MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
Tuesday, March 4th, 2008 in the Willow River Room of the University Center

I. CALL TO ORDER:
-At 7:02pm
II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
Present: Derek Brandt, Sara Deick, Tyler Halverson, Jenifer Biss, Jason Meier, Craig P. Witte , Casie Kelley , Tony Casci, Dan Mahr, Peter Walbolt, Michael Defenbaugh, Krista Hasselquist, Tiffany Lay, Rodney Hillskotter, Thomas Friant, Matthew Dale, Aaron Taylor, Jordan Kocak, Laura Adrian, Ben Casper

Tardy: Nathan McNaughton, Nikki Shonoiki

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:
-Darrel Rhyme, Ben Kron, Sam Reiter, Mike Stifter, Jordan Thompson, Mike Schluender, Patrick Houlton, Michael Zweifel,
Michael Larson, Michael Muweller, Jesse Finer, Connor Graves, Shannon Zweifel, Steve Tennier, Kristen Hendrickson, Jerry Clark (3 names on the guest list were illegible)
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
-Approval Postponed
V. GUEST SPEAKER
Shannon Zweifel and Connor Graves – Ramer Field Presentation
VI. OPEN FORUM
VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:
1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR – Tyler Halverson
-Moved to place director reports at the end of the agenda
-Seconded
-Motion passed, director reports postponed until the end of the agenda
2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Jenifer Biss
3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR –Craig Witte
4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Jason Meier
5. DIVERSITY ISSUES AND WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO DIRECTOR – Nikki Shonoiki
DIVERSITY ISSUES AND WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO DIRECTOR- Laura Adrian
6. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR – Nathan McNaughton
7. VICE PRESIDENT- Sara Deick
8. PRESIDENT- Derek Brandt
B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Mike Defenbaugh
C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Krista Hasselquist
-F&F Budget Report
D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Gregg Heinselman

VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SS0708056 – Building Unity Conference

Whereas UW-RF students have expressed interest in attending the Building Unity Conference on April 11th – 13th , and

Whereas this is an event that UW-RF has traditionally had significant participation in, therefore

Be it resolved, that Student Association Student Senate approve funding up to the total sum of $4,000 for the Building Unity Conference;

Be it further resolved that this allocation may only be used for Transportation (47 passenger bus) and Lodging (9 double rooms + 1 single room) costs;

Be it further resolved that these funds be used to support a maximum of 36 students;

Be it finally resolved that the Diversity and Women's Initiatives Committee sponsor the UWRF delegation to the Building Unity Conference.

Moved by: Director Shonoiki
Seconded by: Co-Director Adrian
Approved by the Finance Committee

-Motion to amend motion by Director Shonoiki, seconded by Director Meier
-Change $4,000 to $4500 and 36 students to 40 students
-Motion as amended reads:

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Be it finally resolved that the Diversity and Women's Initiatives Committee sponsor the UWRF delegation to the Building Unity Conference.

Moved by: Director Shonoiki
Seconded by: Co-Director Adrian
Approved by the Finance Committee

-Building unity offers an opportunity for diversity trainin
-Must keep a close watch of student senate accounts
-Amendment passes
-Motion passes

SS0708057 - Health and Human Performance Commitment

Whereas, in the past the University of Wisconsin -River Falls Student Association Student Senate has advocated for the creating of a new Health and Human Performance (H&HP) building on campus; and

Whereas, the motions SS-99-00-076 and SS-05-06-064 confirmed the student's commitment to this project by agreeing to fund up to 15% of the total building cost with a maximum allocation of $3,846,150.00; and

Whereas, since the cost of the H&HP project has increased dramatically and the new estimate for the H&HP building is now $55,860,000; and

Whereas, the sum of $3,846,150.00 is no longer adequate to fund 15% of the total construction cost,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate reaffirm its support for the new H&HP building;

Be it further resolved that the Student Association Student Senate agree to increases the total student-segregated fee for the H&HP Building covering up to 15% of the total construction cost;

Be it further resolved that the total amount allocated must not exceed $6,173,000;

Be it further resolved that this commitment must be reapproved by the Student Association Student Senate if the University has not yet secured funding for the total cost of the project within 4 years of this approval;

Be it further resolved that this commitment must be reapproved by the Student Association Student Senate if the physical construction for the H&HP building has not begun within 4 years of this approval;

Be it further resolved that if these conditions have not been meet and the Student Association Student Senate does not reconfirm their commitment to the project, then all segregated fees collected for the H&HP will be retracted from the project;

Be it further resolved that any retracted SUF funds from the H&HP project be redirected to a different capital building project that serves the interests of the student body;

Be it further resolved that the Student Association Student Senate and any appropriate sub-committee(s) must approve any alternative project;

Be it finally resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Rick Bowen, Dale Braun, Kristen Hendrickson, Mary Halada, and Chancellor Don Betz.

Moved by: Director Witte
Seconded by: President Brandt

-Could bring more revenue and attention to the district
-Student fees in to 42.00 to reach the money needed
-Are the other buildings and problems on campus that are higher priority than the H&HP?

-Movement for reforendom, made by Director McNaughton
    -Seconded by Senator Dale
    -Make reforendom binding, seconded
-Set a date for reforendom
    -What is the quickest method of informing the campus?
-Binding reforendom fails, reforendom motion still in place
    -Discuss problems of alerting the campus
-Move to call question, seconded
    -Hand vote: yes-18, no-0, abstain-1
-Move to roll call vote, seconded, thrid
    y=yes, n=no, a=abstain
Sara Deick(n), Tyler Halverson(n), Jenifer Biss(n), Jason Meier(y), Craig P. Witte(n) , Casie Kelley(n) , Tony Casci(n), Dan Mahr(n), Peter Walbolt(n), Michael Defenbaugh(n), Krista Hasselquist(n), Tiffany Lay(n), Rodney Hillskotter(n), Thomas Friant(n), Matthew Dale(y), Aaron Taylor(n), Jordan Kocak(n), Laura Adrian(n), Nathan McNaughton(y), Nikki Shonoiki(y)
    Results: y-16, n-4

-Reforendom fails
-Karges would be demolished, new H&HP building built in its place
-Move to previous question
    -Movement passes, yes-18 to no-2
-Move to roll call vote, seconded, third
    y=yes, n=no, a=abstain
Sara Deick(y), Tyler Halverson(n), Jenifer Biss(y), Jason Meier(n), Craig P. Witte(y) , Casie Kelley(y) , Tony Casci(y), Dan Mahr(y), Peter Walbolt(y), Michael Defenbaugh(y), Krista Hasselquist(y), Tiffany Lay(y), Rodney Hillskotter(y),

Thomas Friant(y), Matthew Dale(n), Aaron Taylor(y), Jordan Kocak(y), Laura Adrian(y), Nathan McNaughton(y), Nikki Shonoiki(a)

Results: y-16, n-3,a-1

-Motion passes

-Move to recess for 5 minutes, seconded

-yes-16, no-5

-Recess start at 8:43pm

-Resume at 8:48pm

SS0708058 - Ramer Field Remodeling Motion

Whereas, Ramer Field at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls is in poor condition; and

