MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, November 17th, 2009, 7:00pm
Willow River Room of the University Center

I. CALL TO ORDER: @ 7:05PM by President Brock.
II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- Motion to approve minutes from last week. Moved by Senator Kirchner. Seconded by Director Monson. Approved. No-1, Abst.-2, all others approved. Minutes approved.
- Motion to approve meeting minutes from 11/03/09. Moved by Chair Okan. Seconded by Director Monson. No-1, All others approved. Minutes approved.

V. OPEN FORUM
VI. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:
1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR- Beth DeLong
- Committee met to discuss a possible Senate event.

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES DIRECTOR- Kayla Godes
- Contacted the University Police about a possible Safety Walk.
- Our event went well.

3. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES DIRECTOR- Alex Nelson
4. DIVERSITY INITATIVES DIRECTOR- Brent Hopkins
- A motion on the agenda to appoint Emily Smith to my committee
- Thursday at 8PM there is a poetry jam sponsored by BSU. Come and represent Student Senate.

5. WOMEN AND GENDER INITIATIVES DIRECTOR-Lee Monson
- Committee met for the first time last week.
- Motion on the agenda tonight.
- Several initiatives I am looking into.

6. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR- Katy Van Putten
- Committee met last Wednesday and had an eventful meeting.

B. ALLOCABLE FEE APROPRIATIONS BOARD CHAIR- Tyler Halverson
- Committee did not meet this week.
- Received a request for a new student organization, which will be looked at.
- New policies to be added to AFAB.

C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR-Patrick Okan
- F+F meeting this week.
- A motion on the agenda tonight that I will read all the way through.

D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Paul Shepherd
- Tonight there is an event called Speaking in Tongues, and will be going until 10PM.
- Tomorrow the Pulitzer organization will be on campus holding several events.
- I hope all of you have a safe and well deserved few days off.

E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Daniel Scott
- Office Hours are due December 4th at U.C. close.

F. PRESIDENT REPORT- Joshua Brock
- Pay attention to open meeting laws.
- Clarified what a walking quorum meant.

VII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- Chief Diversity Officer Search and Screen Committee Meeting today. Will hopefully have a COD soon.-President Brock
- Instructional Learning and Technology Committee Discussed online courses, and increasing the availability of them through educating faculty members on how to teach them.-Chair Van Putten.
- Inclusivity and Diversity Ad Hoc is meeting Thursday, and is looking for members-Chair Okan.
- Faculty Development Committee discussed proposals on budgets-Senator Kirchner

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

SS-09-10-028
Whereas, the By-Laws leave a good deal of processes and policies to the discretion of the AFAB,

Whereas, the AFAB should be consistent in what funding it approves/denies,

Whereas, the AFAB will have approved the policy paper "AFAB F3P 09-10" in its entirety by majority vote,

Therefore, be it resolved that the following changes are made in the By-Laws,

Therefore, be it finally that all pending complaints be subject to new policies laid out about this change.

<u>Allocable Fee Appropriation Board</u>
ARTICLE 4 Officers and Duties
Section E.
2. Vice Chair
a. To serve as interim Chair until the Shared Governance Committee can appoint a new chair, if the Chair vacates her/his office prematurely.
b. To preside over all official meetings of the Allocable Fee Appropriation Board in the absence of the chair.
c. Bi-weekly meetings with the chair to discuss the balances in student organizations accounts and check to see if any audits are needed at the discretion of the chair and vice chair.
d. Provide a report at the beginning of each meeting detailing how much money is left in the allocable account
ARTICLE 5 Roles and Responsibilities
Section A.
a. The Allocable Fee Appropriation Board will be responsible for all allocable fee distribution, following the budget procedure outlined in Article VII below.
b. In addition to those described in this document, the Allocable Fee Appropriation Board adhere to the procedures and processes listed in the most recent policy paper voted on by the AFAB.
ARTICLE 7 Standing Committees
Section G Ethics Committee
2. Committee Duties
a. This is a standing committee that will only meet when there is a question involving the bylaws, election processes, and/or other student government documents.
b. The committee will meet on any major questions posed by any student on a student government issue.
c. Any questions should be written to the chair, deliberated to the committee, and the chair should write the response.
d. Chair duties are to contact members and to set up any meetings needed.
e. Committee duties are to make educated decisions about controversies and questions that exist in student government documents.
f. Any appeals regarding funding of a student organization by the AFAB will first be dealt with by the appeals process outlined in the most recent policy paper of the AFAB. If student organization is still dissatisfied with outcome, the student organization may submit a complaint to the Ethics Chair as outlined above.
Therefore, be it finally that all pending complaints be subject to new policies laid out about this change.

