MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, April 18, 2006
Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center

I. CALL TO ORDER: The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Meeting was called to order by President Cluppert at 7:02 p.m.

- Sean Eberle spoke to Senate on behalf of the Gay, Straight Alliance. He asked that as leaders we set examples for the students that may look up to us.

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was called to order by President Cluppert at 7:07 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, Shaun Priesgen, Allison West, Vang Lor, Nate Cook, Doua Moua, Dustin Pfundheller, , Dan Scott, Andy Phelps Deepak Reddy, Jason Schultz, Jim Vierling.

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS: Shalena Brandt (Student Voice), Vicki Hajewski (Advisor), Shell Maccoux, Justin Miller, Sean Eberle, Ryan Leonard, Bea Vang, Seth C., Travis Klinkner (Students)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes Approved

V. GUEST SPEAKER: None

VI. OPEN FORUM:

VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. UNITED COUNCIL REPORTS:
United Council Board of Directors Representative- Joe Eggers

1. There is an emergency directors meeting called for April 29th to discuss Stacey's resignation and future proceedings. The meeting will be in Baraboo, Joe will not be attending but others may attend as proxy.

B. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR- Jeremy Bonikowske

- Jeremy's pamphlet about being a leader is almost complete.
- The logs have arrived on campus but unfortunately the artist who was coming can no longer make it.

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Lindsey Burdick

- Lindsey has no report regarding SAAS but the she has contacted individuals with regard to the election results.

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR- Joe Eggers

- TABOR is having its first floor hearing April 25th, Kitty Rhoades has stated she is in favor of its passing while Sheila Harsdorf is opposed.
- The author of this constitutional amendment would like the rules suspended so that it only has to pass through the session once. Joe does not feel this suspension is likely.

4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Adam Koski

- The Finance Committee reviewed and approved SS0506053 and SS0506066 on tonight's agenda.
- For all those on the Elections Committee Adam needs you to forward him what you need for the elections so you can be issued your stipend.

5. DIVERSITY ISSUES DIRECTOR- Chunlan Li & Chee Moua

- The grand opening of the Multicultural Programming Center will be April 26th at 9am. There will be snacks provided, the room number is 104b Davee Chalmer Library.

6. WOMEN'S INITIATIVES DIRECTOR- Allison West

- Campus Safety Week is set for May 1st through 5th. The Safety Walk will be May 2nd at 8:30pm.

7. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR- Shaun Priesgen

- The Ethics Committee held a hearing and filed a report regarding the grievances. Not all sides were satisfied with the decision of the Ethics Committee so the matter will be brought to Dean Fry for arbitration.

8. VICE PRESIDENT- Bethany Barnett

- Just a reminder that office hours are due this Friday by 4:00pm

9. PRESIDENT- Nick Cluppert

- Faculty Senate took a stance opposing TPA.
- The events for the Chancellor's Inauguration have been set and Nick expects to see senators at these events. If you attend any of the events you may count it as office hours. A complete schedule of events is posted in the University Home Page.
- Since all the Senators will be greeters/ushers at the event you should arrive at Knowles at no later that 1:15 the day of the inauguration. **Dress appropriately**
- It is Earth week this week, try and participate in the Drive to Not Drive.
- The tours of the new Student Union are set and sign up with Nick to determine what time you will be there.
- Nick will not be at next week's meeting this does not mean that you do not have to attend. The meeting will go on without him.

C. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Carolyn Schenk (excused)

D. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Jim Vierling

- The last meeting of Facilities and Fees will be April 19th in the Kinni Room at 7:00pm.
- Thank you to those who sent Jim their director's reports in human terms. It is greatly appreciated.

OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Space Management Committee met and next week Dale Braun will provide Jeremy with pictures of the latest designs.
- General Education passed a few courses.
- Recruitment and Retention is looking into changing the admission guidelines for the university.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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 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

This motion prompted discussion between students and Senators. Senator Cook spoke in favor of his motion and Chair Vierling spoke in opposition. Students in the audience spoke on behalf of both sides.

Vice President Barnett called to question and Director Eggers seconded. Senate voted on calling to question and Director Koski called division. After a hand vote it was determined that the motion would be called to question by a vote of 9-10.

The Senate then proceeded to vote on SS0506058. Once again Director Koski called division and after a hand vote it was determined that SS0506058 failed by a vote of 8-10-1.