Whereas, students could utilize the facility more if it was properly renovated; and

Whereas, many students feel that renovating would be wise investment; and

Whereas, the estimated cost of the Ramer Field remodeling project is $3,500,000.00; and

Whereas, private donations will not be sufficient to fund the project on their own, and

Whereas, the standard student funding contribution in the University of Wisconsin System for an athletic facility is 15% of the total cost; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate approve funding up to 15% of the construction project with a student-segregated fee;

Be it further resolved that the total amount allocated must not exceed $525,000;

Be it further resolved that the Student Senate support a segregated fee increase of $4.00 in 2008-2009 and an additional $4.00 increase in 2009-2010;

Be it further resolved that this commitment must be reapproved by the Student Association Student Senate if the University has not yet secured funding for the total cost of the project within 4 years of this approval;

Be it further resolved that this commitment must be reapproved by the Student Association Student Senate if the physical construction for the project has not begun within 4 years of this approval;

Be it further resolved that if these conditions have not been meet and the Student Association Student Senate does not reconfirm their commitment to the project, then all segregated fees collected for the Ramer Field will be retracted from the project;

Be it further resolved that any retracted SUF funds from the Ramer Field project be redirected to fund different capital building project that serves the interests of the student body;

Be it further resolved that the Student Association Student Senate and any appropriate sub-committee(s) must approve any alternative project;

Be it finally resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Rick Bowen, Dale Braun, Kristen Hendrickson, Mary Halada, and Chancellor Don Betz.

Moved By: Director Witte
Seconded By: President Brandt

-Discuss operational cost possibilities
-Need better facilities in order to incorperate more activities and to be more easily available to students

-Move to call question, seconded

-yes-17, no-4, abstain-0
-Passes
-Move to roll cal vote, seconded, third
y=yes, n=no, a=abstain
Sara Deick(y), Tyler Halverson(n), Jenifer Biss(y), Jason Meier(y), Craig P. Witte(y) , Casie Kelley(y) , Tony Casci(y), Dan Mahr(y), Peter Walbolt(y), Michael Defenbaugh(y), Krista Hasselquist(y), Tiffany Lay(y), Rodney Hillskotter(y), Thomas Friant(y), Matthew Dale(n), Aaron Taylor(y), Jordan Kocak(y), Laura Adrian(y), Nathan McNaughton(y), Nikki Shonoiki(y), Ben Casper(y)
Results: y-19, n-2,a-0
-Motion passes

-Motion to move SS0708063 Facilities and Fee Budget ahead in the agenda
-Seconded
-Passes

SS0708063

Whereas, the 2007-2008 Facilities and Fees subcommittees thought the following fee increases were necessary to better the UWRF campus,

Whereas, the Facilities and Fees Board has approved the following increases;

Be it resolved, that the Student Association Student Senate approve the following student fee increases for the 2008-2009 academic year:

Proposed Annual Student Fee Rates University of Wisconsin-River Falls 2008-2009				
		Proposed		2/21/2008
Segregated Fees:	2007-08	2008-09	$ Increase	% Increase
University Centers - 891000	$395.00	$409.00	**$14.00**	3.54%
Leadership Center - 861000	$46.70	$48.40	**$1.70**	3.64%
Clinical Services - 037662	$101.16	$120.88	**$19.72**	19.49%
Athletics - 801010	$82.25	$86.25	**$4.00**	4.86%
			3rd Yr of 5	
Recreation Services:				
Intramural Complex - 033505	$3.00	$3.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Arena - 7410001	$35.50	$35.50	**$0.00**	0.00%
Organized Activities - 826030	$57.75	$59.75	**$2.00**	3.46%
Intramurals - 033504	$9.00	$9.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Day Care - 823000	$16.00	$16.00	**$0.00**	0.00%

Card Office - 821005	$5.00	$5.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Municipal Services - 821057	$27.00	$32.00	**$5.00**	18.52%
New H & HP Fee - 821500	$32.55	$42.00	**$9.45**	29.03%
Stadium Fee -	$0.00	$4.00	**$4.00**	
Hagestad Remodel - 821600	$43.00	$43.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Subtotal	$860.66	$920.53	**$59.87**	6.96%
Textbook Services - 931000	$133.30	$143.30	**$10.00**	7.50%
Total Segregated Fees:	**$993.96**	**$1,063.83**	**$69.87**	7.03%
Differential Tuition	$72.00	$72.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Residential Living:				
Double	$2,974.00	$3,084.00	**$110.00**	3.70%
Single	$3,960.00	$4,104.00	**$144.00**	3.64%
South Fork Suites	$3,960.00	$4,104.00	**$144.00**	3.64%
Dining Services:				
14 Meal Plan	$1,950.00	$2,022.00	**$72.00**	3.69%
19 Meal Plan	$1,990.00	$2,062.00	**$72.00**	3.62%
New Student Fees:				
Freshmen				
Registration	$109.00	$109.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Orientation	$30.00	$30.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Publications	$0.00	$0.00	**$0.00**	#DIV/0!
Career Development	$82.00	$82.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Admissions Software	$21.00	$21.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
T-Shirt	$5.00	$5.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Transfers				
Registration	$77.00	$77.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Orientation	$25.00	$25.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Publications	$0.00	$0.00	**$0.00**	#DIV/0!
Career Development	$82.00	$82.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Admissions Software	$21.00	$21.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
T-Shirt	$5.00	$5.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Total for Freshmen	$247.00	$247.00	**$0.00**	0.00%
Total for Transfers	$210.00	$210.00	**$0.00**	0.00%

Parking				
Faculty	$225.00	$230.00	**$5.00**	2.22%
Students	$210.00	$230.00	**$20.00**	9.52%

Motioned by: Chair Hasselquist
Seconded by: Director Meier
Pending Approval by the Finance Committee

-Amendment: strike Shared Governance Fees and Student Fees from motion
-Motion reads as amended:

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Motioned by: Chair Hasselquist
Seconded by: Director Meier
Pending Approval by the Finance Committee

-Amendment passes
-Vote on Motion
yes-17, no-3, abstain-1
-Motion passes

SS0708059 - Changes to the *Student Association Student Senate Constitution* and *Local Implementation of 36.09(5)*

Whereas, the Student Association Student Senate has already approved changes to the by-laws supporting the creation of the Diversity and Women's Initiatives Committee; and

Whereas, these changes must be reflected in the Student Senate Constitution and University of Wisconsin-River Falls Implementation of Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5); and

Whereas, changes to the Student Senate Constitution must be ratified by the Student Association,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate support the following changes to the Constitution and UW-River Falls' local implementation of 36.09(5),

Be it further resolved that these changes to the constitution be ratified by the Student Association during the upcoming spring elections,

Be it further resolved that all changes to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Implementation of Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5) be forwarded to Chancellor Don Betz for approval,

Be it finally resolved that these changes become effective immediately.

