MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
Of Tuesday, January 31, 2006

I. **Call to order:** The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was called to order by Student Senate President Nicholas Cluppert at 7:02 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.

II. **Members Present:** Nicholas Cluppert, Jeremy Bonikowske, Jim Vierling, Allison West, Dustin Pfundheller, Nathan Cook, Dan Scott, Carl Sackreiter, Deepak Reddy, Joe Eggers, Doua Moua, Adrienne Adolphson, Bethany Barnett, Vang Lor, Chee Moua, Chunlan Li, Lindsey Burdick

III. **Members Absent:** Josh Duley (unexcused), Shaun Priesgen (unexcused), Adam Koski (excused), Carolyn Schenk (excused), Alaina Zack (unexcused), Andy Phelps (excused)

Guests: Vicki Hajewski (advisor), Maddy Melton (United Council), Helen Clarke (Student Voice), Bwarenaba Kautu (International Student Club)

IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes stand as approved.

V. **Guest Speaker:** Maddy Melton introduced herself as our new United Council Campus Buddy. She answered any questions that the Senate had.

VI. **Open Forum:** Bwarenaba Kautu addressed the Student Senate about whether there was an international student seat on senate. There were also questions about having a senator come and talk to the International Club about Senate, as well as if there were laws or policies regarding a professor yelling at an international student in front of the entire classroom. Carl Sackreiter will attend the International Club tomorrow at 4:30 and address the questions that they may have about Student Senate.

VII. **Shared Governance Reports:**

A. United Council (UC)- Joe Eggers:

- There was an email sent out about general assembly in Fox Valley.

B. Student Senate Director Reports:

1. Shared Governance- Jeremy Bonikowske:

- Motion was written for this weeks agenda, but was not put on it.
  - Spring Involvement Fair is tomorrow, so please sign up!
  - Shirts will cost $16.55. Payment options will be emailed out.

2. Student Affairs and Academic Services- Lindsey Burdick:

- Collegiate Services will be out on Feb. 15 to discuss the discount cards
- Great Lakes Transit is still in process (waiting for email back)

3. **Legislative Affairs- Joe Eggers:**
- Governor vetoed the Conceal and Carry Legislation, failed house to overturn
- Taxpayers Bill of Rights may be changed to Taxpayers Protection Act
- GSA Marriage Amendment is coming back up at state level, further research is being done
- Leg meeting tomorrow in South Fork Suites Lobby

4. **Finance- Adam Koski:**
- Not in attendance, no report.

5. **Diversity Issues- Chunlan Li & Chee Moua:**
- February 1st, 6-7pm, MultiCultural Committee will be meeting in the Regents Room
- Diversity Banquette coming up
- International Bizarre is March 23rd at Rodli Commons. $3 charge.

6. **Women's Initiatives- Allison West:**
- We will be having the Vagina Monologues this year. Dates are March 6/7/8 (tentatively) and if you are able and willing to help, please contact Allison West.

7. **Parliamentary/ Ethics- Shaun Priesgen:**
- No Report

8. **Vice President- Position open:**
- Must have resume and cover letter emailed to President Nick Cluppert by the time he reaches the Shared Governance Office tomorrow, if you are interested in the position.

9. **President- Nick Cluppert:**
- The Opening Address of the semester was given today in which Nick Cluppert addressed the accomplishments of the Student Senate so far this year, as well as addressing the goals that there are for next year.
- Energy Committee will be meeting at 6pm tomorrow in the Shared Governance Office.
- Nick will be meeting with Mary Halada about getting a student voice on the Health and Human Performance building project. The meeting will take place March 1st in North Hall.
- Nick is meeting with the Diversity Directors on Building Unity Conference, since it falls on Spring Break this year.
- There is a Student Representative meeting in Madison this Friday.
- Faculty Senate will be meeting 3:45pm in the President's Room tomorrow (2/1)
- The exec committee will be meeting tomorrow from 1:25-2:20 in the Shared Gov office. The times this semester will be rotating, since no one can meet at the same time.
- A student passed away today due to a automobile accident that occurred last Saturday morning. Her name is Crystal Shobat and lived in Crabtree Hall.

C. Leadership Development and Programming Board- Carolyn Schenk:
- Working on Budget.

D. Facilities and Fees Board- Jim Vierling:
- F&F is starting to work on its budgets.
- Possibility of adding a Parking committee under F&F. More details when

presented to senate.

VIII. Other Committee/ University Committee Reports:

- The University Centers Committee is waiting to hear on the AIC-U Conference approval.
  - There may be another tour through the new Student Union soon
  - The budget is under view
  - The Barbershop Quartette is starting to sing for Valentine's Day
- Jim Vierling called UW-EC, UW-GB, UW-Stout, University of St. Thomas (MN) and the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Campus about the smoking policies around buildings. There is a chance it may be a Wisconsin State law, however there are currently no fines that the campuses are aware of if violating this policy.

IX. Old Business:

- **SS0506041**

Whereas the recommendations of the Structural Planning Committee in SS0405052 were passed to reform the Student Senate electoral structure,

Therefore, be it resolved the following amendments be made to the Student Association Constitution.

PLEASE SEE AGENDA FROM 1/24/06 OR 1/31/06.

Moved By: Adam Koski
Seconded By: Jim Vierling

- Vierling motioned to have the motion tabled for another meeting so that Adam Koski would be present to explain his motion if there were any questions about it.
- Table motion was seconded by Lindsey Burdick and Joe Eggers.
- **Tabled** until next meeting

X. New Business: No New Business

XI. Additional Items and Announcements:

- Discussion if Student Senate should send a representative from Senate to all organizations to discuss Senate and what it is.
- The Provost candidate Judith Ward will be on campus Thursday, February 2. There will be a question and answer session from 4-4:45 in the Kinni Room at the Student Center.

XII. Adjournment: The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Moved By: James Vierling
Seconded By: Lindsey Burdick

The next meeting of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, February 2, 2006 in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.