MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, January 27th, 2009
Willow River Room of the University Center

I. CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting called to order January 27th at 7:00p.m.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
President Bendix, Vice President Casper, Director Deick, Director Okan, Director Dale, Co-Director Evens, Co-Director Pineda, Director Pfundheller, Chair Witte, Chair Hasselquist, Senator Halverson, Senator DeRosa, Senator VanPutten, Senator Rutledge, Senator Harshman, Brandon Kesler

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

V. GUEST SPEAKER:

VI. OPEN FORUM

VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR – Sara Deick
Any changes in committee please contact Director Deick as soon as possible.
Director Deick will be contacting everyone about Faculty Senate Committees.
Tech Council meeting February 13th.
Falcon Fife was updated over J-Term.

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Patrick Okan
Meetings will be held at 6:00p.m. on Mondays.

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR –Matt Dale
Meeting for Chapter 17 and 18 will be held later this week.
Director Dale and three other people will be going to Green Bay for a Conference on February 28th
Presidents Day debate will be held on February 16th.

4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Dustin Pfundheller
Motion on the agenda for the Student Savings Club.
Need to find people to fill finance committee.

5. DIVERSITY ISSUES/WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR – Lauren Evans
Trying to find a time to meet, and also needs to fill the committee.

6. DIVERSITY ISSUES/WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR – Alexis Pineda

7. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR – Craig Witte
Have a appointment motion on the agenda to fill ethics committee.

B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Joshua Brock
Vice Chair, Brandon Kesler filled in for chair Brock.
Welcome back week is this week.
We are currently in week six of the budget process.
Roughly $700,000 was requested, and LD&PB has $350,000 to allocate so lots of cuts need to be made.
A motion for the video recorder will be coming up hopefully next week.

C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Krista Hasselquist
Budget is also in progress for next year.
Looking into a possible give back of funds to the state.
Looking into budget cuts to alleviate the burden for students.

D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Gregg Heinselman
The new chancellor Dr. Dean Van Gallen came to the university to meet with students over J-Term
The new chancellor will be starting June 1st, and chancellor Connie Foster will be retiring as well on that date.
The Provost search and screen committee is also in progress.

E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Benjamin Casper

Office hours are due Febuary 10th at 4:00p.m.

Spring elections committee will need to be filled in a couple of weeks.

F. PRESIDENT REPORT- Cindy Bendix

SUFAC Summit is this weekend

President Bendix has been invited to the Board of Regents for a dinner,

Thank you to all the people that participated at the involvement fair…It went well.

The event with Tim Mahoney will be at 8:30p.m. on January 28th. Student Senate is serving mocktails at the event until 11:00p.m.

Training will be at 6:00p.m. before the meeting next week. Attendance is required for all senators.

VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Senate- Discussed budget issues for the university, and possible program cuts.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

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 & Services Committee
Jenifer Biss
Rebecca Peine

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

A motion for a five minute recess was made for Shared Governance to discuss Jenifer Biss and Rebecca Peine being added to the Leadership Development & Services Committee made by Director Dale Seconded by Senator Halverson.

Motion Passed

Recess at 6:32p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:37p.m.

Shared Governance added Jenifer Biss and Rebecca Peine to the Leadership Development & Services Committee.

Motion Passed

X. NEW BUSINESS:

SS0809061
Whereas, student senate by-laws state that student senate have a nontraditional representative;

Whereas, Peter Wetzel is interested and seems well qualified for the position;

Therefore, be it resolved that Peter Wetzel be appointed as the nontraditional representative;

Therefore, be it also resolved that this appointment is effective immediately.

Moved by: Vice President Casper
Seconded by: President Bendix

Motion Passed

SS0809062
Whereas, student senate by-laws state that we need ~~seven at-large senators~~ a first-year senator;

~~Whereas, student senate currently has three open at-large positions;~~

Whereas, Ryan Pfundheller is interested and seems well qualified;

Whereas, Alexis Pineda is in the College of Business and Economics

Therefore, be it resolved that Ryan Pfundheller be appointed as ~~at-large~~ first-year senator;

Therefore, be it also resolved that Alexis Pineda be appointed the Business and Economics Representative;

Therefore, be it also resolved that these appointments are effective immediately.

Moved by: Vice President Casper
Seconded by: President Bendix

Senator Pineda moved to amend the motion.
Seconded by Senator Halverson

Amendment Passes

Motion Passed as amended

SS0809063
Whereas, student senate by-laws state that we need seven at-large senators;

Whereas, student senate currently has three open at-large positions;

Whereas, Alexander Nelson is interested and seems well qualified;

Therefore, be it resolved that Alexander Nelson be appointed as at-large senator;

Therefore, be it also resolved that these appointments are effective immediately.

Moved by: Vice President Casper
Seconded by: President Bendix

Motion Passed

SS0809064
Whereas, student senate by-laws state that we need seven at-large senators;

Whereas, student senate currently has three open at-large positions;

Whereas, Kayla Godes is interested and seems well qualified;

Therefore, be it resolved that Kayla Godes be appointed as at-large senator;

Therefore, be it also resolved that these appointments are effective immediately.