Moved by: President Brandt

Seconded by: Director Shonoiki

The Student Senate Constitution

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES
SECTION 1. The standing committees of the Student Senate shall be:
Shared Governance Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of four senators and four students at large.
Student Affairs and Academic Services Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the senate and consisting of four senators and four students at-large.
Legislative Issues Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of three senators and four students at-large.
Finance Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of four senators and four students at large.
~~Diversity Issues Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of four senators and four students at large.~~
~~Women's Initiative Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of four senators and four students at large.~~

Diversity and Women's Initiatives Committee: Co-Chairs to be appointed by the President subject to the confirmation of the Senate and consisting of six senators and four students at-large.

Ethics Committee: Chair to be appointed by the president subject to confirmation of the senate and consisting of two other senators appointed by the Ethics Chair subject to confirmation by the Senate.
Executive Committee: Chair to be the President and consist of the Vice President, Shared Governance Director, Student Affairs and Academic Services Director, Legislative Issues Director, Finance Director, ~~Diversity Issues Director, Women's Issues Director,~~ ***Diversity and Women's Initiatives Director and Co-Director*** and the Ethics Chair.

ARTICLE XII. DISSOLUTION OR REORGANIZATION OF STUDENT POWER
SECTION 1. If an overwhelming majority of the students of the Student Association fell that change in their Student Government must take place, the students must do the following and have two options:
Initiative and referendum. Student felling that the Student Senate has unjustly supported views in contrast to the student opinion may turn a petition of 500 signatures to be able to hold a student referenda, and the result option must be given credence by the Student Senate in either reversing decision or other recompense.
Petition. In order for the students of the Student Association to reverse or change the entire structure or a part of its governing body, they must file a petition with part of its governing body, they must file a petition with Student Senate stating their objective in detail and including attached the signatures of two-thirds of the student body and having appear the signature or seal of a Notary Public testifying it is true and proper.

SECTION 2. If either of these occur, a special panel must be set up to hear the views of both sides and why and as stated, in Section B., that the petition is true. The Senate must work with the special committee to change as petitioned. ~~**In most cases, the panel will include membership of *IRHC, HUB*, and the advisor of the Student Senate and, if none of them are able to participate, then the presidents of organizations on campus are to participate.**~~ ***The establishment of this special panel is the responsibility of the Student Senate advisor.***

University of Wisconsin-River Falls Implementation of Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5)

Student Association Student Senate

Purpose
To promote the advancement of members of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association.

Scope of Concern
To serve as the legislative branch of the UW-River Falls Student Association, thereby being the primary student agency.
To secure those conditions most conducive to intellectual development and to fellowship concern with the human condition.
To recognize the student as a consumer of the educational process and to make appropriate demands on the institution to meet the needs of students as consumers.
To establish and allocate the student government fees in consultation with the appropriate boards

Structure
Membership
25 students

Selection of Members
This is outlined in the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Document of Election Rules

Officers
The Officers of the Senate shall be as follows:
President
1 Elected in the Spring
Vice-President
2 Elected in the Spring
Shared Governance Director
3 Appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the senate
Student Affairs and Academic Services Director
4 Appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the senate
Finance Director
5 -Appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the senate
Legislative Issues Director
6 -Appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the senate
~~Diversity Issues Director~~
~~7 -Appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the senate~~
~~Women's Initiatives Director~~
~~8 -Appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the senate~~
Diversity and Women's Initiatives Director
9 -Appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the senate
Diversity and Women's Initiatives Co-Director
10 -Appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the senate
Parliamentarian/Ethics Chair
11 -Appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the senate

Administrators Related to Area
Members of the University Administration will work collaboratively with the Senate.

Committee Structure
The Student Senate has ~~eight~~ ***seven*** standing committees (Executive, Shared Governance, Student Affairs and Academic Services, Finance, Legislative Issues, ~~Diversity Issues, Women's Initiatives,~~ ***Diversity and Women's Initiatives***, and Ethics). Descriptions of these committees follow in this document (and ad hoc committees as needed).

Meeting Schedule

This student agency is required to meet at least weekly.

Executive Committee
Purpose
To provide direction and leadership to the Student Senate and Student Association.

Scope of Concern
To generally advise the Student Senate and Student Association.
To review all Senate committee reports.
To set goals for the Student Senate's operations.

Structure
Membership
President
Vice-President
Shared Governance Director
~~Diversity Issues Director~~
~~Women's Initiatives Director~~
Diversity and Women's Initiative Director
Diversity and Women's Initiative Co-Director
Finance Director
Legislative Issues Director
Student Affairs and Academic Services Director
Parliamentarian/Ethics Chair

Selection of Members
Members are selected by virtue of their position.

Officers
This committee shall be led by the Student Senate President

Meeting Schedule
This committee is required to meet at least monthly.

~~Diversity Issues Committee~~
~~**Purpose**~~
~~To promote awareness and education surrounding issues of diversity.~~

~~**Scope of concern**~~
~~To be responsible for the initiation, reviews, and support of projects and policies concerning diversity issues. To promote diversity issues and concerns to appropriate members of the UW-River Falls faculty and administration, UW System Administration, UW Board of Regents, Wisconsin state legislature, Wisconsin Governor, United States Congress, and President of the United States. To network with campus student organizations to provide a forum for review and response to issues of diversity. To network with campus student and faculty committees active in diversity issues.~~

~~**Structure**~~
~~**Membership**~~
~~4 Student Senators~~
~~3 students at large~~

~~**Selection of members**~~
~~The student Senators to be chosen by the Student Association Student Senate Executive Committee and the students at-large to be chosen by the Shared Governance Committee.~~

~~**Officers**~~
~~The committee shall be led by the Student Senate Diversity Issues Director.~~

~~**Meeting Schedule**~~
~~The committee is required to meet weekly.~~

~~Women's Issues Committee~~

~~**Purpose**~~
~~To promote awareness and education surrounding issues that concern women.~~

~~**Scope of Concern**~~
~~To be responsible for the initiation, reviews, support of projects and policies concerning women's issues. To promote women's issues and concerns to appropriate members of the UW-River Falls faculty and administration, UW System administration, UW Board of Regents, Wisconsin state legislature, Wisconsin Governor, United States Congress, and the President of the United States. To network with campus student organizations to provide a forum for review and responses to women's issues facing the campus. To network with campus, student, and faculty committees that are active in women's issues. To network with other UW system women's issues groups and with United Council regarding women's issues.~~

~~**Structure**~~
~~**Membership**~~
~~2 Student Senators~~
~~2 at-large students~~

~~**Selection of Membership**~~
~~The student Senators to be chosen by the Student Association Student Senate Executive Committee and the students at-large to be chosen by the Shared Governance Committee.~~

~~**Officers**~~
~~The committee shall be led by the Student Senate Women's Issues Director.~~

~~**Meeting Schedule**~~
~~The committee is required to meet weekly.~~

Diversity and Women's Initiatives Committee

Purpose
To promote awareness and education surrounding issues of women and diversity.

Scope of concern
To be responsible for the initiation, reviews, and support of projects and policies concerning diversity issues and women's initiatives. To promote diversity issues and women's initiatives and concerns to appropriate members of the UW-River Falls faculty and administration, UW System Administration, UW Board of Regents, Wisconsin state legislature, Wisconsin Governor, United States Congress, and President of the United States. To network with campus student organizations to provide a forum for review and response to issues of diversity and women's initiatives. To network with campus student and faculty committees active in diversity issues and women's initiatives. To network with other UW system diversity issues and women's initiatives groups.

