AGENDA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, March 28, 2006
Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
V. GUEST SPEAKER: Rick Bowen
VI. OPEN FORUM
VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. UNITED COUNCIL REPORTS:
United Council Board of Directors Representative- Joe Eggers
B. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:
1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR- Jeremy Bonikowske
2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Lindsey Burdick
3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR- Joe Eggers
4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Adam Koski
5. DIVERSITY ISSUES DIRECTOR- Chunlan Li & Chee Moua
6. WOMEN'S INITIATIVES DIRECTOR- Allison West
7. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR- Shaun Priesgen
8. VICE PRESIDENT- Bethany Barnett
9. PRESIDENT- Nick Cluppert
C. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Carolyn Schenk
D. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Jim Vierling

VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

SS0506041

Whereas the recommendations of the Structural Planning Committee in SS040552 were passed to reform the Student Senate electoral structure,

Therefore, be it resolved the following amendments be made to the Student Association Constitution.

PREAMBLE

We also recognize the student as to make demands upon the institution to meet his*/her* needs as a consumer.

ARICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SECTION 2. Membership

The membership of the Student Senate of the River Falls Student Association will be limited to ~~duly elected~~ representatives of the River Falls Student Association *as described by the Election*

Rules. The Student Senate shall consist of 25 members~~: 21 will be elected in an all-school Spring Election~~.

SECTION 3. Time in Office

Student Senators shall be elected at least 5 weeks before the start of finals week~~,~~ *for the* Spring Semester ~~in an all-school election~~.

SECTION 7. Qualifications

Maintaining a *minimum* cumulative GPA of 2.25.

While in office and/or running for office carry a minimum of ~~nine~~ *twelve* credits.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS SECTION 1.

The officers of the Student Senate shall be a President *and a* Vice President ~~and Treasurer~~.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS SECTION 2.

The President shall call special meetings when he*/she* deems necessary ~~of~~ at the request of six members *or more* of the Student Senate.

ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS SECTION 1.

~~All school elections shall be by secret ballot only.~~ *Elections shall be conducted according to the Election Rules.*

SECTION 2. ~~The elections must be supervised by members of eh Student Senate, or by their appointed representatives, and in accordance with the Rules to Govern Elections.~~
The Elections Committee or their agents shall conduct the elections.

Be it further resolved the amendments be made to the Student Association Bylaws.

Student Senate ARTICLE I. Membership
Section A. The Student Association Student Senate will consist of 25 students ~~elected from the student body at large~~ of which four will be first year students.
Section B. Elections for ~~the~~ 21~~-at large~~ positions for Student Association Student Senators will be held according to the timeline in the Student Association Elections Rules.
General Student Association ARTICLE V. Finance
Section A. 4. (a) A Student Association Student Senate Executive Board member*, the Facilities and Fees Board Chair,* or chair of a subunit may spend up to $10 per week without approval of the Student Association Student Senate Finance Committee or the Student Association Student Senate ~~within whatever lines~~ *as* necessary.

Be it finally resolved the amendments be made to the Student Association Election Rules.

ARTICLE 2: Definitions
Section F: College Representatives
A student of a college (i.e. CAFES, CAS, CBE and CEPS) elected by the students of that college to be their representation in the Student Association Student Senate.
Section G: Student Organization Representatives
A student chosen by the members of the Student Organizations (i.e. Area Councils, IFC

and Panhellenic, Diversity Awareness Committee, and Student Athletic Advisory Board) to be their representation in the Student Association Student Senate.
Section H. Nontraditional Representative
A nontraditional student, according to the UW System Board of Regents definition, is to be elected. All students may vote for a nontraditional representative.

