

# Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for October 12, 2011

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
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  - b. Treasurer Berres Green
  - c. Vice President Ruedinger
  - d. President VanSteenbergen
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# Ripon College Student Senate

## Minutes for October 5, 2011

Senators Present:

Senators Excused: Senator Mutschelknaus

Senators Unexcused: Senator Hagen

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
  - a. Senator Kaounas: Move to approve.
    - i. Senator Honaker: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Secretary Kiessling: Please sign in.
  - b. Treasurer Ruedinger: The one fund stands at \$93459.03.
  - c. Vice President Ruedinger: No report.
  - d. President VanSteenbergen: Senior class board elections started today at lunch and ballot counting will take place at 7:15 p.m. tomorrow in the senate chamber. We will be adding to the agenda a few items and also Parallax has made it known that they would like their one-fund brought off the table. Finally, I would like to note that there has been some talk of inappropriate bias on the part of senators your constituents' voices come first so does not bring your personal opinions into the mix. There is a zero tolerance policy for those who hassle group leaders. The search for our new treasurer has begun please let anyone know if they would like to be on the executive board.
  - e. Dean Ogle
  - f. What's Up With Your Group?
  - g. One Fund Talk Back
  - h. Student Activities Report
  - i. Miscellaneous Committees
    - i. Faculty policy committee: Last time two students were awarded and four professors were selected for the committee. Sabbaticals were being looked at by the trustee and global studies were looked at. Searches for faculty are going on. We talked about maintenance around campus as well.
    - ii. Trustee Committee on Academic Affairs: We talked about the 10 sabbatical leaves. Talked about two smart classrooms and also talked about retention rates and Ripon College.
    - iii. Alumni Board Association: We are altering our by-laws and our silent campaign initiative. We discussed re-unions and joint reunions so two years would come to the reunion.
    - iv. Advancement Committee: We want to work on letters that the alumni send to the students. We want the board to be updated by the board.
- IV. New Business
  - a. CRU Fall Retreat One-Fund
    - i. CRU really appreciates the help and funding that we have received from you. Our speaker came and we used our entire budget for books for the speaker. This conference will help our members become better leaders on campus and they will give a talk about what they learned at the conference during our weekly meetings. Senate has a wonderful opportunity to help us grow and we have grown much more than we expected so our national organization cannot help us fund everything. I would like to retract the statement that we are not going to one-fund. We one-funded late because we used the money for the books and that took our entire budget. We have been advertising for a while on Facebook, emails, our meetings, and at the speaker. Anyone was able to go and these four people would really like to go. We have about 100-200 regional members going to this conference, and the bonds will help them co-sponsor in the future.
    - ii. Bryant: Will you send out a campus wide email about the talk?
    - iii. Yes.
    - iv. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
      1. Senator Kaounas: Move to second the motion.
    - v. Senator Kaounas: Reimbursement through the one fund is allowed?
    - vi. Yes.
    - vii. Senator Maginnis: What do the students contribute?
    - viii. The students are paying for gas to get there.
    - ix. Passes 19:2:0.
  - b. Heavy Metal Society One-Fund
    - i. I was approached by the music department members and he suggested that the library catalogue in Rodman is ineffective and thought this would be beneficial. A new professor signed us up for this free month-long trial of Naxos music library. I think this proposal outlines this well. It is for 10 people and would allow more people to work at the same time. Jazz is just as relevant as every other genre. I can confirm that \$1150 is needed for the

Naxos library. We can only contribute \$50 to this and I believe this would be a great thing for the campus to have. Nothing like this has been done before and this would be a great service.

