

Ripon College Student Senate

Agenda for Wednesday, April 13th 2016

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 - B. Treasurer Carlson
 - C. Vice President Wilson
 - D. President Edquist
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Ripon College Student Senate

Minutes for Wednesday April 6th, 2016

I. Call to Order

- 6:30PM

II. Approval of Old Minutes

III. Committee Reports

A. Secretary Raygo

- There were some grammar and technical changes made to last week's minutes, but they are corrected now.

B. Treasurer Carlson

- The One Fund is at \$37,755.00

C. Vice President Wilson

- Updating Constitution next week to clarify election policy.

D. President Edquist

- Open Trustee Committee Positions
 - Alumni Board (4)
 - Campus Safety & Security (2)
 - Motor Vehicle (1)
 - Faculty (3)
 - Educational Policy (1)
 - Academic Standards (1)
- Next week will include a One Fund from me to attend a Leadership Summit this summer in Washington D.C.

E. Dean Ogle

- No Report

F. What's Up With Your Group?

- Pre-Health Society
 - Did CPR Training last weekend
 - 27 people attended and were certified
 - Have meeting next week
- Circle K
 - Sock making event for kids was very successful

G. One Fund Talk Back

- QSA
 - Had Sex Week, was successful
 - Some concerns about it being during Holy Week that they will consider this week

H. Student Activities Report

- The transportation deadline for the end of the semester is April 27th.
- Just a reminder to all groups to fill out event registration forms for this year - things are getting busy fast!

- As groups start to change leadership, please remember to send updated contacts to Melissa Bemus and indicate when the new leaders will start their roles.
- It is not too early to start turning in event forms for next year 2016-2017. Please encourage your groups to start turning those in.

I. Miscellaneous Committees

- No reports

IV. Old Business

- Budget Hearings
 - Motion to lump them all to be approved at once
 - Crimson didn't receive budget
 - Noted that Men's Lacrosse didn't receive a budget
 - Motion passes
 - Men's Lacrosse: Repeatedly has come in asking for money without having a budget.
 - Encouraged by Senators to not to give them money next year.

V. New Business

- L'Alliance Francophone (Francophone Alliance) One Fund Request
 - Has already been paid for by Kyonne but they would like to reimburse her.
 - Passed in the eyes of the Speaker.
- Blaster Club One Fund Request
 - They put all their money in their last events so they would like to have more to hold their paintball event. They were instructed by Melissa Bemus to One Fund as they have all paid by paying their Activity Fee.
 - First two events were paid by budget.
 - Have no funds left in budget.
 - Some discussion about whether members should pay out of pocket for this event.
 - Discussion of promise of events without actually having funds.
 - All three events were planned, but budget had to shift to cover other things. There was hope to subsidize for them, but now that option is unavailable. Would be paying \$40/person.
 - Event is open to campus.
 - Passed in the eye's of the Speaker.
- Greek Council One Fund Request
 - Event is open to the whole campus.
 - Their theme is Country-Western and want to bring mechanical bull. Would have music and lawn games for Philanthropy Day.
 - Cost includes delivery and management of bull.
 - No concern of liability as we sign forms at the beginning of the year.
 - Alternative is a caramel apple sale, which has been done in the past.
 - Money raised from day is for the Ripon Food Pantry.

- Have made a couple hundred dollars in the past.
- Emphasis on joining campus community.
- Haven't decided on cost of ride of bull, but would have to pay a fee.
- Concerns about safety for bull ride.
 - We sign liability waivers and this is run by a professional company.
- Concerns raised by constituents about theme and encouragement of reckless behavior. Also feels exclusionary based on who is hosting it.
- Would give money back if bull has to be cancelled for rain/snow.
- A Senator noted that we can't just donate the money because they don't have that money to give; intended to raise money.
- Most students are not given opportunity to participate in most One Funds, so a slight cost is not bad for something open to all of campus.
- Makes whole campus look good by donating to food pantry. Us giving back to community that supports us.
- In previous years, many non-Greeks have participated in Philanthropy Day and other Greek Council sponsored events and see this as no difference.
- Cost vs. Profit discussion of expense of bull vs. profit made from bull ride for donation.
- Suggestion of making bull free and doing another event to raise money.
- Have not seen students just donate in previous years.
- Have goal of over \$100 raised.
- Don't have to pay cancellation fee due to weather as far as they are aware.
- Other ways to make money.
- If we aren't charging, we can't make money.
- Can be hard to raise money on small campus, sometimes more money has to be put in then can be made from it. \$200 will benefit community more than not having it.
- More discussion of return on investment.
- Discussion about how much money is left in One Fund. Greek Council doesn't ask for money often.
- We give money to lots of groups with specific membership while this could benefit possibly lots of people on campus.
- It can be hard to find something that will fit theme, can generate money, and can be done in 2 weeks.
- A Senator asked, "Why do the Senators hate fun?"
 - Non-Greeks interested as well.
 - Philanthropy is for generation of the money that we wouldn't have generated previously.
- Students paying for Philanthropic event seems odd.

