

# MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE

of Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Willow River Room of the University Center

#### I. CALL TO ORDER:

- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: President Bendix, Vice President Kelley, Director Deick, Director Dale, Director Halverson, Director Shonoiki, Senator Pfundheller (absent), Chair Casper, Chair Hasselquist, Chair Brock, Senator Abel, Senator Biss, Senator Guider, Senator Witte, Senator Okan, Senator DeRosa, Senator Harshman, Senator Rutledge, Senator Van Putten, Senator Pineda, Senator Evans
- III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS: Ed Figi and Charlie Guerin
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved
- V. GUEST SPEAKER: Diversity and Women's Initiatives will make a presentation on Women's Leadership Conference
- Colin Bennett was a guest speaker. He is a politician and Environmentalist.
- Hanne Blank was another guest speaker. She is an author and activist.
- A workshop on sexual violence was given.
- A workshop on dismantling racism was also given [given by Colin Bennett]. "You can not passively be anti-racist you must actively work to end racism!"
- Forging Functional Femme-Inism was another workshop [given by Hanne Blank]
- Safe Zone Training, Ideal Body Images, Feminist Fundraising, and Staying Sane as a Student Leader were also some more workshops
  offered.
- Rise Up for Women's Rights would like to start a "White Ribbon Campaign" on campus.
- The current goal is attaining a Multicultural Center

# VI. OPEN FORUM:

[Ed Figi] There are a lot of Veterans on campus, and there is no representation on this body. If you are going to pass this motion on rings for track athletes, I would appreciate you to consider something to reach out to those students serving our country.

Chair Casper motioned to move SS0809055 active to the floor (Director Halverson seconded) \*\*Motion passed [notes on motion taken under the SS0809055 motion]

# VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

### A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

- 1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR Sara Deick
- Looked into events we could have next semester.
- We looked at buying new lapel pins for next semester.
- Talked about ordering shirts for next semester.
- Times for faculty senate committees will be changing so stay in contact with your Chair.
  - 2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Tyler Halverson
- We finalized designs for nametags.
- I've been in contact with Career Services, and they want more internships within CBE and CAS
  - 3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR -Matt Dale
- Chapter 17 and 18 ad hoc committee is ready to go.
- The deficit stands at \$5.4 billion. We are trying to work with small business leaders to lobby state representatives. We will be going to Green Bay with five students on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> to coordinate lobbying voices.
  - 4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Dusty Pfundheller
- No report
  - 5. DIVERSITY ISSUES/WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR Nikki Shonoiki
- Director Shonoiki gave her farewell. [it is her final meeting]
- Senator Guider sent around thank yous to be signed for Campus Safety Walk
  - 6. DIVERSITY ISSUES/WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR Lauren Evans
  - 7. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR Ben Casper
- There was a complaint filed by Senator Harshman against Director Halverson, however it was null and void because Director Halverson resigned.
- B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Joshua Brock
- Campus Media—WRFW's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary went very well

- DIveristy—working on planning Unity in the Community
- LDSC—LEAD applications are out [space reserved for the first 15 members]
- Student Entertainment—electing new chair on Monday
- Student orgs—still looking for a chair and committee members
- Traditions—working on Winter Carnival
- LDPB—Single event requests were reviewed; annual reports will be handed out this week
- C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Krista Hasselquist
- We met today. We have vacancies that I will work on filling over break.
- Dining services is working on student feedback currently.
- Chancellor's Late Night Breakfast will be next Tuesday.
- New microwaves and refrigerators will be installed soon. They also want working pianos on each wing of campus.
- Wellness challenge will start in February.
- Textbook services are looking into installing an ATM.
- Differential Tuition has not met yet but they will meet more in the Spring.
- Talked about budget timeline. I will be presenting Feb. 24 to Senate.
- D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR Gregg Heinselman
- E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Casie Kelley
- I have a Christmas card for everyone to sign for Greg Van De Mark
- Hours were due today...no one demerited out!!
- F. PRESIDENT REPORT- Cindy Bendix
- Rodli is going to be remodeled for Science classrooms. There will more room for labs in CSH. Enrollment services will be moving to Hagestad.
- There are many openings on Senate for next semester.
- Any applications for Director or the Vice President position need to be in by this Friday.
- The exec board taking over as of Dec. 19 will appoint the rest of the senate positions. Those applications will be due Jan. 10, and we will be going on an exec board retreat.
- Who has not been contacted by their faculty senate committees? "My committee much like the former Soviet Union imploded into three smaller committees," said Director Dale.

#### VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- \*\*Faculty Senate Committee monthly reports
- Disabilities: There are no good evacuation plans...especially for the disabled [Senator Okan]
- Tech Council talked about the Oracle system. Students will have class schedules automatically on Oracle. We also went over budget proposals. [Director Deick]
  - o Why would they make student schedules public? [Ed Figi]
- Faculty Wellness is looking into having some sort of way to evaluate administration and staff [Director Dale].
- Parking has a new policy going into place for mopeds and motorcycles late spring semester. And we meet tomorrow [Chair Casper].
- Calendar committee is working on assessing class period times. Working also on long term planning of academic calendar [Senator Guider].
- General Education committee is discussing what qualifies as a science credit [Director Evans].
- University Planning Group discussed increasing student number in taking J-term and summer classes [President Bendix].

### IX. OLD BUSINESS:

#### SS0809051

Whereas, there is an energy conservation contest between the campus residence halls,

Whereas the UWRF Strategic Plan 2007-2012 states Goal Two: Model Sustainability Principles- "UW-River Falls will model and champion the principles of sustainable community development,"

And whereas, this contest engages students in conservation efforts, reducing usage overall and serving to educate campus residents about the broader importance of sustainability to the UWRF community,

Be it resolved, that the UWRF Student Senate show its support for this program through the contribution of two \$250 cash prizes, one for each semester of the 2008-2009 academic year, to be awarded to the residence halls that do the most to reduce their energy consumption,

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Department of Residence Life.

Moved by: Senator Biss

Seconded by: Director Pfundheller

Approved by: Finance

\*\*Motion passed

## SS0809055

Whereas the 2008 UWRF Women's Track and Field Team won the NCAA Division III National Outdoor Championship on Saturday, May 24, 2008.

Whereas this is the FIRST women's Championship in UWRF's history, and only the fourth National Championship title overall,

Whereas the Women's team earned 6 All-American awards at the Championship track meet, and 9 awards for the entire season,

Whereas there has been several national academic awards rewarded to the team members,

Whereas the Women's Track and Field Team have demonstrated a continued commitment to leadership, sportsmanship, and character,

Be it resolved that Student Senate allocated \$1500 towards the purchasing of the Women's Track and Field National Championship rings in support and respect of their accomplishments and commitment to excellence.

Moved by: Chair Hasselquist Seconded by: Chair Casper Approved by: Finance

- Chair Hasselquist: we need to start acting more like a team. We need to stop being negative. We have an obligation to students to spend their money in a pro-active way. It's also bothered me for a while that we did not fund the LGBTQ conference. As far as this motion goes...these athletes pay out of pocket. No scholarships are ever given. This is the first award earned since title nine was passed in 1972. These students have honored and are dedicated to this campus, and it will help us foster leaders in the future.
- Senator Abel: I just want to thank you Mr. Figi for coming to speak to Senate about your concern. The man I intend on marrying will be leaving in a month, so this is very personal for me.
- Director Dale: Just as a point of information beginning next year we will have a military representative on Senate as a change on this campus. My major concern with this specific motion is I do not believe it is an affective way to spend student dollars. There was a professor, Ed Peterson, who passed away and an art student created a mural in his honor. We could do a public dedication like this.
- Ed Figi: If these rings will be presented to these athletes, it is a great opportunity for Senators to be present and acknowledge not only
  the athletes but [possibly] also the next group from our campus being deployed. Honor your students...make it visual in this Student
  Center.
- Director Dale moved to amend the motion to read towards an artistic monument in the UC or where deemed necessary by Student Senate in the final clause and strike the rings. (Senator Abel seconded)
- Senator Abel: The mural will allow everyone on campus now and in the future to see this accomplishment.
- Chair Casper: It is terrible that this athletic body has worked so hard to bring us this championship, then we hand them a bill.
- Director Dale: You have to ask what is best for the student body as a whole.
- Ed Figi: have you thought about splitting the money? Then, the alumni could pay half while you pay half.
- \*\*Hand vote: amendment fails
- Back to original motion
- \*\*Hand vote: motion passed

