

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

Tuesday, March 11th, 2008 in the 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: Lieutenant Colonel Bolstad
- VI. OPEN FORUM
- VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:
  - A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:
    - 1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR Tyler Halverson
    - 2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Jenifer Biss
    - 3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR -Craig Witte
    - 4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Jason Meier
    - 5. DIVERSITY ISSUES AND WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO DIRECTOR Nikki Shonoiki DIVERSITY ISSUES AND WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO DIRECTOR- Laura Adrian
    - 6. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR Nathan McNaughton
    - 7. VICE PRESIDENT- Sara Deick
    - 8. PRESIDENT- Derek Brandt
  - B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Mike Defenbaugh
  - C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Krista Hasselquist
  - D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR Gregg Heinselman
- VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### SS0708064 - Election Funding

Whereas, a competitive election is essential to the democratic process; and

Whereas, the Student Association Student Senate Elections Committee would like to promote the Student Senate elections on the River Falls campus; and

Whereas, the *Student Senate Election Rules* requires that three (3) ads be placed in the *Student Voice* for the general election and potentially a fourth if a re-election is necessary; and

Whereas, hosting a public forum for students to meet the candidates would increases voters knowledge of the candidates and their likeliness to vote: therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate allocate up to \$1520.00 for the Spring Elections based on the budget listed below.

Two Student Voice Ads @ 350.00 each	\$700.00
Two Student Voice Ads @ 200.00 each	\$400.00
Food for the Public Forum	\$200.00

Promotional Materials	\$200.00
University Ballroom Reservation Fee	\$50.00
Tech Fee	\$20.00
	\$1570.00

Moved By: President Brandt Seconded by: Director Witte

Approved by the Finance Committee

## SS0708065 - Take Back the Night

Whereas sexual assault is a major issue that effects college students.

Whereas Take Back the Night promotes awareness for sexual assault through guest speakers and personal testimonies.

Therefore be it resolved that Student Senate support this effort by providing \$715 for food and beverages, t-shirts (for the Clothesline Project), equipment rental, advertising, ribbon, and other supplies that are needed to make the event successful.

# **Itemized Budget for Take Back the Night**

			Total
Item	Quanity	Cost/Item	Cost
<u>Basics</u>			
Stage and Sound Equipment Rental	1	\$75	\$75
T-shirts	75	\$3.50	\$262.50
Decorating Supplies (e.g paint, markers, etc)			\$50
Candles	50	100	\$100
Printed Posters	25	\$0.50	\$12.50
Ribbon	1	\$5.00	\$5.00
Safety Pins	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
Food and Beverages			
Lemonade (in gallons)	3	\$7.29	\$21.87
Bottled Water	20	\$1.09	\$21.80
Pretzels	2	\$2.89	\$5.78
Cookies (in dozens)	2	\$4.39	\$8.78
Brownies (in dozens)	2	\$5.19	\$10.38
Rice Krispie Bars (in dozens)	2	\$5.19	\$10.38
16" Vegetable Tray	2	\$25.79	\$51.58
Party Pleaser 16" Tray	2	\$25.79	\$51.58
Other Supplies			
Napkins	2	\$2.03	\$4.06
Cups	3	\$2.30	\$6.90
Plates	2	\$6.20	\$12.40
Total			\$715

Motioned by Laura Adrian Diversity and Women's Initiatives Co-Director Seconded by Nikki Shonoiki Diversity and Women's Initiatives Co-Director

## SS0708066 - Open Meeting Law

Whereas the Wisconsin "Open Meeting Law" Chapter 19 Subchapter 5 of the Wisconsin Statutes 19.81-19.98 sets the Law that Governmental bodies in Wisconsin must follow

Whereas Wisconsin State Statute 19.81 states:

- **19.81 Declaration of policy. (1)** In recognition of the fact that a representative government of the American type is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be the policy of this state that the public is entitled to the fullest and most complete information regarding the affairs of government as is compatible with the conduct of governmental business.
- (2) To implement and ensure the public policy herein expressed, all meetings of all state and local governmental bodies shall be publicly held in places reasonably accessible to members of the public and shall be open to all citizens at all times unless otherwise expressly provided by law.
- (3) In conformance with article IV, section 10, of the constitution, which states that the doors of each house shall remain open, except when the public welfare requires secrecy, it is declared to be the intent of the legislature to comply to the fullest extent with this subchapter.
- **(4)** This subchapter shall be liberally construed to achieve the purposes set forth in this section, and the rule that penal statutes must be strictly construed shall be limited to the enforcement of forfeitures and shall not otherwise apply to actions brought under this subchapter or to interpretations thereof.