- Seems created for entertainment.
- Proposal of Senate just donating straight to philanthropy.
- Day is not just for philanthropy. Designed to inspire people to want to do philanthropy and come together as a campus. Just encouraging donations is not as successful. Examples of car smash.
- When trying to come up with ideas, this was one of the first things suggested. Need something catchy. Seen as only idea that would work to Greek Council. Can't copy ideas of groups of previous events. Theme for whole week.
- Money, time, effort will always have to go into philanthropy without necessarily getting it back. Need entertainment to get people to participate, as seen in Greek community. Have to make it fun in order for people to come.
- Encourage Constituents to go to this event in order to increase our return on investment, empower your Constituents.
- Motion to Move to Previous Question
 - Passed in the eye's of the Speaker.

VI. Announcements

- None.

VII. Open Forum

- Encourage consistency in voting.

VII. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 7:17 PM.

International Relations Club One Fund

Dear Student Senate,

There were additional expenses, including plane tickets, when Orson Scott Card visited campus. The costs were two plane tickets at \$773 a piece, for a total of \$1,546. This is to cover the cost of the plane tickets the Cards made, and attempt to ensure they speak favorably of us in the future. It is a matter of reputation.

Thanks!

Andy Paloumpis

Sociology Club Name Change and Constitutional Revision

Constitution of ~~Sociology Club~~ Students for Social Justice

Preamble: To provide a way for Ripon College Students to learn, study, and participate in issues relating to Sociology and to increase campus awareness about these issues.

Article I: Name

- A. The name of the club will be ~~The Sociology Club~~ **Students for Social Justice**.

Article II: Purpose

- A. To provide an organization where students can explore and discuss a variety of social problems and issues, learn about the usefulness of sociology in addressing these issues, become actively involved in service projects, and to provide opportunities for students to become involved in larger sociological communities (e.g., state, regional, and/or national sociological organizations).

Article III: Membership

- A. Open to all students beginning Spring Semester 2015
- B. Membership is open to all current students of Ripon College without regard to race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability, major/minor, etc.
- C. The Secretary will keep an accurate, up-to-date list of all members as well as updated meeting attendance records.

Article IV: Structure

- A. The ~~Sociology Club~~ **Students for Social Justice** will be composed of an Executive Board
- B. The Executive Board will be composed of four members who shall be elected club members
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
- C. If committees should be created; a committee chairperson will be appointed by the Executive Board and shall bring monthly reports to the Executive Board as well.
- D. If an Executive Board seat becomes vacant or if an Executive Board member fails to attend three consecutive meetings (without legitimate reasons),

the position will be filled by a member appointed by the remainder of the Executive Board for the remainder of the term.

E. The term of office for an Executive Board member will be a one-year elected term.

Article V: Elections

A. Elections for All Executive Board positions will be held annually during the first week after spring break, with the exception of the first year of the club. In Fall/Spring 2014-15, Executive Board positions will be elected within the first two club meetings.

B. Nominations by all members will be taken first and elections will take place the following week.

C. All active members of the club are eligible to vote.

a. Active members are defined as those who attend 75% of all meetings, as well as participate in other group projects and activities.

D. Elections will be done by secret, written ballot.

E. The ballots will be totaled by two members that are not running for any of the Executive Board positions and/or by the Faculty Advisors for the club.

F. To run for President, a student must:

a. Have been an active member for at least one semester.

b. Previously served on the Executive Board in some capacity.

c. Have endorsement and recommendation from the Faculty Advisor(s).

Article VI: Functions

A. Administration of club activities and other duties shall be conducted by the Executive Board with the assistance of committees formed by the Executive Board, as well as Advisor(s) of the club.

