MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, November 18th, 2008
Willow River Room of the University Center

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7pm

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: President Bendix, Vice President Kelley, Director Deick , Director Dale, Director Halverson (absent), Director Shonoiki, Senator Pfundheller (absent), Chair Casper, Chair Hasselquist, Chair Peine, Senator Abel (absent), Senator Biss, Senator Guider, Senator Witte, Senator Okan, Senator DeRosa (absent), Senator Harshman, Senator Rutledge, Senator Van Putten, Senator Hudek (absent), Senator Pineda, Senator Evans, Senator Johnson (absent), Senator Ahlfs (absent)

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS: Jerry Waller, Jessica Johnson, Billy Miller, Natasha Sedgwick, Jennifer Willis-Rivera

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nov. 6 minutes approved
Nov. 11 minutes approved

V. GUEST SPEAKER: Jerry Waller (food services)
Have a new dining service
Working through glitches
Senator Biss: The only complaint I've heard is if students stay on campus on the weekend there are really no transfer options for transfer.
We knew that would be a possible problem. This is the program we were given. We are addressing that
Billy Miller: Many students have been happy with changes between last year and this year…more food variety and better quality
Going "tray-less" is to prevent food waste and energy consumption
We are compiling consumption statistics
We are working on disposable, eco-friendly to-go items
Chair Peine: I like that the soy milk is next to the regular milk and readily available
Survey going out to help as an evaluation tool for us

VI. OPEN FORUM
Chair Casper: One idea that was brought up last week….about taking the Hagstead building off students' tuitions…should that be taken care of soon?
Gregg Heinselman: direct it to the interim Vice Chancellor (Kristen Hendrickson). There are some athletics, student services, and classrooms within the building

Director Dale: Are we still paying for Rodli Commons?
Gregg Heinselman: We have dialed down the use to about 10%. Students are paying for that. But the building is paid off.
President Bendix: I'm meeting with Dale Brown to talk about the Rodli issue
The Rodli issue was sent to Legislative Affairs Committee

Senator Evans: At area council there were concerns about work study. Concerns with Dinging Services and allergy concerns.

VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR – Sara Deick (Patrick Okan spoke in Sara's place)

- Student Assoc. meeting on Dec. 2 and posters will be going up
- LDPB resumes will be due Friday by 4pm
- Checking with all faculty senates

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Tyler Halverson (Jordan Harshman serving as interim Chair)

- We had a meeting yesterday
- The survey is going on right now
- We will have a design for nametags by next meeting
- We discussed a bar on campus
- We discussed the issue of student complaints against faculty

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR –Matt Dale

- We had a meeting Friday
- We discussed the budget deficit; we have a $5 billion deficit; we've been looking into how to lobby local officials; we will try to combine with the local businesses as a voice
- We also had a teleconference last week concerning Ch. 17 and 18

- The ad hoc committee is still in process; a document should be out soon; we will hopefully have a meeting the first week of Dec.

4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Dusty Pfundheller

- No report

5. DIVERSITY ISSUES/WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR – Nikki Shonoiki

- Today is the Campus Safety Walk
- We will present what we learned at the Women's Conference
- We're looking into having more languages on our campus

6. DIVERSITY ISSUES/WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR – vacant
7. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR – Ben Casper

- Motion on the agenda tonight

B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Mike Defenbaugh

- This week's movie is Caddyshack
- Unity and the Community is at the end of April
- SEC is preparing the movie list for next semester
- Student Voice is accepting applications for next semester (as well as WRFW)
- WRFW's 40th anniversary
- The Focus has been hosting youtube
- Recreational Activities applications should be coming in soon
- Over 70 forms were distributed for annual budgets
- Social Justice Series will be showing Uganda Rising
- Dec. 3 They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky author will be coming to speak

C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Krista Hasselquist

- Sustainability group met again; talked about working with Sustainability working group (faculty senate) and collaborate

D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Gregg Heinselman

- Encourage students to be involved in student session of the Chancellor candidate's days on campus

