MINUTES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN RIVER FALLS,
STUDENT SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, FOR FEBRUARY 10TH, 2009

Call meeting to order:

Meeting was called to at 6:20pm February 10th, 2009

Roll of members:

President Bendix, Vice President, Director Deick, Director Okan, Director Dale, Director Evans, Director Pineda, Director Pfundheller, Chair Witte, Chair Brock, Chair Hasselquist

Guests: John Levendoski and Gregg Heinselman

Chair Witte- I would like to hear what John has to say… I would like to hear his side of the story.

John- There is a possibility of an idea of a Programming board.

- Students were not involved enough in the process of formulating the idea of possibly having a programming board.
- LDPB asked John, Amy, and Karin to work on formulating a plan over J-Term.
- This process has been going on for a while now.

Chair Witte- How can we talk about a change in programming without changing LDPB

Levendoski - LDPB tasked me with getting it started, and bring back a mildly formulated idea at the start of the Spring Semester.

Heinselman - This is not a program…all it is , is an idea. Senate is solely responsible for LD&PB, so this is Senates oversight if they are not holding LD&PB to the required standards. Taking minutes is part of the process. So this is Senates oversight.

Director Deick- Why haven't I heard about this before.

-You state that this has been going on for a while.

- I also feel that this stipend is way too high.

Levendoski- This is the amount that is paid to current student workers.

- I admit that we may not have had enough student involvement in the building of this process.

Director Deick- So what your saying is that something got lost somewhere between when they had you start the process and now.

President Bendix- The reason we are in the position we are in is because Chair Brock came to senate with a concern that is why we are where we are.

Director Dale- We need to get on the same page.

- We can all agree that we need more student involvement.

Levendoski- The reason I did not inform Chair Brock was because I needed him to be focusing on the budget.

- Where we are right now it would only distract from what we need to be working on right now.
- It is very unfortunate that there were not better minutes taken.

Chair Witte- I feel student should have been involved from the start.

Levendoski- I agree

Heinselman- I don't understand what Senate determines what is involvement and what isn't.

-Mike Defhanbaugh and Mike Pearson were meeting addressing this idea the whole time.

President Bendix- Who initiated the process?

Heinselman- I initiated the process.

- Would you like us to just set by and be passive until we are approached?

Director Dale- I don't think advisors should be passive, just please keep students informed.

Levendoski-What does senate need…?

Heinselman- I think that I will walk away from Senate.

- I think that I will step down as the Student Senate advisor.

President Bendix-I was approached in Madison, and I was advised to have John removed as advisor.

- The chancellor encouraged me to approach Gregg, and find out what is going on.
- I am not trying to target John, and I think that by putting Amy and Karen on the memo proved that.
- I am disappointed in you Gregg.

Chair Hasselquist- Advisors bring the info to students. That is their job.

Levendoski- I admit there were oversights on my part.

Chair Brock- I hope that we can get passed this.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm