AGENDA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, November 11th, 2008
Willow River Room of the University Center

I. CALL TO ORDER:
II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
V. GUEST SPEAKER:
VI. OPEN FORUM
**During open forum, Senators' ideas and suggestions will be sent to committee.
VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:
1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR – Sara Deick
2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Jordan Harshman
3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR –Matt Dale
4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Ben Casper
5. DIVERSITY ISSUES/WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR – Nikki Shonoiki
6. DIVERSITY ISSUES/WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR – vacant
7. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR – Ben Casper

B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Rebecca Peine
C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Krista Hasselquist
D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Gregg Heinselman
E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Casie Kelley
F. PRESIDENT REPORT- Cindy Bendix

VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

SS0809035
Whereas, the Student Affairs and Academic Services Committee puts out a survey annually and,

Whereas, the results from said survey are vital for the Student Senate to understand the needs of their constituents, and

Whereas, a higher turnout on the survey would increase the Student Senate's awareness, and

Whereas, adequate advertisement is necessary in order to increase turnout, therefore

Be it resolved, the Student Senate allocates $30 for supplies to advertise the student survey.

Moved by: Director Halverson
Seconded by: Senator Harshman
Approved by: Finance Committee

SS0809036
Whereas, student senate executive committee has been in the need of F&F and LD&PB chairs information and input at a committee meeting,

Whereas, having these chairs at an executive meeting would improve communication with in senate and its committees,

Whereas, the By-Laws do not state that F&F and LD&PB are required to be at an executive meeting there for,

Be it resolved, that this By-Law revision be implemented by student senate as of Spring semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

ARTICLE VI Standing Committees

Section A.

Executive Committee:

1. Membership

a) The committee will consist of all Student Association Student Senate Directors, the Parliamentarian and Ethics Chair, *the Leadership Development & Programming Board Chair, the Facilities and Fees Chair* the Vice President, and the President.

2. Committee Duties

a) To generally advise the Student Association Student Senate and Student Association.

b) To coordinate the work of the Student Association Student Senate.

c) To orient and educate new Student Association Student Senators as to their responsibilities.

d) To recommend to the Student Association Student Senate a summer senator if the elected Student Association Student Senate President is not able to fulfill the duties of the summer senator.

e) To set goals for the Student Association Student Senate operations.

Moved by: Chair Casper
Seconded by: Director Halverson
Approved by: Executive Committee

X. NEW BUSINESS

SS0809041—INTRODUCTORY ONLY
Whereas, it is stated in the bylaws that Student Senate hold a Student Association Meeting every semester,

Whereas, in the past there has been food and advertisement for the meeting,

Be it therefore resolved that the Student Senate hold a Student Association Meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd,

Be it further resolved that Student Senate allocate 100 dollars towards the advertisement and food for this event.

Moved by: Senator Okan
Seconded by: Director Deick
Pending Finance Approval

SS0809042—INTRODUCTORY ONLY
Whereas, the student senate president does not have currently have the power to demerit based on attendance,

Whereas, ethics committee feels that the Student Senate President should have the power to demerit therefore,

Be it resolved, that the by-law revisions in this motion be adopted by the Shared Governance Association effective immediately.

Moved by: Chair Casper
Seconded by: Matt Dale
Approved by: Ethics Committee
Approved by: Executive Committee

ARTICLE IX Attendance

Section A.

Attendance at all Student Association Student Senate meetings, attendance

at committee meetings, and service of office hours is mandatory. In order to encourage members to attend meetings and serve office hours a demerit point system has been established. Demerit points accumulate each semester and do not carry over from semester to semester. Demerit points are given on the following basis:

1. Senate meeting unexcused absence = 4 points
2. Senate meeting unexcused tardy or unexcused leaving early = 2 points
3. Senate committee meeting unexcused absence = 2 points
4. Senate committee meeting unexcused tardy or unexcused leaving early = 1 point
5. Not serving the required office hours within a two week period = 1 point for every two hours.

Student Senators shall be notified in writing by the Vice President, within one week (including dates and points), each time they receive demerit points. Ex-officio members of the Senate are not required to serve Senate Office hours.

6. Each senate meeting missed after the two excused absences will thus be considered an unexcused absence, subject to 4 demerit points.

Section B.

Student Association Student Senators who accumulate demerit points will be able to gain one point back per five office hours over and above their required office hours.