Structure
Membership
6 Student Senators
4 students at large

Selection of members
The student Senators to be chosen by the Student Association Student Senate Executive Committee and the students at-large to be chosen by the Shared Governance Committee.

Officers
The committee shall be led by the Student Senate Diversity and Women's Initiative Director and Co-Director.

Meeting Schedule
The committee is required to meet weekly.

-Needs Student Senate approval and approval from the Chancellor
-Discuss change in Women's and Diversity committees
    -Is there an emphasis lost when the two committees are combined?
-Amendment to fix typing errors (Senator Kelly), seconded (Senator Dale)
    -Amend article 12 section 1
    -"fell" to feel, "felling" to feeling
-Amendment passes
-Motion passes

SS0708060 - Changes to the *Student Senate Elections Rules* and *By-laws*.

Whereas, the *Student Senate Election Rules* and the *Student Senate By-laws* are out of date and need to be updated; and

Whereas, many of the following revisions serve to further clarify previous alterations to the *Student Senate Election Rules*; and

Whereas, other changes would benefit the Student Association Student Senate by clarifying certain issues regarding the Student Senate election process;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate approve the following changes to the *Student Senate Election Rules* and the *Student Senate By-laws*,

Be it further resolved that these changes take effect immediately.

Moved by: President Brandt

Seconded by: Senator Mahr

Election Rules Changes Approved by the Finance Committee

By-law Changes Approved by the Executive Board

Student Senate Election Rules

In order to maintain the integrity and fairness of Student Association elections and preserve the confidence in the representatives of the Student Association, this document has been created. It is the Student Association's desire that these rules serve to preserve the same democratic tradition that has existed throughout our nation.

ARTICLE 1: Application of Rules
Section A. This document applies to all Student Association elections.

ARTICLE 2: Definitions
Section A. Campaign
    Any activity that is intended to influence voting at an election.

Section B. Election Cycle
    A period of time starting on the first day of the campaign and ending on the day after the election is held.

Section C. Referendum

1. Binding Referendum
    a. An election in which the members of the Student Association vote to either approve or disapprove a particular action. If a binding referendum is approved by the Student Association, its units and subunits are required to take the specified action.
2. Non Binding Referendum
    b. An election in which the members of the Student Association vote to either approve or disapprove a particular action. The results of the non-binding referendum are considered advisory to the Student Association, its units and subunits and no specific action is required.

Section D. Student Association Student Senate Elections Committee

1. The Elections Committee will be composed of no less than two and no more than six currently enrolled students that are not running for election to Student Association Student Senate, and or Student Association Student Senate President or Student Association Student Senate Vice President. The Executive Committee will select the Elections Committee members. All members of the Elections Committee will receive a stipend of seventy-five dollars for their time. The Ethics Committee may decide not to pay the members of the Elections Committee if they find that the committee has not done what they are required to do.
2. The Elections Committee can file an exceptional circumstance case to increase the stipend, (i.e. extremely large amount of work that had to be done.) This measure needs a majority approval of the Student Association Student Senate.

Section E. First year Student

1. A student enrolled in their first year at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, either a freshman or transfer student.

Section F: College Representatives

1. A student of a college (i.e. CAFES, CAS, CBE and CEPS) elected by the students of that college to be their representation in the Student Association Student Senate.

Section G: Student Organization Representatives

1. A student chosen by the members of the Student Organizations (i.e. Area Councils, ~~IFC and Panhellenic~~ ***Greek Life Council***, Diversity Awareness Committee, and Student Athletic Advisory Board) to be their representation in the Student Association Student Senate.

Section H. Nontraditional Representative

1. A nontraditional student, according to the UW System Board of Regents definition, is to be elected. All students may vote for a nontraditional representative.

ARTICLE 3: Election Rules

Section A. Nomination

1. Any student currently enrolled with a minimum of 12 credits at the University of Wisconsin River maintaining a minimum of 2.25 cumulative GPA may be a candidate for a seat on Student Association Student Senate at-large, college, nontraditional, Student Association Student Senate President, and/or Vice President.
2. In order to have a candidate's name placed on the Student Association Student Senate at-large, college, and/or nontraditional ballot, the candidate must collect the signatures of 50 currently enrolled students. A student may be on as many ballots as he/she is qualified for including the Student Association Student Senate President and/or Vice President by collecting the signatures of 100 currently enrolled students. All signatures must be collected on a form provided at the Involvement Center's Front desk.
3. A student may sign more than one petition but may only sign each candidate's petition once.
4. All petition forms must be returned to the Involvement Center's Front desk no later than the date and time prescribed by the Student Association Student Senate Elections Committee. Petitions not received by the prescribed date and time will not be accepted.
5. The Student Association Student Senate Elections Committee will certify the validity of all signatures on the petition forms.
6. The Student Association Student Senate Elections Committee will notify each candidate no later than 24 hours after the deadline for returning petitions, if they did not have enough certified signatures to place their name on the ballot.
7. The Student Association Student Senate Elections Committee will be responsible to plan the timeline of the election.

8. It is the responsibility of the Area Councils, ~~IFC and Panhellenic~~ ***Greek Life Council***, Diversity Awareness Committee, and Student Athlete Advisory Board to elect students meeting the criteria in ARTICLE III. Section A. 1.

Section B. Write-in Candidates

1. Any student meeting the criteria in Section A. 1. may be a write-in candidate for a seat on Student Association Student Senate at large, nontraditional, Student Association Student Senate President, and/or Vice President.
2. A student may be a write-in candidate for the college representative Student Senator by meeting the criteria in ARTICLE III. Section A. 1. and by being currently enrolled in that college.
3. Write-in candidate like all other candidates, must abide by the rules contained in this document. Write-in candidates, who win a primary election, will have their names automatically placed on the general election ballot.
4. A write in candidate must receive at least ten votes on the general election in order to obtain a seat on Student Association Student Senate and the same for the Student Association Student Senate President or Student Association Student Senate Vice President.

