

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for February 1st, 2012

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Kiessling
 - 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
 - h. Student Activities Report:
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - a. WRPN Constitutional Revision
 - b. Independent to Greek Senator Transitions
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Adjournment

Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for January 25th, 2012

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	Jackson Vogel-0	Breanna Gracz-1
Madeline Sockness-0	Michael Enright-0	James Honaker-0
Austin Oliver-1	Shanalijah Hernandez-0	Amy Lindsey-0
Matt Maginnis-0	Tyler Hopewell-0	Brandon Kasubaski-2
Alex Hagen-3	Andrew Carballo-2	Hannah Erdman-0
David Garcia-0		

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
 - a. Senator Hopewell: Move to approve.
 - i. Senator Honaker: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Kiessling: Please sign in.
 - b. Treasurer Kaounas: The one fund stands at \$58,092.26. This time last year it was 59,254.67.
 - c. Vice President Ruedinger: CSO will be February 17th.
 - d. President VanSteenbergen: Just for your radar elections for senate executive board and special graduate trustee will be coming up before spring break. Alumni office sent me a call for nominations for their senior award they are accepting nominations until Friday February 10th.
 - e. Dean Ogle: I wanted to say a few things about ID's you will get a new one so those from out of state. Every other year NSSE does a review and we are proud to say that we have a great participation rate. We have our first scholarship days this weekend so put your best step forward. The following week we will have the trustees here. Also for senate elections we need to have a great executive board so please pick the most dedicated and positive members.
 - i. Senator Maginnis: Great job with the concealed carry signs and way to represent.
 - ii. Senator Honaker: Do we keep our new ID's?
 - iii. Dean Ogle: I believe so.
 - f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. Sigma Chi: We had our best year ever and raised \$1800 and had over 100 people at our derby days.
 - ii. Alpha Xi Omega: We went to our festival and it was very informative and enriching. We had two scenic designers go to the final rounds and our tech Olympics team place 3rd among 17, and Nick Osenburg received an award.
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. New Business
 - a. ROTC One Fund
 - i. We have a picture going around. If people ask us they will be able to use the trailer as well. I'm open for questions.
 - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Garcia: Is this the actual picture?
 - iv. No, that is what it will look like.
 - v. Senator Maginnis: Is this new or used?
 - vi. We are not sure they are trying to get us a new trailer.
 - vii. Senator Maginnis: Do you travel out of state?
 - viii. Yes, we do not need plates or insurance it is a government vehicle.
 - ix. Senator Mutschelknaus: Where does you're funding come from?
 - x. Our annual budget.
 - xi. Senator Enright: Why can't you use that budget?
 - xii. Our money would end up going back into the annual budget.
 - xiii. Senator Maginnis: How are you doing the decals?
 - xiv. Through Butch's trailer sales.
 - xv. Passes 19:3:0.
 - b. Black Student Union One Fund
 - i. Black History Month is coming up and the last one we did was in 2001 and we find that outrageous. Our community service event may change and we may go to Marian University and do the community service at another time. We didn't count honoraria twice and we want to give him a little something extra because they are giving us a fair price.

- ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Honaker: What are you contributing out of your budget? Why are you not using your \$6000?
 - iv. We get money for off-campus and travel expenses. Since we haven't done things according to the constitution in the past. We have money for Soulfood, taxes on the lighting, and we can help out with things.
 - v. Senator Honaker: Have you considered amending the BSU budget?
 - vi. I think that is a good suggestion, but these things will help BSU on this campus. I don't feel comfortable taking those out right now.
 - vii. Senator Erdman: Didn't we just have a one-fund for lights why must we buy more lights?
 - viii. We have worked with SAO and Matt we can't change the light bulbs and we don't have the authority. We thought a black light party would be fun and they would stay with SAO.
 - ix. Senator Erdman: How can you make sure we have a decent turn-out for the speakers?
 - x. The speakers are phenomenal. Because we are BSU he will only charge us \$800. We will do our best with flyers and innovative advertisements. We worked with Dr. Ford for the percussion group and she says their great.
 - xi. Senator Garcia: I think advertising will work good job.
 - xii. Senator Maginnis: I did speak with them about black lights and these lights won't work well. I would like to remove those lights.
 - xiii. Will you be able to work with us and find another plan?
 - xiv. Senator Maginnis: Yes.
 - xv. Senator Maginnis: I move to amend the one fund removing the lights making the one fund \$3065.
 - 1. Senator Honaker: Move to second the motion.
 - xvi. Senator Mikesell: I like what you have here but I'd like to go with my constituents and I have to vote with them.
 - xvii. Passes 21:2:0.
- c. Student Senate Discussion on Greek/Independent Senator Transitions
- i. President VanSteenbergen: The constitution struggles to resolve the issue about when you become Greek. Kristin Pearson said that her point is when they identify with that organization. We need to vote on this so we can adjust this.
 - ii. Senator Honaker: Tau has no problem letting pledges serve on senate until they are initiated. I did not let Tau influence how I voted. As long as the senator can represent their constituents accurately they should be allowed to serve. Those senators should be allowed to serve.
 - iii. Senator Oliver: Pledges are a part of the group but not official and they can drop whenever they want. They are independent until they are initiated.
 - iv. Senator Mikesell: I think the moment someone pledges a Greek group they lose their credibility and ability to be un-bias. It is impossible to be un-biased. This is not a fair representative.
 - v. Senator Erdman: TAJ would have had no senators for two months last year. You can be un-biased because you still live in the area of your constituents. You can stop pledging at any time. Initiation should be cut-off.
 - vi. Senator Hagen: How often does a pledge not become a member?
 - vii. Senator Honaker: It is a case by case basis. It does happen but we cannot pinpoint it to a statistic.
 - viii. Senator Oliver: I don't know of any fraternity that has had every pledge initiate.
 - ix. Senator Mikesell: More often than not they go through.
 - x. Senator Garcia: I know of people who don't go back on the list.
 - xi. Senator Johnson: I think that once you pledge you are affiliated with that group. The spirit of what we are accomplishing here is what the line is. There are different times and schedules and there will be not specific time. Let's pick a time and a date and have a clean cut.
 - xii. Senator Kaounas: Regarding pledges they are allowed to vote in house and they represent their individuals. ADPi will have double representation. It is a senator's responsibility to find their replacement and to anticipate that they will need a replacement. I agree with Senator Johnson.
 - xiii. Senator Kasubaski: I agree with setting a date and it should be a little bit later. Before the 1st of March. It is hard to find representation and we should ask and hold them accountable.
 - xiv. Senator Hopewell: Given how late that is in the year they cannot find a replacement. It takes a while to get into their duties as a senator and we need an early date February 1st?
 - xv. Senator Gracz: I agree that the minute you join you get involved and you lose focus on your duties as a senator. They made that choice and it is hard but there is always next year. We should do this earlier.
 - xvi. Senator Mutschelknaus: What happens when that Greek group comes up to one fund and they are torn? What happens at that point?
 - xvii. Senator Erdman: Did we ever adjust this?
 - xviii. President VanSteenbergen: Do you have insight?

