MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
Of Tuesday, November 13th, 2007 in the Willow River Room of the University Center

I. CALL TO ORDER:
-At 9:23pm

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
-Present: Derek Brandt, Sara Deick, Nikki Shonoiki, Craig Witte, Nathan McNaughton, Josh Breyer, Laura Adrian, Casie Kelly, Cindy Bendix, Krista Hasselquist, Jason Meier, Melody Reimer, Charles Guerin, Jordan Kocak, Tyler Halverson, Tiffany Lay, Lakiesha Townsell, Jason Schultz, Jovan Paulzine, Aaron Taylor, Amy Bohrer, Rodney Hillskotter, Michael Pearson, Patricia Fredricksen

-Tardy: None

-Absent: None

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:
-Guests: Darryl Rhyme, Jeremy Clounch, Bjorke Overhanel, Gene Murphy, Tiffany Nohl, Kalen Stoneking, Tony Casei, Lindsey Exworthy, Alice Reilly-Myklebust, Tim Rahmsow, Laura Reimann, Abby Lanoux, LeeAnn Bjerstedt (Student Voice), Shawuna Carpenter, Ali Nsablane, Elexis Harris, Yissell Asencio, Toua Moua, Chantou Yang

IV. OPEN FORUM

V. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION OF:

A. CAMPUS SECURITY & SAFETY
- -Campus Security test – failed
  - -Dorm Access
    - -Community education on how to access halls or not letting people in
    - -Tighter door swings
    - -Encourage more interaction in dorms
    - -Desk assistants possibly have wider hours
- -Back Path safety options
  - -Look at Senate for questions
  - -Possible closing of back paths
- -Reach out to commuter students
- -Campus Safety Walk on November 27th
  - -Walk and see the unsafe parts of campus
  - -Take personal responsibility, be attentive

B. SMOKING ON CAMPUS
- -More enforcement of current rules
  - -Have public safety gives citations, have student population address smokers to stand back from the buildings
- -Smoke Free Campus
  - -Based on student and faculty data
  - -UMD, University of Mankato, UND, and various Wisconsin campus' have a smoke free campus
- -Ash trays should be further away from the building
- -Does this cause recruitment issues for incoming students?
  - -Student demographics influence by smoking or non-smoking
- -More enforcement from students
- -Designated smoking areas
  - -Health issues involved with smoking in areas

-Restriction of rights
-Paths are less than 25ft away from buildings on campus
-Not everyone will get what they want, public safety should issue more tickets for smoking violations
-The hole in the smoking stations is too small, and the stations should be cleaned more frequently
-Do we need better smoking stations?

C. PARKING CONCERNS
-Parking in front of residential halls needs to be more closely monitored
-More productive and more efficient use of space should be addressed
-Commuter parking is too far from campus
-Temporary parking verses year-long parking spaces
-Visitor parking permits
-Wait list for Reimer
-Visitor's parking lot?
-Parking problems during sporting events
-Campus cars and vehicles on the sidewalks

D. UNIVERSITY CENTER ADVERTISING POLICIES & HOURS
-Difficulty advertising on campus
-More places for student organizations to advertise is needed
-Leadership Programming and Development Board
-Purchase more places for signs
-Do posters bring in results?
-University Center sustainable building
-Electronic advertising/media
-TV Access
-Placement on campus provides problems with easily viewed by the public
-TVs are hard to read
-Involvement Center hours during the weekend are inconvenient
-Do handouts have a better influence than posters?

E. DINING SERVICES
-Mandatory meal plans
-Too many people coming to eat at the same time
-Treatment of customer and student workers needs to be addressed
-Student workers and employees need to be more courteous of the student population that is eating in the on-campus eating areas
-Meal plan prices, food quality, and transfer options
-Need better options for transfer
-Pricing issues on meal plans
-Styrofoam cups, sustainability needs to be addressed and better maintained
-Meal plans during short breaks (such as Thanksgiving Break) need to be addressed
-Do not provide meal options for students that must remain on campus because they are not able to go home
-Meal nutrition issues
-Lighting quality in the Riverside Commons

F. DIVERSITY & WOMEN'S ISSUES
-Damali Ayo speaker
-"How to Rent a Negro"
-Speaks on racial issues
-Free presentation
-More GBLT friendly campus, higher consequences for harassment in dorms
-Take advantage of campus services
-Diversity/Multicultural Center needs more space to better serve students
-Space is not conducive for meetings or for working in
-Lack in staffing, needs more workers
-Great place for campus gatherings
-Institution needs to grow with the growing diversity on campus

-Recess at 8:20 pm
-Resume at 8:25 pm

G. BAR ON CAMPUS
-Positives: campus is closer than downtown, easier for public safety to respond
-Controlled atmosphere
-Competition for on-campus eating areas
-Drinking and going to class?

-On-campus drinking promoted?
-Not necessarily fair to the rights of people who wish to be in a substance free area

VI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
-Greek Advertisement
-Transit system from the Cities
-35 mile commute from the Twin Cities \
-Have an option for a shuttle to the Twin Cities?
-Ramer Renovation
-Plans for campus on 2008

VII. ADJOURNMENT
-At 9:18pm

Thank you for attending our Student Association Meeting and sharing your opinions!