Section C. General Campaign

1. No person may engage in any campaigning on campus property during polling hours on the election days***. Any campaigning chalking created before the days of elections will be exempt from this provision but no new campaigning chalking will be allowed. Any new campaigning chalking will be subject to penalty.*** ~~within 100 feet of the University Center, Chalmer Davee Library, any residence hall, or any computer lab.~~
2. No state tax dollars, tuition, or segregated university fee money may be used for campaigning. This includes all materials/resources in the Involvement Center, with exception to printer ink and public computer usage.
3. Individual Residential Hall Councils will regulate campaigning in residential halls. It is the duty of the Elections Committee to inform individual Residential Hall Councils the election rules sent forth by the Student Association Student Senate.
4. No person may personally or through another person make use of or threaten to make use of force, violence, or restraint on order to induce or compel any person to vote or refrain from voting at an election or vote or refrain from voting for particular candidate(s) or referendum(s).
5. ~~All campaign material must be a minimum of 100 feet away from a designated computer lab or area where computers are permanently located. Poll workers and members of the Student Association Student Senate Elections Committee will be responsible for removing any campaign material from within the prescribed radius and all campaign material removed will be destroyed. Candidates placing campaign material within 100 feet of a computer lab or permanently located public computer and the University Library during the voting hours will be subject to penalty. Candidates who place campaign material more than 100 feet of a computer lab or permanently located public computer/other means of voting outside of voting hours will not be subject to penalty.~~
6. No person may bribe, give, or lend anything ~~of~~ *worth over* a dollar *in* value ~~in order~~ to induce a person to vote or refrain from voting for or against a candidate(s) or referendum(s).
7. An individual(s)/organization(s) will be held responsible for any damage to an area caused by campaigning. Damage costs will be determined and assessed by the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee.
8. Campaign material may not be posted or supported by any shrubbery, tree, and/or external wall of a building. All material must be supported through inside wall or individual on campus and must not touch the University grounds.
9. Campaign material cannot be posted until the petition due date has expired. Violation of such rule will be subject to penalty.
10. Elections Committee and polling workers cannot influence other people's votes while on duty.
11. All posted paper campaigning material must not be larger than an ~~8.5x11~~ ***11x17*** inches.
12. All campaigning materials to be posted inside a building must receive permission through proper authorities of said building (ie: Hall Managers, Information Desks, ect) and must be placed on a bulletin board or such item. Candidates who place campaigning materials in non-posting approved areas will be subject to penalty.
13. All campaigning chalking may only be placed on sidewalks between 4th and 6th streets (CSH through South Hall). Any chalking located on staircases, buildings, and other non-said areas will be labeled as graffiti and are then subject to University guidelines and Election Committee penalties. Chalking located beyond 4th and 6th streets will result in the candidate being subject to penalty.

Section D. Referendums

1. There shall be two types of referendums available for members of the Student Association to initiate: Binding and Non Binding.
2. In order to petition for a referendum, the following procedures must be followed:
    a. A member of the Student Association must complete a Request for Referendum Form.
    b. All completed referendum request forms must be turned into the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee at the Student Association Student Senate office.
    c. Upon receipt of a referendum request form, the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Chair and Vice Chair will review and approve the referendum request. If the referendum language is not appropriate to accomplish what would like to be accomplished, the Chair and Vice Chair may advise the author to reword the referendum language. In addition, if approval of the referendum by the Student Association would result in the Student Association, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, University of Wisconsin System, and/or State of Wisconsin violating and federal, state, local laws, or university regulations, the Chair and Vice Chair may deny the referendum request.
    d. Upon approval of the referendum request form, the member or members of the Student Association may begin circulating referendum petitions. The Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee will give the contact person a copy of the official petition to be utilized.
    e. If a non-binding referendum is being called for, 500 members of the Student Association must sign the petition. If a binding referendum is being called, two-thirds of all members of the Student Association must sign the petition. All signatures must be collected within two months of approval of the request form.
    f. Upon collecting the necessary signatures, the petitions must be turned into the Student Association Student Senate Vice President. The Student Association Student Senate Finance Committee will certify the validity of all signatures.
    g. The Student Association Student Senate Finance Committee will notify the contact person, within 7 days, whether or not the petitions contain enough valid signatures to place the referendum on the ballot.
    h. If the petitions do not contain enough valid signatures, this process will begin again from section (e).
    i. If the petition does contain enough valid signatures, the Student Association Student Senate Finance Committee will hold a general election so that the referendum may be voted upon by the members of the Student Association no later than one (1) month after the Committee has notified the contact person the petitions contained enough signatures.

3. The Student Association Student Senate may decide by a two-thirds (2/3) vote to present a binding or non-binding referendum to the Student Association for a vote.
4. ***The campaign rules for a referendum are the same as those outlined in General Campaigning in Article C Section B.***

ARTICLE 4: Elections—Time-line, Primary, General, Special, Ballot, Election Day, and Fall Semester Elections

Section A. This is nine-week process must be followed for all Student Association Student Senate Elections:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Monday	Monday -Seat openings ad due to The Student Voice, other ads placed	Monday
Tuesday- Senate Association Student Senate must have elections ad-hoc committee established	Tuesday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Thursday	Thursday – Student Organizations electing Senators must be contacted	Thursday
Friday	Friday-Petitions & Questionnaires available at 8am	Friday Petitions & Questionnaires due by 4pm
Saturday	Saturday	Saturday
Sunday	Sunday	Sunday

Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Monday-Primary ad & Election ad #1 due to the Student Voice	Monday- Election ad #2 due to the Student Voice	Monday
Tuesday	Tuesday Primary Election	Tuesday-Election Day
Wednesday	Wednesday-Primary Election	Wednesday-Election Day & Election results are posted
Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
Friday	Friday-	Friday- Grievances are due 48 hours after results posting
Saturday	Saturday	Saturday
Sunday	Sunday	Sunday-Grievance reviewed & responded to before 7pm

Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
Monday	Monday-Re-election advertising due to the Student Voice	Monday
Tuesday-response to grievance reported to Student Association Student Senate	Tuesday	Tuesday-Re-election
Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday-Re-election & Results posted
Thursday	Thursday- Student Organization election results are due	Thursday
Friday	Friday	Friday- Grievances are due 48 hours after results posting
Saturday	Saturday	Saturday
Sunday	Sunday	Sunday

Section B. Primary Elections

1. Primary elections will be held only for the election of Student Association Student Senate President and Student Association Student Senate Vice President.
2. Primary elections will be held if ~~more than~~ 3 ***or more*** candidates are officially running for Student Association Student Senate President or Student Association Student Senate Vice President.
3. Candidates advancing from the primary to the general election will be determined by the top two vote totals.
4. ***In the event that primary election is not required, week five of the general election timeline will serve as a supplemental week for campaigning.***

Section C. General and Special Elections

1. General elections will be held to elect ~~9~~ ***7*** at-large members, 4 college representatives, 1 Nontraditional representative, the Student Association Student Senate President, and Vice President, and approve any referendums.
2. Special election will be held as necessary to consider referendums properly advanced by the Student Association Student Senate or members of the Student Association.

Section D. Student Organization Elections

1. Student Organization Elections will be held to nominate 5 members of the Student Association Student Senate. The two Area Councils will each elect 1 Senator as a Resident Hall representative. The ~~IFC and Panhellenic~~ ***Greek Life Council*** will elect 1 Senator as a Greek representative. The LDPB Diversity Awareness Committee will elect 1 Senator as a Diversity representative. The Student Athletic Advisory Board will elect 1 Senator as an Athletics representative.
2. Student Organization Elections will be conducted by the Student Organizations in a democratically and the results will be given to the Elections Committee.
3. The Student Organizations may substitute an election with some other appropriate means of selection of a representative if the Student Organizations have approval for that Election Cycle by the Elections Committee.

Section E. Ballot

1. Student Association Student Senate Election Ballots
    a. Ballots for election to Student Association Student Senate will not denote incumbents.
    ~~b. Separate ballots will be distributed for Student Association Student Senate Vice President and Student Association Student Senate President.~~
    c. Candidate's names on the ballot will be listed in alphabetical order according to last name.
    d. Each ~~ballot~~ ***item*** will have the following appearance.