- xix. Senator Honaker: We did have a discussion and my brother came up with a 2-part amendment. The amendment said that as soon as you pledged you would lose your senate spot. We would need to amend the constitution.
- xx. Senator Oliver: We start looking at pledges the first week of first semester and we are close with them before they are pledges. Since most people become initiated around March 1st and that's the cutoff date. I move to amend that by March 1st any independent senator who has pledged must decide to
 - 1. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
- xxi. Senator Enright: Objection.
- xxii. Senator Hopewell: As soon as they pledge that should be the deadline.
- xxiii. Senator Maginnis: My suggestion is for the second week in February. March is a little too late.
- xxiv. Treasurer Kaounas: When do fraternities officially initiate?
- xxv. Senator Oliver: Around March and we can't vote in house.
- xxvi. Senator Jelinek: I would like to amend it to say 4 weeks after independent pledges.
 - 1. Senator Maginnis: I move to second the amendment.
- xxvii. Senator Oliver: There aren't many fraternities that have fall pledge classes.
- xxviii. Senator Erdman: We were told that we had the option and we were not required to have a vote in house.
- xxix. Senator Johnson: I recommend that we need to just set a date. February 15th and September 15th.
- xxx. Senator Gracz: When you accept a pledge how long do you have?
- xxxi. That is the unknown it happens on varying schedules.
- xxxii. Senator Enright: When a student makes a pledge that's the point when they are committed and can no longer serve as independents. I would like to amend the amendment to say that the moment they pledge they will no longer be able to serve.
- xxxiii. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the amendment.
 - 1. Senator Honaker: Objection.
- xxxiv. Senator Gracz: There is too much ambiguity we only have pledging and initiation. We only know they are pledging and at that point they should no longer be part.
- xxxv. Senator Mikesell: I absolutely agree you are making a promise to that group.
- xxxvi. Senator Mutschelknaus: Can we standardize the pledge process?
- xxxvii. No.
- xxxviii. Senator Kasubaski: It is very hard to get replacements. They need some time two weeks.
- xxxix. Senator Johnson: We need those two weeks.
 - xl. Senator Hagen: Pledges would need the accountability and the Greek organizations would like that accountability.
 - xli. Senator Maginnis: Once you pledge you are making a pledge to that organization. I do feel that people do make mistakes and they need a time frame. Move to previous question.
 - 1. Senator Honaker: Move to second the motion.
 - xlii. Passes 21:1:0.
 - xliiii. Fails 10-12-1.
 - xliv. Senator Honaker: With Tau you get 3 weeks to join. Late pledging allows for keeping track of this.
 - xlv. Senator Garcia: In government official switches from one country to another they cannot remain.
 - xlvi. Treasurer Kaounas: If you have intention to pledge than you should have the time period and you can do it. You are promising yourself to a Greek group and we need to get rid of this double representation.
 - xlvii. Senator Kasubaski: When is this cut-off?
 - xlviii. The four week mark.
 - xlix. Senator Garcia: We will need to use this practical way and I would like to reintroduce that amendment.
 - 1. Senator Erdman: I motion to second the amendment.
 - i. Senator Maginnis: Objection.
 - ii. Senator Johnson: Do we need time after they pledge to get things arranged. I suggest we should say 4 weeks or a date. I move to amend that we change the language.
 - 1. Senator Mutschelknaus: I move to second that motion.
 - iii. Senator Erdman: I object.
 - liii. Senator Oliver: Will you add to that October 1st?
 - 1. Senator Mutschelknaus: I second that motion.
 - liv. Senator Erdman: Objection.
 - lv. Senator Erdman: We need to postpone this discussion until next week's senate meeting.
 - 1. Senator Garcia: I move to second this motion.
 - lvi. Senator Hopewell: I object.
 - lvii. Senator Hopewell: My constituents will not have insight.
 - lviii. Senator Honaker: This will affect constituents and will affect those who want to pledge in the future. What would happen if we post-poned this?
 - lix. We would start from where the discussion left off.

- ix. Senator Honaker: I recommend that we post-pone indefinitely so we can start fresh. I move to post-pone indefinitely.
 - 1. Senator Johnson: I move to second.
- lxi. Passes 21:0:1.

V. Announcements

- a. Senator Maginnis: Gerald Seaman's band is performing this Saturday. WRPN is also in the pub.
- b. WRPN is looking for DJ's for this semester.
- c. Next Tuesday is Founder's Day 11:15 a.m. in Great Hall.

VI. Open Forum

- a. Senator Erdman: Can we get something typed up for next week?
- b. Dean Ogle: this was very respectful and was very nice to watch.
- c. Senator Honaker: Please ask all your constituents and potentially affects a large amount of people on campus. Let's bring in arguments and keep them fresh.
- d. Senator Maginnis: I did not know that sororities could double vote.
- e. Treasurer Kaounas: How can you represent your constituent's voice and your voice counts somewhere else?
- f. Senator Johnson: We were very respectful and I just ask that we be ready to compromise.
- g. Senator Oliver: Sigma Chi cannot double vote, wear letters, or come to house.
- h. Senator Gracz: Bring in Greeks and independent opinions.
- i. President VanSteenbergen: I don't want to take away we need to keep the side chatter down and we need to respect each other while talking and not while talking.

VII. Adjournment

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

VIII. 8:17p.m.