

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE

of Tuesday, September 16th, 2008 Willow River Room of the University Center

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 7pm
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS President Bendix, Vice President Kelley, Director Dale, Director Deick, Director Meier, Director Halverson, Director Shonoiki, Chair Casper, Senator Abel, Sentor Biss, Senator Guider, Senator Witte, Chair Defenbaugh, Chair Hasselquist (absent)
- III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS: Yissell Asencio, Maggie Funk, Gina DeRosa, Logan Rutledge, Keila Tirado, Ben Plunkett
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: moved by Director Shonoiki; seconded by Director Halverson; approved
- V. GUEST SPEAKER:
- VI. OPEN FORUM
- VII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:
 - A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:
 - 1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR Sara Deick

Working on finalizing committees; Shared Gov currently has no members

Director Halverson: motioned to move SS0809006 to floor; Director Meier seconded; passed

2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES- Tyler Halverson

Survey from las year helpful

- 3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR -Matt Dale
- Sept. 29 is planned starting time for voter registration; televising Presidential debates; revisions to Chapter 17 and 18
 - 4. FINANCE DIRECTOR- Jason Meier
- 5 finance motions; get motions to finance first before put on agenda; stipend paperwork taken care of
 - 5. DIVERSITY ISSUES/WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR Nikki Shonoiki

Working on planning campus safety walk

- 6. DIVERSITY ISSUES/WOMEN'S INITIATIVES CO-DIRECTOR Vacant
- 7. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR Ben Casper

Trying to fill committee; hopefully have motion next week

- 8. VICE PRESIDENT- Casie Kelley
- 9. PRESIDENT- Cindy Bendix
- B. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMMING BOARD CHAIR- Mike Defenbaugh
- C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Krista Hasselquist
- D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR Gregg Heinselman
- VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS
- IX. OLD BUSINESS:

SS0809004

Whereas, the upcoming elections are of major importance as they will determine U.S. policy on a national, state, and local level;

Whereas, the Student Association Student Senate has a strong precedent of leading the community in voter registration projects in previous years through the allocation of funds and volunteer work;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Association Student Senate hereby approve the allocation of the following funds towards a comprehensive voter registration project-

Fall Voter Registration 2008 Budget Request- \$1612

- \$700 for at least two sets of flyers and address stickers to be mailed to every dorm resident of the University of Wisconsin- River Falls
- \$252 for Student Voice advertising- one full page ad (\$126) and two half page ads (\$63 each)
- \$300 for miscellaneous equipment or unforeseen expenses

- \$360 for posters and Student Voice advertisement design (\$210 for three ads + 150 for thirty hall posters)

Be it further resolved that the Student Association Student Senate highly encourage active participation from volunteers across campus to aid in the registration of as many students as possible.

Moved by: Director Dale Seconded by: Director Deick Approved by the Finance Committee

Director Dale: Motioned to amend (Director Halverson seconded) \$150 for poster, \$900 map inserts, \$2302 total

Director Meier: we do get money back not used; money doesn't go directly to Matt

Director Halverson: moved to call the question (Director Shonoiki seconded); then Director Halverson withdrawls

Senator Biss: they have to care to look the map, so can't we have the graphic there when they register so you can tell them where

to go

Director Shonoiki: we should mail maps to everyone on and off campus Director Deick: the maps are helpful; another mailing would be another cost

Chair Defenbaugh: could the price be offset by making one of the one full page ads the map?

Director Meier: put a url on ads for map

Senator Abel: make it simpler?

Director Witte: can't really....needs a large resolution

Keila: the map is a good resource for students

Maggie: put free ad in first year newsletters and have table at Family Day

Chair Casper: called to question (seconded by Director Dale; third from Senator Abel)

AMENDMENT PASSED

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED

SS0809005

Whereas, the new Student Senate session has begun, and

Whereas, business cards are an appropriate tool to give students and faculty our immediate contact information;

Therefore, be it resolved the allocation of \$65 for Student Senate business cards.

Moved by: Vice President Kelley Seconded by: President Bendix Approved by the Finance Committee

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SS0809006

Whereas, the Student Senate Finance Committee and the Student Senate as a whole are committed to funding and supporting quality programming on our campus, and

Whereas, Family Day has been consistently recognized by the student body, families of students, faculty, and staff as being one prime example of such programming, and

Whereas, the Student Senate has also historically recognized the importance of Family Day for students and their families;

Therefore, be it resolved, \$12,000 be allocated to Family Day 2008, with \$6,000 coming from the Shared Governance Account and \$6,000 coming from the Reserve Account, and

Be it further resolved, because the \$12,000 contribution would make the Student Senate the largest single financial supporter of Family Day, the individuals and groups involved in the planning and execution of said event are **required** to advertise the Student Senate sponsorship by featuring the Student Senate logo on Family Day banners, posters, and other promotional materials, as a condition of the funding.

Be it further resolved, First Year Experience is **strongly urged** to find additional or alternative, sustainable funding sources for future Family Days, and

Be it finally resolved that the information contained within this motion be passed on to Maggie Funk and the First Year Experience office.

