AGENDA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
Tuesday, April 8th, 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
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 AND WOMEN'S INITIATIVES DIRECTOR – Nikki Shonoiki
DIVERSITY 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:

SS0708073

Whereas, the Student Senate has already approved an increase of almost $70 in student fees for the 2008-2009 school year which places a fairly significant burden on the student body,

Whereas, a slight increase wouldn't necessarily hurt students and would allow Student Senate to have more flexibility in terms of money allocation, but it would be a symbolic gesture on the part of the Student Senate that we recognize the financial burden students already face and do not contribute further to that burden,

Whereas, the Student Senate could more diligently spend its funds than it has in the past and it is very important the Student Senate be good stewards of student money;

Therefore, be it resolved that the shared governance fee of the segregated fee schedule remain at $3.38 per semester for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Be it finally resolved that a copy of this motion be forwarded to University Budget Director Kristen Hendrickson, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Mary Halada, and Chancellor Don Betz for final approval.

Motioned by: Director Meier
Seconded by: Senator Kelley
Approved by the Finance Committee

SS0708075

Whereas, Student Senate passed a motion allocating up to $4,500 dollars for transportation and lodging to the Building Unity Conference,

Whereas, this motion was worded to only allow up to 40 participants, for only 10 hotel rooms with 4 people in each and 1 with and a 47 passenger bus,

Whereas, at the time the motion was passed there were only 36 people signed up to attend and,

Whereas, the amount of attendee's has risen from 36 to 46 people before the registration forms and fee's had been sent,

Whereas, there is still 408 dollars left out of the funds allocated to the trip,

Be it resolved, that Student Association Student Senate approve funding for an additional hotel room at the cost of $204 (for two nights) for 4 more people to attend the conference,

Be it further resolved, that the number of participants be changed to 44 and that senate fund 12 hotel rooms (one being for the bus driver) instead of 11.

Moved By Director Shonoiki

Seconded by Senator Hillskotter

X. NEW BUSINESS

SS0708076

Whereas, the Board of Regents will be meeting on April 10th; and

Whereas, the one of the topics of discussion will be budget priorities for the next biennium; and

Whereas, the UW Student Representative Group has put forth the following budget priorities:

Top Priorities:

1 Increase pay and improve recruitment and retention of UW faculty and staff strictly from GPR dollars.

2 Increase funding for the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant (WHEG) program, the Advanced Opportunity Program, and the Lawton Undergraduate Retention Grant program.

3 Support a Veterans Tuition Remission Program funded completely through GPR dollars.

4 Cap tuition increases at no higher than the rate of inflation (as indicated by increases in the Consumer Price Index).

Secondary Priorities:

5 Provide funding for Domestic Partner benefits for all UW System employees.

6 Provide funding for mental health counseling at all UW System institutions.

7 Provide a dollar for dollar statutory link between the average tuition increase and the average WHEG award.

Whereas, these priorities coincide with the interests of UWRF;

Therefore, be it resolved that Student Senate supports the Student Representatives Group's budget priorities.

Moved By Director Witte

Seconded By Vice President Deick

SS0708077

Whereas, the Student Senate has in the past given stipends to our President, Vice President, Chairs, and Directors for the month of May,

Whereas, the current Student Senate will not be doing any work in the month of May because its term ends at the April 29th meeting,

Whereas, in the spirit of fiscal discipline and good stewardship of student money, Student Senate could not possibly justify May stipends;

Be it resolved that Student Senate does not give stipends to the President, Vice President, Chairs, and Directors for the month of May.

Motioned by: Director Meier
Seconded by: Senator Kelley
Approved by the Finance Committee

SS0708078

Whereas, the 2007-2008 Leadership Development and Programming Board has approved the following Segregated Fee Allocations,

LDPB Committee Breakdown	Last Years Allocations	This Years Allocation	%
Film Series	$12,000	$5,000	-58.3%
Campus Media	$46,255	$51,598	+11.6%
Diversity Awareness	$32,164	$36,211.75	+12.6%
Homecoming (Traditions)	$13,300	$12,885	-3.1%
LDSC	$13,800	$18,494	+34%
Recreation	$27,000	$26,973	-0.1%
SEAC	$119,500	$114,928	-3.8%
Student Orgs.	$40,189	$65,702	+63.5%

