UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
Of Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

I. The UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was called to order by Student Senate President Matt Schuelke at 7:04 pm in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.

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

III. Members Absent: Angie Drinkwine, Emilee Driscoll, Brandon Bruder

Members Tardy: Lisa Weinreich

Board Chairs Present: LDPB Board Chair Jeremy Tilsen

Guests: Miriam Huffman (advisor), Tiffany Shelman (Student Voice), Gail (GSA)

IV. Approval of Minutes: minutes approved from April 13, 2004

Open Forum: Gail from the Gay Straight Alliance spoke about the Day of Silence on Wednesday the 21st.

Guest Speaker: Jeremy Tilsen spoke in favor of raising Leadership Development and Programming Board fees because the last time fees were raised was 1997. A raise also happened in 2000 but it was "little" because intramurals were moved out. He also mentioned that fees should be raised because of inflation and the $90,000 that was cut from the annual budget after cutting things "they didn't want." The fee should be raised $20 or so to parallel Green Bay uses.

VII. Shared Governance Reports:

A. United States Student Association- none

B. United Council- Katie Kneissel- GA lasted for 6 hours and they elected Steph Hilton as the new President. We passed the motion about Ann's memorial and we discussed TABOR.

- Nick Cluppert- GA elections for the Search and Screen committee to fill 4 of 6 posistions available. I also spoke with Beth Richland the Student Regent.

C. Student Senate Officers-

Shared Governance Director— Jon Gavin- The car bash will potentially be May 5th in "J" lot.

Student Affairs and Academic Services Director—Nick Cluppert : I am working on sending the survey results to the directors. We have a motion up tonight about skateboarding on campus and the grading scale is being discussed in my committee.

Legislative Affairs Director—Katie Kneissel: UC took a stance on TABOR and a special session because Republicans "claimed" that TABOR would be passed

Finance Director—Joan Wierzba: There is $31, 215.11 in the Shared Goverenance Account. T-shirts will be coming in next week. Two people declined there seats for next year's senate and we have a motion up for the Family Day budget.

Diversity Issues Director—Lisa Weinreich: The first annual Diversity banquet will be held next week on April 26th, 2004 and Debra Davis is our speaker. The U Better Recognize poster campaign's new posters will be available next week for hanging up around campus. Unity in the Community is next week April 28th. We are allowed to have an education table but DIC is too busy right now to do it, so if someone would like to help out that would be great.

Women's Initiatives Director-Lisa Weinreich: Take Back the Night is this Thursday.

Ethics Chair—Adam Koski: No grievances and I have a few handouts about Robert's Rules.

Vice President—Brandon Bruder: no report.

President—Matt Schuelke: I have a motion from Milwaukee I would like to read to

you. Bill Lydecker wrote a letter asking that we don't have a "referendum." He would like it to be named something else. We need to meet sometime to advertise for the opinion. We will be meeting then next Monday night at 6pm in the office.

D. Facilities and Fees Board Chair –Amber Horn: no report

E. Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair—Jeremy Tilsen: A ton of events are going on for Unity in the Community next week. LDPB has been having a lot of budget appeals. Orgs are not getting the money they did last year and they are very upset about it but that it because there is little money this year to be allocated.

F. Other: Hathorn Hall Council- Nick- Hogthorn is this Saturday.

VIII. University Committee Reports: Matt- Search and Screen for new library director is in it's final round.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business

X. NEW BUSINESS

SS-03-04-061 INTRO ONLY

Whereas, the River Falls Student Associate Student Senate is currently without a Women's Initiatives Director, and

Whereas, the Diversity Issues Director is currently fulfilling the responsibilities of the Women's Initiatives Director, and

Whereas, in the past these two committees have had similar tasks, and

Whereas, combining the Women's Initiatives Committee and Diversity Issues Committee would benefit the campus and students both, and

Whereas, combining the Women's Initiatives Committee and the Diversity Issues Committee would make both committees into a stronger influence on campus issues,

Therefore be it resolved, that the River Falls Student Association Student Senate combine the Women's Initiatives Committee and the Diversity Issues Committee.

Be it further resolved that the following changes are made to the by-laws. Underlined is what is currently in the by-laws, bold would be new,

Section G Diversity Issues Director

1. To serve as the chair of the Student Association Student Senate Diversity Issues Committee.

2. To recruit diverse student membership to University and Student Association Student Senate committees.

3. To carry out responsibilities as charged in various Student Association documents.

4. To report at the Diversity Awareness Committee once a month.

5. To work with representatives from any diversity oriented committees on the UW-River Falls campus about upcoming issues or problems.

6. To report at all Student Association and Student Association Student Senate

meetings.

