

AGENDA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN- RIVER FALLS STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2004 Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center

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- II. ROLL OF MEMBERS
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- V. GUEST SPEAKER: Roger Ballou
- VI. OPEN FORUM
- VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS
 - A. UNITED STATES STUDENT ASSOCIATION REPORTS
 - B. UNITED COUNCIL REPORTS
 - C. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS
 - 1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR—Emilee Driscoll
 - 2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES DIRECTOR- Nick Cluppert
 - 3. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES DIRECTOR—Katie Kneissel
 - 4. FINANCE DIRECTOR—Joan Wierzba
 - 5. DIVERSITY ISSUES DIRECTOR—Lisa Weinreich
 - 6. WOMEN'S INITIATIVES DIRECTOR-Barbara Lind
 - 7. PARLIMENTARIAN / ETHICS CHAIR- Adam Koski
 - 8. VICE PRESIDENT—Brandon Bruder
 - 9. PRESIDENT—Matthew Schuelke
 - D. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Amber Horn
 - E. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Jeremy Tilsen
 - F. OTHER

VIII. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

SS-03-04-038 Intro Only

Whereas the University of Wisconsin River Falls Student Association Constitution has lacked update in almost ten years time and is in need of revision from its current form:

Be it resolved that Article III, Section 2 be changed as follows:

ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 2. The Student Senate shall consist of 21 members: 18 members will be elected in an all school General Election. The remaining three members

shall be freshman class representatives to be elected in the fall.

ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 2. The Student Senate shall consist of 25 members: 21 members will be elected in an all school Spring Election. The remaining four members shall be First Year Student Representatives to be elected in the fall.

Cluppert/Schuelke

SS-03-04-039 Intro Only

Whereas the University of Wisconsin River Falls Student Association Constitution has lacked update in almost ten years time and is in need of revision from its current form:

Be it resolved that Article III, Section 3 be changed as follows:

ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 3. Freshman Student Senators will be elected during Fall Semester. The date of said election is to be determined by the Internal Operation Committee of the Student Senate. Also, any open seats will be filled at this time.

ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 3. First Year Student Senators will be elected during Fall Semester. The date of said election is to be determined by the ad-hoc Elections Committee of the Student Senate. Also, any open seats will be filled at this time.

Cluppert/Schuelke

SS-03-04-040

Whereas the University of Wisconsin River Falls Student Association Constitution has lacked update in almost ten years time and is in need of revision from its current form:

Be it resolved that Article III, Section 4 be changed as follows:

ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 4. To become a candidate, a student or his representatives shall obtain a petition from the Student senate office to be signed by 100 students.

ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 4. To become a candidate, a student and/or his/her representatives shall obtain a petition for the Student senate office to be signed by a number of students concurrent with the position sought and the Student Senate Election Rules.

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SS-03-04-041 Intro Only

Whereas the University of Wisconsin River Falls Student Association Constitution has lacked update in almost ten years time and is in need of revision from its current form:

Be it resolved that Article III, Section 7 be changed as follows:

ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 7. Good academic standing will be defined as:

Maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0

ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SECTION 7. Good academic standing will be defined as:

Maintaining a cumulative GPA of ?.?

Cluppert/Schuelke

SS-03-04-042 Intro Only

Whereas the University of Wisconsin River Falls Student Association Constitution has lacked update in almost ten years time and is in need of revision from its current form:

Be it resolved that Article V, Section 1 be changed as follows:

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The standing committees of the Student Senate shall be:

Budget Committee: To be chaired by the Treasurer and consist of the President and three other Senators, and one must be a Freshman Senator elected in the fall.

Legislative Affairs: Chair to be appointed by the Executive Board and approved by the Senate and consisting of at least two other Senators.

Student Organization Relations: chair to be appointed by the Executive Board and approved by the Senate and consisting of at least two other Senators.

Student Affairs and Services: Chair to be appointed by the Executive Board and approved by the Senate and members consisting of the United council Academic Affairs Liaison and at least four other Senators.

Internal Operations: To be chaired by the Vice-President and members will consist of the four chairs. A student-at large may choose to serve on any committee except Budget and Internal Operations.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The standing committees of the Student Senate shall be:

Shared Governance Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of four senators and four students at large.

Student Affairs and Academic Services Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the senate and consisting of four senators and four students at-large.

Legislative Issues Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of three senators and four students at-large.

Finance Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to

confirmation of the Senate and consisting of four senators and four students at large.

Diversity Issues Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of four senators and four students at large.

Women's Initiative Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of four senators and four students at large.

Ethics Committee: Chair to be appointed by the president subject to confirmation of the senate and consisting of two other senators appointed by the Ethics Chair subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Executive Committee: Chair to be the president and consist of the Vice President, Shared Governance Director, Student Affairs and Academic Services Director, Legislative Issues Director, Finance Director, Diversity Issues Director, Women's Issues Director, and the Ethics Chair.

