

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for February 2nd, 2011

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 - b. Treasurer Ruedinger
 - c. Vice President Bavery
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 - e. Dean Ogle
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Ripon College Student Senate

Minutes for January 26th, 2011

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
 - a. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
 - i. Senator Maginnis: **Move to Second the Motion**
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary VanSteenbergen
 - i. Please sign in. Also, I know that there were a number of you who did not receive minutes in your mailboxes. I will be talking to the mail office. If you need a reminder of how to access the minutes on the Portal, let me know. Finally, if you are an independent Senator who has recently pledged to a Greek organization, please let me know.
 - b. Treasurer Ruedinger
 - i. \$52,166.64
 1. Senator Rohrbeck: Do you know where we sat at this time last year?
 2. No, but I can look it up for next week.
 - c. Vice President Bavery
 - i. The next CSO meeting will be Tuesday February 8th at 6:00pm in the Senate chamber.
 - d. President Schultz
 - i. The members of the Constitutional Revision committee should stay after for a bit tonight to set a schedule. Also, committee representatives need to keep attending their meetings. Next week the Trustees will be on campus.
 - e. Dean Ogle
 - i. No Report
 - f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - i. MLK Week went well. The speaker was perhaps the best we've had. Thank you for your support.
 1. Senator McMurtrey: I'd like to make a point to say that it is up to us as Senators to promote these events.
 2. I would love to talk sometime about promoting these events better.
 - ii. WRPN: We will be starting shows next week. Students and faculty have signed up for shows. The studio foam is in progress and should be done soon. Radiothon will be on April 1st.
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. MMA: The gear you approved money for came in over break. We haven't had a chance to use it yet, but it looks great. We'll start using it this week. Thank you.
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. No Report
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
 - i. No Report
- IV. New Business
 - a. Student Volunteers for the Blue Mountain Project One Fund: We are requesting funds for our Jamaica Week. We've done this event before, and a lot of the events are similar. On Monday we will do our letter writing campaign. Last year we sent 150 letters, so it was a successful event that we'd like to repeat. Tuesday is still up in the air. We'd like our speaker to give a Golden Hour presentation, but we're working with Deano Pape to see if that can happen. Wednesday is also pending on the speaker. Thursday will be the Jamaican Food Night in the Commons. This event was very successful last year. Friday will be a movie night. Finally, Saturday will be the Union Party and a performance by Phocus, one of the bands we had last year. We decided to cut one of the bands in order to afford the speaker's travel. Throughout the week, we'll also be having a t-shirt sale as a fundraiser for BMP. Our cost breakdown is as follows: \$350 for decorations, \$200 for sending the letters to children, \$1240 for bringing the speaker here, \$1400 for the band, and \$150 for other meals. Our motivation for bringing the speaker here is that we want to complete the cycle of learning. We have had people go there and experience life there. Now we want to bring someone from there here. We do not need to pay for lodging for the speaker because he will be staying at with BMP staffers in Oshkosh. We'd be happy to take questions.
 - i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
 1. Senator Muza: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - ii. Senator L. Honaker: Is Senate allowed to purchase immigration documents?
 - iii. President Schultz: That very well may be above this office's authority.
 - iv. Senator L. Honaker: If the VISA is denied, we would lose the money for the application. VISAs are ten-year, multiple entries. Since this VISA is active for so long, I don't think Senate money can pay for it.
 - v. The VISA type is actually a B-1, which means that it's only active for a few months. We also have letters from BMP and President Joyce stating the speaker's business in the country. He is not permitted to enter the country without these letters.

