

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for January 25th, 2012

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Kiessler
 - b. Treasurer Kaunas
 - c. Vice President Ruedinger
 - d. President VanSteenbergen
 - e. Dean Ogle
 - f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. New Business
 - a. ROTC One Fund
 - b. Black Student Union One Fund
- V. Announcements
- VI. Open Forum
- VII. Adjournment

Ripon College Student Senate

Minutes for December 7th, 2011

Attendance Record:

Adam Orth-0	Raymond Allen-0	Jeremy Johnson-0
Sam Mutschelknaus-0	John Spadoni-1	Nick From-0
Diakeishaye Murphy-1	Allison Schmidt-0	Emma Jelinek-0
Mark Yocius-0	Penny Shapansky-0	Breanna Gracz-1
Madeline Sockness-0	Clayton Kurth-3	James Honaker-0
Austin Oliver-1	Shanaliyah Hernandez-0	Amy Lindsey-0
Matt Maginnis-0	Tyler Hopewell-0	Brandon Kasubowski-2
Alex Hagen-3	Andrew Carballo-2	Hannah Erdman-0
Michael Enright-0		

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
 - a. Senator Hopewell: Move to approve.
 - i. Senator Orth: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Kiessling: Sign in please.
 - b. Treasurer Kaounas: The one fund stands at \$62,695.60.
 - c. Vice President Ruedinger: I had a meeting with Kristen from SAO and they are doing storage clean out and making an inventory of their things.
 - d. President VanSteenbergen: Last meeting of the semester we will re-adjoin on January 25th 2012.
 - e. Dean Ogle: Thanks for all of your efforts throughout the semester. As a college we have a really great semester. In Scott hall and Johnson hall they had to clean up and that does not sit well with me. I expect a lot of the RAs and hall directors and when people mess with the hall director's car. These issues are wrong and expensive and they may not stay a member of this student body. We should expect more of each other.
 - f. What's Up With Your Group
 - i. Hablamos: Thanks for the support Las Posadas was very successful.
 - ii. Rrrumba: We have been working on several things and we were unable to perform at Las Posadas and so we will not be using the money we one funded for. This semester we went to the middle school and high school for entertainment and lessons. We took lessons in Madison and we are just working on performing them.
 - iii. CRU: Thanks for allowing us to go to the conference and our group is now over 21 members.
 - iv. Saint Jude Up til Dawn: We did Carmel apple sales we bought 200 and ran-out. We are doing a basketball tournament and March 6th is our letter writing event.
 - v. Fencing Club: We gained lots of new members. We are looking to do couples therapy was they can fence.
 - vi. Paranormal Sciences Society: We have 20 members and want to do a fair.
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. The Network: We got money from senate and have returned it because contemporary issues funded us. We had a fair turn out and did safe zone training.
 - ii. National Security Minors: We asked for money for our capstone. The event was well attended and there were some interesting topics.
 - iii. Athletic Trainers: Our trip went very well and we learned some very interesting thing. We have changed our standards for taping. We really thank you for helping us out.
 - iv. EGOR: We had the Beehive Collective and we had about 15 people attend. They brought in some very interesting artwork. This one shows the integration of things into the environment.
 - v. Senator Mutschelknaus: They had a PowerPoint of the picture and showed how it related. I was sad to see the poor attendance and I would like to see a golden hour on this. I really liked it and it was one of the best programs that EGOR brought in. There painting was not copyrighted so we could display it around campus.
 - h. Student Activities Report: As Kristin mentioned, SAO needs organization information from all groups, we need to know the president of the following organizations: armchair association, martial arts club,

phi delta theta, pre-law society, RC greens, RC republicans, and roc. Attached are the Registration forms for the 2012 IM Basketball Season. Team Forms are DUE Wednesday December 14th, 2011 at 5PM in the Bovay Fitness Center. Captains Meeting will be Thursday January 19th, 2012 in the First Floor Bovay Lounge at 7:30