- ii. Liz Brown: I am familiar with this and the library is not easy to use and this would give the students something very valuable.
- iii. Bryant: Has the music department have money to contribute?
- iv. No.
- v. Senator Orth: Move to approve.
  1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
- vi. Senator Kaounas: Will you send out a campus wide email?
- vii. Yes, I would do everything necessary for people to access this?
- viii. Senator Kaounas: Do you know how much this was used?
- ix. We had a few dozen people turned away from this.
- x. Senator Oliver: Only 10 people can use this at a time?
- xi. Only ten consecutive users at a time.
- xii. Senator Oliver: How long is the subscription?
- xiii. One year.
- xiv. Senator Yocius: Will you come back next year?
- xv. I will talk to the music department about contributing money and next year we would like to come back next year if the interest is there.
- xvi. Senator Yocius: Can you save the music?
- xvii. No I don't think so but you have unlimited access while you are there.
- xviii. Senator Maginnis: I have to vote against it because it is like a glorified Pandora and they can't see spending so much money on it.
- xix. Senator Gracz: My constituents were against it because they have what they like and they didn't see a need for it. I feel this is beneficial but I can't vote for it.
- xx. Senator Kaounas: My fear with this is that there will be 10 people and the music majors won't be able to use it?
- xxi. Only 5 will be able to use it at a time. Since we have started only 29 people have been denied. The number of users is 5 but the price would remain the same.
- xxii. Senator Kaounas: Doesn't this hamper the ability for the music department?
- xxiii. On the first day we had 38 users and we haven't gone over since.
- xxiv. Senator Kaounas: Can you explain the importance?
- xxv. It holds upwards of 80,000 CDs. The music department doesn't have the budget for this.
- xxvi. Senator Johnson: Can you explain where Naxos is unique in it's library?
- xxvii. Naxos tracks are much more complete. They have been adding major recording companies.
- xxviii. Senator Johnson: Grooveshark and spotify what makes music from Naxos unique?
- xxix. I would think that certain groups would not be on the websites and that Naxos has the depth.
  - xxx. Senator Hopewell: Did you say 12 denials?
  - xxxi. It was 21 people since the first day and we have not had problems since.
  - xxxii. Senator Hopewell: Have people been using it?
  - xxxiii. There have been 128 logins. In the last 5 days there have been 17 logins. This is important to explore their education.
- xxxiv. Senator Gracz: One fear I have is that we are speaking for the campus and this is more for the music department and they should contribute to this.
- xxxv. The music department is extremely over-stretched right now and I can consult the department but I just do not know. For one, this is for the entire year and less than \$100 a month. Also, the departments are stretched for money and have to be cut. This is for people on campus.
- xxxvi. Senator Gracz: What is your estimate on the music that you can find here that you cannot find other places?
- xxxvii. The Rodman library only goes back to 1914. As a student worker I know what we are missing and what we still need. A good portion of these songs are not found there and the sound quality is best on Naxos.
- xxxviii. Senator Kaounas: We need to support the music department in this instance. I want to put in perspective this is \$100 a month this is important.
- xxxix. Senator Sockness: Going back to Pandora they stay on it all day and if they would do this on Naxos would they get kicked off?
  - xl. The max time is at an hour.
  - xli. Senator Murphy-gunnels: Yield time.
  - xlii. Have you talked to the library about this?
  - xliii. In the last four years the library has lost funding and cutting these research databases.
  - xliv. Senator Johnson: I don't think this is for the library to stock. This is for the music department. This would be 1/90 of our budget that is about 20 students. These folks are saying 20 people are using this it is very proportional.
- xlv. Senator Carbollo: Anyone on campus at any computer can access this?
- xlvi. Yes. The username is REDHAWKS and password RIPON1851. This can be accessed off campus as well.

