AGENDA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, October 27th, 2009, 7:00pm
Willow River Room of the University Center

I. CALL TO ORDER: @ 7:03PM by President Brock.
II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Senator Harshman was late-entered at 7:07PM. Senator Peterson was absent.
III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS: Craig Witte
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- Amendment made by Director Monson, Seconded by Chair Okan, spelling of Monson and changing over to over. Minutes approved. Moved by Chair Okan, and Seconded by Director Monson. All approved.

V. OPEN FORUM:
- Cindy Bendix spoke on the conditions of her termination as AFAB Chair.
- Craig Witte also spoke on the conditions of her termination as AFAB Chair.

VI. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:
1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR- Beth DeLong
- Motion pending tonight, there are still openings for faculty senate committees.

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES DIRECTOR- Kayla Godes
- SAAS meeting tonight after the meeting. Attend if you can.

3. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES DIRECTOR- Alex Nelson
- Had a meeting last week. Still looking for one member.
- Talked about a few different things to do. Ex: Judge election in the spring, etc.

4. DIVERSITY INITATIVES DIRECTOR- Brent Hopkins
- Did not have a meeting this week
- No specifics to report.

5. WOMEN AND GENDER INITIATIVES DIRECTOR-Lee Monson
- Currently in the process of member recruitment for his committee.

6. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR- Katy Van Putten
- Ethics met last night, and it was decided that the President does not have the power terminate.
  -President moved for a five minute caucus at 7:15PM at the request of Chair Van Putten to discuss voting rights of the two AFAB Chairs. Called back to order by President Brock at 7:20PM. It was decided that Chair Halverson would be voting tonight.

B. ALLOCABLE FEE APROPRIATIONS BOARD CHAIR- Tyler Halverson
- Planning org training for next week on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Monday there will be forum that will discuss the funding process of AFAB.

C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR-Patrick Okan
- F&F has not met yet, so there is nothing to report due to difficulties in contacting the Chairs of his committee.

D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Paul Shepherd
- Things being done in response to the race-based threat in the library include a poster to write reactions to the threat, additional posters will be added throughout the week, a button campaign will be held on Monday, a Facebook group is encouraging people to wear red on Monday to support diversity and the students that are feeling attacked right now.
- If senators still have questions about Orgsync I would love to answer them.

E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Daniel Scott
- Office Hours are due this Friday October 30th by U.C. close.

F. PRESIDENT REPORT- Joshua Brock
- By this Saturday we need to register for the student reps meeting in Platteville, let me know if you are interested.
- No Executive Board Meeting this Thursday, it will be Tuesday next week at 6:00PM.

VII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

Whereas, there are multiple interpretations of a very integral portion of the Student Senate By-laws;
Therefore, be it resolved, that the Student Senate By-laws be revised as follows:

ARTICLE I. Membership

Section E

The Facilities and Fees Board Chair and the Allocable Fee Appropriation Board Chair are appointed by the Student Senate President subject to the approval of the Student Senate. Both positions will be voting members *and officers* of the Student Association Student Senate.

ARTICLE V. General Officer Duties

Section A.

Officers of the Student Association Student Senate shall be the: President, Vice President, Shared Governance Director, Student Affairs and Academic Services Director, Legislative Affairs Director, Diversity Initiatives Director, Women and Gender Initiatives Director, ~~and~~ Parliamentarian & Ethics Chair~~.~~, *Allocable Fee Appropriation Board Chair, and Facilities and Fees Board Chair.*

Section D.

The Student Association Student Senate President's line of succession for absence in office and passing the gavel at Student Association Student Senate meetings will be:

1. Vice President
2. Shared Governance Director
3. Student Affairs and Academic Services Director
4. Legislative Affairs Director
5. Diversity Initiatives Director
6. Women and Gender Initiatives Director
7. Parliamentarian & Ethics Chair
8. *Allocable Fee Appropriation Board Chair*
9. *Facilities and Fees Board Chair*
10. Other non-officer Student Senators based on longevity as a Student Senator.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that these changes take effect immediately.

Therefore, be it finally resolved, that passage of these revisions of the by-laws shall have effect only on incidents that result after the passage of such revisions, and that incidents which occurred before revision shall be bound and governed by the by-laws as previously written (September 23rd, 2009 version).

Moved by Chair Okan
Seconded by
Approved by the Executive Committee

- Motion to caucus by Chair Halverson and seconded by Chair Okan at 7:35PM until SS-09-10-019 is approved or disapproved. Called by to order by President Brock at 7:38PM.
- Motion approved by all.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

SS-09-10-024

Whereas, a meal plan is required for students living on campus their first two years;

Whereas, the current dining options offered by Sodexo have little to no vegetarian, kosher, or halal options;

Whereas, there are students who are required to have meal plans who are vegetarian, kosher, or halal;

Whereas, these students are forced to pay for a meal plan they may not be able to utilize;

Therefore, be it resolved that Student Senate task the Dining Services Advisory Committee (DSAC) of the Facilities and Fees Board with researching implementing a vegetarian, kosher, or halal options;

Therefore, be it further resolved that DSAC report back to Student Senate with progress on this issue.