<u>Category of Representation i.e. Student At-Large, *College*, *Nontraditional*, Student Association Student Senate President or Student Association Student Senate Vice President.</u>

Please make an X next to the candidate(s) of your choice. Only vote for a maximum of (number of positions) individuals. If you make a mistake or wish to change your vote, hand in your ballot and you will receive a new one.

	Candidate's Name
	Candidate's Name
	Candidate's Name
	Candidate's Name
	Write-In Candidate

<u>Date of Election</u>
(The names of the candidates will begin two spaces from the left of the box and will be at 12 point.)

2. Ballots for a referendum will have the following appearance:

<u>Type of referendum, i.e. Binding or Non-Binding</u>

Please make a neat circle around your answer to the referendum. If you make a mistake or wish to change your vote, hand in your ballot and you will receive a new one.

Referendum Wording

Yes No

Date of Election _____

Section F. Election Day

1. Individuals designated by the Student Association Student Senate Elections Committee must supervise the polling table.
2. Polling place workers may not be candidates running in the election.

Section G. Voting

1. In order to be eligible to vote, each member of the Student Association must have his or her user name and password at the time he/she wishes to vote.
2. Voting will be done through the FredNet website.
3. Directions to vote on-line will follow:
    a. Voters will need to go to www.uwrf.edu
    b. Click on the current student link
    c. Click on the FredNet icon
    d. Click on the "enter the online voting station"
4. Any candidates running in an election cannot count the ballots.
5. All members of the Student Association will receive the online results the day after elections.
6. A request for a recount must be filed in writing to the Student Association Student Senate Ethics committee within 24 hours after the results are announced. The Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee will be responsible for conducting the recount within 48 hours after the request is submitted.
7. In the case of a tie, there will be a revote for the tied candidates within 48 hours.
8. Any ballot that contains more than the maximum number of votes allowed to be cast will be invalid.
9. The candidate who has the most votes for Student Association Student Senate President and is also elected as Student Association Student Senator will be the winner of the Student Association Student Senate Presidential Election.
10. The candidate who has the most votes for Student Association Student Senate Vice President and is also elected as Student Association Student Senator will be the winner of the Student Association Student Senate Vice Presidential Election.
11. If under any circumstance that the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee believes that the election results were tampered with (i.e. hacking into the program,) then a ballot election will take place as soon as possible. This action requires a two-thirds approval of the Student Association Student Senate.

Section H. Fall Elections

1. Fall elections will be held to elect the ~~three~~ ***four*** first year Student Association Student Senators.
2. At-large vacancies of the Student Association Student Senate will be filled during fall election.
3. Fall elections will be held the fourth week of classes in the fall semester.
4. Petitions will be available the first Friday of classes and due the second.
5. Excluding the timeline and the primaries the fall elections will follow all rules and guidelines found within the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Election Rules.

ARTICLE 5: Appeals Process

Section A. Grievance

In case of an official grievance to the election and/or to the election process, the following steps shall be followed to process the grievance:

1. A signed grievance can be filed submitted to the Senate Ethics Chair by anyone (the claimant) regarding a candidate (the respondent) at any time during the election process and prior to 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) after the posting of the election results.
2. The Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee shall meet with both the claimant(s) and the respondent(s), together or separate at the Chair's discretion, to discuss the seriousness of the alleged violation

giving cause to said grievance. If the grievance is uncontested (i.e. the respondent admits to the allegation(s)),the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee will make an official ruling on the filed grievance in time to come before the next Student Association Student Senate meeting. If the grievance is contested by the respondent(s), the Chair shall proceed to the Contested Grievance Procedure.

3. Both the claimant and respondent will have the opportunity to address the Student Association Student Senate and ask for an appeal to the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee's ruling. If an appeal is asked for at this time, it will go to a vote before the Student Senate.
4. After the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Chair reports the ruling any senator will have the ability to pull the ruling, to the grievance, out of the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee ruling.
5. To overturn or amend the ruling, two-thirds of the Student Association Student Senate is required.

Section B. Contested Grievance Procedure
In case of a contest to an official grievance properly submitted regarding the election and/or the election process, the following steps shall be followed to process the contested grievance:

1. The Ethics Committee Chair, acting as the Moderator, shall conduct within 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) of contest, a meeting with the Claimant(s) and Respondent(s) party to the grievance, for the purpose of understanding both sides of the disagreement.
2. All communication by each party shall be directed to the Moderator only, unless each party waives such privilege.
3. If such an agreement cannot be obtained, both the Claimant(s) and Respondent(s) must accept the binding arbitration.

Section C. Binding Arbitration
In the case a contested grievance proceeds to binding arbitration, the following steps shall be followed to administer said process:

1. Within 24 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) of failed moderation, both Claimant(s) and Respondent(s) must submit to the moderator a list of candidate arbiters. If there is a match, the Ethics Chair shall contact the said candidate arbiter and request their services. If said candidate arbiter does not agree to assist in the contested grievance procedure, or if the parties to the grievance cannot agree upon an arbiter, the Ethics Chair shall appoint one.
2. In appointing an arbiter, the Ethics Chair should first attempt to contact the ~~Dean of Students~~ ***Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.*** If this individual is unable or unwilling, an administration or faculty member can be appointed to perform the task.
3. Rules governing arbitration are determined by the arbiter.
4. Binding arbitration will be in line with the enforcement section of the Election Rules, but can be amended or overturned with a minimum of 2/3 majority vote be the Student Association Student Senate

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ARTICLE 6: Enforcement

Section A. The Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee must assess penalties to the individual(s) and organizations who violates these rules, other university regulations, and/or state or federal laws during the actual election, while campaigning or while serving the Student Association. It is absolutely important to ensure a fair and just election that the Ethics Committee enforce these rules by issuing the following penalties: monetary fines, impeachment, written reprimands, and taking away the violators right to run in a Student Association election. In addition, the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee may recommend that non-academic disciplinary action be taken by the University administration. All penalties assessed needs to have the majority approval of the Student Association Student Senate

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Section B. The following penalties will be assessed for each individual rule breakage.

1. ~~No person may engage in campaigning during polling hours on election days within 100 feet of a the Student Center and the University Library~~.
2. ***No person may engage in any campaigning on campus property during polling hours on the election days.***
    a. **Penalty— taking away the violators right to run in a Student Association election.**

2. No state tax dollars, tuition, or segregated university fee money may be used in connection with campaigning.
    b. **Penalty—Monetary fine and taking away the violators right to run in a Student Association election.**

3. No person may personally or through another person make use of or threaten to make use of force, violence, or restraint on order to induce or compel any person to vote or refrain from voting at an election or vote or refrain from voting for particular candidate(s) or referendum(s).

c. **Penalty-- taking away the violators right to run in a Student Association election.**

4. No person may bribe, give, or lend anything of over a dollar in value in order to induce a person to vote or refrain from voting for or against a candidate(s) or referendum(s).
   d. **Penalty-- taking away the violators right to run in a Student Association election.**

5. An individual(s)/organization(s) will be held responsible for any damage to an area caused by campaigning. Damage costs will be determined and assessed by the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee.
   e. **Penalty-- Monetary fine and a written reprimand.**

6. Campaign material may not be posted or supported by any shrubbery, tree, or building.
   f. **Penalty-- ~~Monetary fine and~~ A written reprimand.**

7. Campaign material cannot be posted until the petition due date has expired. ~~Violation of such rule will be subject to penalty.~~
   g. **Penalty-- Taking away the violators right to run in a Student Association election.**

8. Elections Committee cannot influence other people's votes while on duty.
   h. **Penalty—Loss of stipend, *loss of seat on the elections committee,* and written reprimand.**

9. Any chalking located on staircases, buildings, and other non-said areas and chalking located beyond 4th and 6th streets or any new chalking during election days.
   i. Penalty— A written reprimand and/or taking away the violators right to run in a Student Association election.

