

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for February 8th, 2012

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Kiessler:
 - 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
 - a. WRPN Constitutional Revision
- V. New Business
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 - b. SARC Constitutional Revision
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Adjournment

Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for February 1st 2012,

Attendance Record:

Adam Orth-0	Raymond Allen-0	Jeremy Johnson-0
Sam Mutschelknaus-0	John Spadoni-1	Nick From-1
Diakeishaye Murphy-1	Allison Schmidt-0	Emma Jelinek-0
Dan Mikesell-0	David Garcia-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 Kasubowski-2
Alex Hagen-3 Jackson Vogel-0	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 Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Kiessling: Please sign in.
 - b. Treasurer Kaounas: The one fund stands at \$ 51,777.26.
 - c. Vice President Ruedinger: First CSO will be next week Tuesday at 6pm in the senate chamber.
 - d. President VanSteenbergen: We have an additional agenda item for Rrrumba and was submitted on time. We have copies of the discussion summary and we have copies. The alumni board is still taking nominations for the senior award. I have a schedule for senate elections. Packets for candidate submission will go out next week February 6th and will be due February 13th. February 29th is the first day of elections and a run-off election on March 6th and 7th.
 - e. Dean Ogle: The ID needs to be submitted from withdrawal from the college but you don't need to turn them in.
 - f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - i. WRPN: Radioathon is being re-vamped with a 6 hour event on April 7th. The union party will start after that at 9p.m. We hope to see you there.
 - ii. CRU: TCX conference went well and we have had a few speakers this semester and we will have a Valentine's Day meeting and you are all welcome to come.
 - iii. SSA: We will be having an ethical speaker coming next Wednesday.
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. CRU: We all went to the conference in Minneapolis we brought back pictures, programs, and booklets. We had different seminars and we learned about leadership and how to transition. It incorporated our faith and was a great experience. Some of the meals were provided but we did buy some ourselves. My church donated some money for gas and it all worked out really well. The outreach day and 1500 students had a box of food that we passed out and it seemed to help out the people of the area.
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Mailbox issues and how can we fix the paperwork problem.
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
 - i. Faculty Policy Committee: Midwest conference recruiting and will include more recruiting and to compete with bigger decisions the faculty voted no. They are looking at changing faculty meeting times to the golden hour. The Wabash survey will need to be taken by the seniors. The board of trustees will be on campus this week.
 - ii. Senior Class Board: This Saturday is 100 days party at Classics and it is free for them. We are looking for bachelorette and commencement speakers.
- IV. New Business
 - a. WRPN Constitutional Revision
 - i. Radio shows are starting today and we tried to answer any questions that you would have about the edits and reflect our future plans and mission statement.
 - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second that motion
 - iii. Senator Mutschelknaus: I would like to amend from article 5 onward to move their numerical value forward.
 1. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.
 - iv. Passes 22:1:0.
 - b. Rrrumba One Fund
 - i. We are presenting a one fund for our Salsa Conference which is the cornerstone of our group. All of our dances and community workshops originate here and we learn a lot from the event. We are covering as much as we can from our budget and the entrance fee is

very expensive. We have refrained from taking private lessons all year in order to use our budget for this conference.

- ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Are the numbers correct?
 - iv. It is off by \$0.50.
 - v. Senator Maginnis: Have you gone to any conferences?
 - vi. Last year we went.
 - vii. Senator Honaker: Why are you taking certain people to the conference and how are they picked.
 - viii. It was a first come first serve type of sign-up. We can split up and go to different workshops. The four officers are definitely going leaving only 3 spots.
 - ix. Senator Honaker: How many are seniors?
 - x. 4.
 - xi. Senator Honaker: Even with the numbers is about \$206.79 per person.
 - xii. Senator Erdman: I think it's great that you go to this conference but do you have to stay at this hotel?
 - xiii. Yes, the event takes place at this hotel. The have dances at night and performers and it's difficult to try to deal with the hassle of driving back and forth.
 - xiv. Passes 20: 1: 3.
- c. Independent to Greek Senator Transitions
- i. President VanSteenbergen: Let's avoid having the same discussion over again and we have Kristen's advice. Student senate needs to have a discussion about whether an independent is still unbiased after formal recruitment. She says a possible per house policy.
 - ii. Senator Maginnis: I think we should discuss before we amend. I would like to make a roll call vote.
 - iii. Senator Honaker: My constituents feel that it should be an all or nothing proposition. They feel as soon as you pledge you should no longer be independent. House by house is tricky to deal with all the different houses and risks accusations from different houses and discriminating against certain houses. We need a blanket proposition. I feel that it is not necessary for a replacement to be immediate. We should grandfather in the pledges now and it would be unfair about whether they can serve.
 - iv. Senator Oliver: Yield time.
 - v. Jeremiah Riddle: Sigma Chi has the opinion that pledges are not affiliated with us and pledges do not know how we feel. They are not officially part of our house until they are initiated. I will answer questions.
 - vi. Senator Mutschelknaus: How would you feel about a house by house?
 - vii. We would be okay with that and why would we deter groups.
 - viii. Senator Johnson: Can I conduct a poll?
 - ix. Yes.
 - x. Senator Johnson: How many would favor immediate revoking. We should probably do house by house or waiting period.
 - xi. Senator Gracz: My constituents agreed that a 2-3 week period after pledging would be good.
 - xii. Senator Mikesell: They don't think it is right to revoke a senate seat immediately after pledging so it would be house by house.
 - xiii. Treasurer Kaounas: House by house may be the best and it will be different for everyone. The issues we discussed last week could still develop.
 - xiv. Senator Erdman: We have a lot of variance and I have a question would we want to do it on our house's opinions or initiation?
 - xv. President VanSteenbergen: We should give this to Greek Council to monitor the different dates or a committee project.
 - xvi. Senator Hagen: The best compromise seems to be a house by house basis.
 - xvii. Senator Oliver: It is hard for senators to find new senators and I am in favor of house to house basis.
 - xviii. Senator Johnson: I have a question what would be the difference between house by house and initiation?
 - xix. Senator Honaker: House by house would give the ability to let the houses to impose earlier or later in the pledging process.
 - xx. Treasurer Kaounas: Greek Council would develop a regulation or guideline for this specifically.
 - xxi. Senator Gracz: I'm confused why two weeks after pledging won't work.
 - xxii. President VanSteenbergen: Sigma Chi is saying that they get no privileges as a pledge and they need the time to decide.
 - xxiii. Senator Garcia: The Greek Council seems like a great way to do this. Let's let Greek Council mandate how to deal with this.
 - xxiv. Senator Maginnis: Passing this off to Greek Council is okay but I feel uncomfortable with a senator who is a pledge that is not completely independent. Is Greek Council a branch of student senate? Can we pass this on to them?

