

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for March 9th, 2011

Call to Order

Approval of Old Minutes

Committee Reports

- a. Secretary VanSteenbergen
- b. Treasurer Ruedinger
- c. Vice President Bavery
- 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

New Business

- a. International Relations Club One Fund

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Adjournment

Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for March 2, 2011

Call to Order

- a. 6:30pm

Approval of Old Minutes

- b. Senator L. Honaker **Move to Approve the Motion**
 - i. Senator Berres-Green **Move to Second the Motion**
- c. Senator J. Honaker: There are a number of changes that need to be made to last week's minutes. In article IV, section a, subsection i., it should be Senator L. Honaker. In article V, section c, subsection ii., it should be Senator J. Honaker, in subsection xxiv. point 1 it should be Senator L. Honaker, in subsection xlix, point li it should be Senator Fisher. In article V, section d, subsection xi, it should be 20-1-1. In section VI, section c, it should be Senator L. Honaker.

Committee Reports

- d. Secretary VanSteenbergen
 - i. Absent
- e. Treasurer Ruedinger
 - i. The one fund stands at \$44,551.15.
- f. Vice President Bavery
 - i. Please Sign In and those new senators please denote with a star next to your name, so we can update the mailing list.
 - ii. CSO on March 8 at 6pm in the Student Senate Chambers.
- g. President Schultz
 - i. Elections are on going. Is there anyone to work the lunch shift to work 1-2? Ballot counting tomorrow at 7:30, one delegate allowed per candidate. A few clerical items, the Blue Mountain Project will appear before the Amnesty One Fund. A further amendment proposed by one senator will be added at the end of New Business, and we will take this as a separate proposed change. Finally we will be voting on the David L. Harris award. Nominations include: Cezar Munoz, Mike Peacock, Garrison McMurtrey, Tracy Waldinger, Leslie Sullivan, Lexi Fladhammer, Erin Bavery, Matt Maginnis, and Sara Sisco. Write your top two votes on a sheet of paper and Treasurer Ruedinger will tally up the votes, in which we will vote between the top three winners. The top three are Matt Maginnis, Garrison McMurtrey, and Rusty Schultz. The David L. Harris winner is Garrison McMurtrey.
- h. Dean Ogle
 - i. No Report
- i. VP of Advancement Webster
 - i. The main thing I wanted to talk about and get feedback is on the campaign. I wanted to give you an idea of what the campaign is and what it is doing. Ripon hasn't been in a campaign for 10 years. It will focus on endowment. Most students received financial aid, and this campaign will help to strength our financial aid program. Looking to update facilities on campus, mainly Lane Library, Storzer, and Farr Hall. We want to be able to provide the students with the best. We are up to \$9.5 million, and from word of mouth this week, we are up to \$11 million. I will step back and talk about the Annual Fund. We raise about \$2.2 million. It makes up 10% of budget. The Annual Fund, helps financial fund various student financial aid, faculty scholarships, and other projects. This year, the endowment is "above water", which means we can take a draw from it. We are looking to strength and broaden the pool of the endowment. Looking for more money for financial aid, faculty, facilities, etc. We want to be able to recruit the best faculty that we can who are similar to the faculty you have had. We are toeing with \$50 million over 5 years. When we go public next summer, the goals will shift.
 - ii. President Schultz: Thank you. I will now open up for questions.
 - iii. Senator Rohrbeck: Why now? Why wasn't this plan pushed?
 - iv. It's a 5 year timeline. We are currently in the silent phase. It's like the worst kept secret on campus. What we will find out is where people will give their gifts. The projector could turn out different. Why not now? We haven't been in a campaign in 10 years; similar schools will have a 5 year campaign, and then a 2 year thank you party and then another 5 year campaign. The timing is idle. We had a consultant come in this summer to discuss the interviews and the future. A lot of the donors feel a little more comfortable to donate. Certainly there are needs on this campus that could use this money.
 - v. Senator Berres-Green: Success of financial aid? How does it keep costs down?
 - vi. We didn't give raises to faculty this year. Health care cost didn't rise this year, which is something you won't always see. You are going to see gas prices rise. See a growth of 5-6% increase. It will relieve a little pressure off of the college.
 - vii. Senator Rohrbeck: When will improvements be made?
 - viii. It will depend upon the money coming in. Most donors are looking for the 5 year

plan. We have a few \$1 million, half million givers. Most are looking at endowment, rather than facility. It really matters on money. Donors have told us those 3 buildings are the priority, but they could write a check for an endowment and a faculty scholarship. We are throwing our needs on a white board, but we are now looking for the donors to fuel those costs.

