MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, March 28, 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 7:01 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, Chee Moua, Adrienne Adolphson, Nate Cook, Vang Lo, Dustin Pfundheller, Shaun Priesgen, Doua Moua, Dan Scott, Jim Vierling, Carolyn Schenk

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS: Helen Clarke (Student Voice), Vicki Hajewski (Advisor), Amber Rowley, Ashley Olson and Sean Eberts (United Council Interns) and Maddy Melton and Taylor Johnsen (United Council Staff)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes Approved as Amended

V. GUEST SPEAKER: None

VI. OPEN FORUM:

- Chee addressed the Senate with regards to a petition to keep a professor once their term is up.

VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. UNITED COUNCIL REPORTS:

United Council Board of Directors Representative- Joe Eggers

1. Nick reported that the Board of Directors did not have quarem.
2. Because Plattelville pulled out of the U.C., United Council will have to reconfigure their budget.

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 They meet Mondays at 1:25 in the library.

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Lindsey Burdick

- Petitions for candidates for next year's senate are available at the front desk in the Leadership Center.
- SAAS has contacted Mark Kimble regarding the skateboarding policy and he has agreed to bring it to administration.

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR- Joe Eggers

- Leg. Committee continues to work on TABOR
- Each member of the Leg. Committee has been assigned a City Council member to meet with.

- The Leg. Committee will begin work with Minnesota legislators in regards to tuition reciprocity and Taxpayers Protection Act.
- Alcohol as an intoxicant is moving on.

4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Adam Koski

- There are 3 people confirmed to attend the April General Assembly in Green Bay.
- Finance Committee will be reviewing the one time funding requests.

5. DIVERSITY ISSUES DIRECTOR- Chunlan Li (excused) & Chee Moua

- April 10th is the date set for the Diversity Banquet.
- The banquet is coming together nicely.

6. WOMEN'S INITIATIVES DIRECTOR- Allison West

- Vagina Monologues went very well and the event made $780 to be donated to charity.
- There are still Vagina pops available for purchase.

7. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR- Shaun Priesgen

- None

8. VICE PRESIDENT- Bethany Barnett

- Office hours are due next Friday by 4:00pm.
- If anyone has an issue regarding the last session of office hours you can talk to me on a one on one basis.

9. PRESIDENT- Nick Cluppert

- Nick will be meeting with the Chancellor on Friday.
- At the last General Assembly Nick talked with presidents from other campuses and they would like to establish a caucuss.
- The dining services meeting is Wednesday at 3:30 and Joe and Shaun are our representation.
- Reminder to all directors to prepare a transitions binder for next year's directors.
- We will be having an executive meeting Wednesday at 3:30 in the Student Senate office.
- The United Council Referendum is April 4th and 5th. It will begin Tuesday morning at 8:00am and will conclude Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

C. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Carolyn Schenk

- The LDPB budget is on the agenda this evening and is introduction only.

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.
- Each of the separate committees will be working on updating by-laws.

OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The External Relations Committee is meeting Thursday to discuss the commencement speakers.
- Parking and appeals is purchasing software that will link the University system to the Wisconsin system as well as to Esis. Which means holds will be placed on an account as soon as a citation has been issued.

Director Eggers moved to allow United Council to address Senate for ten minutes. Motion was seconded by Senator Pfundheller.
United Council discussed its current campaigns and actions.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

SS0506041

Whereas the recommendations of the Structural Planning Committee in SS040552 were passed to reform the Student Senate electoral structure,

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

PREAMBLE

We also recognize the student as to make demands upon the institution to meet his*/her* needs as a consumer.

ARICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SECTION 2. Membership

The membership of the Student Senate of the River Falls Student Association will be limited to ~~duly elected~~ representatives of the River Falls Student Association *as described by the Election Rules*. The Student Senate shall consist of 25 members~~: 21 will be elected in an all-school Spring Election~~.

SECTION 3. Time in Office

Student Senators shall be elected at least 5 weeks before the start of finals week~~,~~ *for the* Spring Semester ~~in an all-school election~~.

SECTION 4. Qualifications

Maintaining a *minimum* cumulative GPA of 2.25.

While in office and/or running for office carry a minimum of ~~nine~~ *twelve* credits.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS SECTION 1.

The officers of the Student Senate shall be a President *and a* Vice President ~~and Treasurer~~.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS SECTION 2.

The President shall call special meetings when he*/she* deems necessary ~~of~~ or at the request of a simple majority of ~~six~~ members *or more* of the Student Senate.

ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS SECTION 1.

~~All school elections shall be by secret ballot only.~~ *Elections shall be conducted according to the Election Rules.*

SECTION 2. ~~The elections must be supervised by members of eh Student Senate, or by their appointed representatives, and in accordance with the Rules to Govern Elections.~~
The Elections Committee or their agents shall conduct the elections.

Be it further resolved the amendments be made to the Student Association Bylaws.

Student Senate ARTICLE I. Membership

Section A. The Student Association Student Senate will consist of 25 students ~~elected from the student body at large~~ of which four will be first year students.

Section B. Elections for ~~the~~ 21~~-at large~~ positions for Student Association Student Senators will be held according to the timeline in the Student Association Elections Rules.

General Student Association ARTICLE V. Finance

Section A. 4. (a) A Student Association Student Senate Executive Board member, *the Facilities and Fees Board Chair,* or chair of a subunit may spend up to $10 per week without approval of the Student Association Student Senate Finance Committee or the Student Association Student Senate ~~within whatever lines~~ *as* necessary.

Be it finally resolved the amendments be made to the Student Association Election Rules.

ARTICLE 2: Definitions
Section F: College Representatives
A student of a college (i.e. CAFES, CAS, CBE and CEPS) elected by the students of that college to be their representation in the Student Association Student Senate.
Section G: Student Organization Representatives
A student chosen by the members of the Student Organizations (i.e. Area Councils, IFC and Panhellenic, Diversity Awareness Committee, and Student Athletic Advisory Board) to be their representation in the Student Association Student Senate.
Section H. Nontraditional Representative
A nontraditional student, according to the UW System Board of Regents definition, is to be elected. All students may vote for a nontraditional representative.

ARTICLE 3: Election Rules
Section A. Nomination
1. Any student currently enrolled *with a minimum of 12 credits* at the University of Wisconsin River maintaining a *minimum of* 2.25 cumulative GPA may be a candidate for a seat on Student Association Student Senate *at-large, college, nontraditional,* Student Association Student Senate President, *and/*or Vice President.
2. In order to have a candidate's name placed on the Student Association Student Senate *at-large, college, and/or nontraditional* ballot, the candidate must collect the signatures of 50 currently enrolled students. A student may be on ~~both ballots~~ *as many ballots as he/she is qualified for including* the Student Association Student Senate President and/or Vice President by collecting the signatures of 100 currently enrolled students.
9. It is the responsibility of the Area Councils, IFC and Panhellenic, Diversity Awareness Committee, and Student Athlete Advisory Board to elect students meeting the criteria in ARTICLE III. Section A. 1.
Section B. Write-in Candidates
1. Any student ~~currently enrolled at the University of Wisconsin River Falls and in good academic standing according to the registrar's office~~ *meeting the criteria in Section A. 1.* may be a write-in candidate for a seat on Student Association Student Senate *at large, nontraditional,* Student Association Student Senate President, *and/*or Vice President.
2. ~~Write-in candidate like all other candidates, must abide by the rules contained in this document.~~ *A student may be a write-in candidate for the college representative Student Senator by meeting the criteria in ARTICLE III. Section A. 1. and by being currently enrolled in that college.*
3. *Write-in candidate like all other candidates, must abide by the rules contained in this document.* Write-in candidates, who win a primary election, will have their names automatically placed on the general election ballot.

ARTICLE 4: Elections—Time-line
Section A. This nine-week process must be followed for all Student Association Student Senate Elections:
(Week 2 Thursday-Student Organizations electing Senators must be contacted
Week 8 Thursday-Student Organizations elections due
Week 9Friday-Results given to the election committee by 4 pm)
Section C. General *and Special* Elections
1. General elections will be held to elect ~~20~~ 9 at-large members ~~of the Student Association Student Senate~~, *4 college representatives, 1 Nontraditional representative*, the Student Association Student Senate President, and Vice President, and approve any referendums ~~properly advanced by the Student Association's governing documents~~.
2. Special election will be held as necessary to consider referendums properly advanced by the Student Association Student Senate or members of the Student Association.
Section D. ~~Special~~ *Student Organization Elections*
1. ~~Special election will be held as necessary to consider referendums properly advanced by the Student Association Student Senate or members of the Student Association.~~ *Student Organization Elections will be held to nominate 5 members of the Student Association Student Senate. The two Area Councils will each elect 1 Senator as a Resident Hall representative. The IFC and Panhellenic will elect 1 Senator as a Greek representative. The LDPB Diversity Awareness Committee will elect 1 Senator as a Diversity representative. The Student Athletic Advisory Board will elect 1 Senator as an Athletics representative.*
2. Student Organization Elections will be conducted by the Student Organizations in a democratically and the results will be given to the Elections Committee.
3. The Student Organizations may substitute an election with some other appropriate means of selection of a representative if the Student Organizations have approval for that Election Cycle by the Elections Committee.
Section E. Ballot
Category of Representatives i.e. Student At-Large, *College*, *Nontraditional*, Student Association Student Senate President or Vice President