- xxv. President VanSteenbergen: There is nothing in the constitution about this and we are just shifting the responsibilities.
- xxvi. Senator From: As Phi Delta Theta they are still an independent and they are not part of our group. The best way is through Greek Council.
- xxvii. Senator Enright: I don't think we are punishing a person for making a pledge it is about accurately representing the student body and who needs to adapt to changes. A student missed hall council in order to go to their Greek organizations meeting and it is shown that it has not worked. A student in the Quads cannot represent those in Tri and so Greeks cannot represent independents.
- xxviii. Senator Erdman: In Alpha Delta Pi you are a sister as soon as you pledge and you are not an independent. If you can be in house and vote.
- xxix. Senator Hagen: Why don't the constituents have the right to vote on whether they find their senator suitable to represent them? Only have them give up the seat when they are officially a member.
- xxx. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: I am an Alpha Chi Omega and pledges are not allowed to vote. I don't see the set date. I think Greek Council should do this and if there are independents who can voice an open forum.
- xxxi. Senator Gracz: We should see where we are at right now let's poll.
- xxxii. Senator Oliver: I'm confused as to what we are doing how we can move this to a vote.
- xxxiii. Senator Honaker: I attended all meetings of hall council and it can work I am proof of that. Senator Hagen brought up the idea of a vote of confidence: most people don't care; personal bias comes to play bureaucracy and conduct the vote and the majority. It requires too much work. Greek Council risked disbandment last year and I am uncomfortable with them holding this position.
- xxxiv. Senator Schmidt: Does Greek Council vote or what?
- xxxv. President VanSteenbergen: I will let Greek Council decide what is best for their groups.
- xxxvi. Senator Maginnis: I would like to motion to have the decision of pledges be given to Greek Council and constituents will also be notified by their senator.
- xxxvii. Senator Enright: Why are we asking Greek Groups what is best for Greek groups?
- xxxviii. Senator Jelinek: I was chairperson of Greek Council and they were almost disbanded and 3 groups didn't have representation and Kristen didn't show up. We try to enforce attendance policies. I think it would be great if we could take care of this.
- xxxix. Senator Garcia: Let's ask the Greek groups to give us the date.
 - xl. Senator Erdman: I disagree with Senator Enright. Independents don't know what happens in a Greek organization. Kristen deals with the presidents of each house why don't we have Kristen deal with all the presidents.
 - xli. Treasurer Kaounas: I don't think heavy issues have been brought to them and this would allow them to prove that they could do it. How many would like it if we made legislation.
 - xlii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Let's give them a deadline to finish this project.
 - xliii. Senator Gracz: I would like to put it in perspective and that it would not work for us to make decisions for Greek life even though we are independent.
 - xliv. Senator Enright: I wasn't clear I was suggesting that we ask the students who they want to represent them.
 - xlv. Senator Honaker: Yield time.
 - xlvi. Ben Raney: I have been hearing many different opinions why don't we have a forum on Greek Council.
 - xlvii. Senator Garcia: I cannot integrate your ideas Ben.
 - xlviii. Senator Erdman: I move to vote on the transition on a house to house basis and go to Greek Council.
 - 1. Senator Honaker: Move to second the motion.
- xlix. Senator Enright: Objection.
 - i. Senator Gracz: Is there no majority vote?
 - ii. President VanSteenbergen: We will vote after the objection.
 - iii. Senator Johnson: Lets consult Greek Council and lets not have a motion tonight. I propose that next week we have an actual proposal that is clear for next week.
 - iiii. Senator Erdman: In regards to independent voices they do have time to come here and have time to comment. Our major issues are not a problem of independents.
 - lv. Senator Enright: Can we have two weeks?
 - lv. Senator Maginnis: We are deciding house by house lets vote down the motion and bring back the suggestions.
 - lvi. Fails 0:22:1.

V. Announcements

- i. WRPN is coming back on 9pm Wednesdays the Hour of Glour will be one.
- ii. 7:30p.m. BSU is playing the Help on Friday and we may have a Soul party.
- iii. Senator Maginnis: WRPN is up and running please sign up and check it out.
- iv. On the Super Bowl Day the Chemistry department will be selling pizzas.

VI. Open Forum

- i. Senator Maginnis: I did not bring off the table of the Scott Hall One fund proposal and I will bring it up next week.

- ii. Treasurer Kaounas: All group leaders have access to their budgets on the portal through student senate's page. It is starting to be current budgets. Do you need a binder full of everyone's budget here on Senate.
- iii. President VanSteenbergen: The trustees are here this weekend and packets are going out next week.

VII. Adjournment

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

VIII. 8:19 p.m.