UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
Of Tuesday, March 1, 2005.

I. **Call to order:** The UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was called to order by Student Senate President Matthew Schuelke at 7:00pm in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center

II. **Members Present:** Lindsey Burdick, Nicholas Cluppert, Emilee Driscoll, Joe Eggers, Adam Koski, Katy Leisch, Louis Muench, Landon Overby, Kendra Plant, Matthew Schuelke, Cali Smithback

Board Chairs Present: LDPB: Carolyn Schenk
F & F:

III. **Members Absent:** Georgia Wagner (E), Jeremy Zitzow (E), Nick Sirek

Guests: Dan Gorbon (student), Liz De La Torre (student), Derek Husmoen (student), Eric Quade (Student Voice), Eric Ebert (Student Voice), Miriam Huffman (Advisor)

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

Moved By: Leisch
Seconded By: Koski

Guest Speaker:

Open Forum:

VII. **Shared Governance Reports:**

A. United States Student Association (USSA) -
B. United Council (UC) – Building Unity Weekend is finally here!, Higher Education Re-Authorization Act Teleconference at 12:00pm to formulate questions for Cora Merit and President Riley

C. Student Senate Officers-

Shared Governance Director – Vacant: Matt worked on webpage, appointments made to committees.

Student Affairs and Academic Services Director- Nick Cluppert: Student survey is being assessed; Grading System passed Faculty Senate, Ride board, Budget debt signatures

Legislative Affairs Director- Joe Eggers: Budget, TABOR

Finance Director - Adam Koski: Building Unity Conference logistics.

Diversity Issues Director - Georgia Wagner: No Report.

Women's Initiatives Director- Kendra Plant: Women's History Month; Workshops at Building Unity, Bulletin Boards for Residence Halls.

Parliamentarian / Ethics Chair - Jeremy Zitzow: No Report

Vice President - Emilee Driscoll: Please remember to write office hours down. If I have talked to you about it, that was your grace period. Interview with Student Voice, article in Student Voice, Joint Ad-Hoc Structural Planning Committee and Elections Committee Meeting on Wednesday at 4:00pm
*****Current Office Hours Period: March 7 – March 15*****

President - Matt Schuelke: University Administration Meeting about testifying during Joint Finance Committee Hearings.

D. Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair – Carolyn Schenk: Annual Budgets and allocations.

Facilities and Fees Board Chair – Nick Sireck:

F. Other:
Elections Committee: timetable: Petitions available Friday, March 11; due on Friday, March 18; Elections on April 12-13; recruitment campaign.

University Committee Reports: Nick attended Gen Ed Committee: Ethics/Citizenship changes being made: department challenges

IX. Old Business:

SS0405019

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

Whereas the allocable SUF administered by 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 $3 for the 06-07 Academic Year and another $2 for the 07-08 Academic Year.

Moved By: Adam Koski
Seconded By: Nicholas Cluppert

Motion SS0405019 Passed.

SS0405048

Whereas, there is currently no legislation that includes alcohol as an intoxicant, and

Whereas, women who are under the influence of alcohol are unable to receive any justice for the crimes committed against them, and

Whereas, the United Council's Women's Issue Committee has passed a motion seeking to ensure alcohol is labeled as an intoxicant,

Therefore be it resolved that the River Falls Student Association Student Senate believe that alcohol is an intoxicant,

Be it further resolved that that the Student Association Student Senate work to ensure that alcohol becomes recognized as an intoxicant.

Moved by: Kendra Plant
Second by: Joe Eggers

Motion SS0405048 Passed.

