MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, February 2nd , 2010, 7:00pm
Willow River Room of the University Center

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by President Brock at 7:00PM.
II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Senator Kirchner was late one minute.
III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS: Student: Nikki Shonoiki, United Council: Nicole Juan, Michael Moscicke
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- Minutes approved from last semester. Moved by Chair Okan. Seconded by Director Nelson. Abstention-1.
- Amendment made to the minutes from 1/26/10 minutes by Director Godes, seconded by Chair Halverson.
  -Change "VP Brock" to "VP Scott" under Chair Halverson's report.
  -Minutes approved by all.

V. OPEN FORUM
- United Council Representatives spoke on behalf of their organization, and informed on various activities occurring in the state of Wisconsin that they are a part of.
- Student Nikki Shonoiki spoke on behalf of sending a delegation to "Building Unity."
- Chair Okan moved to bring SS-09-10-042 to the floor; seconded by Chair Halverson. Unanimously approved.

VI. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:
1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR- Beth DeLong
   - Need to speak with Senator Debner, Hillskotter, and Goettl.
   - Looking into broomball pizza night.
2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES DIRECTOR- Kayla Godes
   - none
3. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES DIRECTOR- Alex Nelson
   - none
4. DIVERSITY INITATIVES DIRECTOR- Vacant
5. WOMEN AND GENDER INITIATIVES DIRECTOR-Lee Monson
   - Working to get the Fight Back Self Defense seminar on-campus.
   - Looking into a White Privilege Conference Opportunity.
6. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR- Katy Van Putten-absent

B. ALLOCABLE FEE APROPRIATIONS BOARD CHAIR- Tyler Halverson
- Expecting students for single event funding-approved one, and denied one.
- Organization Hearing are occurring this week and next week.

C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR-Patrick Okan
- F and F is meeting next Wednesday.
- Document Revision Ad Hoc needs one more member (non F and F related)
- I will be meeting with Paul tomorrow to discuss renegotiation of the Non-Allocable agreement

D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Paul Shepherd
- Looking for students to be a part of the Differential Tuition Committee.
- Tomorrow in the Falcon's Next there will be a rummage sale where all proceeds will be going to the American Red Cross, which goes to the Haite Relief Fund.

E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Daniel Scott
- Office hours are due Friday.
- Email me if you would like business cards.
- Looking for and Elections Chair, talk to me if you are interested.

F. PRESIDENT REPORT- Joshua Brock
- Oshkosh Reps meeting in a couple of weeks, looking for anyone interested.
- Exec. Boards have access to OrgSync presently.
- Dress Business Professional for the next meeting.

- President Brock called for a ten minute adjournment for AFAB business at 7:55PM. President Brock called the meeting back into session at 8:05PM.

VII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

SS-09-10-040

Whereas, it is a petulance for AFAB advisor Matthew Levine to have to request funds approved by AFAB from the Reserve Account rather than simply have complete access to them,

Whereas, the AFAB Single Event Funding Budget has currently $12,209.50 left for the semester ,

Therefore, be it resolved that $12,209.50 be transferred from the Reserve Account to the empty LDPB account for AFAB's use,

Therefore, be it finally resolved that the LDPB account name be changed to "AFAB,"

Moved by Senator Harshman
Seconded by Chair Halverson

- Amendment to motion to change the budget to the current total moved by Senator Harshman, and seconded by Chair Halverson. Unanimously approved.
- Motion was Unanimously approved.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

SS-09-10-041

Introduction Only

Whereas, Freddy Falcon is at most athletic, recruiting, and programmatic events;

Whereas, Freddy Falcon is essential to building excitement at these events for students, alumni, community members, and prospective students;
Whereas, the current Freddy Falcon costume is in decay beyond repair;

Whereas, the Department of Student Life has charge of the Freddy Falcon costume;

Whereas, the Department of Student Life has no operating budget with which to purchase a new Freddy Falcon Costume;

Whereas, when the costume is worn for multiple days in a row, it becomes difficult to manage which may result in Freddy Falcon being unavailable;

Therefore, be it resolved that Student Senate allocate up to$7,365.00 for the purchase of two Freddy Falcon costumes for the Department of Student Life;

Therefore, be it finally resolved that this $7,365.00 be allocated from the Student Senate Reserve account.

Moved by: Director DeLong
Seconded by: Chair Okan

SS-09-10-042

Whereas, there are multiple open seats on Student Senate;

Whereas, qualified and interested students have applied to fill these open seats;

First Question
Therefore, be it resolved that Rodney Hillskotter be appointed as the Non-Traditional Representative;

- Unanimously approved by all.

Second Question
Therefore, be it resolved that Ashley Goettl be appointed as a First Year Senator.

- Unanimously approved.

Third Question
Therefore, be it resolved that Richard Simone/Kuzivakwashe Nzara be appointed as an At-Large Senator.

- Motion to postpone this motion for one week due to a lack of executive board approval moved by President Brock, and seconded by Chair Okan. Unanimously Approved.