- xlvii. Senator Enright: Does this mean that a friend from Madison can access this as well?
- xlviii. I imagine so, but Madison has this program.
- xliv. Senator Enright: Could specific classrooms use this?
  - i. Yes they have been using this and there are about 15 people per class room.
  - ii. Senator Enright: Is this only for jazz music?
  - iii. It is \$800 for 5 users the jazz library is \$70 per user so it comes up to \$1150.
  - liii. Senator Enright: Will you get enough variety from this?
  - liv. There is no heavy metal plan. We could add videos, spoken words, and sheet music. This is as far as we will go.
  - lv. Senator Oliver: I don't think this is fair to compare to Pandora and groovespark may or may not have it. This sounds like a reliable source.
  - lvi. Senator Shapansky: It should be focused more on a larger group of students. You could use smart music?
  - lvii. We have competitions and that software is only on one computer in Rodman.
  - lviii. Senator Sockness: If you were to get spoken word that would bring it out to more of the campus and I think opening it up to more people on campus would be widely accepted.
  - lix. The only class is the spoken word poetry class comes with a textbook and a cd. The spoken word category would throw \$300 on the one fund. We found that the cheaper plan would give us the most benefit. We don't know how big this program is.
  - lx. Senator Yocius: Have you looked into any other programs?
  - lxi. We have not looked at other subscriptions.
  - lxii. Senator Yocius: Can you fundraise for this?
  - lxiii. Yes and the Heavy Metal Society could help out with this program as well.
  - lxiv. Senator Yocius: Can you put this on the portal?
  - lxv. Yes.
  - lxvi. Senator Kaounas: We passed the Pre-Med one fund and that is the same.
  - lxvii. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: I think this will appeal to the communication and cultural groups if you had spoken word.
  - lxviii. Senator Gracz: We should tell people this is not like Pandora. I am all for it and we need to promote this.
  - lxix. Senator Yocius: Make a motion to add spoken word to the one-fund bringing the total to \$1400.
    - 1. Senator Jelinek: Move to second the motion.
  - lxx. Senator Enright: Move to object.
    - 1. Senator Kaounas: Move to second the objection.
  - lxxi. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: We need to consult our constituents.
  - lxxii. Senator Kaounas: Can we upgrade later?
  - lxxiii. I think we should wait.
  - lxxiv. Senator Maginnis: I would like to talk to my constituents about this and \$300 more would upset them.
  - lxxv. Senator Enright: Our group is against this because we don't know what this is and fail this amendment.
  - lxxvi. Senator Maginnis: Can we get a trial?
  - lxxvii. I am not sure we can come back.
  - lxxviii. Fails: 0:23:0.
  - lxxix. Passes 14:5:3.
  - lxxx. Should we cut the check for the Heavy Metal Society?
  - lxxxi. I will get back to you on that.
- c. EGOR One-Fund
  - i. Prices on flights have gone up and we would like to raise the cost of flight per person to 336 and we are cutting 20 per person for food so the new total 1452. This is beneficial for the entire campus as a whole. We would like to do a golden hour and talk about a greener campus and we have a set goal for 300 for fundraising and we are putting our entire travel budget for this amount.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Orth: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Senator Maginnis: I would like to amend the total to \$1452.
    - 1. Senator Honaker: Move to second the motion.
  - iv. Senator Kasubowski: Is the math correct?
  - v. Yes.
  - vi. Senator Honaker: I would like to point out that this comes out to \$270 per person. In the past has EGOR done golden hours?
  - vii. I believe we had a meeting two years ago after a conference and I don't know what the turnout was. Last year we did a presentation for EGOR nobody else showed up.
  - viii. Senator Oliver: How much are the students planning on paying?
  - ix. They will try to contribute.
  - x. Senator Gracz: We need to understand this is not bad for seven people and is cost efficient.
  - xi. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: My constituents want more information on going green.
  - xii. Senator Kurth: Why San Francisco?