- i. Miscellaneous Committees
 - i. Education Policy Committee: We are making sure studies of trips of America are involved and want to take out the wellness requirement. They want to take it off to free up the coaches for recruitment purposes.
 - ii. Faculty Committee: Admissions office has discussed December 1st for early applications. The global cultural requirement changed. We talked about weapons on campus.
- IV. Old Business
- a. Miss Ripon College Constitutional Revision
 - i. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Sockness: Move to second the motion.
 - ii. Passes 22:3:0.
- V. New Business
- a. Scott Hall One Fund
 - i. Scott Hall residents and council and we have increased activity in the TV lounge. It was mentioned that a use of the pool table would be nice. We were told that the pool tables in Johnson were immobile. Our equipment would be maintained.
 - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Orth: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Knudsvig: Have you talked to Jessica about using residence life money?
 - iv. We are using our hall council money.
 - v. Senator Knudsvig: Jessica is on board and see if she can put forth any money.
 - vi. Senator Honaker: My constituents felt that this would be wrecked or destroyed?
 - vii. I would hope that the pool table would maintain in good condition. We would keep the equipment in the RA office and we feel the table would be in good condition.
 - viii. Senator Oliver: Why do you need this?
 - ix. Things happen and we can only do so much the reason we need one in Scott is for easier access. This equipment will be maintained.
 - x. Senator Mutschelknaus: Have you talked to the supplier of the pool tables in the pub for a discount?
 - xi. We have not.
 - xii. Senator Hagen: What is the amount?
 - xiii. \$847.00.
 - xiv. Senator Hopewell: We have had ping pong table and tournaments and it would be used and maintained.
 - xv. Senator Erdman: This should go through residents' life first and come back.
 - xvi. President VanSteenbergen: You need to get approval through residents' life.
 - xvii. Senator Knudsvig: Move to postpone until February 1nd.
 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
 - xviii. Passes 21:2:0.
 - b. Women's Lacrosse One Fund
 - i. We are asking for money for goals and new equipment for all of our new members.
 - ii. Nathan Davidson: Why should we invest money if these people are not interested?
 - iii. We only asked for 7 sticks the first time the technology doesn't change and we are not losing members.
 - iv. Nathan: Shouldn't Lacrosse members buy their own sticks?
 - v. These girls don't want to buy sticks.
 - vi. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Knudsvig: Move to second the motion.
 - vii. Senator Honaker: What do you have now?
 - viii. We share with the men's team and we have 7 sticks and 20 goggles a 1 goalie outfit.
 - ix. Senator Maginnis: I went back to March 10th 2010 and you purchased 16 sticks?
 - x. We only have about 7 sticks and the rest on the one fund were bought and paid for by our team members. The goals wear out.
 - xi. Senator Maginnis: What is wrong with the goals?
 - xii. We have 4 metal frames and 2 nets and we need 2 more nets.
 - xiii. Senator Knudsvig: As a member of the men's team I know their nets need to be repaired. Their numbers have also grown exponentially.
 - xiv. Senator Erdman: This is really great and their group is doing wonderful things.
 - xv. Senator Oliver: This is their only source of funding and we gave the men's team funding.
 - xvi. Senator Hopewell: Is it possible to repair the nets?
 - xvii. Yes, but the other two are very heavy and rust.
 - xviii. Senator Enright: What are you doing with the extra equipment?
 - xix. We would use everything and practice with them. You can play a sport with whatever you have but we would like to have functional equipment.
 - xx. Senator Mutschelknaus: They are stackable and they don't take up a ton of space.
 - xxi. Senator Gracz: Why didn't you add in two more nets?