ARTICLE 7: Review of this document

Section A. Review of this document is the responsibility of the Student Association Student Senate ~~Finance Committee~~ ***Executive Board***. Amendments to this document require approval by the Student Association Student Senate ~~Finance Committee~~ ***Executive Board*** and the Student Association Student Senate.

Student Senate By-laws

ARTICLE I. Membership

Section A.

The Student Association Student Senate will consist of 25 ***members***. ~~students of which four will be first year students.~~

Section B.

The membership of the Student Association Student Senate will consist of the President, Vice President, 7 At-large Senators, 4 College Representatives, 1 Nontraditional Representative, 4 First year Senators, 2 Resident Hall Representative, 1 Greek Representative, 1 Diversity Representative, 1 Athletics Representative, the Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair, and the Facilities and Fees Board Chair.

~~Section B.~~

~~Elections for the 21 positions for Student Association Student Senators will be held according to the timeline in the *Student Association Election Rules*.~~

~~Section C.~~

~~Elections for the four first year students will be held during the second week of classes in the fall semester.~~

Section D.

~~First year Student Association Student Senators will be elected to a term starting on the first Tuesday after fall elections and ending the ***second to*** last Tuesday before spring semester finals.~~

~~Section E.~~

~~Student Association Student Senators will be elected to a one-year term starting after the meeting on the last Tuesday before spring semester finals begin.~~

Section C

The procedure for ~~electing Student Senators shall be as~~ ***procuring all elected positions is*** outlined in the *Student Association Election Rules*.

Section D

The term for all elected or appointed Student Association Student Senate positions expire on the second to last Tuesday before spring semester finals.

Section E

The Facilities and Fees Board Chair and the Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair ***are appointed by the Student Senate President subject to the approval of the Student Senate.*** *Both positions* ~~will~~ ~~both~~ ~~be~~ ***are*** voting members of the Student Association Student Senate.

ARTICLE IV General Officers Duties

Section A.

Officers of the Student Association Student Senate shall be the: President, Vice President, Shared Governance Director, Student Affairs and Academic Services Director, Legislative Issues Director, Finance Director, Diversity Issues Director, Women's Initiatives Director, and Parliamentarian & Ethics Chair

Section B.

The Student Association Student Senate President and Vice President will be elected by the student body as outlined in the *Student Association Election Rules*. The newly elected Student Association Student Senate President, will appoint all other officers before spring finals week if possible subject to confirmation of ~~the outgoing Student Association Student Senate.~~ ***the newly elected Student Senate.***

ARTICLE VIII Meetings & Transacting Business

Section A.

Student Association Student Senate Meetings

1) The annual session of the Student Association Student Senate will end on the second to last Tuesday before spring finals. At this time, the outgoing Senate will adjourn and the newly elected Senate will convene their first meeting.

2) Regular meetings of the Student Association Student Senate will be

held at 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday during the academic year when classes are in session.
3) The President will call special meetings when he/she deems necessary or at the request of a two-thirds of the existing members.
4) A quorum for the purpose of holding a meeting shall consist of one half of the existing members.
5) All Student Association Student Senate motions must be written on the official form and contain the signature of at least one Student Association Student Senator making the motion or seconding it.
6) All motions, excluding those that deal with money allocations, have the ability to be sent to a specific committee if deemed necessary by a majority vote on the Senate floor. At the next Senate meeting, after the next committee meeting, if the motion passed through committee, the motion will then be voted on.
7) The Student Association Student Senate Vice President will determine the agenda for Student Association Student Senate meetings and will post the agenda for each meeting no later than 24 hours before that meeting.
8) Each motion shall be numbered using the official Student Association Student Senate numbering system. (Academic year followed by a consecutive number. Ex. 01-02-001).

-Amendment moved by President Brandt, seconded (Senator Dale)
-Change "5 weeks" to 6 weeks
-Amendment passes
-Amendment moved by Ben Plunkett, seconded (Senator Friant)
-Add: All previous posted campaign material must be removed 12 hours before polling hours. During the time period of elections, electronic and telephone contact is allowed.
-Amendment passes
-Move to 5 minute recess by Senator Dale, seconded (Director Halverson)
-Recess at 9:57pm
-Resume at 10:02 pm
-Move to call question by Senator Taylor, seconded (Director Halverson)
-Motion passes
-Amendment passes
-Vote on motion
-Motion passes

X. NEW BUSINESS

SS0708062

Whereas, the student senate by-laws outline the duty of the SAAS committee to “Formally survey students to identify student needs and issues,”

Whereas, a larger amount of students providing their input on a student survey equates to a more complete picture of student opinion,

And whereas, incentives promote a larger completed survey return,

Be it resolved, that the University of Wisconsin- River Falls Student Senate allocate $300 dollars for the purchase of 100, $3 dollar movie vouchers to the Falls Theater to be mailed to the first 100 students to complete the survey.

Be it further resolved, that 41 dollars be allocated for postage at 41 cents per stamp, for a total of $341, and that any unused money because of fewer than 100 students participating or mailing to on campus residents, which is free, be returned to the student senate account.

Moved by Director Biss

-Motion passes

SS0708064
Introduction Only - Election Funding

Whereas, a competitive election is essential to the democratic process; and

Whereas, the Student Association Student Senate Elections Committee would like to promote the Student Senate elections on the River Falls campus; and

Whereas, the *Student Senate Election Rules* requires that three (3) ads be placed in the *Student Voice* for the general election and potentially a fourth if a re-election is necessary; and

Whereas, hosting a public forum for students to meet the candidates would increases voters knowledge of the candidates and their likeliness to vote; therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate allocate up to $1520.00 for the Spring Elections based on the budget listed below.

Two Student Voice Ads @ 350.00 each	$700.00
Two Student Voice Ads @ 200.00 each	$400.00
Food for the Public Forum	$200.00
Promotional Materials	$200.00
Tech Fee	$20.00
	$1520.00

Moved By: President Brandt
Seconded by: Director Witte
Approved by the Finance Committee

-Amendment to add "Ballroom reservations $50.00"
-Seconded (Senator Taylor)
-Call to question moved by Senator Mahr, seconded (Senator Dale)
-Amendment passes
-Move to suspend By-Laws by Director Halverson, seconded (Senator Casper)
-Movement to suspend By-Laws withdrawn

SS0708065
Introduction Only - Take Back the Night

Whereas sexual assault is a major issue that effects college students.

