UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
Of Tuesday, March 2nd, 2004.

I. The UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was called to order by Student Senate President Matt Schuelke at 7:03pm in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.

II. Members Present: Matthew Schuelke, Brandon Bruder, Katie Kneissel, Mara Bryan, John Gavin, Jessica Erickson, Samantha Hanson, Adam Koski, Katy Leisch, Joe Eggers, Leon Gbee Angie Drinkwine, Nick Cluppert Joan Wierzba

III. Members Absent: Emilee Driscoll

Members Tardy: Lisa Weinreich(TE)

Board Chairs Present: LDPB Board Chair Jeremy Tilsen, F&F Board Chair Amber Horn

Guests: Vicki Hajewski (advisor), Tiffany Shelman (Student Voice), Brian Hogenson, Jake Duesenberg, Nick Koechler, Mike Fedie, Tim Wilson, Corey Ourada, Miriam Huffman (advisor)

IV. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for Feb 17th and 24th were approved

***** Motion to add Brian Hogenson to a Senate seat**
Wierzba/Tilsen Motion passed

Open Forum: Jake Duesenberg-About 2 weeks ago, the College Republicans wanted to distribute our newsletter to classrooms about ourselves. We put it towards the University Centers Committee and were rejected to have a rack for our newspaper. I feel that if we can have the New York Times now on new racks, then we should be able to have ours

Mara Bryan- I am on the UCC and we had concerns about cluttering and saw that other options were available. The Chancellor has backed us on this decision as well.

Nick Cluppert: I think that Senate should look into racks as well as student lockers for organizations.

Mara: We are looking into racks for organizations and they could be in place yet this semester.

Nick: I would like Senate to discuss combining DI ad WI committees and eliminate the WI director position and combine the two directorships.

Brandon: I don't feel that this is fair to the DI director. There is too much work involved to have two committees lie on one person's shoulders. This would become a high stress situation and I don't think that one person should have to do all of this.

Motion to distribute newsletter in racks around campus
Duesenberg/Cluppert Motion failed

Guest Speaker:

VII. Shared Governance Reports:

A. United States Student Association- Matt-We received a newsletter from USSA and a report from Becky that is in the office.

B. United Council-

C. Student Senate Officers-

Shared Governance Director— Emilee (Jon) : We are looking into differential tuition issues and are discussing the per credit charge for classes also. Also, the gripeline posters are going to up so people are aware of this.

Student Affairs and Academic Services Director—Nick Cluppert: The student survey will be out on Thursday, March 8th and will run to March 12th. We will give the results back to the directors for the information that pertains to them. We will be looking to do a link on the homepage and also have a link to the Senate on the homepage also. AP&P will be working on the 165 credit policy tomorrow. Joe, I and Matt will be going to Madison for the Board of Regents meeting and will be lobbying Senators Harsdorf and Rhodes fro the Kansas City Chiefs funding.

Legislative Affairs Director—Katie Kneissel- The posters for Legal Services will be going up. We are looking to host some Voter Forums so that voters are more educated on who they are voting for. The GOTV campaign will be set up for next fall.

Finance Director—Joan Wierzba: Building Unity is this weekend. We will have 5 vans

and 2 cars going. The Shared Governance account is at $34, 346.43. The motion for the elections committee will be up tonight. If there is not approval, then there will be no appeal process. I need one more person to serve on the elections committee. The senate shirts will be ordered next week. They will be baseball t-shirts.

Diversity Issues Director—Lisa Weinreich: We will have posters up for Women's History Month. There are 43 people going the Building Unity. We will be doing tabling for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. UW-EC will be having their 1st annual Diversity Conference on April 3rd. It will be a cost of $10.00. Katy has a "safe place" sign to place in the office but I would like feedback before we put it up. My committee wants to have a banquet to highlight the diversity in the community. We are looking at April 26th or 27th.

Women's Initiatives Director-

Ethics Chair—Adam Koski: I have donation from Mc Donalds for the survey and and I would some suggestions on them.

Vice President— Brandon Bruder: Office hours are in mid period. Demerits are up nad I am happy to report that no one has demerits! Keep up the good work.
If you are making motions for the agenda, **PLEASE SAVE THEM TO THE ZIPDISK.** Also, if anyone has questions on office hours, please ask me first before putting them down. **Directors-** Please keep attendance of your committees and report back to me with any absences or tardiness. I am also looking into getting more badges for us again so I will ask again next week for those who still need them.

President—Matt Schuelke: I have met with most of the senators but I would like to meet with all of you yet. On Sunday I went to the Lincoln day dinner in Hudson and talked to Dale Schultz and Senator Harsdorf. I also met the mayor of Hudson. I have logos for the Rental Issues Office and I am working with Jon on the webpage for the gripeline. Eric Issenhim has resigned as vice president for the 2year college position on UC. There will be an ad in the Voice this week. We will have a motion ofr rental issues next week.

D. Facilities and Fees Board Chair –Amber Horn: We passed the budgets last night and I will give a summary of those next week. An architect for the Knowles complex gave us drafts of ideas and he will be back to present more. Residential Living is working on a plan for snow emergencies so we don't have the moving situation again. They have also began the list of priority rules for Southfork Suites. They will have a point system based on credits and semesters and they will also be picking furniture.

E. Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair—Jeremy Tilsen: Unity in the Community will be April 26th -30th. The Bill Porter Orchestra will be in the Abbott Concert Hall on March 24th at 8:00. The annual budgets are in and we will be looking at them in the next two weeks. A new event funding request form was also made up.

F. Other: Nick-Hathorn Hall- We talked about the Board of Regents meeting and I talked about the strategic planning committee through UC.

Joan- Chancellor's Committee- Mara and I attended and we have narrowed down candidates for the Chancellor's Award and those people have received letters. The interviews will be next Tuesday from 6-9. The names will then be forwarded to the Chancellor.

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VIII. University Committee Reports:

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IX. OLD 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 **Motion passed (Friendly amendments were made)**

SS-03-04-054

Whereas the Student Senate realizes a direct intervention with incoming freshmen leads to a variety of positive outcomes including but not limited to: better students, better retention, and more productivity, and

Whereas bringing about change on this campus should come from committee work in the Shared Governance process, and

Whereas the Student Senate has read and agrees to forward the mandation of UNIV 160 Document to appropriate persons,

Be it firmly resolved that the Student Senate forwards on the mandation of UNIV 160 to the Academic Policy and Programming Committee among other appropriate University personnel.

Wierzba/Schuelke Motion passed

X. NEW BUSINESS

SS-03-04-055

Whereas, the Student Senate Student Affairs and Academic Services shall be putting out a student survey, and
Whereas, an incentive of prizes is desired to encourage students to fill out the student survey, and
Whereas, upon request, McDonald's of River Falls donated 15 free French fries coupons and 15 free sandwich cards to Student Senate to be used as prizes for the Student Survey,
Whereas, the Student Senate is appreciative towards McDonald's for its donation,
Furthermore, be it resolved, the Student Association Student Senate endorses a thank you letter to Mc Donald's of River Falls.

Koski/Hanson Motion withdrawn

SS-03-04-056

Move to add Brian Hodgeson to a senate seat for the remainder of the academic year.

Wierzba/Tilsen Motion passed

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa- Miriam will be going to UW-EC so transportation will be covered. Relay for life is this weekend. Please donate!

Mara- Please do the student survey

Jon: Although the motion was withdrawn, please give input on the letter

Joan: There is a GA in April at UW-GB. Please signup by the Friday after Spring Break.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Wierzba/Gavin
8:21PM

The next meeting of the semester will be the in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center on Tuesday, March 9th , 2003.