

Ripon College Student Senate

Agenda for Wednesday September 16th, 2015

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Valdez
 - b. Treasurer Grinde
 - c. Vice President Hince
 - d. President Brixius
 - 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
- V. New Business
 - a. Blaster Club Budget Reallocation
 - b. Disbandment of Boxing Club
- II. Announcements
- III. Open Forum
- IV. Adjournment

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Minutes for Wednesday September 9, 2015

- I. Call to Order
 - o 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
 - o In an effort to save money and be green, the agenda & minutes will not be printed off but due to all campus wifi may be accessed on the portal during meetings
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Valdez
 - o Secretary's job is to create the agenda and minutes each week, so Ben can answer questions regarding those items
 - b. Treasurer Grinde
 - o Treasurer deals with anything money related- budgets, one fund questions, etc.
 - o One fund amount is not available yet due to the audit occurring in the Business Office.
 - o Point of Clarification for new members: the one fund is a pot of money that is allotted from the student activity fee and is used for any extra expenditures by the groups on campus outside of their budgets.
 - c. Vice President Hince
 - o VP Duties:
 - serves as a liaison for all student groups and can help answer questions that groups may have about visiting senate, etc.
 - Oversees CSO, which groups now only have to attend once a semester.
 - Keeps track of Whats Up With Your Group, getting people to come in and explain to us what their group is doing and what they have planned.
 - o Groups that are on the verge of being disbanded:
 - CRU
 - Boxing Club
 - SSA
 - Rugby
 - d. President Brixius
 - o Reminders
 - E-mail your constituents every week to keep them updated on agenda items. Be sure to ask for their input on how to vote.

- Absences: If you are absent from a meeting you must inform the executive board that you will not be there *and* have someone come in your place. Failure to do one or both of these will result in an unexcused absence and three unexcused absences will result in your removal from the senate.
 - Please e-mail the student senate email address, not us individually because it makes it hard to keep track of things.
 - The meetings are run according to Roberts Rules of Order, you'll catch on quickly but feel free to ask questions.
 - Michelle Whittler wants a focus group of senators on whether or not the students liked the changes in registration or not. That will be occurring after senate probably in two weeks.
 - Leadership Openings
 - One of the student Alumni Board members did not return this year, there will be an email going out to campus this weekend informing students about the open position. Please encourage anyone you know who might be interested. This position is very important because it is a student voice on campus to the alumni.
 - There are only 2 senior senators and we need three for proper representative, so please inform anyone you know who is a senior to email senate if they would be willing to sit on senate.
- e. Dean Ogle
 - Thank you for donating your time to Senate.
 - It is very important you represent your constituents and what they told you to vote, but you can change your mind based on what you hear in the discussion.
 - Make sure you do not make the groups that are presenting feel uncomfortable.
 - I am only the advisor of student senate, not the director, the Exec board runs the show not me. I help but can not make massive changes/decisions.
- f. What's Up With Your Group
 - None
- g. One Fund Talk Back
 - None
- h. Student Activities Report

- o Homecoming packets for teams will be out later this week.
- o The following groups have not turned in registration forms:
 - Boxing
 - Cru
 - Democrats
 - Feminists
 - Fencing
 - Franco-Phone Alliance
 - IR
 - Math Club
 - Mens Lacrosse
 - SSA
 - Rugby
 - RPN-TV
 - WRPN
 - Student Senate
 - SSA
 - Students For Animal Welfare

i. Miscellaneous Committees

- o None

IV. Old Business

a. German Club Intent to Organize

- Moved to table, failed.
- Senators noted that they should vote on it now and then the club can come back when they are have themselves figured out.
- Vote: Failed in the eyes of the speaker- German Club is not formed

V. New Business

a. YAF intent to organize

- Presentation (Andy Paloumpis & Willy Penterman):
 - o YAF (Young Americans Foundation) is a conservative ideological group
 - o 8 people who are interested in joining and more people have expressed interest
 - o Looking to bring in speakers, hold discussions
 - o Will be one funding for events until a budget is formed.
 - o The main difference between College Republicans and YAF is that the CR's are a wing of the Wisconsin Republican party they help people get elected to office, whereas YAF is

a ideological organization. It is similar to Feminists, and QSA, it is not party affiliated but ideologically affiliated.