Whereas the UWRF Student Senate Constitution Requires Compliance with the open meeting law in Article 6 d. section 4:

**SECTION 4.** Student Senate meetings shall be held in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Whereas Wisconsin State Statute sets penalties for failure to follow the law as follows:

**19.96 Penalty.** Any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting of such body held in violation of this subchapter, or who, in his or her official capacity, otherwise violates this subchapter by some act or omission shall forfeit without reimbursement not less than \$25 nor more than \$300 for each such violation. No member of a governmental body is liable under this subchapter on account of his or her attendance at a meeting held in violation of this subchapter if he or she makes or votes in favor of a motion to prevent the violation from occurring, or if, before the violation occurs, his or her votes on all relevant motions were inconsistent with all those circumstances which cause the violation.

Be it resolved, that all UWRF Student Senate meetings and sub-committee meetings will notice their meeting time and agenda in such a manner that meeting time, location, and agenda is published and available to the public at least 24 hours in advance of meetings,

Be it further resolved, that no activity of a committee shall take place when public notification has not been accomplished as required,

Be it further resolved that all committee meetings and agendas will be noticed in electronic format on the UWRF website,

Be it further resolved that written notice of committee meetings and agendas will be publicly noticed at the involvement center desk and on the bulletin board behind the C-Store in the University Center,

Be it further resolved, that the Student Senate President, Vice President, Shared Governance Director, and Advisor work together to create a more efficient process for compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law,

Be it finally resolved, that actions in this resolution take effect immediately upon passage of the resolution.

Moved by: Ben Plunkett

Seconded by: Senator Hillskotter

### X. NEW BUSINESS

#### SS0708068 - United Council

Whereas the Student Senate Spring 2007-08 elections are pending, and

Whereas a United Council referendum would likely increase voter turnout, and

Whereas various students support and oppose membership in United Council, therefore

Be it resolved, a referendum on becoming members of United Council be held during the Student Senate Spring 2007-08 elections,

Be it Further resolved that this referendum include the official referendum language set forth by Regent Policy 87-3 stated below:

"The students at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls agree to support United Council of UW Students with a mandatory refundable fee of \$2.00 per semester and \$2.00 per summer session. The amount plus postage is refundable upon written request to the United Council Executive Director postmarked within 45 days of the first day of class. If this referendum passes, it will come up for reconsideration at least every two years. The fee may be adjusted between referenda by the Board of Regents."

Motioned by: Director Shonoiki Seconded by: Chair McNaughton

## SS0708069 - ROTC Military Science Minor

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin – River Falls Student Senate established their support for the creation of a military science minor; and in the resolution SS-06-07-042;

Whereas, the resolution SS-06-07-042 stated that, "Lieutenant Coronal Bolstad bring a recommended course list before Student Association Student Senate upon its completion;"

Whereas, the military science minor outlined below would be a wonderful addition to the university's curriculum;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate approve the curriculum for the military science minor outlined below;

Be it finally resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. David Rainville, Chairman of the Faculty Senate.

Moved by: Vice President Deick

Seconded by: President Brandt

## Military Science Area of Emphasis (8-10 Credits)

Prerequisite	Course #	Course Name	Credits
None	MLS 101	Foundations of Officership	2
None	MLS 102	Basic Leadership	2
MLS 101 & 102	MLS 201	Individual Leadership Studies	3
MLS 101 & 102	MLS 202	Leadership and Team Work	3

For students who have completed Basic Military Training or the Leaders Training			
Course			
	MLS 301	Adaptive Team Leadership	4
	MLS 302	Leadership Under Fire	4

**History Area of Emphasis 3 Credits** 

Prerequisite	Course #	Course Name	Credits
HIST 102	HIST 327	WWI to WWII	3
HIST 102	HIST 328	WWII to Cold War	3
None	HIST 332	The Islamic Middle East to 1500	3
HIST 104	HIST 358	United States History 1890-1945	3
HIST 104	HIST 359	United States History From 1945	3