- ix. Senator Zaw: Employment on campus, particular in the library. We are still in need of a librarian, is the advancement office in any way part of this process?
- x. The Advancement office is not necessary the overseer of the hire process, but it is the Dean of Faculty.
- xi. Vice President Bavery: As some seniors might know, that the senior gift is now turning to give to the Annual Fund, rather than purchasing a material gift. How is this process contributing to the money being raised?
- xii. It is a target for young alumni. In particular, we are more happy for you to donate only \$5 during the first five to ten years after graduation, then not donating at all. What matters to Institutions is a percentage. This is one of the measure qualities Investors look at, to see how much percentage of alumni participate in giving back to the college. Currently we are in the 30% area, and we would like to be in the 40%. Compare that to the Ivy Schools which are looking at the 50%. Gifts to the annual fund, lead to better gifts from bigger companies.

j. One Fund Talk Back

- i. Senator Maginnis: WRPN was here last semester, for recording foam. I have two sheets left to be put up. It is on its way. We are looking for carpeting, for a missing square on the floor. We plan on being fully functional by mid-March.

k. Student Activities Report

- i. The following organizations have not turned in registration forms as of 5:00pm today: FUERZA Alliance, Parallax, and Service Council. Captains Meetings for Floor Hockey and Volleyball will take place on Tuesday, March 8th. Intramural Supervisor and Assistant applications for 2011-2012 will be due by Friday, March 11th at 5pm. 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.

Old Business

l. Student Senate Constitutional Revisions

- i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to bring to the Table**
- ii. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve the Motion**
 - 1. Senator Muza: **Move to Second the Motion**
- iii. **Student Senate Constitutional Revisions Vote Passes: 21-1-0**

m. Student Senate Operating Rules Revisions

- i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to bring to the Table**
- ii. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve the Motion**
 - 1. Senator Maginnis: **Move to Second the Motion**
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New Business

- n. Student Volunteers of the Blue Mountain Project Relocation: I talked to SMAC after the One Fund passed, and they are willing to cover the cost of the band, but are not able to cover the cost of the money. So we are moving the funds from the Band cost to the movie cost, so we are in need of a reallocation of the funds, and we will return the money we do not spend.

- i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
 - 1. Senator Berres-Green: **Move to Second the Motion**
- ii. Senator Lewis: You wanted to cover the costs of the movie, but SMAC is unable to cover the costs of the movie?
- iii. Yes. They are unable to cover the costs of the movie
- iv. Senator Lewis: I guess I am still confused as to how this works, and why SMAC can't cover the cost of the movie.
 - 1. I yield time to Parliamentarian Waldinger: SMAC's budget is divided into different committees. One committee, Coffeehouse is required to do 12 events for the year. There are different funds to cover the cost of co-sponsor. However, Coffeehouse has not covered all events for the year, and they still have money left in their budget to help co-sponsor this event. As far as the movie goes, SMAC has a contract with Swank, which states all the movies we can purchase are for 8 pre-release movies. So the Cinema committee cannot cover the cost of the movie.
- v. Senator Lewis: Will this be a SMAC event?
- vi. It will be a co-sponsor event.
- vii. Senator L. Honaker: Is there a reason why you didn't ask for the costs for the movie costs in your original proposal?
- viii. I did not ask for the movie costs, because I thought that SMAC would have been able to cover the costs, however when I submitted the One Fund, SMAC still had not meet in the beginning of this semester, so I was unsure of what they could cover.

- ix. President Schultz: He did come to the executive board meeting to discuss this. It is giving back money and then asking for different money for different cost, if that makes sense.
- x. Senator Doetsch: Has the movie been decided upon?
- xi. We will vote for the movie after this meeting?
- xii. **Student Volunteers of the Blue Mountain Project Reallocation Vote Passes:**

