

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for November 2, 2011

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- III. Committee Reports
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 - b. Treasurer Kaounas
 - c. Vice President Ruedinger
 - d. President VanSteenbergen
 - e. Dean Ogle
 - f. What's Up With Your Group
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
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Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for October 26th, 2011

Attendance Record:

Adam Orth-0	Raymond Allen-1	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-0	Shanalijah Hernandez-0	Amy Lindsey-0
Matt Maginnis-0	Tyler Hopewell-0	Brandon Kasubowski-1
Alex Hagen-3	Andrew Carballo-2	Hannah Erdman-0

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm.
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
 - a. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 - i. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Kiessling: There will now be a list of senators present and excused.
 - b. Treasurer Kaounas: The one fund is \$77849.35.
 - i. Senator Maginnis: Has the light one fund been returned yet?
 - ii. Vice President Ruedinger: I am not sure.
 - c. Vice President Ruedinger
 - d. President VanSteenbergen
 - e. Dean Ogle
 - f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - i. Equestrian Team: Currently we have just started our shows. We really appreciate the money for the shows. We are doing an open house with a bonfire, games, and horses. It will be on November 16th. It will be open to everyone. We also had a great time in Libdub.
 - ii. RC Greens: We have been having meetings on Tuesday at 6:30p.m. We have been looking forward for the state Wisconsin fall gathering on Saturday November 5th. I will also talk about the one fund. We are working on planning for next semester.
 - iii. The Network: LGBT history month we had our ally ceremony today. Contemporary issues gave us money so we will no longer need the one fund we requested last month and it will be returned.
 - iv. SPS: We are working on the rocket team and the microgravity team. Our rocket team will be competing this year. SPS will continue to plan events and join us at lunch on Thursdays.
 - v. Secular Student Alliance: We have been doing meetings and are looking for a speaker on December 1st and we will have to one fund for the money to bring him here.
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
 - i. Admissions committee: Working on the class of 2016 and then 1100 students we are only at 990. We were mentioned as a cool college town and the Rave system for security. We are also trying to get on face book.
 - ii. Student Life: SAO has new groups and resident life is trying to keep students here and active. The retention rate is around the mid 80's and we are also here to keep people here.
 - iii. Advancement: We are working on the money for student endowment and to maintain faculty.
 - iv. Alumni Board: They contact students.
 - v. Academic Affairs: 10 are looking to leave on sabbatical.
 - vi. Senior Class board: We are planning the 100 days party.
 - vii. President VanSteenbergen: Please make sure everyone is coming to us.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Ripon Anthropology Association Intent to Organize
 - i. Our classes are often filled we want to provide students with educational tools we want officers to be majors but other spots are available. We have about 20 people and more that were interested. Professor Margaretten and Professor Whitehead are very involved.
 - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Mutschelknaus: What sort of events?
 1. We are thinking of those who have gone abroad and have them present. We want to further the education of students.