Section C.

Student Association Student Senators who accumulate 6 points in one semester will be given a written warning. Student Association Student Senators who accumulate 10 points in one semester will be automatically removed. It is the duty of the Vice President to automatically remove Student Association Student Senators who accumulate 10 or more points.

The Vice President will include notice of the automatic removal in his/her weekly report to the Student Association Student Senate. The Student

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Section D.

Upon the request of a Student Association Student Senator or Student Association Student Senate ex-officio member, and with the approval of the Student Association Student Senate, a leave of absence may be granted on a temporary basis. The leave of absence may not exceed one month. The Student Association Student Senator or Student Association Student Senate ex-officio member will not receive a stipend nor have voting privileges on the Student Association Student Senate or its committees during the leave of absence.

Section E.

If a Student Association Student Senator or Student Association Student Senate ex-officio member is not able to attend a meeting or if a Senator is not able to fulfill her/his office hours, he/she must notify the Vice President. The Vice President will determine if the absence will be excused or unexcused. The following reasons will be accepted as excused absences, and the Student Association Student Senate President will deal with any other reason:

- Death in a family or of a close friend
- Illness
- A required academic commitment provided that adequate notice is given
- An emergency

Section F.

No committee member shall be required to wait more than ten minutes past the meeting time if the chairperson or designee is not in attendance. If the chairperson shows up more than ten minutes late and the committee members have already left, the chairperson will receive 2 demerit points for an absence, unless deemed excused by the Vice President, or the Student Association Student Senate.

Section G.

The President has the power to give demerits to the Vice President based on Article IX section A of this document. Student senate President and Vice President cannot make up office hours do to the nature of work that is required of the positions.

SS0809043
Whereas, revisions to UWS Chapter XVII and Chapter XVIII are likely to pass in the Spring Semester of 2009;

Whereas, the proposed revisions, if passed, will take effect at the beginning of Fall Semester 2009;

Whereas, the proposed revisions were intentionally created in such a fashion as to be open to a wide level of interpretation at the individual campus level;

Whereas, both the students and the administration have an interest in drafting a specific implementation strategy for the University of Wisconsin-River Falls concerning Chapters XVII and XVIII

Therefore, be it resolved that a Student Association Student Senate Ad-hoc committee be created to devise an implementation strategy for the revisions to UWS Chapters XVII and XVIII:

Be it further resolved that the ad hoc committee consist of three students, three non students, and a student chair as previously agreed to by Interim Chancellor Foster:

Be it further resolved that the non student members of this ad hoc committee be appointed by Interim Chancellor Foster:

Be it further resolved that Tom Friant, Matthew Dale, and Craig Witte be appointed as three of the four student members of the ad hoc committee due to their prior experience with the proposed revisions to UWS Chapters XVII and XVIII:

Be it further resolved that the student members of the ad hoc committee will determine which among them shall be the chair of said committee:

Be it finally resolved that this motion be forwarded to Interim Chancellor Foster and Interim Vice Chancellor Wheeler expeditiously upon ratification.

Moved by: Director Dale
Seconded by: Director Deick

SS0809044
Whereas, we do not currently have a CBE rep and;

Whereas, an all student email was sent out as well as an email to the Dean of CBE;
Whereas, Sara Ahlfs responded with interest with a recommendation from the Dean of CBE

Therefore be it resolved that we appoint Sara Ahlf as the new CBE rep for the remainder of the 2008-2009 academic school year

Moved by: Vice President Kelley
Seconded by: President Bendix

SS0809045
Whereas, we do not currently have a Finance Director;

Whereas, the application process was open for two weeks;

Whereas, all candidates considered and met with and Dusty Pfundheller seems well qualified and eager to fill this position;

Therefore be it resolved that Dusty Pfundheller be appointed the Finance Director for the remainder of the 2008-2009 academic school year.

Moved by: Vice President Kelley
Seconded by: President Bendix
Approved by: Executive Committee

SS0809046
Whereas, the position of interim chair for the Leadership Development and

Programming Board will end on November 11th, 2008,

Whereas, Rebecca Peine is currently the interim chair of Leadership Development and Programming Board,

Whereas, there has not be sufficient time yet to communicate the position opening to the rest of the student body,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the position of interim chair be extended to December 2nd, 2008, in order to allow more time for students to apply to the position.

Moved by: Director Deick
Seconded by: President Bendix

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center