- On the floor discussion:
 - What are the goals of the group?
 - To promote conservative ideologies on campus, such as: conservatism, small government, fiscal conservatism, basic conservative principals.
 - YAF will be active on campus by celebrating constitution day and informing people about their civil liberties, also flags on 9/11.
 - Noted that the CRs already do these events
 - Suggested change to the constitution: Change name of club from from Young Americans for Freedom to Young Americans Foundation. Perceived as friendly, changed.
 - How is YAF different than CRs?
 - The main difference between the CR's and YAF is that CR is mainly about campaigns and getting people elected not as much about ideologies. YAF is for the purpose of discussing conservative issues
 - Correction from President Brixius: The CR chapter on this campus is not a campaigning chapter but an ideological one
 - YAF and CR's will bring in different speakers because YAF is more willing to help their own chapter with bringing speakers. If YAF is made the CR's will lose the YAF founding they have now.
 - YAF's purpose on campus is already being fulfilled by the CR's- it is just not economically sound for them to formed.
 - YAF believes in and will talk about pro-life, and traditional marriage.
 - It was noted that these ideals are both part of the republican platform.
 - Presenter: The CR's and YAF are different but the same same, rectangles are squares but squares aren't rectangles.

- Senator Beger: “So conservatives are Squares...”
 - Funding
 - YAF is uncertain of how much money they will need in the future.
 - Senators noted that speakers are very pricey and YAF will be coming in for the next two years for one funds.
 - Presenters could not give any information on possible speakers because they are working with IR on them, but the amount for them will not be unreasonable
 - Presenters noted that they will need less than \$1,000 for non-speaker events
 - YAF wants a YAF chapter on campus and this pushes the CR’s to rely more on their party funding rather than funding from a private organization.
 - We need to take into consideration the fact that YAF funds the CR’s on campus and the effects that will happen if a YAF chapter is formed on campus.
 - We need to be judicious on the way we make groups, last year we made a lot of groups at the end of last year and a lot of groups drained us of out one fund.
 - Do CR’s get a large chunk of their financial help from YAF? yes they do
 - Not economically sound to be funding this group because the Dems, CR’s and the Center for Politics and the People will be coming for us to money this year in order to bring in speakers.
 - We need to be fiscally responsible this year because our one fund needs to last us the whole year and this group will actually be important in the future.
 - If YAF is not approved today, the YAF foundation might pull their funding from the CR’s.
 - We would be crippling the well-established CR group on campus if we create a YAF chapter. If YAF does take away funding from the CR’s if this doesn’t get approved that is

attempting to coerce us to form this group and we do not want to do business with a organization like that.

- It would be good to have YAF on campus just to have another strong conservative group because we already have multiple left leaning groups.
- What would a typical meeting look like?
 - A meeting of YAF would start with introductions, an ice breaker, then poll the group to see what they want to do for campus activities to raise awareness, and then possible speakers, ending with open discussion.
- Move to previous question. Passed in the eyes of the speaker.

- Vote on intent to organize: Fails 6-13-0

b. Pre-Med Constitutional Changes

- Presentation (Konner Feldhus):
 - The campus needs a more health club because their are a wide variety of career directions on campus.
 - Creation of Integration Officer which will bring in outside resources to all the possible career paths.
 - Resources are vital to this field and their have not been enough.
- Vote on constitutional changes, passed in the eyes of the speaker.
 - Dean Ogle: Please remember to get an updated constitution to SAO so it is on file.

c. College Days Constitutional Changes

- Presentation (Lauren Hince): There was no updated constitution in the SAO office so I went in and updated and added positions that were needed.
- Vote on constitutional changes: passed in the eyes of the speaker.

d. Disbandment of Clubs

- Disbandment of Anthropology Club, RC Greens, SSA, Music Appreciation Society.
- Motion to lump all together to be voted on at once, passed in the eyes of the speaker.
 - Clarified that the clubs either asked to be disbanded or had no one left in their club.

- Vote on disbandment of the clubs. Passed in the eyes of the speaker.

II. Announcements

- College Republicans with the College Democrats and IR will be putting up flags on Thursday night to make a memorial for 9/11.
- Next Wednesday the College Democrats and College Republicans will be having republican primary debate watch party in the new 314 space, starts at 8pm and there will be pizza.

III. Open Forum

- The head of the committee will inform the student reps on what is coming up and when the committee meets.
- Minutes and Agenda will be on the Portal. The senators will be apart of the Senate group on the Portal, and they will also be e-mailed you.
- We need to fill the alumni board vacancy.
- We need another senior senator.

IV. Adjournment

- 7:33PM

Blaster Club Budget Reallocation:

Available: \$700

\$100 for ammunition, including water balloons

\$100 for miscellaneous expenses, including repair or overages

\$500 for travel and off-campus meetings