

# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE MINUTES Of Tuesday December 7, 2004.

- I. Call to order: The UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was called to order by Student Senate President Matthew Schuelke at 7:15pm in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.
- II. Members Present: Lindsey Burdick, Nicholas Cluppert, Emilee Driscoll, Joe Eggers, Johnathan Gavin, Adam Koski, Katy Leisch, Louis Muench, Kendra Plant, Landon Overby (EL), Matthew Schuelke, Cali Smithback, Georgia Wagner, Jeremy Zitzow
- III. Members Absent: Adam Koski (E)

**Board Chairs Present: LDPB:** 

F & F:

Guests: Michael Foley (Student Voice Editor), Rachel Gaynor (Student Voice Assistant Editor), Chelsea Harder, Laura Chille.

**IV. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved.

Moved By: Muench Seconded By: Gavin

**Guest Speaker:** 

**Open Forum:** 

### VII. Shared Governance Reports:

- **A.** United States Student Association (USSA) President of USSA will be in attendance at the UC February General Assembly.
- **B.** United Council (UC) Executive Board Director Search and Screen: UC in process of appointing and forwarding student names (Nick Cluppert is serving on the Committee). General Assembly is February 18-19 at Parkside.

# C. Student Senate Officers-

**Shared Governance Director - Johnathan Gavin:** Advertising for Student Association Student Senate Meeting, working on web site and voice article.

**Student Affairs and Academic Services Director- Nick Cluppert:** Continuing work on budget via tabling and petitions. Grading system survey closes on December 10 at midnight. Working on finalizing the student survey.

**Legislative Affairs Director- Joe Eggers:** Working on getting Joint Finance Committee in River Falls and bringing legislators for an open forum n Feburary.

Finance Director - Adam Koski: February GA.

**Diversity Issues Director** – AAA Mix'n'Mingle was an excellent experience. GSA: "Big Gay Conference", phone banking effort for Affirmative Action Day Take Action, Building Unity Conference is March 4-6 at Madison.

Women's Initiatives Director- Kendra Plant: Vagina Monologues in February, Wisconsin Women Equal Prosperity: March 21.

Parliamentarian / Ethics Chair - Jeremy Zitzow: Investigating skateboarding issue.

**Vice President - Emilee Driscoll:** Ad-Hoc Structural Planning Committee met: figuring out how to recruit and retain Senators; looking at various other Senates to compare and contrast their structure and effects. OASIS is supposedly working; there will be an update after returning from January break.

**President - Matt Schuelke:** 36.09(5) update, Budget meeting in February.

D. Facilities and Fees Board Chair – Nick Sireck:

Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair - Carolyn Schenk:

**F. Other:** Committee Meeting Times:

**Shared Gov:** 

SAAS: Thursdays @ 1:30pm Leg: Thursdays @ 7:00pm Finance: Wednesdays @ 2:15pm Diversity: Wednesdays @ 2:30pm Womens: Mondays @ 12:30pm

University Committee Reports: General Education Committee: Nick Cluppert attended the committee meeting, they discussed the Modern Languages motion. Parking and Appeals Committee: Luis Muench attended the committee meeting. Student Health and Wellness Committee: Kendra Plant attended the subcommittee Healthy Sexuality, they discussed resources and services, as well as advertising efforts. Chancellor Search and Screen Committee: Matthew Schuelke attended the committee, the committee will be conducting reference calls and then advancing in the search and screen process by forwarding on final names to UW System President Riley and Board of Regents Special Committee.

### IX. Old Business:

#### SS0405013

Whereas the United States Student Association (USSA) does not have either an ongoing referendum or a mandatory refundable fee with UWRF for which the students may communicate their feelings toward USSA; and

Whereas the students of UWRF pay over five thousand dollars to USSA per semester; and

Whereas UWRF shall remain a member indirectly of USSA as long as it is within United Council; and

Whereas student leaders on other UW campuses which are members of USSA are reconsidering membership; and

Whereas the USSA has not actively sought communication with UWRF and hence is not able to represent its students well; therefore

Be it Resolved, that the University of Wisconsin – River Falls ends its membership in the United States Student Association.

Moved By: Adam Koski Seconded By: Jeremy Zitzow

Motion SS0405013 passes with roll call 7-4-1

#### SS0405019

Whereas the Student Association Student Senate ad-hoc committee on Segregated University Fees (SUF) found the SUF at UW-River Falls to be slightly below the UW-System average, and

Whereas the allocable SUF administered by the Leadership Development and Programming Board (LDPB), has not been increased since the 1998-1999 Academic Year, and

Whereas there has been a significant increase in the number of recognized student organizations and in some cases the activities they undertake, and

Whereas the student organizations have been under-funded, most visibly in the 2003-2004 Academic Year, therefore

Be it Resolved that the SUF administered by LDPB is increased five dollars and twelve cents (\$5.12) from forty-nine dollars and sixty-three cents (\$49.63) to fifty-four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$54.75) per student for the 05-06 Academic Year.

Be it further resolved that the Student Association Student Senate plans to raise the SUF administered by LDPB another three dollars (\$3.00) for the 06-07 Academic Year and another two dollars (\$2.00) for the 07-08 Academic Year.

Motion SS0405019 was tabled until F&F and LDPB present their annual budget assessments.

Moved By: Driscoll Seconded By: Cluppert

## X. New Business:

#### SS0405020

# (INTRODUCTION ONLY)

Whereas the Student Association Student Senate passed SS040505 on Tuesday, September

28th, 2004 changing the membership of the Legislative Issues Committee and the Finance Committee in the Bylaws, but not the River Falls Student Association Constitution, and

Whereas the Student Association Governing Documents should not be in conflict, therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Senate approve the following changes to the River Falls Student Association Constitution,

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES SECTION 1.

The standing committees of the Student Senate shall be: Legislative Issues Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of three four senators and four students at-large. Finance Committee: Chair to be appointed by the President subject to confirmation of the Senate and consisting of four three senators and four students at large.

(Original wording struck out, italics new things)

This motion is effective immediately.

Motioned By: Adam Koski

Seconded By: John Gavin

### XI. Additional Items and Announcements:

**XII. Adjournment:** The UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was adjourned at 8:26pm

Moved By: Wagner Seconded By: Cluppert

The next meeting of Student Association Student Senate will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2005 in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center