Moved by: Director Meier Seconded by: President Bendix Approved by the Finance Committee

Director Meier: \$6000 from Shared Gov account and \$6000 Reserve account; split cost between two accounts to prevent deficit

Gregg: Senate approached Student Affairs three years ago to take on; Student Affairs will hand it back next year

Director Dale: Needs to be permanent solution for Family Day; separate Seg Fee for this event

Director Meier: about \$18,000 in Shared Gov; \$107,000 in Reserve

Director Dale: few wanted to not fund; \$12,000 was a compromise; if \$15,000 was given it would be the president for next year

Director Witte: FYE dropped funding but we are getting the blame?

Director Shonoiki: we should be funding it in full

Director Meier: we have an operational budget like FYE; we can barely keep giving \$12,000/year

Gregg: (to answer Matt's question about fee) Senate would have to approve either way

Senator Biss: we're cutting the legs out from under Student Affairs; proposed amendment to change funding to \$15,000 with

\$9000 from Reserve account (seconded by Director Shonoiki)

DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENT

Director Witte: We're staying with our original agreement of \$2/student

Senator Biss: We have a huge Reserve account

Director Halverson: we ran a deficit; can't fund everything in full

Senator Abel: can't we cut something else? Director Meier: we don't do programming.

Chair Defenbaugh: valid amendment; and we need to look out for students' interests Director Dale: sustainability is the issue; next year will look at this year's discussion

AMENDMENT PASSES

Director Witte: moved to amend to take all \$15,000 from Reserve account (seconded by Director Halverson third from Director

Shonoiki)

Director Meier: ran \$4000 deficit last year; need to be fiscally responsible Director Witte: we have this money [in the Reserve account]...use it

AMENDMENT PASSES [will read]:

Therefore, be it resolved, \$15,000 from the Reserve account be allocated to Family Day 2008, and

Be it further resolved, because the \$15,000 contribution would make the Student Senate the largest single financial supporter of Family Day, the individuals and groups involved in the planning and execution of said event are **required** to advertise the Student Senate sponsorship by featuring the Student Senate logo on Family Day banners, posters, and other promotional materials, as a condition of the funding.

Director Dale: proposed to add a clause in the motion for an ad hoc committee to formulate a plan Maggie: only way to alleviate Senate cost is to raise ticket price; it is sustainable; it is mostly free

Senator Biss: What would the committee do?

Director Dale: everything [generally]

Director Witte: we could partner with different groups; filling the committee is a concern

Director Meier: have an allocable fee that we set up; will FYE be able to produce Family day if the funding is still there?

Maggie: we would consider

Senator Abel: we can be prepared with a group if it is handed back off to us

Senator Biss: we can't plan Family Day in volunteer positions

Amendment stricken (Director Meier seconds)

Motion passes as amended.

X. NEW BUSINESS

SS0809010—INTRODUCTORY ONLY

Whereas, the Student Senate Fall Elections are the 23rd and 24th of September and;

Whereas, advertising for these elections is very crucial to increasing turnout and:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Senate allocates \$75.50 to advertising in the form of:

\$63- 1/2 page black and white newspaper ad in UWRF Student Voice

\$12.50-25 posters for dorms and academic buildings.

Moved by: Director Halverson Seconded by: Director Deick

Pending Approval by the Finance Committee

SS0809011—INTRODUCTORY ONLY

Whereas, the Board of Regents has monthly meetings regarding new policies, programs, and budgets for the UW system and;

Whereas, they are discussing chapters 17+18 at this upcoming meeting on October 2nd and;

Whereas, the students at River Falls are concerned at the outcome of the revisions to Chapter 17+18and;

Whereas, it would be favorable if UW-River Falls sends a delegation to the remaining two meeting this year,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Senate allocate up to 350 dollars for gas, food and lodging to attend these meetings.

Moved by: Director Dale Seconded by: President Bendix

Pending Approval by the Finance Committee

SS0809012

Whereas, Kayla Godes has expressed interest in a position in Student Affairs and Academic Services.

Whereas, she has previous experience in Student Senate,

Therefore, be it resolved, that Kayla Godes be appointed to the Student Affairs and Academic Services committee.

Motioned by Director Deick Seconded by Director Halverson

MOTION PASSED

SS0809013

Whereas, senate needs an athletics representative and a DAC representative and;

Whereas, Gina DeRosa is interested in the athletics position and Keila Tirado is interested in the DAC position and;

Whereas, they have been recommended by the groups they are representing;

Therefore be it resolved that we appoint Gina DeRosa to the Athletics representative position and Keila Tirado to the DAC representative position.

Moved by: Director Shonoiki Seconded by: President Bendix

MOTION PASSED

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Director Dale: Thank you for volunteering for voter registration Chair Casper: look into permits

XII. ADJOURNMENT motioned by Director Halverson; seconded by Chair Defenbaugh (8:50pm)

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center