

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for February 23rd, 2011

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Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for February 16, 2011

Call to Order

- a. 6:30pm

Approval of Old Minutes

- a. Senator L. Honaker: **Moved to Approve**
 - i. Senator Berres-Green: **Move to Second the Motion**

Committee Reports

- a. Secretary VanSteenbergen
 - i. Please sign in.
- b. Treasurer Ruedinger
 - i. The one fund stands at \$ 47, 556.81. This number is a reflection of the disbandment of FORCE and the Ripon College Red Cross Club, as well as the addition of SARC returning funds from a previous one fund.
- c. Vice President Bavery
 - i. The next CSO meeting will be March 8th at 6pm in the Senate Chambers.
- d. President Schultz
 - i. Election sign up for senators to work the tables. Elections will take place March 2nd and 3rd during the lunch and dinner hours in the commons. Those running for Executive positions or Special Grad Trustee are not allowed to collect ballots. Next week on the agenda will be the revisions made to the Student Senate Constitution and Operating Rules. There will be a campus open forum Thursday February 17th at 7pm Todd Wehr 106. Each year, the Student Senate elects a member of the student body to receive the David L. Harris Memorial Award at Spring Convocation. Nominations will be taken next week. I advise senators to bring a list of names, with a brief bio, a list of accomplishments on campus and a list of organizations involved in. Voting for this award will take place during the March 2nd meeting. During the March 2nd meeting, the Vice President of Advancement Wayne Webster will be coming to speak and answer any questions regarding the capital campaign the college is undergoing.
- e. Dean Ogle
 - i. Earlier this week, I was informed by a resident who lives on Throne Street that vehicles driving along this road towards Storzer, need to pay more attention to the cross walks in people using the cross walks.
 - ii. Merrimen Letter from Trustees
 - iii. Positions in our operations are being looked into. Next fall: there will be two full time counselors; due to the increase of mental health awareness has grown on campus. Also current one division is lacking one person short. We are in the process to fill that position, which will have the title of Assistant Director of Student Activities. This position will devote time to working with Greek Life and Multicultural Affairs.
- f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - i. Cinemaniacs: We recently updated our youtube channel and our section on the portal. We are posting our skits so on these sites. Also, if any organization is interested in having their events filmed, please contact us.
- g. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. Drumline: We requested funds for drums and hardware, which has arrived. We are hoping to use them soon in performance. We have also had a new performance to the list, which we have taken place in two weekends.
- 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. Excellence in Leadership nomination forms are due to the Student Activities Office by Friday, March 4. The nomination forms are available on the Campus Life tab of the portal. The award categories are as follows: Student Leadership Award, Student Organization Leadership Award, and Faculty/Staff Mentor Award. The deadline for Spring Break transportation to the airports is Wednesday, March 2nd.
- i. Miscellaneous Committees
 - i. No Report

New Business

- a. Ripon College Heavy Metal Society Intent to Organize: Intend to create a place for fans to join together and enjoy heavy metal music. We also want to be an outreach organization to hold activities and answer questions the campus might have in heavy metal. There are not very many music pushing groups recognized by Student Senate. We hope to provide a different genre on campus. As far as the outreach goes, we would like to invite up and coming local bands to campus to spread their music and talent around. This would be beneficial to those bands. We also have a regular show on WRPN-FM. We will share music, by telling listeners the title of the song, artist, and where to find the music, but there will be no stealing of music. We have an advisor and 20 students have showed interest in this.