- iv. Senator Honaker: This is to be similar to the society of physics students.
 - v. We want to launch this for everyone not just the majors.
 - vi. Senator Honaker: This is a great opportunity.
 - vii. Passes 22:0:0.
- b. Miss Ripon College Charity Pageant Intent to Organize
- i. The last two years we have raised 1100 dollars and have had a great turn out. We have 8 people on the committee and are looking
 - ii. Ben Raines: I am the accountant for the Mr. Ripon charity and I want to know why you want to make this a group.
 - iii. WE would need to be a group on campus to get funding from down town businesses.
 - iv. Senator Orth: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
 - v. Senator Honaker: Object to the consideration of the question.
 - vi. This does not need a second we will vote on discussing the topic. If you vote yes you are agreeing with the objection if you vote no you feel we should discuss it.
 - vii. Fails 1:21:0.
 - viii. Senator Johnson: I want some clarification about the outside donations.
 - ix. Dean Ogle: I am aware of their uneasiness the issue is when contributions come in where should they put them? It's not for Ripon College and not for a student either. They need to be a group. They are accurately representing the business office.
 - x. Senator Johnson: Why should the pageant be a group?
 - xi. This has nothing to do with Greek life we don't want to be represented by Panhell. I feel that this pageant can be stand alone and I don't want it hidden.
 - xii. Senator Maginnis: How does it work with the man pageant?
 - xiii. Dean Ogle: They are under the communication department.
 - xiv. Senator Mutschelknaus: You should have more than one event.
 - xv. We had a speaker who was supposed to come and it didn't work out because of funding. The winner is also supposed to go to at least 6 different events. We do want quest speakers.
 - xvi. Senator Johnson: You only have one purpose why didn't you create a women empowerment group why is the pageant a group?
 - xvii. There are other groups the army of one, Greek life, and I felt that if there is a man pageant we should have one. In the future I would like to have events after the pageant to promote this.
 - xviii. Senator Johnson: I hope you will expand beyond this event.
 - xix. Senator Shapansky: How does this benefit us?
 - xx. It benefits the campus and the community through service and confidence.
 - xxi. Senator Shapansky: Please make sure to reach out to younger girls.
 - xxii. Senator Gracz: Is this essential financially?
 - xxiii. This is not necessary but we just need an account to put it in. This is not a financial burden we are just meeting the business offices needs.
 - xxiv. Passes 17:2:2.
- c. RC Green One Fund
- i. We are trying to do this to close the gap of political involvement. Our speaker is going to talk about motivation and getting people involved as group leaders. His usual speaker fee is 2000 and we received money from contemporary issues. So we will be asking for 1100. The German green party flew him over to speak to them and this will be very beneficial.
 - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Maginnis: How much is SMAC giving?
 - iv. \$250.
 - v. Senator Maginnis: I would like to move to amend the one fund to 1100 dollars.
 - vi. Senator Maginnis: He is a political speaker but he is speaking on motivation as well?
 - vii. Yes, he will be here for all groups.
 - viii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Did you reach out to other political groups on campus?
 - ix. I looked at their budgets and they didn't have any honoraria?
 - x. Senator Honaker: What is your attendance?
 - xi. In terms of state gatherings we have about 30-50 and our personal members include about 5-12. That is an accurate representation.
 - xii. Dean Ogle: I think this would be refreshing to see speakers come in before the 2012 elections and a lot is at stake for college age students. Some of the best things I remember were the groups bringing speakers to campus before the elections.
 - xiii. Passes 19:1:1.

V. Announcements

- a. Senator Maginnis: We encourage people to attend our SPS meeting in the PDR Thursdays at noon. Exec staff meetings are on Tuesdays for WRPN at 4p.m.
- b. Senator Honaker: Heavy metal society hour of glour. Theta Sigma Tau it starts at 8p.m. on Saturday and I will be providing music.
- c. Senator Shapansky: BSU is having a Halloween party on Friday. Soulfood is November 13th. Please read stereotypes article.

VI. Open Forum

- a. Senator Maginnis: If you would like to see the new lights they will be up at the parties this weekend.
- b. President VanSteenbergen: I went to a conference in Chicago and one of the reactions I have had is that we don't have enough leadership training here at Ripon. I want to get feedback from you about how to improve and to fix this. We discussed a senate retreat on student government and how we can best serve. Also brining in an outside leadership trainer to assist us.
- c. Senator Honaker: It feels like the training for leaders is based upon previous leaders. The president before me did a good job but on the same turn leaders have just been thrown into a group. A retreat for everyone would be beneficial and giving a consistency for everyone.
- d. Senator Johnson: This has to do with poor documentation because I can't find the answers written down. How do we get money and it's difficult to find.
- e. Senator Mutschelknaus: I have the same feeling of lost and confused about the groups we need to have a formal structure for these groups. There should be a student leader handbook planning, attendance travel etc. I am making sure that the new leaders can handle this.
- f. Senator Maginnis: WRPN has a binder because we have licenses and we need to follow laws and it's hard to understand. CSO could also give us a binder about what to do and pass on.
- g. Senator Hagen: I think a handbook on leadership would be good if we got a panel of veterans to put something together. Leadership training seems like a great idea and encourage participation and involvement
- h. Senator Kasubowski: ROTC we have handbooks that are passed down and basically you have to just plug in details. We should have the groups make a book. Professor Christ should be able to get us information about leadership.
- i. Senator Sockness: SAAC last year we had an NCAA advisor and we need to follow some direction our group is flailing and we need direction.
- j. Senator Hopewell: People don't understand that they have to come here and speak.
- k. Senator Gracz: I think only one person needs to know what is going on so they can explain it to others but it isn't working.
- l. Senator Maginnis: This should be discussed at CSO.
- m. President VanSteenbergen: We were frustrated by serving because only 10% of population responds is that really accurate. They challenged us to have 1 ten minute conversation with one student every day of your term so I encourage you to try it. So go and find out what they expect from us and what they want to see changed.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Senator Honaker: Move to adjourn.
 - i. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.

VIII. 7:32p.m.