MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, March 21, 2006
Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center

I. CALL TO ORDER: The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was called to order by President Cluppert at 7:03 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Nick Cluppert, Bethany Barnett, Jeremy Bonikowske, Lindsey Burdick, Joe Eggers, Adam Koski, Lana Li, Chee Moua, Adrienne Adolphson, Nate Cook, Vang Lo, Dustin Pfundheller, Shaun Priesgen, Andy Phelps, Doua Moua, Dan Scott, Jim Vierling, Carolyn Schenk

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS: Matthew Meyer (ECO Club) and Shalena Brandt (Student Voice)
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes Approved

V. GUEST SPEAKER: None

VI. OPEN FORUM:

- Lana as well as 23 delegates attended Building Unity. Thanks to Adam who worked out the logistics.
- There will be a General Assembly April 7th and 8th in Green Bay. Contact Adam or Nick if you would like to attend or sign up on the white board in the office.

VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. UNITED COUNCIL REPORTS:

United Council Board of Directors Representative- Joe Eggers

1. After the referendum vote Platteville pulled out of United Council while Superior decided to stay.
2. The referendum for River Falls is fast approaching.

B. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR- Jeremy Bonikowske

- Jeremy is looking for students to serve on the University Assessment Committee, if you or anyone you know is interested talk with him

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Lindsey Burdick

- The elections committee met Monday at 5:15 and it was determined that the Senate primaries will take place April 4th and 5th.
- The elections will be held April 11th and 12th and petitions for candidates will be available Friday of this week.
- SAAS received gift certificates from Collegiate Services for their work with the student savings cards.

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR- Joe Eggers

- Leg. Committee continues to work on TABOR

4. **FINANCE DIRECTOR- Adam Koski**
   - Finance committee has approved the Diversity Issues budget.

5. **DIVERSITY ISSUES DIRECTOR- Chunlan Li & Chee Moua**
   - April 10th is the date set for the Diversity Banquet.
   - The International Bazaar it this Thursday, the cost is $3. Lana has tickets if you would like to purchase one.

6. **WOMEN'S INITIATIVES DIRECTOR- Allison West – Excused**
   - Vagina Monologues went very well and the event made $780 to be donated to charity.

7. **PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR- Shaun Priesgen**
   - None

8. **VICE PRESIDENT- Bethany Barnett**
   - Office hours are due this Friday by 4:00pm. This period includes the week before Spring Break, any Senate business conducted during Spring Break and this week.
   - The Chancellor's Award Committee will be meeting with the Chancellor tomorrow to get his approval and the chosen candidates.

9. **PRESIDENT- Nick Cluppert**
   - Wednesday before Spring Break Nick was in Madison for Regional Legislation Day.
   - Thursday before Spring Break he gave a presentation to the Board of Regents about the conservation efforts here on campus.
   - Nick will be meeting with the Chancellor if you have any issues you would like him to address with the Chancellor let him know.
   - Nick requested volunteers for the one time funding meetings.
     March 27th from 1-3pm in the President's Room – Carolyn Schenk, Jeremy Bonikowske, Beth Barnett, Jim Vierling, Adam Koski.
     March 28th from 3:30-5 in Rodli 137/138 – Dan Scott, Allison West, Carolyn Schenk, Vang Lo, Lindsey Burdick, Adam Koski, Chee Moua, Beth Barnett.
   - University Dining Services wants two senators to attend a Market Assessment Focus Group – Joe Eggers and Shaun Priesgen with Adrienne Adolphson as an alternative.
   - The Senate has been invited to take a tour of the new student center so please sign up on the board for the time that best fits your schedule (only sign the boxes that are highlighted).
   - Bethany will be finding a time for the executive board meeting.
   - A reminder that all senators will be ushers at the Chancellor's inauguration.

C. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Carolyn Schenk

- The board will be meeting tonight at 8:00 to finish the budget so that Carolyn can present it to Senate in two weeks.

D. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Jim Vierling

- Jim and Carolyn have a meeting with Greg Van de Mark to discuss the Senate web site.
- Jim will be attending a meeting with Student Health services this Friday in regards to the smoking ban.
- Jim is looking into forming a Child Care committee since student fees are used to fund the center and there is not currently a committee to regulate the funds.

OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The energy campaign released its results and there had been a 3% decreasein energy consumption in Jan. and Feb. compared to Nov. and Dec.

- The elections committee would like you to distribute posters to academic buildings (this counts as office hours).
- Stratton and McMillan are holding a formal on April 7th.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS
SS0506054
INTRODUCTION ONLY

Whereas the Facilities and Fees Board has approved the following Segregated Fee increases:

Committee	Current Fee	Proposed Fee 06/07	Proposed Fee 07/08	Proposed Fee 08/09	Proposed Fee 09/10	Proposed Fee 10/11	Percentage Increase		
Athletics	$75.00	$78.50	$82.25	$86.25	$90.50	$95.00	4.666666667	$3.50 start, plus $0.25 per year for 5 years	
Joint Foods									
19 Meal Plan	$925	$965					4.324324324	$40	
14 Meal Plan	$895	$935					4.469273743	$40	
10 Meal Plan	$860	$900					4.651162791	$40	
Take 5 Meal Plan	$832	$832					0	$0	
Upper Option	$575	$575					0	$0	
Flex 19	$1,099.00	$1,150					4.640582348	$51.00	
Flex 14	$1,047.00	$1,100					5.062082139	$53.00	
Flex 10	$1,005.00	$1,050						$45.00	
Recreation								$0.00	
Intramural Complex	$3.00	$3					0	$0.00	
Arena	$35.50	$36					0	$0.00	
HHP Fee	$15.00	$23.55					57	$8.55	*does not include operating costs
Residential Living									
Double	$2,550.00	$2,716.00					6.509803922	$166.00	
Single	$3,250.00	$3,416					5.107692308	$166.00	
Suite	$3,450.00	$3,616					4.811594203	$166.00	
Special Tech									
Student Health Advisory	$72.25	$80.93	$90.64				12.00692042	$8.68	
Textbook Services	$59.00	$61.65					4.491525424	$2.65	
University Centers	$315.00	$365.00					15.87301587	$50.00	
Municiple Services	$35.00	$32.00					-8.571428571	($3.00)	
Total (average):	$899.88	$944					4.897603486	$44.07	

Be it resolved that Student Senate approve the increases for the 2006-2007 Academic School Year.