**Human Society Area of Emphasis (6-8 Credits)** 

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Prerequisite	Course #	Course Name	Credits	
CHIN 101 or Equiv	CHIN 102	Beginning Chinese II	4	
None	ETHN 200	Ethnic Studies	3	
FREN 101 or Equiv	FREN 102	Beginning French II	4	
None	GEOG 120	Human Geography	3	
GERM 101 or Equiv	GERM 102	Beginning German II	4	
		Introduction to International		
None	INTS 200	Studies	3	
JAPN 101 or Equiv	JAPN 102	Beginning Japanese II	4	
None	PHIL 240	Social Ethics	3	
None	PHIL 245	Eastern Religions and Islam	3	
None	POLS 256	Public Policy Making	3	
		Introduction to International		
None	POLS 260	Relations	3	
None	POLS 364	International War and Peace	3	
None	POLS 365	American Foreign Policy	3	
		History of United States Foreign		
None	POLS 367	Policy	3	
None	SOC 208	Sociology of Diversity	3	
SPAN 101or Equiv	SPAN 102	Beginning Spanish II	4	

Leadership and Management Area of Emphasis (3 Credits)

Prerequisite	Course #	Course Name	Credits
None	MNGT 300	Management and Org Behavior	3
None	MNGT 330	Managing Workplace Diversity	3
MNGT 300	MNGT 340	Ethical Leadership	3
None	PHIL 230	Logical Thinking	3
None	POLS 225	Public Administration	3

#### SS0708070

Whereas, the Review Committee of the Chapters UWS 17 and 18 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code have released their formal comprehensive review of these two documents; and

Whereas, the proposed revisions greatly alter the relationship between students and the university; and

Whereas, these changes have the potential to violate the rights of all the students who attend University of Wisconsin schools;

Therefore be it resolved, the University of Wisconsin – River Falls Student Senate opposes the premise that the UW System's jurisdiction may extend beyond the campus property line;

Be it further resolved, the Student Senate opposes the language used to outline the new scope of the university's jurisdictional authority due to the ambiguity of the language used in 17.08;

## 17.08 – Scope of the university's authority under Chapter UWS 17

17.08(1) The provisions contained in this chapter shall apply to student conduct that occurs on university lands or at university sponsored events.
17.08(2) The provisions contained in this chapter may apply to student conduct that occurs outside of university lands when, in the judgment of the investigating officer, the conduct adversely affects a substantial university interest. In determining whether the conduct adversely affects a substantial university interest, the investigating officer shall consider the following:

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- (a) whether the conduct constitutes a serious criminal offense, regardless of the existence or outcome of any criminal proceedings;
- (b) whether the conduct indicates that the student presented or may present a danger or threat to the health or safety of him/herself or others; and(c) whether the conduct demonstrates a pattern of behavior that seriously impairs the university's ability to fulfill its teaching, research, or public service missions.

Be it further resolved, the Student Senate opposes the proposed definition of a "student" as outlined in the proposed statute 17.02(16), if the jurisdiction of the UW universities are allowed to extend beyond their campus property line. The Student Senate opposes this definition due to the lack of boundaries between students and their university when classes are not in session;

## 17.02(16) - The proposed definition of a student reads:

"Student" means any person who is registered for study in an institution for the academic period in which the misconduct occurred, or between academic periods, for continuing students.

Be it further resolved, the Student Senate opposes the extremely brief time frame of thirty (30) days that has been placed on the student's right to an appeal a suspension or expulsion through the board of regents as outlined in the proposal under section 17.14;

Be it further resolved, the Student Senate supports a six (6) month window for students to appeal to the board of regents in this situation;

17.14 – Discretionary appeal to the board of regents reads: "Institutional decisions under ss. UWS 17.11 to 17.13 shall be final except that

the board of regents may, at its discretion, grant a review upon the record where the resulting sanction imposed is suspension or expulsion. A student for whom a sanction of suspension or expulsion has been imposed has 30 days after notice of the sanction to request board of regents review. The sanction shall be implemented by the student and institution pending the board's consideration and final decision on the matter."

Be it further resolved that the Student Senate approve the revisions of UWS Chapter 18 viewing it as a necessary update;

Be it further resolved, that due to the extremely short timeframe allocated for campus feedback, the Student Senate urges UW System to extend the deadline for comments;

Be it finally resolved, that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Review Committee of the Chapters UWS 17 and 18 by no later than midnight on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Moved by: Director Witte

Seconded by: President Brandt

#### SS0708071

Whereas spring elections will be held on April 1st; and

Whereas the outcome of this election will significantly impact policies made on the local level; and

Whereas student participation in past spring elections has been very low; and

Whereas increased student participation in this election may help pass more student friendly legislation; and

Therefore be it resolved that Student Senate allocate up to \$850 for promoting the Spring Election.

Moved By: Director Witte Seconded By: Senator Friant

#### ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, March 25th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center