Moved by Senator Harshman
Seconded by Chair Okan
Executive Board Approved

- Chair Halverson moved to have the Executive Board Caucus on this motion for ten minutes. Seconded by Chair Van Putten. No-1, Abst.-1, all others approved. President Brock adjourned at 7:32PM.
- Senator Harshman motioned to amend by adding an additional therefore clause. It was seconded by Director Godes.
- Motion by Chair Halverson to Caucus with the Ethics Committee for two minutes. Seconded by Director Delong. No-1, Abst.-2, all others approved. President Brock adjourned for a caucus at 7:49PM.
- Senator Harshman's amendment passes. Amendment passed. Abst-Senator Kirchner and McCoy.
- Motion approved by all.

SS-09-10-029
Whereas, any allocation of money from the Shared Governance Reserve 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 B. University Student Reserve Account

1. All allocations from the University Student Reserve Account require Student Association Student Senate approval. *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.*
2. Reserve account monies will be allocated in the following situations:
    a. An emergency basis
    b. Organizations or activities that meet requirements outlined in the Reserve Fund
    Policy Paper and approved by the Allocable Fee Appropriation Board and the Student Association Student Senate.

Moved By: Senator Harshman
Seconded By: Director Godes
Executive Board Approved.

- Amendment proposed by Chair Halverson, and seconded by Director Godes. All approved.
- Motion Passed. All approved.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

SS-09-10-031
Introduction Only
Whereas, Take Back the Night is an important event for the safety of the student population in protection against rape and assault;

Whereas, self defense is an important aspect of assault safety;

Whereas, one of Student Senate's functions is to look out for the well-being of the student body;

Whereas, Fight Back Productions is an experienced and capable teacher in the practice self defense;

Therefore, be it resolved that $3500 be allocated out of the University Student Reserve Account to bring Fight Back Productions to campus for a self defense seminar during or close to the timeframe of Take Back the Night.

Moved by: Lee Monson
Seconded by: Brittany Williams

- Amendment made by motion creator in red.

SS-09-10-032
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.

Women and Gender Initiatives
Brittany Williams
Nikki Shonoiki
Kristin Klossner

Recreation and Sport Facilities
Colleen Kopel
Andrew Hagemann
Becky Ponick
Chris Thurber

Diversity Initiatives
Emily Smith

SAAS
Remove Mathew Stec

Moved by: Director DeLong
Seconded by: Senator Kirchner
Approved by Shared Governance

- Amendment made by motion creator Director DeLong.
- Motion Passes. Abs-1, all others approved.

SS-09-10-033
Whereas, it is important that the various documents of the Student Association Student Senate be updated and revised;

Therefore, be it resolved, that Student Senate create the Document Revision Ad Hoc committee;

Therefore, be it further resolved, that the Document Revision Ad Hoc committee be responsible for drafting recommended changes to the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, Election Rules, and UWRF Implementation of 36.09(5) document;

Therefore, be it further resolved, that the committee be chaired by Patrick Okan;

Therefore, be it finally resolved, that the committee shall consist of a minimum of two and a maximum of 5 other members to be approved by Shared Governance Committee.

Moved By: Director Godes
Seconded By: Chair Okan
Shared Governance Approved.

- Amendment moved by Chair Halverson. Seconded by Director Godes. All approved. Motion passes.
- Motion passes. Abst.-1, all others approved. Motion passes.

I. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- I am looking for members to be on the Document Revision Ad-Hoc Committee. Send emails to Director DeLong-Chair Halverson
- Director DeLong and Chair Halverson are going to Applebee's after if anyone would like to join us-Chair Halverson.
- Working on a petition to the Chancellor to allow sophomores to move off-campus-Director Monson.
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II. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Okan moved to adjourn. Seconded by Chair Halverson. All approved. President Brock adjourned at 8:19PM.

There will be no Student Association Student Senate Meeting on Tuesday November 24th due to Thanksgiving Break
The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be
Tuesday, December 1st, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center.