SS0506063

Whereas the following group of students has made a request to Student Senate for one time funding from the University Reserve Account,

Be it resolved the Student Senate approve allocating the following from the University Reserve Account:

Funding for Multicultural Resource Center

Items	Funding Requested
Books	2,000.00
Videos	600.00
~~Computer~~	~~1,500.00~~
Magazine Subscriptions	100.00 ~~200.00~~
Display Case	650.00 ~~800.00~~
TOTAL	3,350.00 ~~5,100.00~~

Motion: Director Moua
Second: Director West

This motion was first reviewed and amended by the Finance Committee.
Motion passed as amended.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

SS0506064

Whereas,
The University of Wisconsin – River Falls has a demonstrated space deficit of 84,715 square feet for physical education, athletics and recreation type space; and,

Whereas,
Clearly identifiable space needs have been known for over 10 years; and,

Whereas,
The University of Wisconsin – River Falls has ranked the Health and Human Performance Project as its number one priority project since 2003; and,

Whereas,
The Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin – River Falls has approved the promotion of the Health and Human Performance Project as an addition to the Hunt Ice Arena/Knowles Physical Education and Recreation Center Complex; and,

Whereas,
An estimated 3,600 students participate in health, physical education, athletics, intramural, and recreational programs each year; and,

Whereas,
Karges Center, built in 1960 for a student population of 1200, is now in poor condition; and,

Whereas,

The Emogene Nelson Building, originally constructed in 1964 as a food service facility, has never been properly adapted for physical education purposes and also is in poor condition; and,

Whereas,
The UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate approved resolution number SS99-00-076 on April 17, 2000, approving an increase to student segregated fees not to exceed $3,846,150 for the purpose of constructing a new Health and Human Performance building; and,

Whereas,
For the 2005-06 academic year students agreed to a segregated fee of $15 to begin to build the fund needed for this building and increase this amount to $23.55 for 2006-07,

Therefore be it resolved that the UW-River Falls Student Association Student Senate does hereby concur and support Chancellor Betz's decision to promote the Health and Human Performance project as the top priority capital project; and,

Be it further resolved that the Student Senate continues to support the use of segregated fees in the amount of $3,846,150 for the purpose of a new health and human performance/recreation building.

Motion: Senator Cook
Second: President Cluppert

Motion Passed.

Chair Vierling and the Finance Committee added motions to the agenda.

INTRODUCTION ONLY
SS0506065
Whereas the UWRF Student Senate is one of the lowest paid Senates in the State of Wisconsin,

Whereas UW-Platteville is of similar population to UW-River Falls,

Whereas their Student Senate is paid higher than ours,

Whereas these pay increase are reflecting the minimum work that the President, Vice President, Directors and Board Chairs are completing,

Whereas the President, Vice President, Directors and Board Chairs are not paid enough to effectively be able to complete their tasks to the fullest,

Be it resolved that the following increase be implemented for the next academic year (2006-2007).

Position	Current Pay	06/07 Proposed Pay	Platteville Pay
Student Senate President	$225/mo	$300/mo	$275/mo

Student Senate Vice President	$150/mo	$235/mo	$233.75/mo
Directors	$150/mo	$175/mo	$125/mo
LDPB Chair	$150/mo	$235/mo	$250/mo
F&F Board Chair	$150/mo	$235/mo	$250/mo

*Months are based on an 8 month year, 9/10/11/12/2/3/4/5
*Directors at UW-Platteville are paid according to the President's discretion, not to exceed $1,000 per position per year.
*Summer Senator will remain at $225/mo, no matter who fills that position.

Motion by Chair Vierling
Seconded by Vice President Barnett

SS0506066
INTRODUCTION ONLY
Whereas, the Multicultural Student Programming Center has been on campus for two semesters, it hasn't been officially recognized as a room,

Whereas, we would like to use this opportunity to inform students about this room to let them know what's available there,

Therefore, we are having a grand opening / open house,

Furthermore, we are looking for Student Senate Student Association to support, as well as funding to put this event on.

Grand Opening Food Budget

Name	Price	Quantity	Total
Donuts	$9.09/dozen	3	$ 27.27
Banana Bread	$10.09/loaf	2	$ 20.18
Fruit Salad	$23.49/tray	2	$ 46.98
Orange Juice	$13.89/gallon	2	$ 27.78
Coffee	$13.59/gallon	1	$ 13.59
Tea	$1.09/person	10	$ 10.90
Ribbon	$5	1	$ 5.00
Total Price			$ ~~146.70~~ 150.00

Moved by Senator Lo

Second by Co-Director Li

Senator Lor moved to suspend the by-laws so that Senate could vote on SS0506066 at the current meeting. Director Moua seconded.
Motion passed.

Chair Vierling made a friendly amendment.
Senate then voted on SS0506066 and the motion was passed as amended.

Chair Vierling then made a motion to reinstate the by-laws. Seconded by Director Burdick.
Motion passed.

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Jim would like anyone who has questions regarding SS050665 to bring them to him before next week's meeting.
2. Sean Eberle invited Senate to the GSA drag show this Thrusday in Brandys.
3. Elections Committee make sure you notify Adam of hours put in to ensure you receive your stipend.
4. Remember to attend the Inauguration events, they will be office hours.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.
Moved by: Director Burdick
Seconded by: Director Koski

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be
Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.