Moved By: President Brock
Seconded by: Vice President Scott
Executive Board Approved

- Amendment made by motion creator before discussion displayed in red.
- President Brock decided to split the question into three separate questions.

SS-09-10-043

Introduction Only

Whereas, the Veteran Programs Office has selected a student for the Military Representative position on Student Senate;

Whereas, under the current UW-River Falls Student Association Elections Rules, the Military Representative position is to be elected by members of the military enrolled at the university;

Whereas, the Veteran Programs Office has supported a method by which the Military Representative is appointed instead of elected;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Student Senate support the method of appointing a military representatives to the Military Representative seat on Senate;

Therefore, be it further resolved, that the Elections Rules be immediately revised as follows:

ARTICLE 2: Definitions

Section I. Military Representative

1. A student who is or has been in service for the United States military and was not dishonorably discharged from the service. ~~Students who are or were active service members in the United States Military may vote for this representative.~~ *The students within the* Veteran Programs Office *shall choose the Military Representative.*

Moved by Chair Okan
Seconded by President Brock

SS-09-10-044

Whereas, the Student Representatives for the UW System have voted to absorb and take over executive management of United Council;

Whereas, this move would mandate that all UW system schools, including UW-River Falls, would become members of United Council, with no possible avenue of exit;

Whereas, joining United Council would force each student at UW-River Falls to pay a $3 “Mandatory Refundable Fee;”

Whereas, it is unlikely that many students will be aware or that they will be made aware of the existence of a fee or be made aware of the ability to request a refund of that fee;

Whereas, in the past, students at UW schools including UW-River Falls have been able to vote on a referendum to determine whether a school will join United Council;

Whereas, the Student Representative's plan would eliminate student referendum approval, thereby eliminating an opportunity for students at UW-River Falls to voice general approval or disapproval of United Council, as well as the Mandatory Refundable Fee;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate officially opposes the Student Representatives proposal to take control of United Council, and to force all UW system schools to become members of United Council and pay the Mandatory Refundable Fee;

Therefore, be it further resolved, that this motion does not seek to approve or disapprove of the existence or work of United Council, nor does it seek to show any approval or disapproval towards any proposal for the University of Wisconsin–River Falls to join United Council;

Therefore, be it finally resolved, that this motion be forwarded to Chancellor Dean Van Galen, Provost Fernando Delgado, Gregg Heinselman, UW System President Kevin Reilly, the UW System Board of Regents, and Cynthia Graham.

Moved by Chair Okan
Seconded by Chair Halverson

- Motion to withdraw the motion made by Chair Okan; seconded by Director Nelson. Yes-12, No-3. Motion to withdraw approved.

SS-09-10-045

Introduction Only

Whereas, the Commissioned Composer Project is an annual event at UWRF and;

Whereas, UWRF is the only university in the United States with such a program and;

Whereas, this program has been active since 1967 and;

Whereas, the year 2010 features Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Colgrass and,

Whereas, Mr. Colgrass has offered to do an additional seminar available to all students and;

Whereas, the cost for the additional seminar would exceed the annual allocation that this project received from LDPB,

Therefore, be it resolved that the UWRF Student Senate allocates $500 for this seminar;

Be it further resolved, that this $500 comes from the reserve account;

Be it finally resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Casey Palbicki (President of the Commissioned Composer Project) and Dr. Patti Cudd (Faculty Advisor of the Commissioned Composer Project).

Moved By: Chair Halverson
Seconded By: Director DeLong

- President Brock called Chair Okan out of order. Chair Okan moved to appeal, Chair Halverson Seconded the appeal. Appeal Failed. Yes-3, No-8, Abstention-4.

SS-09-10-046

Introduction Only

Whereas, white privilege is a problem found to be quite rampant in everyday life and society;

Whereas, there is a White Privilege Conference to be held for the benefit of discouraging white privilege;

Whereas, discouraging white privilege is concurrent with UWRF's mission statement;

Whereas, UWRF's student leadership could greatly benefit from the knowledge this conference has to offer;

Whereas, the conference would cost $250 per student to attend;

Whereas, five students seems to be an optimal number for attendance;

Whereas, there is approximately $100,000 in the Student Senate Reserve Account;

Whereas, the Diversity Committee chair is presently vacant;

Therefore, be it resolved that $1250 be allocated out of the Student Senate Reserve Account to fund sending five students to the White Privilege Conference;

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Women and Gender Initiatives Committee act as a screening committee for potential applicants to attend the conference.

Moved by: Director Monson
Seconded by: President Brock

- Motion to strike the fifth whereas clause moved by Director Godes, and seconded by Chair Halverson. Unanimously approved.

I. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Remember to maintain a level of professionalism-Director Godes and President Brock.

II. ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion to adjourn made by Chair Okan, seconded by Chair Halverson. Unanimously approved.
- President Brock adjourned the meeting at 8:46PM.

The next meeting for the Student Association Student Senate will be
Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center.