MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
Tuesday, March 25th, 2008 in the Willow River Room of the University Center

I. CALL TO ORDER:
-At 7:03 pm
II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
Present: Derek Brandt, Sara Deick, Tyler Halverson, Jenifer Biss, Nikki Shonoiki, Laura Adrian, Craig P. Witte, Nathan McNaughton,
Ben Casper, Casie Kelley, Tony Casci, Tiffany Lay, Rodeny Hillskotter, Thomas Friant, Matthew Dale, Dan Mahr, Peter
Walbolt, Jordan Kocak, Michael Defenbaugh

Tardy: Aaron Taylor

Absent: Jason Meier, Krista Hasselquist
III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
V. GUEST SPEAKER
VI. OPEN FORUM
VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:

A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:
1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR – Tyler Halverson
-No meeting last Sunday
-Discuss next Student Association meeting
-Talk about t-shirts designs, sign-up sheet for orders
-Talk to Rodney if there are any other questions about apparel
2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Jenifer Biss
-Take the student survey
-Mail out movie vouchers to winners
3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR –Craig Witte
-Funding for elections
-Motion on agenda
4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Jason Meier
-Motion on agenda
-Admendment to SS0708071 to change $850 to $200
5. DIVERSITY AND WOMEN'S INITIATIVES DIRECTOR – Nikki Shonoiki
DIVERSITY AND WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO DIRECTOR- Laura Adrian
-Motion on agenda for Diversity Awards
-Discuss the Take Back the Night
-Next Wednesday (April 2nd)
-Colored t-shirts
-Speakers from Turning Point and SART
-Meet with Nikki ASAP if you attending the Building Unity Conference
6. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR – Nathan McNaughton
-No reports
7. VICE PRESIDENT- Sara Deick
-Office hours due next Tuesday at 4pm (April 1st)

-Senators can get office hours for attending Take Back the Night

8. PRESIDENT- Derek Brandt

-Library pictures

-The date of elections changed because of technology difficulties

-Elections on April 22nd-23rd, Primary on April 8th-9th

-Review of governming documents

-Meet with Greg about Open Meeting Law

-Stay at hard copy for the present, discuss future possibilities

B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Mike Defenbaugh

-Budget Meeting (March 9th)

-Some budgets are still being submitted

C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Krista Hasselquist

-No report

D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Gregg Heinselman

VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SS0708071

Whereas spring elections will be held on April 1st; and

Whereas the outcome of this election will significantly impact policies made on the local level; and

Whereas student participation in past spring elections has been very low; and

Whereas increased student participation in this election may help pass more student friendly legislation; and

Therefore be it resolved that Student Senate allocate up to $850 for promoting the Spring Election.

Moved By: Director Witte
Seconded By: Senator Friant

Amended - SS0708071

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Therefore be it resolved that Student Senate allocate up to $200 for promoting the Spring Election.

Moved By: Director Witte
Seconded By: Senator Friant

-Motion is for the promotion of elections on campus

-Amend motion from $850 to $200

-Motion carries

X. NEW BUSINESS

Introduction Only - SS0708072

Whereas, one of UWRF's core values states that "we create an environment of mutual respect, professional behavior,

academic freedom and appreciation of individual differences and rich cultural diversity,"

Whereas, a strategic goal to “foster a culture of inclusiveness,” has been set and initiated at this University,

Whereas, the Diversity Awards were created by Student Senate in order to recognize and honor those individuals on our campus who are committed to helping us reach our goal and stand by our values,

Whereas, the requested amount of $1000 for the 2008 Diversity Awards Banquet is much less than in years past as outlined below:

Previous Yrs. Allocation

in 2004	$2897.04
in 2005	$2776.00
in 2006	$1400.00
in 2007	$0*

*__**The Reason why its $0:**__ That year they used the certificates left over from previous years and did not have a reception, instead they held a ceremony after Unity in the Community as part of the Wyman Series (which is also paid for with student fees).