GRAND TOTAL:	**$304,208**	**$331,791.75**	+9.1%

Leadership Dev./Programming Board		
	Film Series	**$5,000**

LDSC Budget	**Last Year Received**	**This Year Received**	**%**
Training Day	N/A	$1,000	
On Demand Workshops	N/A	$200	
Social Justice Week	N/A	$1,250	
Volunteer Café	N/A		
Monthly Leadership and Service Excursions	N/A	$1,710	
First Year Leadership Institute	N/A	$2,681	
Destination and Building Tomorrow	$1,250	$1,500	+20%
Student Leader Recognition	N/A	$500	
LDSC Development	N/A	$1,000	
Single Event Funding	$4,000	$1,500	-62.5%
Student Organization Funding		**This Year Received**	
Agriculture Education Society	$1,432	$1,446	+.97%
Campus and Community Fighting Hunger and Homelessness	N/A	$1,975	
Friends of Big Brother Big Sisters	$1,383	$1,061	-23.3%
Campus Crusades for Christ	$3,485	$1,725	-50.5%
Students in Service	N/A	$946	

Total Allocated Funds	**$13,800**	**$18,494**	**+34%**

Student Organizations Annual Budget

Organizations	**Last Years Allocation**	**This Year Received**	**%**
Ag Business & Marketing Society	$1,023	$1,725.00	+68.9%
Ag Communicators of Tomorrow	$873	$1,725.00	+97.6%
Association of Computing Machinery	N/A	$1,575.00	
Block & Bridle	$2,389	$5,138.00	+115.1%
Cascade	N/A	$2,680.00	
College Democrats	$3,616	$2,649.00	-26.7%
College Republicans	N/A	$1,850.00	
Collegiate Music Ed Nat Conf	$1,113	$1,770.00	+59%
Dairy Club	$918	$3,200.00	+248.6%
Forensics	$2,565	$4,785.00	+86.5%
Freethought Society	N/A	$2,810.00	
Horeseman's Association	N/A	$2,600.00	
International Relations Club	N/A	$1,142.00	
Intervarsity	$2,503	$7,943.00	+217.3%
Newman Club	$1,934	$2,454.00	+26.9%
Nat. Student Speech Lang. & Hearing Assn.	N/A	$2,007.00	
Papercuts	N/A	$2,450.00	

Poultry Club	N/A	$1,685.00	
Pre-Vet Club	N/A	$2,064.00	
Socialist Alternative	N/A	$2,350.00	
SURSCA	N/A	$0.00	
TOTAL		**$54,602.00**	
Student Organization's Committee Budget			
Events	**Last Years Allocation**	**This Year Received**	**%**
Involvement Fairs	$1,500	$500.00	-66.7%
Silent Auction	N/A	$250.00	
Promotional	$250.00	$250.00	0%
Org. Training	$500.00	$1,000.00	+100%
Handbook Updates	$100.00	$100.00	0%
Base Funding	$2,500	$1,000.00	-60%
Single Event Requests	$11,726	$8,000.00	-31.8%
TOTAL REQUEST	**$40,189.00**	**$65,702.00**	**+63.5%**

DAC Committee Budget for 08'-09'	**Last Years Allocation**	**This Years Received**	**%**
Wyman Series	N/A	$11,000	
Unity in the Community	$9,000	$7,500	-16.7%
Diversity Programming	$9,000	$2,000	-77.8%
Training/Conferences	N/A	$0	
Promotional Material	$2,114	$1,000	-52.7%
Student Orgs.			
AASA	$3,200	$5,765.92	+80.2%
CATTS	$1,500	$0	

DSO	N/A	$1,066.42	
GSA	$1,700	$1,661.45	-2.3%
LSO	$2,500	$1,699.05	-32%
Spanish Club	N/A	$473.57	
Single Events	$2,500	$4,045.34	+61.8%
TOTAL	**$32,164**	**$36,211.75**	**+12.6%**

Student Entertainment/Arts Committee Budgets	**Last Years Allocation**	**This Years Allocation**	**%**
Wyman Series	$25,000	$25,000	0%
Radd Jazz Series	$8,000	$8,000	0%
Comedian Series	$5,000	$5,000	0%
Bingo	$1,000	$1,200	+20%
Variety Shows (Speakers/Theatre)	$2,000	$2,900	+45%
Concerts	$7,000	$5,000	-28.6%
Finals Fest	$20,000	$17,500	-12.5%
The Big Event	N/A	$2,500	
Contract Support/Facility Charges			
Lodging	$1,500	$1,500	0%
Meals	$500	$500	0%
Tech. Support	$1,500	$500	0%
Miscellaneous Expenses			
Fast Copy	$1,000	$1,000	0%
Advertising/Promo	$1,000	$1,000	0%
Postage	$1,000	$1000	0%
Training			
NACA	$500	$,1000	+100%

SEAC Training	$0	$0	
Single Event Funding	$1,500	$1,500	0%
Student Orgs.			
Dance Theatre	$11,500	$8,932	-22.3%
Commission Composer	$9,000	$10,340	+14.9%
Barbershop Chorus	N/A	$2,397	
Japanese Animation/Film	N/A	$423	
St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra	$3,500	$3,100.20	-11.7%
UWRF Theatre	$17,000	$14,635.80	-13.9%
Total	**$119,500**	**$114,928**	**-3.8%**