E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Casie Kelley

- Hours due Tuesday Dec. 2 at 4pm

F. PRESIDENT REPORT- Cindy Bendix

- Thur. Nov. 20 (1-4pm) in the Ballroom there will be a discussion on the first amendment
- Teleconference about tuition this Thursday
- I meet with Dale Brown Thursday to talk about Rodli
- No meeting next week
- Chancellor Award committee is looking for two students to sit on the committee
- Applications for a Diversity co-director are coming in
- We will be looking through many found papers from past LDPB archives
- The Chancellor Search and Screen is going on; the student session is 2:45-3:30 in KFA this Thursday; the second candidate will be here Monday 24th from 2:45-3:30 in the Kinni Theater

VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

SS0809041
Whereas, it is stated in the bylaws that Student Senate hold a Student Association Meeting every semester,

Whereas, in the past there has been food and advertisement for the meeting,

Be it therefore resolved that the Student Senate hold a Student Association Meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd,

Be it further resolved that Student Senate allocate 100 dollars towards the advertisement and food for this event.

Moved by: Senator Okan
Seconded by: Director Deick
Approved by: Finance Committee

- This will take place Dec. 2
- If you have any suggestions for topics please email them to me (Senator Okan)
- **Motion passed

SS0809042

Whereas, the student senate president does not have currently have the power to demerit based on attendance,

Whereas, ethics committee feels that the Student Senate President should have the power to demerit therefore,

Be it resolved, that the by-law revisions in this motion be adopted by the Shared Governance Association effective immediately.

Moved by: Chair Casper
Seconded by: Matt Dale
Approved by: Ethics Committee
Approved by: Executive Committee

ARTICLE IX Attendance

Section A.

Attendance at all Student Association Student Senate meetings, attendance at committee meetings, and service of office hours is mandatory. In order to encourage members to attend meetings and serve office hours a demerit point system has been established. Demerit points accumulate each semester and do not carry over from semester to semester. Demerit points are given on the following basis:

1. Senate meeting unexcused absence = 4 points
2. Senate meeting unexcused tardy or unexcused leaving early = 2 points
3. Senate committee meeting unexcused absence = 2 points
4. Senate committee meeting unexcused tardy or unexcused leaving early = 1 point
5. Not serving the required office hours within a two week period = 1 point for every two hours.

Student Senators shall be notified in writing by the Vice President, within one week (including dates and points), each time they receive demerit points. Ex-officio members of the Senate are not required to serve Senate Office hours.

6. Each senate meeting missed after the two excused absences will thus be considered an unexcused absence, subject to 4 demerit points.

Section B.

Student Association Student Senators who accumulate demerit points will be able to gain one point back per five office hours over and above their required office hours.

Section C.

Student Association Student Senators who accumulate 6 points in one semester will be given a written warning. Student Association Student Senators who accumulate 10 points in one semester will be automatically removed. It is the duty of the Vice President to automatically remove Student Association Student Senators who accumulate 10 or more points.

The Vice President will include notice of the automatic removal in his/her weekly report to the Student Association Student Senate. The Student

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Section D.

Upon the request of a Student Association Student Senator or Student Association Student Senate ex-officio member, and with the approval of the Student Association Student Senate, a leave of absence may be granted on a temporary basis. The leave of absence may not exceed one month. The Student Association Student Senator or Student Association Student Senate ex-officio member will not receive a stipend nor have voting privileges on the Student Association Student Senate or its committees during the leave of absence.

Section E.

If a Student Association Student Senator or Student Association Student Senate ex-officio member is not able to attend a meeting or if a Senator is not able to fulfill her/his office hours, he/she must notify the Vice President. The Vice President will determine if the absence will be excused or unexcused. The following reasons will be accepted as excused absences, and the Student Association Student Senate President will deal

with any other reason:
• Death in a family or of a close friend
• Illness
• A required academic commitment provided that adequate notice is given
• An emergency

Section F.

No committee member shall be required to wait more than ten minutes past the meeting time if the chairperson or designee is not in attendance. If the chairperson shows up more than ten minutes late and the committee members have already left, the chairperson will receive 2 demerit points for an absence, unless deemed excused by the Vice President, or the Student Association Student Senate.

Section G.

The President has the power to give demerits to the Vice President based on Article IX section A of this document. Student senate President and Vice President cannot make up office hours do to the nature of work that is required of the positions.

- **Motion passed

X. NEW BUSINESS

SS0708047
Whereas, there are positions available for students on Faculty Senate,

Whereas, the following students have expressed interested in joining the following committees,

Academic Program and Policy Committee
Jason Meier

Advising Committee
Logan Rutledge

Assessment Committee
Linda Abel
Patrick Okan

Athletics
Alexis Pineda

Disability Advisor Committee
Patrick Okan

External Relations
Krista Hasselquist

Faculty Compensation Committee
Linda Abel

General Education Committee
Casie Kelley
Lauren Evens

Institutional Competition Committee
Alexis Pineda

Audit and Review Committee
Dusty Pfundheller

Faculty Welfare and Personal Policies
Katy Van Putten

Instructional Learning Technology Council
Katy Van Putten

Infrastructure Committee

Dusty Pfundheller

University Curriculum Committee
Ben Casper

Therefore, be it resolved, that the following students be appointed to the Faculty Senate committees mentioned above in this motion.

Moved by: Director Deick
Seconded by: Vice President Kelley

- I (Director Deick) will strike Jason Meier from Academic Program and Policy Committee
- **Motion passed

SS0809048
Whereas, the Diversity and Women's Initiatives Committee currently has 6 senate members
and 2 Students at-large serving as committee members,

Whereas, there are Senators and Students at-large on the committee that can no longer serve on it due to various reasons, and

Whereas, Senator Lauren Evans has expressed interest in the committee,

Therefore, be it resolved, that committee members Director Deick, Co-Director Tirado and Teresa Pollock be removed, and

Therefore be it further resolved, that Senator Evans be appointed to the Diversity and Women's Initiatives Committee.

Motioned by: Director Shonoiki
Seconded by: Director Deick

- These changes have been approved by Shared Gov.
- **Motion passed

SS0809049
Whereas, there are positions available on the Leadership Development and Programming Board sub-committees,

Whereas, these students have expressed interest in the committees,

Whereas, students need to be appointed to have voting power,

Therefore, be it resolved, that Jordan Rickard and Ruth Tucker be appointed to the Diversity Awareness Committee.

Moved by: Director Deick
Seconded by: Vice President Kelley

- **Motion passed

SS0809050
Whereas, there are positions open on Facilities and Fees sub-committees,

Whereas, the following students have expressed interest on serving on the following committees,

Dining Services Advisory
Natasha Sedgwick

Recreation
Alan Linehan

Residential Living
Rebecca Witte

Textbook Services
Alyssa Olsen

Differential Tuition
Craig Witte

University Center
Kimberly Ferguson

Sustainabiliy Ad-Hoc Committee
Becky Alexander
Larry Testa
Eric Sanden
Brian Copp
Bo Storozuk
Kelly Cain
Sarah Knorr
David Keuhl
Charlie Rader
Juliet Tomkins
Laine Vignona
Mary Wright
Mike Stifter
Joshua Hudek
Krista Hasselquist

Therefore,be it resolved, that these students be appointed to the following committees as mentioned in this motion

Moved by: Senator DeRosa
Seconded by: Director Deick
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Therefore, be it resolved, that the following students be appointed to the Faculty Senate committees mentioned above in this motion.

Moved by: Director Deick
Seconded by: Vice President Kelley

- I (Director Deick) will add Cindy Bendix to the University Center Committee
- I will also strike: Larry Testa, Eric Sanden, Brian Copp, Kelly Cain, David Keuhl, Charlie Rader, Juliet Tomkins, Laine Vignona, Mary Wright, Mike Stifter
- **Motion passed

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XII. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn by Chair Peine (second by Senator Biss) 8:15pm

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be
Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center