- xiii. We wanted a conference that our members could go to. The only other conference is over fall break. If we do not go to this conference we will come back.
- xiv. Senator Yocius: They brought up the environmental impact of air travel and have a presenter.
- xv. It was not feasible to bring someone here or travel in another manner.
- xvi. Senator Shapansky: What is the conference presenting?
- xvii. It is about being more green and sustainable.
- xviii. Senator Shapansky: Will this be interactive?
- xix. It may be but they would pay more for these volunteer programs.
- xx. Senator Maginnis: When is the trip?
- xxi. We will leave Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>. They would be leaving the morning on Sunday.
- xxii. Senator Maginnis: The flight costs just keep going up and keep this in mind. I would like your perspective on going on this trip.
- xxiii. Our agenda is about being proactive and trying to get together with the sustainable agriculture club along with youth empowerment. I think it would make a change. I look forward to coming back and implementing these ideas. We need to motivate students to want to do this.
- xxiv. Senator Maginnis: this is a great resource and good educational opportunity.
- xxv. Senator Hopewell: Do you have a golden hour time selected?
- xxvi. We are waiting till we know if we are going to this conference.
- xxvii. Senator Hopewell: This is important to quickly implement these procedures.
- xxviii. Senator Shapansky: Yield time.
- xxix. I attended this conference and we came back with great ideas and it would be great if larger groups could go.
- xxx. Senator Maginnis: What else has EGOR done for the green initiative?
- xxxi. We are working with SAS for a garden. We brought back the idea of green fees and that would go for projects that make the campus more sustainable. SAS is not an official group and are not recognized by student senate.
- xxxii. Senator Shapansky: Yield time.
- xxxiii. SAS is working through the OCE and is planning a trip in Milwaukee they are not for sure about the garden plan.
- xxxiv. Passes 20:2:1.
- xxxv. Senator Kaounas: I would like to remove Parallax from the agenda to the table.
  - 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
- xxxvi. Passes 22:1:0.
- d. Resignation of Treasurer
  - i. According to the operating rules the executive board member has to submit the resignation in writing.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Senator Enright: Has anyone stepped forward to take that position?
  - iv. Senator Maginnis: The recommendation from the executive board will be heard next week and hopefully you will know before next Tuesday.
  - v. Passes 22:1:0.
- e. Removal/Appointment of EPC
  - i. I am the current representative so we are asking that you remove me and we are recommending Brandon Kasubowski. You will vote me out and then vote in the new appointee.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 22:1:0.
  - iv. Senator Maginnis: Why was Brandon chosen?
  - v. Last week I received two names and from there the executive board sat down and determined that Brandon would be best.
  - vi. Passes 20:1:2.
- f. Parallax
  - i. I also have an amended copy of our proposal. We sent out a petition and we have 173 signatures signed by students and our interested in a published copy. We have not reached all the students on campus. There are quite a few upper classman that are interested in another copy before they graduate. We have found much interest in the freshman class. There are more people than students who want these copies and SAO, admissions and students want to know if we have a literary magazine. Alumni would also like to get copies. The cost of color was an issue. The fact that we don't have any more colored copies of previous versions, they are more professional looking. Jostens was mentioned and she said that they only do yearbooks and not literary magazines. Another benefit of Ripon printers is that they are willing it work closely with us. This would set our publication date back a bit. If we put this back a semester this would jeopardize interest. We can't have them give us a price in the spring but the cost will go up. Our new quote from Ripon printers and we dropped the number of pages. Our requests are not ridiculous the yearbook has a 32,000 budget. The college days has a 19,000 budget. This is

important to the interest of the students. Other ACM colleges may have multiple literary magazines. By not having this we are pricing us out of being competitive about getting students to come to this college. Past students have shown this version and can be a great tool. It allows us to be more together.

