Student Association Student Senate Finance Committee
Membership:
Jason Meier (Director), Matt Dale (Senator), Aaron Taylor (Student), Matt McMillan (Student)

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
4 pm, September 19, 2008
Student Senate Office, University Center

1. Compliance with the Open Meeting Law

2. Roll Call of Members and Guests

   a. Members Present: Jason Meier, Matt Dale, Aaron Taylor
   b. Members Absent: Matt McMillan
   c. Guests Present: Sara Deick, Craig Witte, Cindy Bendix

3. Approval of Minutes

   a. Approved without objection

4. Discussion of the fall Student Senate election funding motion and a vote on the motion.

"SS0809010

Whereas, the Student Senate Fall Elections are the 23rd and 24th of September and;

Whereas, advertising for these elections is very crucial to increasing turnout and;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Senate allocates $75.50 to advertising in the form of:

$63- 1/2 page black and white newspaper ad in UWRF Student Voice

$12.50- 25 posters for dorms and academic buildings.

Moved by: Director Halverson
Seconded by: Director Deick
Pending Approval by the Finance Committee"

   a. Former Election Committee Chair Craig Witte points out that the by-laws mandate that the Student Senate is to follow an elections timeline, and is required to do advertising in the Student Voice and elsewhere.
   b. The motion is approved by a 3-0 vote.

5. Discussion of Board of Regents trip (of President Bendix and Director Dale) funding motion and a vote on the motion:

"SS0809011

Whereas, the Board of Regents has monthly meetings regarding new policies, programs, and budgets for the UW system and;

Whereas, they are discussing chapters 17+18 at this upcoming meeting on October 2nd and;

Whereas, the students at River Falls are concerned at the outcome of the revisions to Chapter 17+18and;

Whereas, it would be favorable if UW-River Falls sends a delegation to the remaining two meeting this year,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Senate allocate up to 350 dollars for gas, food and lodging to attend these meetings.

Moved by: Director Dale
Seconded by: President Bendix
Pending Approval by the Finance Committee"

a. It's agreed that the motion is fairly straightforward and that it had already been discussed at length at the most recent meeting of Student Senate.
b. The motion is approved by a 2-0-1 vote (with Matt Dale abstaining).

6. The future of Family Day (with a particular focus on funding)

a. Other committees (aside from Senate) could take on the funding of it (i.e. Differential Tuition, Leadership Development and Programming Board, or Facilities and Fees). Director Meier points out that Senate could conceivably create an additional, allocable, segregated fee to fund it. Senate would retain the right to raise or lower it in the future that way, and FYE would retain responsibility for putting on the event.
b. There is word that the University sees value in it and is considering take it on.
c. On that note, kind of a wait and see right now. Funds were also just approved by Senate, taking care of this year.

7. Additional and Miscellaneous Items

a. Student Senate President Cindy Bendix would like Finance to start thinking about what to do with Rodli, as it is essentially a student-owned building that is just sitting there unoccupied. Possibly consider remodeling it and housing Student Senate and other student organizations there.
b. Adjournment at 4:25.