Article VII: Executive Board Meetings

A. The Executive Board shall have at least one half-hour meeting ~~meeting~~ before the first meeting of each month.

B. Executive Board meetings are not open to all club members. Advisor(s) to the group may attend Executive Board meetings. Input from other members will be considered and discussed by the Executive Board.

Article VIII: Meetings

A. The ~~Sociology Club~~ **Students for Social Justice** shall meet biweekly.

B. Committees shall meet as needed outside the scheduled meetings.

C. Meetings are open to all students, faculty, and staff, however, only active members may vote.

Article IX: Finances

- A. All finances will be kept and recorded by the Treasurer of the ~~Sociology Club~~ **Students for Social Justice**.
- B. All finances will be in accordance to mandated bylaws of Student Senate.

Article X: Removal of Executive Board members or Main Body Members

- A. Board members who have committed a major violation, corrupted the vision and purpose of the club's founding, or are thought to no longer fit for service may be removed in one way.
 - a. A majority vote by the Executive Board, excluding the vote of the board member in question.
- B. Club members who have committed a major violation, corrupted the vision and purpose of the club's founding, or are thought to not fit for service may be removed in two ways.
 - a. A 2/3 vote by the main body
 - b. A majority vote by the Executive Board

Article XII: Amendments

- A. All amendments to this constitution shall be passed by:
 - a. A majority vote in the Executive Board
 - b. A 2/3 vote in the main body

Article XIII: Contingencies

- A. Any specific not covered in this constitution shall be governed by the bylaws of the ~~Sociology Club~~ **Students for Social Justice**.

Bylaws of the Sociology Club

Article I: Officers' Duties

A. President

- a. The President shall be the authority which opens and governs the meetings.
- b. The President is the chairperson of the Executive Board.
- c. The President has the power to call meetings as needed and to determine the agenda for the Sociology Club.
- d. The President shall hold regular meetings with the Faculty Advisors.
- e. The President shall direct planning for major social events throughout the year.

B. Vice President

- a. In the event that the President is unable to preside over a specific meeting, the Vice President shall take his/her place for that meeting only.
- b. The Vice President shall assist the President in any duties he/she deems appropriate or necessary.
- c. The Vice President shall oversee the committees formed by the Executive Board.
- d. The Vice President shall develop promotional campaigns for the club.

C. Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer shall manage the finances for the Sociology Club.
- b. The Treasurer shall be responsible for full and accurate accounting of all Sociology Club funds.

D. Secretary

- a. The Secretary shall take minutes at each meeting, and distribute each meeting agenda no later than three days prior to an upcoming meeting.
- b. The Secretary shall retain copies of agendas, minutes, correspondence, and other Sociology Club materials .
- d. The Secretary shall ensure that Sociology Club events are included in the College Calendar of Events
- e. The Secretary shall be responsible for overseeing the Sociology Club attendance policy and keeping an updated attendance record.

Article II: Biweekly Meetings

A. The President shall both open and close meetings.

B. Members must submit in writing to the Secretary no later than four days prior to each meeting any item that they would like to place on the meeting agenda. .

C. The President at his/her discretion can open and close the floor at any time for open discussion or debate.

D. Members who are being distracting or otherwise obstructing the progress of the meeting, can be expelled from the meeting by the majority of the Executive Board.

E. At every main body meeting, 2/3 total membership would form a quorum.

Article II: Amendments

A. The bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Board and a 2/3 majority of voting members.

Article IV: Contingencies

A. Any specifics not covered by these bylaws shall be governed by the current Executive Board in consultation with Faculty Advisors.

WRPN One Fund

Hello Student Senators,

WRPN is requesting \$800.14 in order to purchase JBL EON612 12in 2-way Stage Monitor Powered Speaker System. In layman's terms, we are asking to purchase two powered speakers, with warranties, in order to have a PA System that we can use both on and off campus.

Since the beginning of the 2014-15 school year, WRPN has DJed an large amount of events for other campus groups, including, but not limited to, Theta Chi, Alpha Chi Omega, Kappa Delta, Rumba and BSU. Due to the large amount of groups that need speakers in off-campus locations, WRPN sees a need for the speakers we are requesting. This will allow us to bring excellent audio quality to Greek Formals and events such as Springfest and Kappa Delta Colors. The speakers we have chosen are made by JBL, one of the most trusted names in audio equipment, and we have chosen powered speakers due to the fact that they will save us an estimated \$500 on having to buy a separate power amplifier.