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SS-03-04-043 Intro Only

Whereas the University of Wisconsin River Falls Student Association Constitution has lacked update in almost ten years time and is in need of revision from its current form:

Be it resolved that Article VII, Section 1 be changed as follows:

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES AND POWERS

SECTION 1. The Student Senate shall be responsible for the disbursement of those allocable portions of the segregated fees in consultations with the Chancellor.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES AND POWERS

SECTION 1. The Leadership Development and Programming Board shall be responsible for the disbursement of those allocable portions of the segregated fees in consultations with the Chancellor, and the Facilities and Fees Board shall be responsible for the disbursement of those non-allocable portions of the segregated fees in consultation with the Chancellor.

Cluppert/Schuelke

SS-03-04-044 Intro Only

Whereas the University of Wisconsin River Falls Student Association Constitution has lacked update in almost ten years time and is in need of revision from its current form:

Be it resolved that Article VII, Section 4 be changed as follows:

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES AND POWERS SECTION 4. Regulation of Student Activities

The Student Senate shall have a voting liaison on the Hagestad Union Board and a member on all student agencies on campus as designated by the University of Wisconsin River Falls Merger Implementation Interim Guidelines.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES AND POWERS SECTION 4. Regulation of Student Activities

The Student Senate shall have a voting liaison on all student agencies on campus as designated by the University of Wisconsin River Falls Implementation of Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5).

Cluppert/Schuelke

SS-03-04-045

Electronic mail (email) has greatly increased our ability to quickly communicate with the campus community (faculty, staff, and students). Because email is such a powerful communications tool, its use has, unfortunately, been subject to overuse. When the "facstf-l" and "student" emails were being delivered directly to our in-boxes, the campus community received many emails that had limited interest to many people. Further, the volume of these and other emails was seriously degrading the performance of the email system.

In light of this the Administration enacted a policy creating new "Facstaff-notify" and "Student-notify" categories of emails, which are delivered directly to the in-boxes, while consigning the older "facstaf-1" and "student" distribution emails to "indirect" delivery. Delivery of the older email categories are indirect in the sense that the default is that they are delivered to an alternative mailbox in the email software and individuals have the option to sign up for either a poorly structured digest version or re-signing up for direct delivery of all these emails to our in-boxes. Only the Chancellor, Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Finance were granted authority to send "Facstaff-notify" and "Student-notify" emails.

While we appreciate the need for a means to address the significant volume of unwanted email that was coming to our in-boxes via the facstf-1 and student lists, we feel that the administration's action was taken in a hasty, ad hoc way with too little development of guidelines to implement this new policy and too little consideration of its impact on shared governance on this campus. As of January 9, 2004. 121 faculty and academic staff have requested that all facstf-1 emails be delivered to their inbox. Of these 38 had opted for the digest form of delivery. Thus, a substantial proportion of the campus community has to open up a separate mailbox to get facstf-1 emails. We suspect this is not happening and, as a result, communications are suffering.

In this light, the Faculty Senate, Academic Staff Council, and Student Senate are jointly sponsoring the following motion:

Facstaff-notify Distribution Policy

- 1. Emails that are sent to the campus community via the Facstaff-notify lists must contain information that:
- a. Requires a timely distribution
- b. Is expected to be of interest or important to a substantial portion of the target audience
- c. Is required to conform to state of campus regulations
- 2. To ensure that the campus community is not inundated with emails sent via the Facstaff-notify the people authorized to send messages to these lists include:
- 3. a. Administation: Chancellor, Provost, Vice Chancellor

- b. Faculty: Chair of the Faculty Senate or Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair
- c. Staff: Chair of Acadmic Staff Council or Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair

To ensure that the privilege of using the Facstaff-notify list is being used appropriately, use of these emails may be reviewed during montly shared governance meetings of the Chancellor, Fauclty Senate Chair, Chair of Academic Staff Council, and the Student Senate President.

Wierzba/Schuelke

SS-03-04-046 Intro Only

Whereas, an Appeals Process for Segregated University Fees would be to the benefit of the students who feel that they have been wronged,

Whereas, an Appeals Process for (SUF) would decrease the liability held against the students,

Whereas, the Ethics Committee of the Student Association Student Senate is the logical committee to hear students' appeals,

Whereas, the United States Supreme Court ruling in Board of Regents v. Southworth found a need for "viewpoint neutrality,"

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin System Financial and Administrative Policy Paper 20 requires that we "establish an appeal process within the student government for the review of the student fee funding decisions, where it is alleged that the decision was based on a student organization's extracurricular speech or expressive activities, resulting in a violation of the requirement that allocable students fees be distributed in a viewpoint-neutral manner."

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate bylaws be amended to include in Article V (Specific Officer Duties) Section 1 (Ethics Chair/Parliamentarian)

7. Supervise the student appeals process in a viewpoint –neutral manner.

Furthermore, be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate by-laws be amended to include in Article VI (Standing Committees) Section H (Ethics Committee) 2 (Committee Duties)

- f. Hear and judge a student's appeal in a viewpoint -neutral manner.
- XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, February 10th, 2004 in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center