(Original wording ~~struck out~~, *italics* new things)

This motion is effective immediately.

Motioned by: Director Koski

Seconded by: Chair Vierling

Motion Passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:
President Cluppert passed the gavel.
SS0506058

Whereas, current University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF) administrative policy AP 3 allows for smoking on campus, except within 25 feet of university buildings, and

Whereas, an inability to enforce the current 25 foot smoking ban has been evident, and

Whereas, smoking on campus leads to many non-smoking students being subjected to secondhand smoke, and

Whereas, according to the American Lung Association, secondhand smoke has been classified as a cancer causing agent by the Environmental Protection Agency and causes approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 35,000 heart disease deaths each year in the United States, and

Whereas, UWRF administrative policy AP 4 states, “It is the policy of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls that every employee, student and visitor be afforded a safe and healthful working environment within the scope of available resources.”, and

Whereas, allowing smoking on UWRF campus and property violates UWRF administrative policy AP 4,

Therefore be it resolved that the UWRF Student Association Student Senate supports a change in UWRF administrative policy AP 3 to ban smoking ~~in all UWRF buildings and~~ on all UWRF property,

Therefore Student Senate urges a fine no less than ten dollars to be enforced by Public Safety,

Therefore be it further resolved that this motion be forwarded on to Chancellor Donald Betz and Vice Chancellor Mary Halada.

Authored by Senator Cook
Seconded by Director Eggers
Friendly amendments are noted.

Senate debated and discussed this motion until President Cluppert reserved his right. Director Eggers asked for a Point of Clarification feeling that President Cluppert was not allowed to reserve his right. Director Priesgen was consulted on the matter.

Senator Pfundheller motion that Senate have a five minute recess while the matter was being discussed. This motion was seconded by Director West. Motion passed.

Meeting was called to order to order by Vice President Barnett at 8:15pm. It was decided that President Cluppert did have the ability to reserve his right.

President Cluppert moved to table SS0506058 until students could come and speak about the motion. This motion was seconded by Director West.
Senate voted and there was a call of division.
Motion passed with a vote of 8-7.

SS0506059

Whereas the Student Association Student Senate host a reception at the end of each academic year,

Whereas individuals are recognized for their accomplishments,

Therefore be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate allot $35.09 (+S/H) for the awards.

Motioned by Vice President Barnett
Seconded by Chair Schenk
Motion Passed

SS0506060
INTRODUCTION ONLY

Whereas the Leadership Development and Programming Board (LDPB) has reviewed the LDPB committees' budget and the Annual Budget Funding Requests of the UW-River Falls Student Organizations, and

Be it resolved that the Student Senate approve the following proposed LDPB Budget for 2005-2006 academic year,

Final Budget Amounts:
Campus Media Committee: $55,000.00
Diversity Awareness Committee: $30,000.00
Entertainment Committee: $37,000.00
Leadership and Service: $15,600.00
Recreational Activities Committee: $27,000.00
Performing Arts Committees: $70,450.00
Student Organizations Committee: $49,585.00
Homecoming Committee: $13,500.00

Motioned by Chair Schenk
Seconded by Vice President Barnett

SS0506061
Whereas the Student Association Student Senate would like more input from students in regard to the smoking ban,

Therefore be it resolved that a question regarding feelings of moving our campus toward a non-smoking campus be placed onto the Senate Election ballot.

Motioned by Chair Schenk
Seconded by Senator Pundheller
Motion Passed.

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive coming to campus and Senate is encouraged to volunteer. The top organization donating or volunteering will receive a pizza party.
2. The public hearings for one time funding went well.
3. Remember there is space available for others to attend the April General Assembly.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was adjourned at 8:26p.m.
Moved by: Director Burdick
Seconded by: Chair Schenk

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.