Whereas Take Back the Night promotes awareness for sexual assault through guest speakers and personal testimonies.

Therefore be it resolved that Student Senate support this effort by providing $715 for food and beverages, t-shirts (for the Clothesline Project), equipment rental, advertising, ribbon, and other supplies that are needed to make the event successful.

Motioned by Laura Adrian Diversity and Women’s Initiatives Co-Director
Seconded by Nikki Shonoiki Diversity and Women’s Initiatives Co-Director

SS0708061 - Legislative Days

Whereas, it is important that Legislators in Madison hear the concerns of students at River Falls; and

Whereas, the third annual United St. Croix Valley Legislative Days is being held in Madison on March 5-6; and

Whereas, Legislative Days offers an excellent opportunity to convey the interests of students and the university to State Legislators;

Therefore be it resolved, that Student Senate allocate up to 500 dollars to send a delegation to Legislative Days.

Moved by Director Witte
Seconded by Ethics Chair McNaughton
Approved by the Finance Committee

-Motion passes

SS0708066 – Tuition Legislation

Whereas Student Tuition has increased seventy percent over the last six years,

Whereas financial aid has not increased in proportion to those tuition increases,

Whereas approximately 31,000 students in the UW System currently receive funding from the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant (WHEG),

Whereas, in 2006, the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education gave the state of Wisconsin an "F" in affordability saying, "The State's investment in need-based financial aid is very low when compared with other top performing states;"

Whereas over sixty percent of UW resident undergraduates graduate with debt,

Whereas in past grants made up about 3/4 of a student's financial aid packet and loans made up the remaining 1/4; currently this proportion has reversed,

Whereas the figures listed above illustrate a need for an increase in WHEG in proportion to tuition increases to provide affordable education,

BE IT Resolved that the UW- River Falls Student Senate support Assembly Bill 252 WHEG Educational Grant Increases,

Be it Finally Resolved that upon passage President Derek Brandt transmit copies of this resolution to Senator Sheila Harsdorf and State Representative Kitty Rhodes.

Moved: Director McNaughton
Seconded: Director Shonoiki

-Move to table motion indefinately
-Move to roll call vote, seconded, third
y=yes, n=no, a=abstain
Sara Deick(n), Tyler Halverson(n), Jenifer Biss(n), Jason Meier(n), Craig P. Witte(n) , Casie Kelley(y) , Tony Casci(n), Dan Mahr(y), Peter Walbolt(n), Michael Defenbaugh(n), Krista Hasselquist(n), Tiffany Lay(n), Rodney Hillskotter(n), Thomas Friant(n), Matthew Dale(n), Aaron Taylor(n), Jordan Kocak(n), Laura Adrian(n), Nathan McNaughton(n), Nikki Shonoiki(n)
Results: y-2, n-19, a-0
-Table fails
-Move to call question
-Hand vote: yes-19, no-2, abstain-0
-Motion passes

SS0708067 – Open Meeting Law

Whereas The Wisconsin “Open Meeting Law” Chapter 19 Subchapter 5 of the Wisconsin Statutes 19.81-19.98 Sets the Law

that Governmental bodies in Wisconsin Must follow

Whereas Wisconsin State Statute 19.81 states:

19.81 Declaration of policy. (1) In recognition of the fact that a representative government of the American type is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be the policy of this state that the public is entitled to the fullest and most complete information regarding the affairs of government as is compatible with the conduct of governmental business.

(2) To implement and ensure the public policy herein expressed, all meetings of all state and local governmental bodies shall be publicly held in places reasonably accessible to members of the public and shall be open to all citizens at all times unless otherwise expressly provided by law.

(3) In conformance with article IV, section 10, of the constitution, which states that the doors of each house shall remain open, except when the public welfare requires secrecy, it is declared to be the intent of the legislature to comply to the fullest extent with this subchapter.

(4) This subchapter shall be liberally construed to achieve the purposes set forth in this section, and the rule that penal statutes must be strictly construed shall be limited to the enforcement of forfeitures and shall not otherwise apply to actions brought under this subchapter or to interpretations thereof.

Whereas the UWRF Student Senate Constitution Requires Compliance with the open meeting law in Article 6 d. section 4:

SECTION 4. Student Senate meetings shall be held in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Whereas Wisconsin State Statute sets penalties for failure to follow the law as follows:

19.96 Penalty. Any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting of such body held in violation of this subchapter, or who, in his or her official capacity, otherwise violates this subchapter by some act or omission shall forfeit without reimbursement not less than $25 nor more than $300 for each such violation. No member of a governmental body is liable under this subchapter on account of his or her attendance at a meeting held in violation of this subchapter if he or she makes or votes in favor of a motion to prevent the violation from occurring, or if, before the violation occurs, his or her votes on all relevant motions were inconsistent with all those circumstances which cause the violation.

Therefore be it resolved that, The UWRF Student Voice newspaper will be the paper of record for all weeks when it is published. During weeks when the UWRF Student Voice Newspaper is not published the Pierce County Herald will be the paper of record.

Be it further resolved that, All UWRF Student Senate Meetings and sub-committee meeting of the UWRF Student Senate will notice their meeting time and agenda in the paper of record in such a manner that meeting time, location, and agenda is published and available to the public at least 24 hours in advance of meetings.

Be it further resolved, that Notification of all media that have filed a written request of notification of meetings take place at least 24 hours in advance of Meetings

Be it further resolved that after establishing quorum the first activity of a committee shall be to establish compliance with the open meeting law and this resolution, and to note such compliance in meeting minutes

Be it further resolved, that no activity of a committee shall take place when public notification has not been accomplished as required

Be it further resolved that all committee meetings and agendas will be noticed in electronic format on the UWRF website at least 24 hours in advance of said meetings

Be it further resolved that written notice of committee meetings and agendas will be publicly noticed in a conspicuous location in the student office and at least 2 additional designated places on campus, said additional location selected to maximize the visibility and accessibility to members of the public.

Be it finally resolved that actions in this resolution take effect immediately upon passage of the resolution.

Moved by: Ben Plunkett

Seconded by: Senator Hillskotter

Approved by the Shared Governance Committee

-Move to 15 minute recess
    -Movement fails
-Move to amendment motion by Ben Plunkett, second
-Discussion on amendment
-Recess 5 minutes, seconded
    -Passes, Recess at 10:58pm
    -Resume at 11:05pm
-Move to call question
    -yes-13, no-3, abstain-5
    -Movement fails
-Further discussion on amendment
    -Vote on amendment
    -Amendment fails
-Return to discussion on original motion
-Amendment purposed by Director Halverson
-Move to call question on amendment
    -yes-16, no-0, abstain-5
    -Movement passes
-Movement to table motion
    -Movement passes, motion tabled

-Movement to skip director reports
    -Motions due fridays at midnight
-Movement passes

ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Contact sheet passed out
-Discuss information on Military Minor
-Notices on business cards arriving soon

XII. ADJOURNMENT

-End at 11:28pm

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, March 11th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center