- ii. Lisa: I am an English major and I don't participate in other things and Parallax is one of the only things to showcase my talents. There are students out there who are passionate about this and please remember these are different people and consider what this group can do.
- iii. Ben Raines: I am a member of Armchair Association and we are now approved and we are operating and will not be punished by past indiscretions. The senate has noted changes in groups. Aside from students how many people want a hard copy?
- iv. I can account for 8 people on our review board and the rest of the department I don't know offhand.
- v. How difficult is the software to work with?
- vi. We don't know how to use it and Ripon Printers is offering the service to us for free.
- vii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
  1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
- viii. Senator Johnson: I need numbers.
- ix. 100 copies with color \$6000, 200 copies \$7035, and 350 \$9681, and 500 \$9821. If we go to 140 pages 100 copies \$6046, 200 \$7450 350\$ 8430 500 \$11670.
- x. We don't want to go down on the page count. As far as the number of copies we have had 500 in the past and there is interest and it has gone out in the past.
- xi. Senator Johnson: You are justifying 500 copies by this interest and ignoring other means of distribution. Would you be willing to reduce the number of copies?
- xii. We are not sure that a digital distribution would be the same however we don't want to decrease the number of copies and potential interest.
- xiii. Senator Maginnis: Could you re-iterate what they were told during budget hearings?
- xiv. President VanSteenbergen: We discussed the determination of Parallax and we didn't feel it was wise to give them a \$14,000 budget. We gave them a 100 budget and we expected them to come back with a similar budget.
- xv. Senator Maginnis: The executive board has everything planned out and Parallax has everything planned out we shouldn't be punishing them for what was done in the past and they have shown a tremendous step forward. They would have already had \$14,000 and they know what they are doing. They are doing what they were created to do.
- xvi. Senator Gracz: How many students are majoring in art or music.
- xvii. The art department is pretty large.
- xviii. Senator Gracz: There are many people who will want one of these. People do like reading hard copies.
- xix. I know many other majors will want copies of this.
- xx. Senator Kaounas: I think this is different and I have a problem that we can do departments and people who is in the book and something to lessen the number. Senate does advocate for the music department and the art department. What is wrong with 350 copies versus 500?
- xxi. We are not opposed to asking for a small fee for those not involved and we want to display this like the yearbook. We want to set ourselves apart.
- xxii. Senator Kaounas: We can reduce the amount.
- xxiii. We would like to produce 500 copies and make it free to all students.
- xxiv. Senator Shapansky: Everyone is on board and sometimes things are left better in the past and this is very beneficial for the campus.
- xxv. Senator Maginnis: Yield time.
- xxvi. Ben Raines: I am interested in the other work that is done on campus and an interested in these programs. I know that 3 people outside of these majors are submitting work for these publications.
- xxvii. Senator Maginnis: This is a source for students to enrich their lives and that is why they come to campus. We are giving this group the opportunity to help this campus.
- xxviii. Senator Johnson: Yield time.
- xxix. Lisa: What happens if there are fewer copies? Less people get to read it and I don't see why 500 copies is such an issue let's let them have a copy. This is important.
- xxx. Senator Johnson: There are no more books from 2008 there is high demand. I support what they are doing and I want to balance the interest. I would say yes to 500 before I would vote you down. I want everybody to have a copy of this.
- xxxi. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: Yield time.
- xxxii. Sara: I got responses that the alumni want to see more students' work. The alumni's may be willing to purchase a subscription in a few years after interest is raised. This is a huge opportunity and we pride ourselves on the community aspect of the college.
- xxxiii. Senator Gracz: I would like to compliment you on your hard work. I would like to stick with the color. I would like to add that we pay enough to go here so this is beneficial and this is similar to a yearbook that you can look back on.
- xxxiv. Senator Hopewell: If you charge \$5 for a book this would be beneficial when you compare us to Grinnell they have a surplus of money to use. Consider other options.

- xxxv. Senator Enright: What are we voting on?
- xxxvi. Senator Enright: I would like to move to amend 500 copies \$11607 .
  - 1. Senator Kaounas: Move to second the motion.
- xxxvii. Passes 13:8:1.

V. Announcements

- a. WRPN on Monday Scott Lapel at 11:00a.m. and he will be performing Wednesday at 9:30 at the pub. Please come and visit.
  - b. Alpha Chi Omega is having their 5k walk on Saturday for abuse.
  - c. Libdub filming is for Sunday and rehearsal starts at 10:00a.m. we are meeting at the memorial lawn.
- VI. Open Forum
- a. Senator Honaker: We did a good job but I would like to say that if someone says something don't say it again.
  - b. Senator Maginnis: Today was a great meeting, remember that you agreed to be here.
- VII. Adjournment
- a. Senator Maginnis: Move to adjourn.
    - i. Senator Honaker: Move to second the motion.
- VIII. 9:00p.m.