Section H Women's Initiatives Director

1. To serve as the chair of the Student Association Student Senate Women's Initiatives Committee.

2. To insure representation that is reflective of the population of women of students and staff at UW—River Falls.

3. To work with the Women's Studies Coordinator on projects and issues pertaining to Women's Initiatives.

4. To work with representatives across campus to address upcoming events or problems pertaining to women.

5. To work with the Diversity issues Director on matters pertaining to issues regarding Diversity.

6. To report at all Student Association and Student Association Student Senate meetings.

7. To carry out responsibilities as charged in various Student Association documents.

Section G Women's/Diversity Director

1. To serve as the chair of the Student Association Student Senate Women's/Diversity Committee

2. To recruit diverse student membership to University and Student Association Student Senate committees.

3. To insure representation that is reflective of the population of women of students and staff at UW—River Falls.

4. To report at the Diversity Awareness Committee once a month.

5. To work with Representatives from any diversity oriented committees on the UW-River Falls campus about upcoming issues or problems

6. To work with the Women's Studies Coordinator on projects and issues pertaining to Women's Initiatives.

7. To report to all Student Association Student Senate Meetings.

8. To carry out responsibilities as charged in various Student Association Documents.

Section D Legislative Issues Committes

1. Membership

a) This committee will consist of three **five** Student Association Student Senators one of which must be the Legislative Issues Director, and four students at-large.

Section F Diversity Issues Committee

1. Membership

a) This committee will consist of four Student Senators, one of which must be the Diversity Issues Director, and four students at-large.

2. Committee Duties

a) To be responsible for the initiation, reviews, and support of projects and policies concerning diversity issues.

b) To promote diversity issues and concerns to appropriate members of the UW-River Falls faculty and administration, UW System Administration, UW Board of Regents, Wisconsin state legislature, Wisconsin Governor, United States Congress, and President of the United States.

c) To network with campus student organizations to provide a forum for review and response to issues of diversity.

d) To network with campus student and faculty committees active in diversity issues.

e) To network with other UW system diversity issues groups and with United Council.

Section G Women's Initiatives Committee

1. Membership

a) This committee will consist of four Student Senators, one of which must be the Women's Initiatives Director and four students at-large. At least one student with women's studies minor must sit on the committee.

2. Committee Duties

a) To be responsible for the initiation, reviews, support of projects and policies concerning Women's Initiatives.

a) To promote Women's Initiatives and concerns to appropriate members of the UW-River Falls faculty and administration, UW System administration, UW Board of Regents, Wisconsin state legislature, Wisconsin Governor, United States Congress, and the President of the United States.

b) To network with campus student organizations to provide forum

for review and responses to Women's Initiatives.

c) To network with campus student and faculty committees active in Women's Initiatives.

d) To network with other UW system Women's Initiatives groups and with United Council.

Section F Women's/Diversity

1. Membership
   a.) This committee will consist of six Student Senators, one of which will be the Women's/Diversity Director, and four students at-large.
2. Committee Duties
   a.) To be responsible for the initiation, reviews, and support of projects and policies concerning diversity issues.
   b.) To be responsible for the initiation, reviews, support of projects and policies concerning Women's Initiatives.
   c.) To promote Women's Initiatives and Diversity Issues and concerns to appropriate members of the UW-River Falls faculty and administration, UW System administration, UW Board of Regents, Wisconsin state legislature, Wisconsin Governor, United States Congress, and the President of the United States.
   d.) To network with campus student organizations to provide forum for review and responses to Women's Initiatives and Diversity Issues.
   e.) To network with campus student and faculty committees active in Women's Initiatives and Diversity Issues.
   f.) To network with other UW system Women's Initiatives and Diversity Issues groups and with United Council.

Be it further resolved, all changes in the numbering and order of the by-laws will be made accordingly.

Eggers/Hanson

SS-03-04-062

Whereas Family Day has become a tradition on this campus, and
Whereas Student Senate sponsors Family Day on behalf of the Student Association,
Be it resolved that the Student Senate allocates a maximum of $5000.00 for Family Day funding based on the breakdown below:

Family Weekend Budget Proposal 2004

	Cost		
Brad Lowery--Comedian	$1250 + travel		$1,500
Football tickets	$6/game		
Printing		$500	$500
Postage		$1,000	$1,000
Volleyball tickets	$6/game		
Saturday Brunch w/admin and faculty		$2,000	$2,000
t-shirts	$7/shirt		
			$5,000

Expected Revenue	$15/person Additional $6 for VB and FB games	200	$3,000

Wierzba/Koski **motion passed**

SS-03-04-063

Whereas, students have directly approached Student Senators, and

Whereas, they have expressed a concern about allowing skateboarding on campus, and

Whereas, Chapter 18 (29) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code regarding conduct on university lands states that *"No person may skateboard in or on University buildings, or on sidewalks roadways or parking areas on University lands, except in areas designated for this purpose by the Chief Administrator(Chancellor)"*

Be it resolved that student senate supports the designation of the areas near both the east and west end Residence halls, and the back trails to be authorized by the Interim Chancellor for a skateboarding area, and

Be it further resolved that if this motion passes, it will then be passed on to the Interim Chancellor.

Erickson/Cluppert **motion passed**

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Hanson/Gavin
8:41 PM

The next meeting of the semester will be the in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center on Tuesday, April 27th, 2004