AGENDA OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN- RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
Tuesday, February 24th, 2004
Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL OF MEMBERS
III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
V. GUEST SPEAKER
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-
    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-03-04-053

Whereas, the Student Senate Election By-laws are no longer adequate to meet the needs of the spring and fall elections, and

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to oversee the necessary changes,

Be it resolved that the Student Senate approve the following changes to the Student Senate Election By-laws.

ARTICLE 5: Appeals Process

Section A. Grievance

In case of an official grievance to the election and/or to the election process, the following steps ~~would~~ ***shall*** be followed to process the grievance:

1. A ***signed*** grievance can be filed ***submitted to the Senate Ethics Chair by anyone (the claimant) regarding a candidate (the respondent)*** at any time during the election process and prior to ~~48~~ ***24*** hours ***(excluding weekends and holidays)*** after the posting of the election results.

2 The Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee ~~will~~ ***shall meet with both the claimant(s) and the respondent(s), together or separate at the Chair's discretion, to discuss the seriousness of the alleged violation giving cause to said grievance. If the grievance is uncontested (i.e. the respondent admits to the allegation(s)),***the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee will make an official ruling on the filed grievance in time to come before the next Student Association Student Senate meeting. ***If the grievance is contested by the respondent(s), the Chair shall proceed to the Contested Grievance Procedure.***

3. ~~The person(s) who filed the grievance~~ ***Both the claimant and respondent*** will have the opportunity to address the Student Association Student Senate and ask for as appeal to the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee's ruling.

4. After the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Chair reports the ruling any senator will have the ability to pull the ruling, to the grievance, out of the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee ruling.

5. To overturn or amend the ruling, two-thirds of the Student Association Student Senate is required.

6. The Student Association Student Senate Ethics ruling will stand if two-thirds majority is not met.

Section B. Contested Grievance Procedure

In case of a contest to an official grievance properly submitted regarding the election and/or the election process, the following steps shall be followed to process the contested grievance:

1. ***The Ethics Committee Chair, acting as the Moderator, shall conduct with 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) of contest, a meeting with the Claimant(s) and Respondent(s) party to the grievance, for the purpose of reaching an equitable settlement.***

2. ***All communication by each party shall be directed to the Moderator only, unless each party waives such privilege.***

3. ***If such an agreement cannot be obtained, both the Claimant(s) and Respondent(s) must accept the binding arbitration.***

Section C. Binding Arbitration

In the case a contested grievance proceeds to binding arbitration, the following steps shall be followed to administer said process:

1. ***Within 24 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) of failed moderation, both Claimant(s) and Respondent(s) must submit to the moderator a list of candidate arbiters. If there is a match, the Ethics Chair shall contact the said candidate arbiter and request their services. If said candidate arbiter does not agree to assist in the contested grievance procedure, or if the parties to the grievance cannot agree upon an arbiter, the Ethics Chair shall appoint one.***

2. ***In appointing an arbiter, the Ethics Chair should first attempt to contact the Vice-Chancellor, Dean of Students, and Provost. If those individuals are unable or unwilling, an administration or faculty member can be appointed to perform the task.***

3. ***Rules governing arbitration are determined by the arbiter.***

4. ***Binding arbitration is final, but can be amended or overturned with a minimum of 2/3 majority vote be the Student Association Student Senate.***

This motion is effective immediately.

Wierzba/Bruder

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, March 2nd, 2004 in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center