Campus Media Committee	**Last Years Allocation**	**This Years Allocation**	**%**
WRFW	$14,500	$16,748	+15.5%
Student Voice	$28,736	$29,550	+2.8%
Focus	$1,168	$2,800	139.7%
Prologue	$2,500	$2,500	0%
Total	**$46,904**	**$51,598**	**+10%**

Recreation Committee	**Last Years Allocation**	**This Years Allocation**	**%**
Dance Team	$2,700	$1,000	-63%
SAAC	N/A	$1,000	
Racquetball	N/A	$1,000	
Paintball	N/A	$1,000	
Snow Crunchers	$1,300	$1,300	0%
Men's Baseball	N/A	$1,300	
Bushwackers	$1,500	$1,300	-13.3%
Rock Climbing Club	$1,800	$1,300	-27.8%

Rodeo	N/A	$1,600	
Men's Lacrosse	$1,600	$2,200	+37.5%
Men's Rugby	$1,500	$2,200	+46.7%
Women's Rugby	$2,000	$2,200	+10%
Women Lacrosse	$1,600	$2,200	+37.5
Cheer and Stunt	N/A	$2,300	
Recreation Activities Committee		**$5,073**	
TOTAL:	**$27,000**	**$26,973.00**	**-0.1%**

Traditions Committee Budget	**Last Years Allocations**	**This Years Allocations**	**%**
Advertisement	N/A	$1,230.00	
Awards	N/A	$1,115.00	
Committee Supplies	$800	$970.00	+21.3%
Homecoming Events	$11,950	$9,595.00	-19.7%
Winter Carnival Events	$550	$1,375.00	+150%
Total		**$14,285**	
Revenue/Carryover			
Football Promo from Alumni	$250.00	$250.00	
Football Promo from Athletics	$250.00	$250.00	
Parade Ad from Shriners	$150.00	$150.00	
Homecoming T-Shirts	$500.00	$500.00	
2007-2008 Carryover	$250.00	$250.00	
Total LDPB Allocation	**$13,300**	**$12,885.00**	**-3.1%**

Be it resolved, that the Student Association Student Senate approve the previously stated Segregated University Fee Allocations,

Be it finally resolved, that Student Senate approves a $2.00 increase in the Organized Activities Segregated Fee from $57.75 to $59.75 for the 2008-2009 academic year. (Note: The proposed allocations in the LDPB budget incorporate the proposed fee increase).

Motion by Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair Defenbaugh

Seconded by Kayla Haines

Approved by Leadership Development/Programming Board

Approved by the Finance Committee with the following recommendations/issues:

-It may be the case that the Greek organizations requesting an annual budget did not get a fair hearing and so the Finance Committee believes that they should have an opportunity to file an appeal through the appropriate channels.

-While the Finance Committee is concerned about the potential mistreatment of the Greek organizations, we still did not think it warranted the killing/stalling of the entire budget in committee, especially since there were not any other major concerns regarding the budget itself. We also felt that it is important the entire Senate gets an opportunity to look at and weigh in on the overall budget.

-If the Greek organizations ultimately win their appeal, then they will be given another opportunity to apply for an annual budget. If they succeed in getting a budget, then we can fund them through the Reserve Account. There is no need, or any time for that matter, for LDPB to go back and have more hearings to reconsider the entire budget and reallocate funds.

-A major issue that the Finance Committee has discovered in its proceedings is the general lack of oversight in the use of allocated funds by those student organizations and committees receiving an annual budget.

> -It seems to be the case that once these funds are allocated, nobody is watching to see if these orgs are following their budgets, if they are possibly spending more money than they have, or even if they are spending money in an appropriate manner. While there are some checks, organizations do have advisors, and there is now a new policy of zero-based funding which will prevent orgs from accumulating unspent funds, there is still a need for more oversight.
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> -Ultimately, if and when orgs are in violation of rules, there needs to be consequences.
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> -What needs to be done/changed in terms of bringing more oversight to the process should and will be a project of the Finance Committee for the remainder of the school year and into next year.

-For future reference, the Finance Committee has a major issue with LDPB including a fee increase when they prepare their budget. They should have the current Student Senate's approval for a fee increase before the budget process begins, which they did not have prior to putting together the budget for next year.

-While the Finance Committee acknowledges the significant amount of work and time that it takes for LDPB to put together a budget, the budget does need to come to the Finance Committee a lot sooner in the future. Getting the budget so close to the end of the year does not provide sufficient time to make significant changes to the budget, in the event that Student Senate deems such changes necessary.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday,April 8th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center