20-2-0

- o. Amnesty International One Fund: In this second asking, I would like to further revise our One Fund. All together it states we will have 10 students going, now the number has dropped to 7 students, with 6 flying out and one student meeting us there. I went to many hall-councils meetings to express the feelings of going to this event. Our Amnesty International has been disconnected to the national Amnesty International. We have been doing things on the campus, including writing letters to prisoners. We will have a panel to demonstrate our experience back on campus.
 - i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
 - 1. Senator Berres-Green: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - ii. Senator Davidson: Is there a second page?
 - iii. Yes. However, I am not sure why it didn't copy. I encourage senators to vote for this. We have proposed a fundraiser event at Culvers. And we are trying to get contributions from community members.
 - iv. Senator Rohrbeck: Have you been able to calculate a number for the necessary changes.
 - v. Treasurer Ruedinger: Yes.
 - vi. Senator Rohrbeck: **I so move that the total requested be \$1466 to reflect the necessary students going on the trip.**
 - 1. Senator Berres-Green: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - vii. **No Objections. Motion Passes; accepted as Friendly.**
 - viii. Senator Rohrbeck: Going back to the original proposal, are two students sleeping outside?
 - ix. I believe two students will be covering the costs for themselves.
 - x. Senator Berres-Green: One member lives in the area, and there are people willing to house them.
 - xi. Senator L. Honker: How did you select those going on the trip?
 - xii. We thought it would be better to open up to all campus. I lot of people replied to the email and we tried to collect names. Then we had to email a lot because we had to drop them and ended up selecting only members of the group.
 - xiii. Senator Maginnis: can you relay how much money have you raised.
 - xiv. We have raised \$115 from the bake sale, and roughly \$150 from community members.
 - xv. Senator Maginnis: I have a few concerns, that it is during spring break, and a lot of students have to pay their own way for their own activities, but I was able to pursue them to reconsider, and I hope you bring back a lot to this campus.
 - xvi. **Amnesty International One Fund Vote Passes: 19-1-1**
- p. Tentative Constitutional Amendment
 - i. President Schultz: This will be treated as a separate amendment.
 - ii. Before you is a proposal to the budget hearings. If you don't know what they are, it is a long process for the senate and for the budget committee. This proposal is suppose to lessen the burden upon the budget committee. There has been a 2 year prescient going around, and this proposal would make it a permanent thing.
 - iii. Senator McMurtrey: **Move to Approve**
 - 1. Senator Fisher: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - iv. Senator L. Honaker: This is vague. How specific, such as IRC gets speakers, but the budget committee suggests that the club gets the same speakers two years. I just find that this proposal doesn't cover all the grounds.
 - v. Senator Maginnis: I am glad someone made this motion. I believe it would make it a lot easier on the budget committee.
 - vi. President Schultz: I would like to add, that installing something like this would be difficult. Right now, it is frustrating to not able to point out something to groups that says they can't ask for such increases in their budget. So stepping back, we decide to take a hands on approach, and thus the new executive board and the budget committee would be able to observe this and interpret it themselves per group. I can see both sides of this issue. Personally I am comfortable with what we passed tonight.
 - vii. Senator L. Honaker: **Point of Inquire: Where is this suppose to go. I would like to amend it to say Operating Rules, and thus move it to the Operating Rules.**
 - 1. Senator Maginnis: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - viii. **No Objections. Motion Passes; Accepted as Friendly.**
 - ix. Senator Lewis: We had a lot of discussion of this. Although members have complained about this during budget committee, I think it is great that they have to look at these things. If we pass this, people don't have a choice to ask for a budget or not. I think it is only hindering groups.
 - x. Senator Doetsch: As it stands now, any groups can request any budget they want?
 - xi. President Schultz: It is an unwritten rule that groups would have to request line items for 2 years in a row. It has been enforced since I have been here.

- xii. Senator Doetsch: Does it require groups to one fund in the past, or can they just put it in their budgets?
- xiii. President Schultz: Traditional groups haven't been able to just add items. Under this, groups would have to request a one fund 2 years in a row for those specific items.
- xiv. Senator Maginnis: I yield time to the speaker.
 - 1. This amendment is not hindering any groups' budget. Any group can fight for their cause during budget committee meetings, and if they don't like the changes, they can then bring it to the senate on budget night, and go through the appeal process, in which a 2/3 vote is required. This is clearing up the idea of murkiness. This lays a foundation for the budget committee and the hearings. I don't see this is loosely vague because there is a line in there that the budget committee can make the ultimate decision.
- xv. Senator Lewis: I am pretty passionate against this. If there are certain expectations to this rule, then why make this rule. If a group one funds it once, and then put it in their budget, we are taking away that process of trial and error. We are not letting people have the option if this passes.
- xvi. President Schultz: At next week's CSO meeting, Treasurer Ruedinger would be handing out the outline for budgets to request funds. This conflicts with that. Not the best timing.
- xvii. Senator Doetsch: I think that groups on campus recognize by senate, we should not disregard the groups that don't have the option of one funds before senate. I yield the reminder of my time to Matt Rohrbeck:
 - 1. This is showing consistence to groups to bring similar events on campus that become successful. I think this needs to happen. I see this as a way of moving the events into their budget and bringing more events to campus, and bring additional more expensive speaker to campus, to further their involvement on campus. I think groups can come back to one fund for more money.
- xviii. Senator J.Honaker: I personally think this amendment amounts to a mess. How it is worded, bothers me. For example, IRC Honiara is set for \$3000 and then less next year. It raises the question that can the budget committee just plug in the amount they desire.
- xix. **Additional Operation Amendment Vote Fails: 2-17-2**

Announcements

- q. Senator J. Honaker: Heavy metal society will have their first meeting at 7:06 by the fire place in the commons.
- r. Senator Lewis: Sigma Chi is having a union party on Saturday
- s. President Schultz: Fire Department is having a chicken dinner on Sunday at the Fire House.

Open Forum

- t. Senator Maginnis: This might not be covered by Vice President Bavery, but what is the tally on the One-Fund talk backs and has everyone come to do One-Fund talk backs?
- u. President Schultz: We will have report on that next week.
- v. President Schultz: The presentation by Wayne took a little time, was this helpful? And would you like to see it done by other administrators.
- w. Senator J. Honaker: I think it is a good idea to hear what the administration is going on, helps will our representatives.
- x. Senator Kasubaski: I think it is a good idea, because we should know what is going on, that way we can let our representatives know what is going on.
- y. Senator McMurtrey: It gives out the opportunity to answer any questions about rumors going around on campus.
- z. President Schultz: There is the President, and there are the Vice Presidents, that meet once a week as the administrative council. If you have questions in regards to anything on campus, use Dean Ogle. Would you like to see anyone else up here?
- aa. Senator J. Honaker: Dean Seamen, and President Joyce would be helpful

Adjournment

- bb. Senator L. Honaker: Move to Adjourn
 - i. Senator Maginnis: Move to Second the Motion
- cc. 8:47 pm