Cost Breakdown

The 2 speakers on their own cost \$719.98 however we are also asking for a 2 year warranty for each speaker, which adds \$75.98 (\$37.99, per each speaker) to our total cost, bringing it to \$795.96. The final cost is an estimated \$4.18 due to tax (calculated through Amazon), which brings the final cost to \$800.14.

Attached is a picture of the invoice for exact cost break down, should we get the approval for this expenditure.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Lily Lenk
Secretary of WRPN

Blue Mountain Project One Fund

Senators,

The Student Volunteers for the Blue Mountain Project are requesting \$5812 to send 6 volunteers to Jamaica to volunteer at the Blue Mountain Project's annual Back to School camp. The Blue Mountain Project (BMP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the communities of Hagley Gap and Penlyne in the Blue Mountains of Jamaica. The BMP helps to provide clean water, roadway infrastructure, economic stability, as well as academic resources to the rural communities. The Student Volunteers for the Blue Mountain Project help to run the annual Back to School camp in August, a camp that prepares students for the school year as well as encourages continuing education in an area that suffers from a high drop out rate. The camp is a fun, educational week long event that the children of Hagley Gap and Penlyne look forward to all year long. We are requesting \$5812 for assistance in paying for both travel and lodging for 6 student volunteers from Ripon College.

Current confirmed volunteers:

Sydney Radandt
Maddie Vandernhouten
Courtney Schroeder
Jordyn Hartig
Danny Zipperer
Julia Mutchie

Breakdown of Request for \$5812:

Travel-\$600/plane ticket x 6 volunteers = \$3600
Lodging-\$79/night x 14 days x 2 people = \$2212

In order to fund the additional 4 volunteers we are combining funds from our budget, GoFundMe pages, as well as various fundraisers.

Budget: \$2077.70

GoFundMes (current total): \$410

Fundraisers (current total): \$337.36

These are the current numbers for the amount of money we have raised, however they are likely to increase over the next few weeks as we incur additional donations.

Sending Ripon College students to volunteer at camps such as this promotes Ripon's mission of "Life Well Lived" as students gain a greater understanding of other cultures while helping to make the world a better place. I sincerely hope that you consider our One Fund request, and myself, Yessra Sankari, and Sydney Radant would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,
Maggie Breen-Lyles

Senior Class Board One Fund

Senators,

The Senior Class Board of the Class of 2016 would like to request \$970 for transportation to and tickets for the annual Timber Rattlers game that occurs during Senior Week. This event is an enjoyable end to senior year and is greatly anticipated by every Ripon College senior.

Breakdown of Requested \$970:

Bus Rental-\$650

Tickets-\$3/ticket x 100 students = \$300

Parking-\$10/bus x 2 buses = \$20

I hope that you consider our request, and myself and Jennifer Keller would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Margaret Breen-Lyles

Senior Class Board Class of 2016

Leadership Summit One Fund

I am seeking the opinion of the student body on sending me as President of our student body to the Presidential Leadership Summit. This would be over the summer and registration is due by the 30th. It would take place in Washington DC and most of this summit would take place in the White House. This summit should provide invaluable information to bring back and have the input of our outgoing president. This event focuses on small group and big panel discussion to tackle the issues faced on most campuses today, as well as breakout sessions to plan events to bring back. The cost would be \$455 (\$230 for registration and \$225 for the plane ticket). So I'm one funding for \$500 to cover any changing cost in plane tickets and would of course return all unused funding to the Senate budget.

President Ryan Edquist

Student Senate Constitution and Operating Rules Revisions

Dear Student Senate,

Below is the revised version of the Student Senate constitution, as well as how it currently stands for comparison. Because these revisions are targeted at a specific problem area, I included only the affected portion of the Constitution; the rest shall remain as we ratified it earlier this semester. Essentially, I reordered the subsections and articles that currently stand- as well as the wording and language that they contained- so that this section of the Constitution is more intuitive to our new system of elections. The main difference is that I separated the election procedures for Returning and Incoming students to make our new system far clearer. The revisions should be fairly airtight, but please read over them with a careful eye to make sure that they hold water.

The reason I am pushing these revisions through now is so that we have no Constitutional challenges to our legitimacy in the Fall semester, as well as to ensure that the Fall elections run smoothly. In addition, I went through and saved the Constitution as a .pdf, so that when we upload it to the portal, the formatting will stay consistent.