- i. Senator Lewis: **Move to Approve**
 - 1. Senator Koch: **Move to Second the Motion**
- ii. Senator Lewis: How much money will this group be asking for?
- iii. We would only ask for coverage outside of the initial \$100 for the local bands, if we could not cover all the costs. However we do not for see asking Student Senate for much money.
- iv. Senator Rohrbeck: Could you describe the interest level of this group, which class levels are represented?
- v. Looking at the 20 people, most are sophomores, with a few freshmen in the mix. The reason for the Co-President leadership is so the organization will be covered after I leave.
- vi. Senator L. Honaker: What is the benefit to the campus?
- vii. There is no other group that currently show or have an interest of heavy metal? WRPN, the music department, and Drumline don't have the specific interests we are looking for. This group would provide for a more specific target.
- viii. Senator McMurtray: Have you talk to the music department about covering a heavy metal genre?
- ix. We have not. I know they cover a broad rock course, but not a specific course on this genre.
- x. Senator McMurtray: Having such a specific genre, one which I have not heard a lot about, do you believe this group will last after you graduate?
- xi. Yes. It covers a lot of groups, and is a very broad genre.
- xii. Senator McMurtray: I like the idea, but at this point we have too many organizations on campus, with something specific, it might be better to first look into this as a course from the music department and then becoming an organization later.
- xiii. Senator Maginnis: I see where you are coming senator, but a course would limit the time and which students could take the course. As a club, it would provide more enjoyment.
- xiv. Senator Ewig: I agree with Senator McMurtray. In comparison with originations like the Men's Lacrosse Club and Men's Volleyball Club, numbers started off really high, and now these groups are struggling to get numbers.
- xv. Senator Lewis: I think it would be much better for this group to try and fail then not try at all. We shouldn't limit this group due to interests.
- xvi. **RC Heavy Metal Society Intent to Organize Vote Passes: 18:1:1**
- b. Amnesty International One Fund: As you know we are requesting funds to take 19 students to San Francisco for the 50th anniversary Annual General Meeting. We have had several members go in the past. It would be a good opportunity for the current members to network and bring back ideas to campus.
 - i. Senator J. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
 - 1. Senator Berres-Green: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - ii. Senator Rohrbeck: Is the budget going to have to be reworked to reflection the interest of 21 students to 19 students?
 - iii. Yes. People, who dropped out, notified us today.
 - iv. Senator J. Honaker: How many people have you sent in the past?
 - v. The last trip was to Boston, 4 members attended.
 - vi. Senator J. Honaker: Why are you sending 19?
 - vii. We decided to open up to the whole campus, gather more interest, and help our group grow on campus.
 - viii. Senator J. Honaker: What do you hope to bring back?
 - ix. Networking opportunities, speakers and workshops, regional groups of Amnesty International who can help us here, and give ideas to bring back, and have a panel after attend to all of campus.
 - x. Senator L. Honaker: How many people are current active members?
 - xi. I have a list. About 6 people.
 - xii. Senator L. Honaker: Looking at the mission statement, one thing is it looks like a free trip to San Francisco.
 - xiii. I have heard it be called a Party Trip. This is not our intention. Not a lot of people could afford a lot of this trip without the necessary funds.
 - xiv. Senator L. Honaker: **I move to amend the price of Airfare from \$3100 to \$2700, the price of local travel from \$756 to \$684, and the price of conference fees from \$1690 to \$1510. With a new total request for \$4894.**
 - 1. Senator J. Honaker: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - xv. **No Objections. Motion Passes; Accepted as Friendly.**
 - xvi. Senator McMurtray: I think it is good that you are taking the correct steps to raise funds and make this a successful trip to bring to this campus. I am for it.
 - xvii. Senator Lewis: Travel is the majority of the total?
 - xviii. We have looked at rates online, this looks like the cheapest.
 - xix. Senator Lewis: Is there any non students going?
 - xx. No
 - xxi. Senator Lewis: Could you discuss the goals?
 - xxii. We don't have much connection with other Amnesty groups. This group hopes to bring connections and networks back to campus. We hope to bring new members involved in the group.