- vi. Senator L. Honaker: Even with the shorter life of the VISA, I cannot support this. How many letters will you send?
- vii. It depends on the number of kids that want letters. Probably around 125.
- viii. Senator L. Honaker: Last question is about the transportation. Would it be cheaper to use a school van?
- ix. That is a school van.
- x. Senator Lewis: Is this a sanctioned group?
- xi. President Schultz: Yes.
- xii. Senator Lewis: This is a lot of money that isn't even going to aid for these people. It doesn't seem like we're getting enough for our money.
- xiii. Senator McMurtrey: This has been a successful event in the past. We have students on this campus from this part of Jamaica. If this passes, this group can add this event into their budget, making it so that they wouldn't have to come back for the One Fund. I yield to the speaker if they want to clarify anything.
- xiv. The difference in the cost comes from bringing someone here. This really is a unique opportunity for the students of both Ripon College and the surrounding schools.
- xv. Senator Rohrbeck: What are the differences from this year to last year?
- xvi. We dropped one of the bands this year.
- xvii. Senator Rohrbeck: So then would only some of this money be added to their budget?
- xviii. President Schultz; The Budget Committee would look at the differences and decide.
- xix. Senator Rohrbeck: How much did you make from t-shirts last year?
- xx. I don't have the exact figure, but they were \$10 each and all the money went to BMP.
- xxi. Senator Rohrbeck: Will there be an event for this guest to speak publicly?
- xxii. Yes.
- xxiii. Senator Rohrbeck: What is the need for meal costs?
- xxiv. So he can eat while here.
- xxv. Senator Berres-Green: Are you getting money from SMAC?
- xxvi. We don't know yet. It depends on what they are able to give.
- xxvii. Senator Berres-Green: I don't disagree with bringing someone here, but it seems like a lot of money.
- xxviii. We've spent a lot of money on speakers in the past. This is an investment because he will be on campus for a week.
- xxix. Senator Berres-Green: I don't know if students will appreciate it. You said the cost for the band was \$1400?
- xxx. Yes.
- xxxi. Senator Berres-Green: **I move to amend the cost of the band from \$1500 to \$1400.**
 - 1. Senator Rohrbeck: **Move to Second the Motion Amendment passes, Accepted as Friendly.**
- xxxii. **Amendment passes, Accepted as Friendly.**
- xxxiii. Senator Maginnis: The speaker is a great idea. My biggest concern is the VISA fee. It doesn't benefit the school to buy the VISA.
- xxxiv. Senator Lewis: \$1400 is still a lot of money for a band. I can't stand that they are asking for \$350 for decorations when the people this group is supposed to be helping can't find clean water. How much do you plan to turn around?
- xxxv. The goal is \$2000. Also, this event is when we attract volunteers to send to Jamaica on our trip.
- xxxvi. Senator L. Honaker: What are your plans for decorations?
- xxxvii. Posters from Ric Dahm. Decorations for the Commons on Jamaican Food Night and for the Union Party.
- xxxviii. Senator L. Honaker: What would happen if your guest was not allowed to enter the country?
- xxxix. We're working to make sure he can. We have the letters from the BMP and from President Joyce so he can enter.
 - xl. Senator McMurtrey: We will have this speaker for a whole week. We're spending less money for more time with a speaker than we ever get. We need to look at this whole event as an investment. Since this seems to be an issue; **I move to amend the cost of Decorations from \$350 to \$250.**
 - 1. Senator Berres-Green: **Move to Second the Motion Amendment passes, Accepted as Friendly.**
 - xli. **Amendment passes, Accepted as Friendly.**
 - xl.ii. Senator Kaounas: What is the issue that people are having with the VISA?
 - xl.iii. Senator L. Honaker: If the application is denied, we lose that money.
 - xl.iv. Senator Erdman: Are you getting money from Theta Chi?
 - xl.v. We were not approved.
 - xl.vi. Senator Zaw: This VISA is not a standard one. Yes, applications can be denied, but not with a letter from President Joyce. I suggest you work with Sodexo to cut the meal costs.
 - xl.vii. Senator Doetsch: How much interest has there been in this event in the past?
 - xl.viii. We wrote about 150 letters last year. Fewer people attended the Golden Hour. The movie had about 30-40 in attendance. The Food Night and Union Party were both well attended.
 - xl.ix. Senator Berres-Green: can we vote on this separately?
 - l. President Schultz: Yes, you can divide the issue.

