were Student Senate Directors and other members of the Student Senate leadership that worked very hard on a number of things for Senate over winter break,

Whereas, these such Student Senate leaders include Diversity and Women's Issues Director Nikki Shonoiki, Finance Director Jason Meier, and Facilities and Fees Chair Krista Hasselquist,

Whereas, the Finance Committee deemed this to be the case based on a variety of evidence,

Whereas, seeing a conflict of interest, the Finance Director's work was judged by the Executive Board of its worthiness before going to the Finance Committee for judgment;

Therefore, be it resolved that Director Shonoiki and Director Meier receive J-term stipends of $175, and Chair Hasselquist receive a J-term stipend of $100 (a half stipend).

Motioned by: Senator Dale
Seconded by: Senator Taylor
Approved by the Finance Committee

Introduction Only - SS0708055
Whereas, business cards are vital for student senators to be able to carry out their official senate duties effectively,

Whereas, name tents are vital for conducting senate meetings efficiently,

Whereas, there is a number of new senators and also a few senators who have changed constituencies, committees, etc, thus there is a need for new business cards and name tents;

Be it resolved, the Student Association Student Senate approve up to $200 for the purchase of business cards and name tents.

Motioned by: Director Meier
Seconded by: Vice President Deick
Approved by: Finance Committee

ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Campaign pubilicity
-Do not leave lunch trays in senate office, pick up trash

XI. ADJOURNMENT

-At 7:50pm

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, February 26th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center