

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for February 16th, 2011

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary VanSteenbergen
 - b. Treasurer Ruedinger
 - c. Vice President Bavary
 - d. President Schultz
 - e. Dean Ogle
 - f. What's Up With Your Group
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. New Business
 - a. Ripon College Heavy Metal Society Intent to Organize
 - b. Amnesty International One Fund
 - c. International Relations Club One Fund
- V. Announcements
- VI. Open Forum
- VII. Adjournment

Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for February 9th, 2011

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
 - a. Senator Kaounas: **Move to Approve**
 - i. Senator Jewett: **Move to Second the Motion**
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary VanSteenbergen
 - i. Please sign in.
 - b. Treasurer Ruedinger
 - i. The one fund stands at \$47,955.88.
 - c. Vice President Bavery
 - i. The Ripon College Red Cross Club has disbanded. Also, we had a CSO meeting last night. We talked about Senate Constitutional Revisions and how CSO could be used more effectively.
 - d. President Schultz
 - i. The Constitutional Revisions Committee will meet again tonight after the Senate meeting. On Thursday 2/17 we will have an open forum at 7:00pm to discuss the revisions with anyone who comes. Candidacy packets for Executive Board and Special Graduate Trustee elections are due next Friday, 2/18 at 5:00pm under the Senate office door.
 - e. Dean Ogle
 - i. Student Senate works best when there are good Senators and a strong Executive Board. It can be frustrating when those groups don't line up. The best Executive teams are often Senate-experienced students. Please consider running for one of these positions.
 - f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - i. Cinemaniacs: We are done with several productions at this point. We are looking to make three to five more before the end of the year, one of which we will need extras for. Our film fest will be on 4/16.
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. No Report
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. The following organizations have not turned in registration forms as of 5:00pm today: FUERZA Alliance, Parallax, and Ripon College Service Council. Orientation Committee applications are due to the Student Activities Office by this Friday (Feb 11) at 5:00pm. Siblings Weekend will take place Feb 18-20. The schedule and registration information are available on the website.
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
 - i. Trustee Operations: We went over statistics about students. There wasn't much to report. We didn't talk about the Merriman house issue.
 - ii. Trustee Academic Affairs: We primarily discussed the status of the various faculty searches that have been taking place this year. Three have been completed, and there are three more in progress.
 - iii. Senior Class Fundraising: This Thursday, seniors who have donated to the gift are invited to a reception at President Joyce's house.
 - iv. Senior Class Board: The 100 Days Party was successful. We sent out an email to seniors for speeches for commencement. Applications are due 3/7.
- IV. New Business
 - a. ROC One Fund: We're requesting money for a ski trip this weekend. We are going to Granite Peak. Normally, we have a trip to Cascade Mountain. This time, however, we decided that we wanted a better experience at a better resort. The price is more than our budget can afford because we are taking more people than we usually do. We're asking to stay overnight so we can ski all day on a good night's rest.
 - i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
 1. Senator Maginnis: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - ii. Senator J. Honaker: Is this the cheapest hotel?
 - iii. The cheapest that offers breakfast.
 - iv. Senator J. Honaker: Which were cheaper?
 - v. I think the Hotel 6 was \$10 cheaper.
 - vi. Senator J. Honaker: What is the gender breakdown of students going on the trip?
 - vii. I think it is 6 males and 5 females.
 - viii. Senator L. Honaker: Why did you include sales tax when the college is exempt?
 - ix. We only get the exemption if we have a school credit card or check. If we can get that before the weekend, we'll use it.
 - x. Senator L. Honaker: Is the resort the same?
 - xi. Yes.