Moved by: Vice President Casper
Seconded by: President Bendix

Motion Passed

SS0809065
Whereas, student senate by-laws state that we need a Greek Representative;

Whereas, student senate currently has an open Greek Representative position;

Whereas, Aaron Taylor is interested and seems well qualified;

Therefore, be it resolved that Aaron Taylor be appointed as Greek Representative;

Therefore, be it also resolved that this appointment is effective immediately.

Moved by: Vice President Casper
Seconded by: President Bendix

Motion Passed

SS0809066
Whereas, there is currently a vacancy on the Ethics Committee and;

Whereas, Ben Casper has shown interest in the position and seems well qualified;

Therefore be it resolved, that Ben Casper be appointed to the Ethics Committee.

Moved by: Chair Witte
Seconded by: President Bendix

Motion Passed

Introduction Only-SS0809067
Whereas, we currently have a student's savings club started by senate;

Whereas, with the economy not doing well students need all of the help they can get financially;

Whereas, most students do not know that these discounts exist or where they can all use these discounts;

Whereas, the student savings club will have businesses put up signs saying that they are a part of this;

Whereas, they have a new list of better discounts from local businesses;

Therefore be it resolved, senate put 1500 dollars towards the new discounts;

Be it further resolved, finance committee work on the advertising of this program on campus.

Moved by: Director Pfundheller
Seconded by: President Bendix
Approved by Finance

Director Pfundheller: Students are not very aware, and that door stickers at the participating businesses would raise the awareness.

President Bendix: The $1500 is for the whole package.

Gregg Heinselman: Could you look into getting a card for the students to place in their wallets?

Senator DeRosa: I think that would be a good idea, it would allow the student to see what businesses were participating.

Introduction Only – SS0809068

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

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

Be it resolved, the Student Association Student Senate approve up to $200 (probably will not use all the money) for the purchase of business cards.

Moved by: Vice President Casper
Seconded by: Director Dale
Approved by: Finance Committee

Introduction Only - SS0809069

Whereas, the current budgetary crisis for the State of Wisconsin brings with it an intense concern that tuition may be greatly increased in the next biennium:

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin- Green Bay is hosting a summit on February 28, 2009 to allow students a chance to collaborate a strategy to lobby for a more reasonable tuition rate;

Whereas, such an opportunity will greatly increase the chances of a successfully lobby against an unreasonably large tuition increase;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate allocate

~~$803~~ $783 to facilitate a delegation of five students to the Green Bay summit.

Breakdown of Expenses

Two Hotel Rooms- *$198*

Food (Five People, two breakfasts [$7 per meal], two lunches [$10 per meal], two dinners [~~$17~~ 15per meal] - ~~*$340*~~ $320)

One University Vehicle - $.32 per mile, 520 mile round trip - *$165*

Gas - *$100* (entire sum may not be needed)

Total- ~~$803~~ $783

Moved by: Director Dale

Seconded by: President Bendix

Pending finance approval

Director Dale: We are going to lobby against tuition increases.

Director Pfundheller moved to amend the amount for dinning from $17 to $15

Seconded by Senator Pfhudheller

Director Dale: We should be fine with only $15 dollars for dinner.

Amendment Passed

Introduction Only - SS0809070
Whereas, the Board of Regents is having their annual dinner with the Student Senate Presidents;

Whereas, this is a great opportunity for us learn more about the budget crisis and other problems going on in the UW System;

Therefore be it resolved, that we send President Bendix to the Board of Regents meeting February 5-6;

Be it further resolved that we allocate ~~600~~ $300 dollars towards this.

Moved by: Vice President Casper
Seconded by: President Bendix
Pending Finance Approval

Vice President Casper moved to amend the motion to say $300 instead of $600.
Seconded by Director Dale
Amendment Passed
Director Dale: I would like a breakdown of expenses.

SS0809071
Whereas, Student Senate attends a lot of conferences;

Whereas, Student Senate sends a lot of students to conferences;

Whereas, we work on a budget and we are in a budget crisis;

Whereas, travel is being limited in the UW System;

Therefore be it resolved, that we limit how many people we are willing to send on to a conference or to travel somewhere;

Be it further resolved, we only pay to send up to seven people on a trip.

Moved by: Vice President Casper
Seconded by: President Bendix

Director Dale: This motion will not carry any weight unless it is a by-law revision.

Gregg Heinselman: I would have to agree with Director Dale it will not have any weight unless there is a by-law revision made.

Chair Hasselquist moved to table the motion.

Seconded by Director Dale.

Motion tabled

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Director Dale: There will be a care package motion next week for the troops that left campus.
Eduardo Figi: It is important that we acknowledge the students that have left to fight for our country.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Senator Halverson moved to adjourn the meeting
Seconded by Director Dale
Motion Passed
Meeting adjourned at 8:32p.m.

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Cente