Whereas, the Diversity and Women’s Initiatives Committee would like to hold the 5th Annual Diversity Awards Banquet on April 16th, 2008 at 6:00PM in the Falls Room,

Therefore, be it resolved, that Student Association Student Senate allocate a maximum of $1000 for the Diversity Awards Banquet as outlined in the budget below:

Diversity Awards Banquet- Budget Outline

Money Allocated for a maximum of 50 People

Food

Chartwells Catering:

$15 per person

Total: **$750**

Awards

Website: https://www.crownawards.com/

1 Trophy less than $40

3 Plaques less than $30 each

5 Certificates Frames at less than $10 each

Total: **$200**

Advertisement, Decoration, programs for event and misc. expenses: **$50**

Grand Total: $1000

Be it further resolved, that Student Senate, with Director Shonoiki serving as the liaison, strongly urges the University to honor its commitment to diversity and inclusiveness efforts by financially supporting the Diversity Awards Banquet this year and becoming a partner with Student Senate in future years in putting on this event,

Be it further resolved, the money for this event shall come from the Reserve Account that Student Senate controls, pending approval from Chancellor Betz,

Be it finally resolved, that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Chancellor Betz, Blake Fry, and other interested parties upon its adoption.

Motioned by: Director Shonoiki
Seconded by: Director Meier
Pending Approval from the Finance Committee

-Senate sponsered in previous years
-More detailed motion next week
-Review of banquet numbers
-Amendment to change from 50 to 100 people
    -Moved (Dale), seconded
-Amedment for minimum 100 people, and let the total increase to $1750
-Discuss the lack of available venues for the event, ballroom was not available
    -Want a big event to honor those receiving the Diversity Awards
-Need to create more awareness for diversity
-Call to question
    -Moved (Halverson), seconded
-Amendment fails
-Student Senate needs to promote further diversity awareness on campus
-Motion to suggest that LDPB funding and maybe DAC fund part of the event
    -Moved, seconded
-Student should not have pay for their own awards, institution should to reward the students
-University fees can not be used for plaques/awards(?)
    -Discuss the availbility of student fees for the event
-Vote on the amendement
    -Amendment fails
-Continue to discuss main motion
-Amendment to strike food costs
    -Moved (Mahr), seconded (Casper)
    -Students should be honored, food cost should not be removed from motion
-Move to call question
    -Moved (Halverson), seconded
-Amendement to: strike food costs for everyone except award winners
    -Moved (Dale), seconded
-Students there to be honored, those who are nominated should not have to pay
-Does this increase or decrease awareness?
-Discuss the involvement of Unity in the Community, speak to Chartwells about food prices
-Cost problems for the event may hinder diversity awareness on campus
-Need ot have ceremony at same level as the Chancellor's Award
-Start a committe to organize the Diversity Awards in the future
-Move to call question
    -Move (McNaughton), seconded
-Hand vote
    -yes (5), no (13)
-Amendment fails
-Will vote on motion next week

SS0708073

Whereas the Wisconsin State Senate has voted (Legislature in 2005 and Senate 2007) in rare bipartisan nature to curb the Governor's so called "Frankenstein" Veto which harms good faith negotiations and

Whereas, now the "Frankenstein" Veto will be on the ballot for April 1st

Therefore, be it resolved that the UWRF Student Senate support the recent Senate vote and educate Wisconsin voters to

permanently disallow the Governor’s ability to use a partial veto (Frankenstein veto).

Moved by: Senator Kelley

Seconded by: Director Witte

Approved by Legislative Affairs

-Review Govern Doyle's ability to strike individual lines from bills

-Past precedence brings this to Student Senate

-Is this motion informing or persuading the student body?

-Motion: hand vote

-yes (10), no (8)

-Motion carries

ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Discuss Senator of the Year and Director of the Year nominations
-Secret ballot
-Reservation for room for Student Senate candidate talks
-Motion to adjourn

XII. ADJOURNMENT
-At 8:07pm

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, March 31st, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center