- xii. Senator Lewis: Was this event open to the whole campus?
 - xiii. We started with the ROC email list, which has about 200 people. If we had had spots open after that, it would have been open to campus.
 - xiv. Senator Maginnis: What is the experience level of the people going?
 - xv. We have a pretty wide range, actually.
 - xvi. Senator Maginnis: I ask because I'm wondering if the more difficult trails at Granite will be utilized fully.
 - xvii. Granite actually has both novice and experienced trails.
 - xviii. Senator Kaounas: Why are you requesting this money now if you're going this weekend?
 - xix. We missed the deadline for last week by a half hour.
 - xx. **ROC One Fund Vote Passes 19-2-2**
- b. Equestrian Club One Fund: We are only able to compete at two shows this semester. There's a chance that one person could qualify for Regionals. We're asking for this money now with the hope that, as this is our second year one funding for shows, that it could be added to our budget for next year.
- i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
 - 1. Senator Jewett: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - ii. Senator L. Honaker: Are there tolls to Augustana?
 - iii. Mary Avery said there were.
 - iv. Senator L. Honaker: Gender breakdown?
 - v. The Hunt show is all women. There are three men on the Western team.
 - vi. Senator L. Honaker: Where is Crookston located?
 - vii. Close to Canada.
 - viii. Senator Jewett: When are these shows?
 - ix. 3/5 and 3/6
 - x. Senator Lewis: I just want to remind people that this group received \$6800 last semester. That's a lot of money for such a small number of people. I've not seen the demand for this money to go to this group. We can't ignore the dollar signs. This is a very exclusive use of student money. I think these people need to live with the fact that they have an expensive hobby.
 - xi. Senator Maginnis: Was this group open to everyone?
 - xii. Yes.
 - xiii. Senator Maginnis: How many students are in the group?
 - xiv. 15-16.
 - xv. Senator Maginnis: How many have placed at shows?
 - xvi. All of them.
 - xvii. Senator Lightfield: I don't think we should always look at the dollars per person figure. However, we are spending a lot of money for this certain skill set. I'm not sure that lessons are what this money should be used for. We don't pay for coaches. Regardless of whether this money comes from their budget or the One Fund, I don't know if they are spending it appropriately.
 - xviii. Senator Jewett: Did you come back to report on your last event?
 - xix. Yes. We had two one funds last semester and we came back for both of them.
 - xx. Senator Kaounas: If this passes, what is the likelihood that this money will be added to their budget?
 - xxi. Treasurer Ruedinger: That is up to the Senate.
 - xxii. Senator J. Honaker: Why are you taking 15 people if only 1 is eligible for Regionals?
 - xxiii. The points carry over into the next season.
 - xxiv. Senator Lightfield: I don't think we should focus on the outcome of the shows. They feel it's a worthwhile trip even if they don't advance. We need to think about whether it's worth the money.
 - xxv. Senator McMurtrey: Have you done any fundraisers?
 - xxvi. We were told that we couldn't fundraise for ourselves.
 - xxvii. **Equestrian Club One Fund Vote Fails 2-15-6**
- V. Announcements
- a. Vice President Bavary: Mike Winfield, a comedian, will be performing in the Terrace this weekend.
 - b. President Schultz: Please remind your senior constituents to consider running for Special Graduate Trustee.
 - c. Senator McMurtrey: Hawks View News is returning to WRPN.
- VI. Open Forum
- a. Senator L. Honaker: I think it's contrary to host events that are discriminatory. I think it's important to take all people into account when planning.
 - b. Senator J. Honaker: I was upset that seniors who were not 21 could not attend the 100 Days Party. I understand that Classics was the location that got back to you, but people were excluded, and I was not pleased.
 - c. Senator Enright: The groups we had tonight were very respectful, but sometimes groups aren't. I think it's important for us to be open to hearing both sides of a discussion.
 - d. Senator Koch: I'm looking back at last week's minutes. No, groups are not expected to fundraise, but at the same time, we don't want groups to be completely dependent on the One Fund. Groups should do something.

- e. Senator Lightfield: I understand the frustration, but requesting money from Senate can be intimidating. Respect is necessary. This isn't Senate's money to lord over.
 - f. President Schultz: I think this is good discussion we're having. I think there is merit to fundraising, but all students pay the Activity Fee. As Senators, I think you're weighing things out correctly.
- VII. Adjournment
- a. Senator McMurtrey: **Move To Adjourn**
 - i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - b. 7:11pm