SS0405052

Whereas, an assessment of the UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate, by the Ad-Hoc Structural Planning Committee, made apparent a necessity for a structural change of the Senate composition, and

Whereas, the adoption of the Ad-Hoc Structural Planning Committee proposal will encourage improved networking with campus communities and individuals, as well as place a higher responsibility on students for the direction of the UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate, and

Therefore Be it resolved, that the UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate adopt the recommended constituency-based Student Association Student Senate proposal, as follows, un the subsequent conditions:

All Campus Election:
President
Vice-President
9 At-Large Student Senators
1 Nontraditional Student Senator, as defined by the Board of Regents definition

4 First Year Student Senators

Filtered Election:
4 Representatives from Colleges, 1 elected from each respective college

Confirmed Election:
2 Residence Hall Representatives, appointed from each Area Council
1 Greek Organization Representative, appointed from Panhellenic / Inter-Fraternity Council
1 Diversity Organization Representative, appointed from the LDPB Diversity Awareness Committee
1 Athletic Representative, appointed from the Student Athlete Advisory Board

Moved By: Emilee Driscoll
Seconded By: Nick Cluppert

Motion SS0405052 Passed.

X. NEW BUSINESS

` **SS0405053**
(Introduction Only)

Whereas, the existing election rules make it illegal to campaign for Student Senate elections within 100 feet of the Student Center, Library, and any computer,

Whereas, the existing election rules were designed prior to the use of online voting and they are now obsolete and unreasonable,

Therefore be it resolved that the following changes be made to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Election Rules;

Section C. General Campaign

~~*1.* No person may engage in campaigning during polling hours on election days within 100 feet of a known polling table and the University Library.~~

1. No state tax dollars, tuition, or segregated university fee money may be used in connection with campaigning.

2. Individual Residential Hall Councils will regulate campaigning in residential halls. It is the duty of the Elections Committee to inform individual Residential Hall Councils the election rules sent forth by the Student Association Student Senate.

3. No person may personally or through another person make use of or threaten to make use of force, violence, or restraint on order to induce or compel any person to vote or refrain from voting at an election or vote or refrain from voting for particular candidate(s) or referendum(s).

~~*4.*~~ *In the case of a non-electronic election, all campaigning and* ~~All~~ campaign material must be a minimum of 100 feet away from *any polling table.* ~~the Ballot box and or any other~~

~~means of voting.~~ Poll workers and members of the Student Association Student Senate Elections Committee will be responsible for removing any campaign material from within the prescribed radius and all campaign material removed will be destroyed. Candidates *campaigning or* placing campaign material within 100 feet of a polling table ~~and the University Library~~ during the voting hours will be subject to penalty. ~~Candidates who place campaign material 100 feet of a ballot box/other means of voting outside of voting hours will not be subject to penalty.~~

5. No person may bribe, give, or lend anything of a dollar value in order to induce a person to vote or refrain from voting for or against a candidate(s) or referendum(s).

6. An individual(s)/organization(s) will be held responsible for any damage to an area caused by campaigning. Damage costs will be determined and assessed by the Student Association Student Senate Ethics Committee.

7. Campaign material may not be posted or supported by any shrubbery, tree, and/or external wall of a building.

8. Campaign material cannot be posted until the petition due date has expired. Violation of such rule will be subject to penalty.

9. Elections Committee and polling workers cannot influence other people's votes while on duty.

(Removed things ~~struck out~~, new things in *italics*)

Moved By: Louis Muench
Seconded By: Kendra Plant

SS0405054

Move to appoint Kathryn Krtnick to the Recreation Committee for the 2005-2006 Academic Year

Moved By: Matthew Schuelke
Seconded By: Kendra Plant

Motions SS0405054 Passed.

SS0405055

Move to appoint Derek Husmoen and Liz De LA Torre to the Student Association Student Senate for the remainder of the 2004-2005 Academic Year

Moved By: Matthew Schuelke
Seconded By: Kendra Plant

Motion SS0405055 Passed with amendment.

XI. Additional Items and Announcements: Welcome to Student Senate Derek and Liz!

XII. Adjournment: The UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Moved By: Eggers
Seconded By: Koski

The next meeting of Student Association Student Senate will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center