- xxii. We are being economical and save money.
 - xxiii. Senator Maginnis: Considering you can only have two goalies at one time I would like to remove a goalie stick and you can have two complete sets.
 - xxiv. One of our goalies played hockey in high school so she can wear that equipment.
 - xxv. Senator Mikesell: You would want more people to practice so you need that equipment.
 - xxvi. Passes 20:3:1.
- c. CRU One Fund
- i. We would like to send 3 students to a conference in Minneapolis and it is a leadership conference and will have over 1500 students to worship and we are making care packages for those in need in Minneapolis. We have four people going as of right now and we are splitting the bill. Our national organization cannot support paying for us. We are paying \$250 in gas and registration fees we would be very
 - ii. Nathan Davidson: You said you wouldn't need funding last year correct?
 - iii. Abby Kaufman: Wasn't there a retraction?
 - iv. As a group we retracted that statement and it shouldn't be such an issue.
 - v. Abbey: The dynamic of the group has changed drastically since the conference. The group has changed for the better.
 - vi. Rebecca Shackleton: This is a great group and helps develop students.
 - vii. Nathan: How much is the next conference?
 - viii. It's a similar conference and its the same amount of students I don't know the cost.
 - ix. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
 - x. Senator Honaker: You have depleted your budget and who is going?
 - xi. Yes Kylun, Lycia, and another girl are going.
 - xii. Senator Honaker: How do you decide?
 - xiii. Only four expressed interest.
 - xiv. Senator Honaker: How does this benefit other students on campus?
 - xv. We are a group like any other one on campus and we are teaching people to become leaders and to lead others on this campus. This benefits you in multiple ways.
 - xvi. Senator Honaker: I do agree that groups have the right to money. CRU was founded based on the premise of not needing money. They misrepresented themselves when they came to us.
 - xvii. Senator Oliver: This group is very involved and pro-active. They are taking it upon themselves to make their group better which is what we want.
 - xviii. Senator Johnson: I went on the website. How did you characterize the day of outreach?
 - xix. We are handing out care packages.
 - xx. Senator Johnson: This is about conversion and not helping people.
 - xxi. The Oshkosh group had about 10-15 students go to this group and we do have care packages and we do a lot of outreach.
 - xxii. Senator Johnson: We were concerned that evangelism is happening here and now it is happening in other places. What are the events?
 - xxiii. Every day we will have a speaker start off and then we break off into different workshops and learn about leadership, evangelism, and growth.
 - xxiv. Senator Johnson: How are you working out housing?
 - xxv. We will be in the hotel and housed by the nearest colleges to you. You can meet with people you are close to.
 - xxvi. Senator Gracz: You can't go by everything on the website. I feel personally that sports are supported heavily and other groups are not easily passed. We seem to be targeting smaller groups more.
 - xxvii. Senator Sockness: In the past year there was a tornado that hit North Minneapolis and it destroyed everything and this is what community and Ripon is about. These people need faith and help and Ripon College will support other people. There are only a handful of people from Minnesota and we can help them.
 - xxviii. Senator Erdman: CRU has been able to do wonderful things and they don't target students like we were afraid of. We shouldn't hinder them from becoming better leaders because of their faith.
 - xxix. Senator Mutschelknaus: They are doing this because they are willing everyone here is willing and we don't discriminate here.
 - xxx. Senator Maginnis: Will you be helping students find churches?
 - xxxi. Yes, we have been bringing people to RCC and Mugs throughout the year.
 - xxxii. Senator Maginnis: Have you been receiving materials from the national website.
 - xxxiii. Most of our information comes from the website and it's not printed material.
 - xxxiv. Senator Maginnis: How do you plan to expand?
 - xxxv. We had Rick James come and he was the only one from this semester.
 - xxxvi. Senator Maginnis: I don't like handing out care packages through evangelical outreach. It was a huge issue when this group formed. My concern is that we would be sending these students to be doing something we were very concerned with. I don't think evangelism should be connected with the college.

- xxxvii. Senator Johnson: I have been impressed with CRU. I do not agree with things your group does but you are a positive part of the campus. I have a problem with the conference and not the group. Is food included?
- xxxviii. Yes, but snacks are.
- xxxix. Senator Johnson: It says that you will not be given food and will have to pay for your own meals. Is there any way to describe what people learned from this?
 - xl. The Oshkosh leaders attended and it shows that it teaches you how to share your faith without offending people, and how to be better leaders. They share resources and how to be successful. Our group is a Christian group and we are learning leadership for our specific group.
 - xli. Senator Hopewell: How is this different than the retreat?
 - xlii. This is larger and more focused on leadership. Essentially it was 175 people compared with 1500.
 - xliii. Senator Hopewell: You said you would train people how to lead and how to teach.
 - xliv. Senator Kasubaski: I have watched them grow and this grilling is a bit unnecessary. They deserve to and they are proactive.
 - xl. Our idea is sharing faith. We do not go door to door and we would never do that it isn't allowed. We share our faith with the people on campus who are willing to listen. We are going out and giving care packages and we go out for an entire day to pass these out to homeless people, to people in need. They don't have to accept the care package.
 - xlvi. Senator Kasubaski: I would really like to see this passed.
 - xlvii. Senator Erdman: I was going to yield time.
 - xlviii. Senator Mutschelknaus: How much are you asking for?
 - xlix. \$597.
 - l. Senator Mutschelknaus: I wish I could vote yes.
 - li. Senator Gracz: Make sure you come prepared when you come back to really show us what you learned.
 - lii. Passes 16-6-1.
- d. Blue Mountain Project One Fund
 - i. We are asking for this money to bring individuals to Jamaica. It is tough to get supplies into the mountain and hard to get health care to these people, we raise money to support these complications to make it so that resources can be accessed. Fun camp is also another component of what we are doing. It is a good way to get students interested in school again. We would like to have a Jamaica week for campus. Thursday will be food night! Yum. Jamaica benefit concert would be on Friday. No admission will be charged but donations would be asked. Focus would be performing and they are willing to come and are interested and said okay. They have been here for the last four years. There will also be an information speaker who we worked with very closely. He will bring a lot of knowledge to campus. He deals with the fun camp. This background would enrich the college and bring a different experience. What life is like in another part of the world would be the subject base of this speaker. Students really did enjoy his presence and visits. The visa complications were taken care of. We apologize and have one funded sooner and now we will hope for a bigger turn out of things and have learned from our mistakes. I would like to make an amendment for this one fund to take away one hundred dollars.
 - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Johnson: How did you calculate meals?
 - iv. Sodexo.
 - v. Senator Johnson: How did you calculate transportation?
 - vi. The price it would address tolls.
 - vii. Johnson: I did some math. Do you have \$70.50 in tolls?
 - viii. I wanted to have a buffer in case gas prices would go up. Any money that we wouldn't use would come to back to senate.
 - ix. Senator Johnson: Point of clarification: As far as reimbursement what is the rate?
 - x. 20 cents.
 - xi. Senator Johnson: The one fund is going to be \$50 dollars more.
 - xii. We are also planning on taking them to a few schools which would also be taken from those 50 dollars. Our speaker is coming for free. We would like to have the flexibility for this speaker as well. We want to show him around Ripon as well. He can take a lot back from this experience. Not just sight-seeing.
 - xiii. Senator Johnson: That would only be a few dollars
 - xiv. Vice President Reudinger: The math is incorrect.
 - xv. No, it is a misprint, we are correcting that.
 - xvi. Thanks for the clarification.
 - xvii. Senator Johnson: I move to amend it to \$2665.76
 - xviii. Passed.
 - xix. Senator Knudsvig: This has been a great success on college campus. I support it.
 - xx. Senator Honaker: Sorry if this takes a while. First, the visa. What kind of visa?
 - xxi. It would be a temporary single entry visa.
 - xxii. Senator Honaker: What class?