ARTICLE 3: Election Rules
Section A. Nomination
1. Any student currently enrolled *with a minimum of 12 credits* at the University of Wisconsin River maintaining a *minimum of* 2.25 cumulative GPA may be a candidate for a seat on Student Association Student Senate *at-large, college, nontraditional,* Student Association Student Senate President, *and/*or Vice President.
2. In order to have a candidate's name placed on the Student Association Student Senate *at-large, college, and/or nontraditional* ballot, the candidate must collect the signatures of 50 currently enrolled students. A student may be on ~~both ballots~~ *as many ballots as he/she is qualified for including* the Student Association Student Senate President and/or Vice President by collecting the signatures of 100 currently enrolled students.
9. It is the responsibility of the Area Councils, IFC and Panhellenic, Diversity Awareness Committee, and Student Athlete Advisory Board to elect students meeting the criteria in ARTICLE III. Section A. 1.
Section B. Write-in Candidates
1. Any student ~~currently enrolled at the University of Wisconsin River Falls and in good academic standing according to the registrar's office~~ *meeting the criteria in Section A. 1.* may be a write-in candidate for a seat on Student Association Student Senate *at large, nontraditional,* Student Association Student Senate President, *and/*or Vice President.
2. ~~Write-in candidate like all other candidates, must abide by the rules contained in this document.~~ *A student may be a write-in candidate for the college representative Student Senator by meeting the criteria in ARTICLE III. Section A. 1. and by being currently enrolled in that college.*
3. *Write-in candidate like all other candidates, must abide by the rules contained in this document.* Write-in candidates, who win a primary election, will have their names automatically placed on the general election ballot.

ARTICLE 4: Elections—Time-line
Section A. This nine-week process must be followed for all Student Association Student Senate Elections:
(Week 2 Thursday-Student Organizations electing Senators must be contacted
Week 8 Thursday-Student Organizations elections due
Week 9Friday-Results given to the election committee by 4 pm)
Section C. General *and Special* Elections
1. General elections will be held to elect ~~20~~ 9 at-large members ~~of the Student Association Student Senate~~*, 4 college representatives, 1 Nontraditional representative,* the Student Association Student Senate President, and Vice President, and approve any referendums ~~properly advanced by the Student Association's governing documents~~.
2. Special election will be held as necessary to consider referendums properly advanced by the Student Association Student Senate or members of the Student Association.

Section D. ~~Special~~ *Student Organization Elections*
1. ~~Special election will be held as necessary to consider referendums properly advanced by the Student Association Student Senate or members of the Student Association.~~ *Student Organization Elections will be held to nominate 5 members of the Student Association Student Senate. The two Area Councils will each elect 1 Senator as a Resident Hall representative. The IFC and Panhellenic will elect 1 Senator as a Greek representative. The LDPB Diversity Awareness Committee will elect 1 Senator as a Diversity representative. The Student Athletic Advisory Board will elect 1 Senator as an Athletics representative.*
2. Student Organization Elections will be conducted by the Student Organizations in a democratically and the results will be given to the Elections Committee.
3. The Student Organizations may substitute an election with some other appropriate means of selection of a representative if the Student Organizations have approval for that Election Cycle by the Elections Committee.
Section E. Ballot
Category of Representatives i.e. Student At-Large, *College*, *Nontraditional*, Student Association Student Senate President or Vice President

(Original wording ~~struck out~~, *italics* new things)

This motion is effective immediately.

Motioned by: Director Koski

Seconded by: Chair Vierling

X. NEW BUSINESS:

SS0506058

Whereas, current University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF) administrative policy AP 3 allows for smoking on campus, except within 25 feet of university buildings, and

Whereas, an inability to enforce the current 25 foot smoking ban has been evident, and

Whereas, smoking on campus leads to many non-smoking students being subjected to secondhand smoke, and

Whereas, according to the American Lung Association, secondhand smoke has been classified as a cancer causing agent by the Environmental Protection Agency and causes approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 35,000 heart disease deaths each year in the United States, and

Whereas, UWRF administrative policy AP 4 states, “It is the policy of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls that every employee, student and visitor be afforded a safe and healthful working environment within the scope of available resources.”, and

Whereas, allowing smoking on UWRF campus and property violates UWRF administrative policy AP 4,

Therefore be it resolved that the UWRF Student Association Student

Senate supports a change in UWRF administrative policy AP 3 to ban smoking in all UWRF buildings and on all UWRF property,

Therefore be it further resolved that this motion be forwarded on to Chancellor Donald Betz and Vice Chancellor Mary Halada.

Authored by Senator Cook
Seconded by Director Eggers

SS0506059

Whereas the Student Association Student Senate host a reception at the end of each academic year,

Whereas individuals are recognized for their accomplishments,

Therefore be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate allot $35.09 (+S/H) for the awards.

Motioned by Vice President Barnett
Seconded by Chair Schenk

SS0506060
See attached motion
Motioned by Chair Schenk

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.