- xxiii. Senator Rohrbeck: Hotel and food are being paid for out of the pocket of the students?
- xxiv. Correct
- xxv. Senator L. Honaker: Point of inquiry: can groups fundraise for their own benefit?
Because the Equestrian Club was told they could not fundraise, unless it was going for something specific, and that it was going to be taxed.
- xxvi. President Schultz: I don't recall the tax issue regarding fundraising for the Equestrian Club.
- xxvii. Senator L. Honaker: Wondering if amnesty could raise funds?
- xxviii. President Schultz: The Equestrian Club could not due to the events were not being held currently.
- xxix. Senator Enright: I am going to vote on behalf of my voters, even though I am a member of this group.
- xxx. Senator Fisher: What have you done on this campus?
- xxxi. We have held events, such as the hunger banquet. We had a speaker come in and we write letters to prisoners during our meetings.
- xxxii. Senator Maginnis: Because we have done this for other groups, what is written is \$130 per student paying out of pocket, then asking for roughly \$257 per student. Going off of what is being said, I don't see the benefit of this event.
- xxxiii. Senator Davidson: It is a mandatory fundraiser? What are you doing specifically.
- xxxiv. We are holding a bake sale which starts tomorrow. Working with Culvers one night. Soliciting funds from local churches.
- xxxv. Senator Berres-Green: How many are going that are active?
- xxxvi. 6
- xxxvii. Senator Berres-Green: If these people are interested, why haven't they shown interest in the group?
- xxxviii. Some can't make the meeting times.
- xxxix. **Amnesty International One Fund Vote Fails: 9:10:3**

- c. International Relations Club One Fund: Tonight we are one funded for a speaker, Mr. Stefen Streitferdt. We hope to bring him to campus on February 23, to address his work with refugee work relief. We have been a success in the past. We like to bring different global issues to campus. We have spoken for him to reduce his fee to \$500, and have a reception for all and a reception for the executive board of IRC and Mr. Streitferdt after.
 - i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
 - 1. Senator Muza: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - ii. Senator Lewis: Do you plan to advertise for this event?
 - iii. Yes.
 - iv. Senator Lewis: How many do you plan on attending?
 - v. 30-40
 - vi. Senator J. Honaker: How much is the IRC contributing out of their budget?
 - vii. We are currently working with our Treasurer, however we have spent a large portion of our budget already, and plan to use the rest for another speaker.
 - viii. Senator J. Honaker: Who will be providing refreshments?
 - ix. Sodexo
 - x. Senator Rohrbeck: Could I have more details about the event, where is it being held?
 - xi. Little East Theatre and the reception will be in the lounge on the first floor in East. We find it a good space to use for speakers.
 - xii. Senator Rohrbeck: I am a little concerned with the \$100 for exec board reception and the other reception.
 - xiii. The executive board refreshment reception will be more toward pizza and a place for those members to talk with Mr. Streitferdt about career advice.
 - xiv. Senator Rohrbeck: I find it a little redundant to have a reception after the smaller reception. It makes it seem exclusion.
 - xv. We wanted to have a smaller reception for him, so those members loyal to the club can be reward. But we also wanted to make sure all students were open to the other reception.
 - xvi. Senator Rohrbeck: How many students will there be at the \$100 reception?
 - xvii. 10-12
 - xviii. Senator Koch: I have never known IRC to put on an event like this that was not a success. I will be abstaining from this, due to being involved with the group.
 - xix. Senator Davidson: How did you find him?
 - xx. Mr. Streitferdt is a colleague of our advisor, where they both went to Madison together.
Mr. Streitferdt will provide a hand on experience, which will benefit the students, and help students in career advice. Also he is local, and will keep travel costs down.
 - xxi. Senator Davidson: How long will he speak for?
 - xxii. About an hour, with 30 minutes for questions.
 - xxiii. Senator L. Honaker: Will he be available for visits to classrooms?
 - xxiv. He is only coming up for the event.
 - xxv. **IRC One Fund Vote Passes: 17:2:3**

Announcements

- a. Senator Maginnis: Drumline invites all students to come to their practice on Sundays at 2pm at Rodman. No experience is necessary.

- b. President Schultz: All Executive Board Senate Packets and Special Grad Trustee are due Friday at 5pm. Encourage seniors to run for special grad. Packets are located in the commons, mail center, and on the portal. All packets due Friday at 5pm. Encourage seniors for special grad. locations of packets: commons, mail room, on the portal. need 50 signitures.
 - i. Senator Ewig: Where do packets need to be turned in to?
 - ii. President Schultz: You can turn packets into the Senate office under the door.

Open Forum

- a. Senator L. Honaker: I was wondering when SMAC plans on releasing the name of the band for Springfest?
 - i. Vice President Bavary: There was an email sent out last week. The band has been decided, Bowling for Soup.

Adjournment

- a. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Adjourn**
 - i. Senator McMurtrey: **Move to Second the Motion**
- b. 7:24 pm