- xxiii. I believe it was, well I cannot speak to this but I know that it is difficult to find out because they the embassy will determine what class will be granted.
- xxiv. Senator Honaker: Multiple visas are often used was this used last year?
- xxv. No.
- xxvi. Senator Honaker: I would just clarify to see if he even needed to get another visa. That was an issue last time, just making sure. The plane ticket is what route?
- xxvii. From Kingston airport.
- xxviii. Senator Honaker: Have you already confirmed the price?
- xxix. No this is the cheapest as of late, and we have established this for the date of which we were planning on him coming and visiting.
- xxx. Senator Honaker: So this is just an estimate? Will it go up?
- xxxi. All tickets do, yes.
- xxxii. Senator Honaker: What is the reasoning behind how much the band Focus is asking for?
- xxxiii. They bring their own equipment. It is essential that they have this money so that they can transport and it is the fee that they are asking for
- xxxiv. Senator Mutschelknaus: You said that this man has come before, is he giving the same message or a different one?
- xxxv. Last time he got to speak a couple of times. He knows so much about culture. He has a wealth of knowledge, and he only probably shared 30% of what he knows.
- xxxvi. Senator Mutschelknaus: How well attended was the speaker?
- xxxvii. It was pretty well attended. Greek formals did get in the way of a lot of the numbers but we have made sure this year that it won't conflict.
- xxxviii. Senator Mutschelknaus: What is with the dates and what would he be doing in the middle of the dates that you have provided?
- xxxix. He is going to speak at other different events and meetings on campus. Not just for the week that we are utilizing him. Will be speaking in other classes. Murray Park is also looking forward to having him.
 - xl. Senator Mutschelknaus: So part of the driving will be part of the park?
 - xli. Yes.
 - xlii. Senator Johnson: Sorry if I sounded nasty. This week is definitely noticed by the students. It's neat that he can go to other schools. What do you predict the attendance being on Saturday?
 - xliii. A lot of students have brunch at that hour.
 - xliv. Senator Johnson: A lot of people go home on weekends. I personally think that you would get majority of your attendance on the week. You would probably have a larger audience.
 - xlv. Senator Maginnis: First, four the group focus: have there been any questions to raise money to reduce their costs?
 - xlvi. I haven't asked them because they haven't elevated the charge. I could ask about decreasing.
 - xlvii. Senator Maginnis: I just think that considering what the event is for, they could potentially lower their costs. The big issue is the speaker coming. Regarding the visa, we needed letters. What are you doing for that this year?
 - xlviii. President Joyce didn't write a letter, we are planning on having a letter written though the HR office, Jennifer.
 - xlix. Senator Maginnis: Okay, this is from March 2011: the speaker has an appointment regarding coming to the country. This is still an issue as a part of the group getting their act together. With that being said. Did Bmp come back for a one fund talk back?
 - i. We don't have that information right now at hand if you want we can clarify later if you would like,
 - ii. Senator Maginnis: Who would he be staying with?
 - iii. He would be stay in a double single.
 - liii. Senator Maginnis: Did he speak on campus at all?
 - liv. Yes he did. There was an email.
 - lv. Senator Maginnis: There are issues regarding the speaker and with that alone we aren't happy with the one fund. You stated the goal for last year was two thousand dollars.
 - lvi. We did not get up to the goal, we bought too many shirts so we had a lot of left overs, but we are learning from our mistakes. This year we are doing wristbands instead this year.
 - lvii. Senator Maginnis: You are just asking for donations instead of purchasing?
 - lviii. Yes.
 - lix. Senator Mikesell: I don't think you should ask to decrease the price. They are better than Bowling for Soup. I would kind of think they would view this as an insult
 - lx. Senator Sockness: Residence life doesn't allow for more than four years. But I would suggest you getting a guest room so look into that. Have you spoken to Jessica Joanis?
 - lxi. We haven't yet but we can check to see if that will be changed or an exception of any nature.
 - lxii. Senator Sockness: I am sure they would give you a guest room for free.
 - lxiii. Senator Maginnis: Is the western union fee for the visa?
 - lxiv. Yes to transfer the money so he can actually pay for it.
 - lxv. Passes: 18-4-0.