I thank you all for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

DeLou Wilson

REVISED CONSTITUTION :

C. The Student Senate

1. Representation

c. Elections

- i. The ability of a student to be placed on the ballot and vote in election shall be considered a right
- ii. Members of the student body shall be informed of the Student Senate elections in which they are eligible to vote and the time tables of these elections. availability of election packets and the polling place and times This information will be provided to students via their official @ripon.edu email. by the first day of classes. The ability of a student to be placed on the ballot and vote in the election shall be considered a right

iii. Elections for Returning Students:

1. The Executive Board shall run elections for the upcoming sophomore, junior, and senior classes the first full week of March (in tandem with the executive

board elections).

2. Prospective rising sophomore, junior, or senior interested senators will fill out an election form and submit it to the executive board by 5pm the evening Friday before elections.
3. All current degree-seeking Ripon College students shall be eligible to vote and will be contacted via email with a link to an electronic voting page by the Monday of the first full week of March ~~Wednesday of the first full week of classes.~~
 - a. The polls officially open at the time the email is received. The polls will officially close on Friday at 5PM of that same week.
4. The Senators elected for the upcoming sophomore, junior, and senior classes will start their terms the following semester.

iv. Elections for Incoming Students

1. The executive board shall run elections for the incoming freshman class during the first full week of classes of the Fall semester.
 2. Prospective first-year interested senators will fill out an election form and submit it to the executive board by 5pm the evening before elections.
 3. All current degree-seeking first-year Ripon College students shall be eligible to vote and will be contacted via email with a link to an electronic voting page by the Wednesday of the first full week of classes.
 - a. The polls officially open at the time the email is received. The polls will officially close on Friday at 5PM of that same week.
- v. Should a senator leave before the end of their term, a new senator shall be appointed by the executive board after all of campus has been notified of the vacancy.
- vi. In the instance that there is an insufficient number of senators running for elections, the executive board must still run an election. Once the election is complete, the executive board is to appoint senators to fill the remaining vacant spots.

CURRENT CONSTITUTION:

Election

The executive board shall run elections for the upcoming sophomore, junior, and senior

class the first full week of March (in tandem with executive board elections).

The Senators elected will start their terms the following semester.

The executive board shall run elections for the incoming freshmen class during the first full week of the fall semester.

Members of the student body shall be informed of the election and time table, availability of election packets and the polling place and times via email by the first day of classes.

The ability of a student to be placed on the ballot and vote in the election shall be considered a right

Interested senators will fill out an election form and submit it to the executive board by 5pm the evening before elections.

All current degree-seeking Ripon College students shall be eligible to vote and will be contacted via email with a link to an electronic voting page by the Wednesday of the first full week of classes.

The polls officially open at the time the email with link to the ballot is received. The polls officially close on Friday at 5 PM of that same week.

Should a senator leave before the end of their term, a new senator shall be appointed by the executive board after all of campus has been notified of the vacancy.

In the instance that there is an insufficient numbers of senators running for elections, the executive board must still run an election. Once the election is complete, the executive board is to appoint senators to fill the remaining vacant spots.

EGOR One Fund

To: Ripon College Student

From: The Environmental Group of Ripon

RE: Greenspace One-fund request

EGOR has been working in conjunction with the office of Ripon College President Zach Messitte on a project to transform the downtown lot between 314 and 310 Watson St into a greenspace. Our vision includes a miniature prairie ecosystem that will attract butterflies, a picnic table area, and a small playground. Our goal is to create a space in the middle of downtown that Ripon College students and Ripon community members can enjoy while coming closer to nature.

We kindly request \$5,000 to excavate the property in order to allow plants to grow. This is necessary for the success of our project to turn the lot into a greenspace. This project is important to our group because it promotes our values as it will bring Ripon College and the City of Ripon closer to the environment. The project will also help strengthen the relationship between the community and Ripon College. Both the community and students will be invited to the site for a service day to help complete the green space. We have a variety of supporters dedicating their time and resources, including President Messitte, to help create this vision. The money from senate will reassure the project's completion. The project is in a time crunch as the end of the semester is quickly approaching. We will present our proposal to the city council Tuesday, April 12, and will inform Student Senate of the city council's decision when we present. We have secured all other necessary funds to build the greenspace. Our funding sources include our budget, the president's office, and a variety of in-kind donations from local businesses.