- ii. Senator L. Honaker: **I move to divide the issue between Speaker Fees and All Other Costs.**
 - 1. Senator Berres-Green: **Move to Second the Motion**
- lii. **Issue Division Vote Fails 5-17-0**
- liiii. Senator Muza: I like what you have. The VISA, however, leaves a bad taste in my mouth. I can't vote yes for this when some of my constituents are currently trying to afford their study-abroad VISAs.
- liv. Senator Berres-Green: You can't compare this to study abroad. It's not the same.
- lv. Senator Rohrbeck: Would you be willing to pay for the VISA out of the profits of your t-shirt sale?
- lvi. I think that is a good solution, but I can't promise that money as it's donated to BMP. If I can, I'd consider it.
- lvii. Senator McMurtrey: This donated money should not pay for his VISA. **Move to Previous Question.**
 - 1. Senator Rohrbeck: **Move to Second the Motion**
- lviii. President Schultz: There is no one left on the speaker's list.
- lix. **SVBMP One Fund Vote Passes 14-6-2**
- b. Secular Student Alliance Intent to Organize: We are a national organization for non-religious students. It's a support network. We see that there is a need for this group on campus. We have lots of student organizations that are religiously motivated. A secular group would allow for the opening up of the discourse between the groups. We want to dispel the myth that secular students don't care. We're interested in hosting discussions and panels and speakers. We would want to collaborate with the religious organizations.
 - i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
 - 1. Senator Berres-Green: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - ii. Senator L. Honaker: what about this group would be new?
 - iii. The secular thought which is not represented on campus. Some groups bring it up sometimes, but there isn't real representation.
 - iv. Senator McMurtrey: I'm excited for this group. How much student interest do you have?
 - v. We have a Facebook group, and there has been a lot of verbal interest. We have at least ten students and two faculty members interested.
 - vi. Senator McMurtrey: the Campus needs the civil discourse that this group could facilitate.
 - vii. Senator J. Honaker: How many of your interested students are seniors?
 - viii. One.
 - ix. Senator J. Honaker: and who is your advisor?
 - x. Steve Martin.
 - xi. Senator Maginnis; I think this is a great idea. Could you clarify Article 2, Section 2 of your constitution?
 - xii. That is only if people become disrespectful during our meetings. We are, of course, open to anyone.
 - xiii. **Secular Student Alliance Intent to Organize Vote Passes 20-2-0**
- c. Sigma Chi One Fund: We're bringing "The Cranberry Show" to campus on Friday. Alpha Delta Pi is co-sponsoring. We have lots of interest in the event. Our budget doesn't have the money for social events like this.
 - i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
 - 1. Senator Berres-Green: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - ii. Senator L. Honaker: This event is already booked. Do you need this money?
 - iii. The event is going to happen regardless. If this doesn't pass, we'll pay out of pocket.
 - iv. Senator Rohrbeck: why is the price so low?
 - v. I work with the group.
 - vi. Senator Rohrbeck: are they staying the night?
 - vii. They are renting a van to drive up here and leaving after the concert. If they want to stay, they know that it is on their dime.
 - viii. Senator McMurtrey: How will you pay for this if this doesn't pass?
 - ix. We have the money to pay. We're asking Senate for help.
 - x. Senator McMurtrey: I like this, but we should be careful about the money we spend on social events.
 - xi. Senator Berres-Green: Why didn't you ask for this money earlier?
 - xii. We didn't consider asking for help from Senate until right before break.
 - xiii. Senator Maginnis; In the future, sooner would be better. Are you aware of the capacity of the Pub?
 - xiv. It's 350.
 - xv. Senator Maginnis: is that going to be an issue?
 - xvi. We've taken precautions.
 - xvii. Senator Maginnis: Have you addressed the issue of the group's questionable language?
 - xviii. We haven't talked to them about censoring.
 - xix. Senator Maginnis: The issue I'm referring to is their use of derogatory words. I think it should be discussed with the group.
 - xx. **Sigma Chi one Fund Vote Passes 15-4-3**

V. Announcements

- a. Senator J. Honaker: The Chemistry department will be doing a pizza delivery fundraiser Superbowl weekend. The pizzas will be \$5 and will be delivered to your rooms.
- b. Senator Maginnis: Will the pizzas be frozen?
- c. Senator J. Honaker: Yes.
- d. Senator L. Honaker: Cinemaniacs will be accepting submissions for its film festival until April 9th.
- e. Vice President Bavery: the 100 Days Party is coming up soon. It will be on February 5th and either at Roadhouse or Classics.
- f. Senator L. Honaker: What are you doing about seniors who are not yet 21?
- g. Vice President Bavery: I'll bring it up.

VI. Open Forum

- a. President Schultz: Constitutional Revisions committee members, hang back a second.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Senator McMurtrey: **Move to Adjourn**
 - i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Second the Motion**
- b. 7:38pm