VI. Announcements

- a. Yule ball this Friday.
- VII. Open Forum
- a. Here is a report concerning the stats regarding group requirements. Let's brain storm implications of these groups not fulfilling these requirements. Senate hasn't had actions yet with the exception of budget management. It is up to senate discretion.
 - b. Senator Mutschelknaus: Were all groups notified?
 - c. Yes all accept for Miss Ripon Pageant which was clarified.
 - d. Senator Maginnis: Does men's volley ball have a leader?
 - e. They are the only group to return a form. Have missed two meetings total.
 - f. Nathan Davidson: I just want to know what the retractment of what Cru had had. Can you explain this?
 - g. The group as exceeded its expectations and the national group cannot continue to fund
 - h. Nathan Davidson: So you have made an exception?
 - i. Circumstances have changed.
 - j. Senator Erdman: Everything is subject to change.
 - k. Nathan Davidson: It is my personal belief if you make that statement you need to be held accountable. And I don't think that you can retract.
 - l. Senator Hernandez: What is this grapple about?
 - m. Senator Johnson: I would disagree with the statement that they shouldn't be forgiven. But we do need to continue to be frugal.
 - n. Senator Sockness: Everything is subject to change. Put this into perspective with a constitution that can be amended.
 - o. Senator Kasubaski: Personal feelings should not be in this debate. You need to be asking your constitutions. It isn't your opinion. They are a great group and they.
 - p. Ben Ranes: From the perspective of a constituent: I remember what happened last year, and I felt that if they were going to use the funds it helped me realize that this promise needs to be upheld. Sometimes that these actually are the opinions of the students who are being represented.
 - q. Senator Enright: When did they retract the statement?
 - r. They have made a new statement.
 - s. Senator Maginnis: Meeting was from October 5th where this was retracted. I have actually heard some disappointing issues: The respect is getting better, but we should continue to work on this. We need to be informing. I heard members of SMAC telling people that they are going to one fund for super bowl tickets if there is of a legitimate reason, they think it will pass. In the end we need to tell students that this IS their money.
 - t. Senator Honker: This echoes what Maginnis said is the loosest women on campus. People think that they can come onto campus thinking that they can one fund with anything. We are giving money away and this is the wrong connotation. This needs to stop. We need to crack down. We don't need to pass anything and everything that comes before us. We need accountability.
 - u. Dawn Burnside: Just because you over heard something doesn't mean that it reflect the organization's feelings. If you are having these feelings let your people know.
 - v. Senator Johnson: I think it is our job as senators to be critical but that doesn't mean that we won't give people money. We just need to make sure that everything is very sound. Asking tough and a lot of questions is what we should be doing.
 - w. Senator Mutschelknaus: Treasurer Kaounas are we on track with the one fund compared to last year?
 - x. We can look it up we tend to start out between 80-100 and usually have about half of the budget left. I would like to point out, the only reason why we have this money, is due to roll overs. The next year could potentially be very very low if we continue
 - y. Senator Erdman: It was roughly \$59,000. I also feel that the money that we spend is there for a reason, and buy saying that we shouldn't spend it goes against the nature of the student activities' fee.
 - z. Dean Ogle: I appreciate the time that everyone has put in. I appreciate Kyle getting the information out here. I encourage you to talk to those group leaders to help with those groups who aren't
 - aa. Senator Mutschelknaus: Happy Holidays.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Senator Honaker: Move to adjourn.
- b. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.
 - i. 9:05 p.m.