Moved by: President Brock
Seconded by: Director Nelson

- Motion to amend by Director Hopkins, Seconded by Chair Halverson. Approved: 10-yes, 2-No, 1-abstention. Amendment displayed in red.
- Motion passes. 13-yes, 2-No.

SS-09-10-025
Introduction Only

Whereas, any allocation of money from the Shared Governance Account is an important decision,

Whereas, this important decision may require time to consider all aspects of the benefits and the costs of what is to be funded,

Whereas, enacting an "introductory only" status to the request would be a practice that will provide more time to consider the request, and so long as the funding request is submitted in a timely manner, carry no adverse consequences,

Whereas, without this precedent in place and assuming that the agenda comes out two full days before the meeting, the maximum amount of time to consider the request before a vote is two full days, which may leave those members with an inadequate amount of time to fully consider the benefits and costs of the request,

Whereas, it is acknowledged that sometimes this introductory status is not always obtainable due to various reasons, and an "escape" clause should be included,

Therefore, be it resolved that the following By-Law changes be implemented immediately:

ARTICLE V. Finance
Section A. Shared Governance Account

1. The Shared Governance Account has been established to provide financial support for the administrative office and functions of the Student Association.
2. Monies collected and deposited into the Shared Governance Account will be budgeted within the following areas; advertising, consumable supplies, equipment, food, general miscellaneous, photocopying, postage, printing, recognition, staff salary, stipends, telephone, training, and travel. Other budget lines may be added as needed.
3. Any request for funding through the Shared Governance Account will require an "introductory-only" status for one week before being voted on. If the circumstances for whatever reason do not allow for this introductory status, Senate may, by a 2/3 majority vote, hear and vote on the motion.

Moved By: Senator Harshman
Seconded By: Director Godes
Pending Executive Board Approval

- Motion to amend the first whereas clause to insert reserve into it. Motioned by Chair Halverson, Seconded by Director Nelson. Amendment withdrawn by Chair Halverson.
- Motion to end discussion by Senator Kirchner, Seconded by Chair Halverson, Third by Director Nelson. Approved by all.

SS-09-10-026

Whereas, several committees are in need of official members and;

Whereas, the following names have been submitted and all are qualified;

Therefore be it resolved that the following people be appointed to their respective committees immediately.

Therefore be it finally resolved that Cindy Bendix be removed from the Parking Committee as she cannot make the meeting.

Dining Services Advisory Committee (DSAC)
Thomas Metry
Anthony Meyer
Helen Sobczynski
Cody Schaar

Jenny Harris
Brianna Klaras
Jessica Zielinski
Nathan Laska
Andrew Juranek
Kristine Berning
Vang Mintshis

General Education and University Requirements Committee

Brittany Williams

Academic and Non-Academic Staff Council's Misconduct Appeals and Hearing Committee

Cullen Peterson

Instructional Learning Technology Council

Cullen Peterson

Diversity Committee

Lee Monson

Audit and Review Committee

Lee Monson

Parking Committee

Beth DeLong

Women and Gender Initiatives

Cullen Peterson

Moved by: Director DeLong
Seconded by: Senator Kirchner

- Amendment made by Motion creator to add an additional senator to committee displayed in red.
- Amendment made by Cindy Bendix and seconded by Chair Halverson displayed in red.

SS-09-10-027
Whereas, an act of cowardice vandalism was committed in the Chalmer-Davee Library and;

Whereas this vandalism was nothing short of hateful and racist and;

Whereas UW-River Falls has always strived to create a safe, friendly and inclusive environment

Therefore, be it resolved that the UW-River Falls Student Senate officially condemns these acts and shows support for those students threatened by endorsing the "Hate is not tolerated at UWRF protest to be held on campus November 2, 2009

Therefore, be it finally resolved that the Student Senate encourage students to wear red on Monday November 2nd, 2009 to show support for those threatened by these acts

Moved by: Chair Halverson
Seconded by: Director Hopkins

- Amendments made by motion creator Chair Halverson displayed in red.
- Motion approved by all.

I. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Director Hopkins-Lights on the U.C. patio that are not functional, and that they have never been functional. Senate may want to take a more active role in things like this.
- Chair Halverson-If you have the ability to ask your professors to give you a moment to speak to your classmates and encourage them to wear red.
- Director Godes-We are making shirts, and need a head count.

II. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Chair Halverson at 8:15PM, seconded by Chair Okan. Adjourned by President Brock.

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