# X. NEW BUSINESS

# SS0809056

Whereas, UWRF has no multi-cultural or diversity center,

Whereas students have shown concern for looking into the possibility a multi-cultural and/or diversity center,

Whereas a multi-cultural and/or diversity center is very vague,

Therefore be it resolved, that the UWRF Student Senate create a task force to investigate the possibility of developing a multi-cultural and/or diversity center,

Be it further resolved that this committee consist of Alexis Pineda, Dustin Pfundheller, Lauren Evans, Hleeda Her, Hassan Ali, and three faculty and/or professional staff.

Moved by: Dustin Pfundheller Seconded by: Alexis Pineda

- Shared Gov gave waved their power on this motion. These members were not passed by Shared Gov.
- Director Pfundheller has met with a lot of faculty and administration that agree this task force should be happening.
- Director Halverson moved to table the motion (Senator Witte seconded)
- \*\*Tabling did not pass
- \*\*Motion passed

### SS0809057

Whereas the students and UWRF parking have not been able to come to agreement on the parking issue behind Hathorn,

Whereas Hathorn has no free 20 minute parking zone,

Whereas Hathorn has 4 metered spots that are all on the west end of the parking lot which are rarely used,

Therefore be it resolved that two meters be moved to the east side of the parking lot,

Be it further resolved that the meters not cost any money but just be button operated.

Moved by: Dustin Pfundheller Seconded by: Alexis Pineda

- Senator Okan moved to strike (Director Halvorson seconded)
- \*\*Motion struck

#### SS0809058

Whereas, there are positions open on Leadership Development and Programming Board Committees,

Whereas, there are students interested these committees,

Whereas, the following students have applied for the committees,

# **Leadership Development and Service Committee**

Rebecca Peine Jenifer Biss

# **Diversity Awareness Committee**

Alexandra Jochim Mark Randall

## **Student Entertainment and Arts Committee**

Elizabeth Oswood Kevin Rockwood Mallory Schultz Chris Keller Laura Hanson Kaylyn Hum

Dedra Hellenbrand

Alyssa Peoples

# **Recreational Activities Committee**

Jordan Thompson

# **Campus Media Committee**

Adam Lee **Bradley Brookins** Nathan Piotrowski

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

Moved by: Director Deick Seconded by: Senator Derosa

Director Dale moved to table (Chair Brock seconded)

### \*\*motion tabled

#### SS0809059

Whereas, there are positions open on Facilities and Fees committees,

Whereas, there are students interested in these committees,

Whereas, the following students have applied for the following committees,

# **Dining Services Advisory**

Laura Reimann Tom Lengyel Lauren Evans

# **Residential Living**

Adam Sibenaller Adam Gjelhaug Tiffany Cichon Kyle Goham Holly Clapper Megan Hyland Kayla Berger Mallory Swansen

# **Student Health Advisory**

Cortney Holum

#### **Textbook Services**

Briana Jones Carrie Bender Stephanie Webseter Meredith Junker Kayla Ellingworth

### **University Centers**

Tom Lengyel Heidi Sirek Cindy Bendix Meghan Moynihan Andrea Gerber Mark Barnard Melissa Beyer

Therefore, be it resolved, that the student members be appointed to the committees as mentioned in this motion.

Moved by: Director Deick Seconded by: Senator Okan

- Director Evans moved to strike her own name from motion
- \*\*passed
- \*\*motion passed as amended

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 1000 dollars for a transitional retreat in Madison and:

Therefore, be it resolved that the spring 2009 executive board attend this retreat and;

Therefore, be it finally resolved that Student Senate strongly urge the retiring members of the fall 2008 executive board attend this retreat.

Moved by: Senator Witte Seconded by: President Bendix Approved by: Finance Committee Approved by: Executive Board

- Senator Witte: There is a lot of turn over at semester. This retreat will go to Madison. This will give us an opportunity to train each other. We will also meet with legislators and have a capital tour.
- \*\*Motion passed
- XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Dale: "If you have appreciated working with a Senator who will no longer be with us next semester, let them know that. They will appreciate it."
- XII. ADJOURNMENT moved by Chair Casper (seconded by Director Dale) 9:05pm

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center