Moved by Chair Vierling
Seconded by Vice President Barnett

Senator Pfundheller provided Senate with an analysis of fees if the percent of increase remains the same. After some debate Senator Cook moved to vote solely on the athletics portion of the proposed budget. His motion was seconded by Director Burdick. Motion passed .

Director Burdick then moved that motion SS0506057 be brought to the floor and that SS0506054 be tabled until a decision on SS0506057 was reached. Seconded by Senator Pfundheller.

SS0506057

<u>Talloires Declaration Motion</u>

Whereas, pollution, degradation, and depletion of our natural resources is occurring at an unprecedented scale and speed,

Whereas, action is needed to address these fundamental problems and reverse these trends,

Whereas, the Association of University Leaders for a Sustainable Future (ULSF) offers Universities the opportunity to sign the Talloires Declaration, which provides the Universities the opportunity to move to a more sustainable future,

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls' new vision statement includes the phrase "create sustainable communities and environment,"

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls' new Student Center will be a prime example of sustainable building and will be a working demonstration of sustainable development,

Whereas, UW-Madison and UW-Stevens Point have already committed toward a more sustainable future by signing the Talloires Declaration,

Whereas, the Governor has recently signed Senate Bill 459, the Energy Efficiency and Renewables Act, requiring that by 2015, ten percent of the state's electricity be generated from renewable, sustainable sources, and also requiring the state to update building codes to include higher energy efficiency standards, and create special energy standards for state building projects and purchases,

Whereas, Universities have a major role in the education, leadership, research, policy formation and information exchange of society, and have the opportunity and the resources to be leaders of sustainable development in both the University system and the community,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Student Association Student Senate supports the University of Wisconsin-River Falls signing the Talloires declaration, which would move the University toward sound environmental practices and a more sustainable future.

Therefore, be it further resolved, the Student Association Student Senate forward a copy of this motion to Chancellor Don Betz, Mary Halada, Dale Braun, Waldo Hagen, and Michael Stifter.

Introduced to the Student Senate by Matthew Meyer
Seconded by Senator Priesgen.

- Matthew Meyer addressed Senate explaining that this is not a major commitment for the University since River Falls already meets the proposed requirements of sustainability.
- This would be the University's chance to take a public stance.

Director Burdick called to question and the motion was passed.

At this time discussion of SS0506054 resumed.
Director Burdick moved that all areas but Residential Living and Joint Foods be approved. Seconded by Director Eggers. Motion Passed.

Director Eggers then moved that the portion of the budget for Joint Foods and Residential Living be tabled until the chairs of these committees had a chance to meet with Senate.

SS0506055
Whereas, for the last two years, Student Association Student Senate has supported the Diversity Banquet,

Whereas, this event was successful and beneficial to diversity organizations,

Whereas, Diversity Issues Committee is hosting its 3rd annual Diversity Recognition Banquet,

Therefore Be It Resolved, Student Association Student Senate should support and approve this years budget.

Moved by Co-Director Moua
Seconded by Co-Director Li

2006 Budget Proposal for Diversity Issues Committee

Description	Price	Quantity	Total
Buffet Style	$10 per person	100	$1,000
Certificate frames	$10 per one	6	$60
Certificates	$20 per pack	1	$20
Flowers			$100
Decorations			$100
Sweater (store certificates)	$40 per one	3	$120
		Total cost:	**$ 1,400.00**

Motion Passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

SS0506056
INTRODUCTION ONLY
Whereas the Student Association Student Senate has Election Rules,

Whereas the Election Rules do not contain detailed guidelines for referendum's,

Be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate approve the following guidelines pertaining to referendum's,

Be it further resolved that these guidelines become effective immediately.

Article 2: Definitions
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Section C. Referendum
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3. Referendum Rules
   (a) There shall be no campaigning in the Student Center, Davee Chalmer Library, or Rodli Commons for 1 day prior to and day(s) during the referendum.
   (b) There shall be no class raps pertaining to any type of referendum.
   (c) There must be permission given by Hall Managers for campaigning on referendum issues within the residence halls.
   (d) Laptops and other voting devices shall not be used by those campaigning to have students vote on-the-spot.
   (e) Flyers, table tents, posters and mailings are approvable for campaigning, so long as they are acceptable, truthful, and approved by the appropriate peoples.
   (f) Student dollars can be used for campaigning, as long as they are approved by a specific organization.
   (g) Debates and forums are acceptable, however should be moderated by a neutral person or group.
   * *Any complaints or issues with referendum rules should be directed to the Parliamentarian and Ethics Committee.*

Motion by Chair Vierling
Seconded by President Cluppert

Chair Vierling moved to suspend the bylaws so that SS0506056 could be voted upon this evening. Seconded by Senator Priesgen. Motion passed.

Motion amended by author (italics).
Motion Failed.

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Deb Martin would like some Senators to write welcome messages for the Student Center website. She will also need your picture, if you are interested talk to Nick..
2. There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive coming to campus and Senate is encouraged to volunteer.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was adjourned at 8:28p.m.
Moved by: Director West
Seconded by: Senator Pfundheller

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.