MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, December 5, 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 Eggers at 7:03pm in the Regents Room of Hagstead Student Center.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Joe Eggers, Bethany Barnett, Derek Brandt, Dan Scott, Mike Freedman, Jenifer Biss, Maggie Huppert, Kat Krtnick, Jason Meier, Avery Newman, Ali Nsabimana, Becca Peine, Jason Schultz, Nikki Shonoiki, Michelle Stiles, Craig Witte, Jim Vierling, Natalie Hagberg.

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS: Shalena Brandt (Student Voice)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Passed

V. GUEST SPEAKER:

VI. OPEN FORUM:

VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR – Derek Brandt

- Senate will be going bowling tomorrow at 9:30, cost is $6.00
- There will be tabling done for the Student Association Meeting on the 12th. Tabling will be from 10-2 but we need volunteers to table from 8am-4pm. If you volunteer it will be office hours.

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Dan Scott

- SAAS is finalizing the Student survey.
- SAAS is still reviewing the professor evaluations and advising.

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR – Mike Freedman

- After investigating the federal law that restricts financial aide to those convicted of drug possession it has been determined only charges while in college are relevant. On first offense financial aide is restricted for one year, second offense it is restricted for two years and third offense restricts it indefinitely.

4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Adam Koski

- The Shared Governance account is at $30,500.
- There is an expected surplus this semester.

5. DIVERSITY ISSUES DIRECTOR – Ashley Olson - excused

- DIC is looking into hosting an African style dinner at the Journey House. As of right now there is not an anticipated date.

6. WOMEN'S INITIATIVES DIRECTOR – Sarah Saal

- Campus Safety Walk is TONIGHT meet in the Falcon's Nest at 8:30pm. It is mandatory attendance for senators.

7. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR – Jenifer Biss – No report

8. VICE PRESIDENT- Bethany Barnett

- Office hours have begun a new cycle.
- Business Cards are in
- The Student Association Meeting for next week is mandatory.

9. PRESIDENT- Joe Eggers

- Joe met with Kristen Hendrickson, Charles Hurt and Mary Halada about the Safety Walk and the Employee Violence Policy.
- Joe mapped out the way for the Safety Walk (areas to highlight)

B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Natalie Hagberg

- LDPB is still finalizing plans for their film series. They are considering offering two to three showings each week.
- LDPB will be touring the University Center tomorrow.

C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Jim Vierling

- UWRF has been named Chartwell's "Showcase" campus. University around the country will be coming to see the new facilities in the University Center.
- Recreation will make a decision about the new HHP building by March.
- There is a possibility that two softball fields may be removed and then replaced with a rugby field.
- Ramer Field will be getting turf.
- Book returns start in three weeks.
- UCC has decided that LDPB, F& F and Student Senate should be allowed more tabling than other organizations because all three groups contain multiple committees.
- Fox Sport Net is being brought back to campus.
- Residential Living is looking into created substance free wings in the residence halls.

D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Gregg Heinselman

- Students have voiced concerns about the vague wording in the Violence in the Workplace Policy.
- The Grand Opening of the University Center will take place at 3:30pm January 23rd.
- On Monday, January 22nd at 7:00pm there will be a Hearth Stone Celebration.

VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- International Programming Committee would like to increase the number of international speakers on campus. As well as increasing the participation in the professor exchange program. Also they are discussing implementing a passport requirement for admissions.
- The General Education Committee re-approved Art 100 and Psych. 231 for another 5 years.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SS0607017

Whereas the Student Senate must allocate expenditures from the Shared Governance Account judiciously, and

Whereas the Student Senate does not always directly and/or immediately oversee the use of these monies, therefore

Be it resolved the Student Association Bylaws be amended to the following:

General Student Association ARTICLE V. Section A. Shared Governance

5. Following approval of expenditures to be carried out by an individual or group who is not a Student Senator, the Student Senate will recognize an individual to lead and execute the expenditures and report back to the Student Senate Finance Committee.

Be it further resolved this amendment is effective immediately.

Moved by: Director Koski
Seconded by: Director Scott
Pending Review by the Finance Committee

Motion Passed

SS0607018

Whereas the UW- River Falls Student Senate is one of the lowest paid Senates in the State of Wisconsin,

Whereas UW-Platteville is of similar size 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, Directors and Board Chairs are doing,

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

Be it resolved that the following increase be implemented at the start of the 2007-08 Academic Year ~~for the second semester or more of service as an Executive Committee member~~:

Position	Current Pay	07/08 Pay	Platteville Pay
Student Senate President	$225/mo	$275/mo	$275/mo
Student Senate Vice President	$150/mo	$200/mo	$233.75/mo
Directors	$150/mo	$175/mo	$125/mo
LDPB Chair	$150/mo	$200/mo	$250/mo
F&F Board Chair	$150/mo	$200/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.
*Directors at UW-Platteville are elected by the President and do not have voting positions on Senate.
*UWRF Senators are not paid, and as a result, office hours were decreased during the 2005-2006 session to be 5 hours per week, not 10.

Be it further resolved the Bylaws be changed to reflect this:
General Student Association ARTICLE V. Section C. Stipends
2. Compensation for ~~the second semester or more of consecutive service as~~ an Executive Committee member will be limited to the amounts for the listed positions:
(a) Student Senate President: $275/month
(b) Student Senate Vice President, Facilities and Fees Board Chair, and Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair: $200/month
(c) Student Senate Directors: $175/month

Motion by Chair Vierling
Seconded by Vice President Barnett
Approved by the Finance Committee

President Eggers passed the gavel to Vice President Barnett. The motion was discussed and President Eggers moved to amend motion eliminating the wording " for the second semester or more of service as an Executive Committee member:"
Seconded by Chair Hagberg
Amendment Passed
Director Koski then made a friendly amendment to point to of the motion.

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED
Gavel returned to President Eggers.

X. NEW BUSINESS:
SS0607020

Whereas, The Affirmation of Free Expressions Rights of Student Organizations statement was drafted and approved by the Student Organization Committee on October 10, 2006, reviewed by the Campus Media Committee, approved by the Leadership Development and Programming Board on November 15, 2006,

Whereas, the Affirmation of Free Expression Rights of Student Organizations Reads:

Affirmation of Free Expression Rights of Student Organizations

The students and administration of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls affirm the free expression rights of recognized student organizations*.

Student organizations, by means of their student members and officers, with counsel and guidance from their advisors, retain full authority and responsibility over their organization's message and the content of programs, events, and all publications.

The content, editorial decisions, and management of student-run media, produced for either a student or public audience is the responsibility of the recognized student organization, unless otherwise expressly declared.

* Per *Hosty v. Carter*, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin – River Falls does not currently have a statement regarding these matters,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Student Association Student Senate supports this affirmation of free expression rights,

Be it Further Resolved, that the Student Association Student Senate recommends this statement be forwarded to the Chancellor for review and approval.

Moved by: Chair Hagberg
Seconded by: Director Olson
Approved by: LDPB & Student Organizations Committee

MOTION PASSED

XI. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Student Senate was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.
Moved by: Director Vierling
Seconded by: Director Koski

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be
Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Hagestad Student Center