

# Ripon College Student Senate

## Agenda for Wednesday December 2nd, 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. Fencing Club Constitutional Revisions
  - b. YAF Intent to Organize
  - c. English Equestrian Team Budget Reallocation
  - d. Parrallax One Fund Request
- II. Announcements
- III. Open Forum
- IV. Adjournment

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## Minutes for Wednesday November 18th, 2015

### I. Call to Order

- 6:30pm

### II. Approval of Old Minutes

- Correction: BSU did not say that the six flag event was going to be an annual event.S

### III. Committee Reports

#### a. Secretary Valdez

- Last minute email to all the senators informing them of a last minute addition to agenda, a One Fund Request by the Society of Physics Students.

#### b. Treasurer Grinde

- \$48,227.32

#### c. Vice President Hince

- Constitutional revisions will hopefully be taken into consideration after the break. I will send out a list for people sign up if they are interested in helping.
- The executive board will be keeping a copy of all constitutions in our office from here on out.

#### d. President Brixius

- No meeting next Wednesday due to thanksgiving.

#### e. Dean Ogle

- The Student Judiciary Board has really put themselves together this semester and are prepared to take on any issues you would like to take up with them.

#### f. What's Up With Your Group

- SMAC:
  - Many events with very good attendance so far, with many more to come.
  - Constitutional revisions will be happening in the future.
- Student Education Association:
  - Had teacher appreciation day and kindness awareness day.
  - Planning on doing a study group in the future.
- Ripon College Democrats
  - Thus far have worked with the CRs and have had two primary debate viewing parties and have had a panel with the CPP. Planning events for next semester.

#### g. One Fund Talk Back

- None
  - h. Student Activities Report
    - Missing organization forms from Love Your Melon
    - Intramural pool tournament this week.
    - 11th Annual ugly sweater contest on December 10th.
    - Late Night Breakfast December 16th.
  - i. Miscellaneous Committees
    - None
- IV. Old Business
- a. Parallax Constitutional Revisions
    - Nothing to do to last week.
    - Passed in the eyes of the Speaker
  - b. Greek Council Constitutional Revisions
    - Nothing to do to last week.
    - Passed in the eyes of the Speaker
- V. New Business
- a. Professor Hauge Concerning Accreditation
    - Every college has to be accredited and Ripon College is going through it right now.
    - This has to be done twice every decade.
    - On Monday December 7th and Tuesday December 8th a team of other higher learning officials will visit the college in order to evaluate it.
    - We prepare a report that concerns our admission, integrity, quality of our resources of teaching and learning, and the ongoing advancement of the college.
    - A committee of students, faculty and parents put the report together.
    - There should be no troubles with this process for the college.
  - b. La Unida One Fund Request
    - This is for a conference in February that we have gone to before, which we learned a lot from.
    - We would like to make this our annual trip.
    - Only the executive board will be attending this conference due to how expensive it is and they are best suited to learn from it.
    - The amount is actually \$1,562 and is amended to that amount.
    - This benefits the college by bringing back information that will help improve the diversity of the Ripon College.
    - This is being paid for completely by the One Fund.

- Food is included in the conference fee.
- Passed in the eyes of the speaker
- c. Society of Physics One Fund Request
  - The money will be spent to go to the largest refracting telescope in the world in Lake Geneva.
  - This will give us the opportunity to visit a historic place and observe the stars there.
  - The cost includes a complete tour for up to 20 people and the price of gas to get down there and back.
  - 10 people are interested in going at the moment, but are not expecting that many more.
  - Passed in the eyes of the speaker.

## II. Announcements

- None

## III. Open Forum

- Concerns that Senators are not doing their job. There was a complaint from a constituent that Senators are not informing them of what is going on.
- Senate can clarify their rules by writing a letter that Senate can adopt and pass on to the administration. This is based off the incident that happened with the Feminists having their posters taken down.

## IV. Adjournment

- 6:55PM

## Young Americans Foundation – Ripon College Chapter Constitution

### Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be Young Americans Foundation – Ripon College Chapter

### Article II. Mission and Purpose

The purposes of this Chapter are as follows:

- A. To educate the Ripon College students, about conservatism through speakers, campus activism initiatives and outreach.
- B. To provide an organizational framework to promote the general principles of Young Americans for Freedom which were adopted in Sharon, Connecticut on September 11, 1960, as follows:

In this time of moral and political crises, it is the responsibility of the youth of America to affirm certain eternal truths. We, as young conservatives, believe: That foremost among the transcendent values is the individual's use of his God-given free will, whence derives his right to be free from the restrictions of arbitrary force; That liberty is indivisible, and that political freedom cannot long exist without economic freedom; That the purpose of government is to protect those freedoms through the preservation of internal order, the provision of national defense, and the administration of justice; That when government ventures beyond these rightful functions, it accumulates power, which tends to diminish order and liberty; That the Constitution of the United States is the best arrangement yet devised for empowering government to fulfill its proper role, while restraining it from the concentration and abuse of power; That the genius of the Constitution- the division of powers- is summed up in the clause that reserves primacy to the several states, or to the people, in those spheres not specifically delegated to the Federal government; That the market economy, allocating resources by the free play of supply and demand, is the single economic system compatible with the requirements of personal freedom and constitutional government, and that it is at the same time the most productive supplier of human needs; That when government interferes with the work of the market economy, it tends to reduce the moral and physical strength of the nation; that when it takes from one man to bestow on another, it diminishes the incentive of the first, the integrity of the second, and the moral autonomy of both; That we will be free only so long as the national sovereignty of the United States is secure; that history shows periods of freedom are rare, and can exist only when free citizens concertedly defend their rights against all enemies; That the United States should stress victory over, rather than coexistence with, this menace; and That American foreign policy must be judged by this criterion: does it serve the just interests of the United States?

- C. To conduct and promote educational activities and provide leadership to bring about the objectives outlined in the Sharon Statement.
- D. To assist students in their efforts to understand and promote conservatism on campus and in the surrounding community.

### Article III. Membership and Eligibility Criteria

Section A: Membership is open to any enrolled Ripon College student who:

- 1. Respects the individual sovereignty of their fellow mankind
- 2. Is motivated to help educate their peers about the concepts of freedom

### Article IV. Voting

Section A: At least 5 members in good standing.

Section B: Each member in good standing may vote.

### Article V. Executive Committee and Officer Positions

Section A: The Executive Committee of this organization consists of the following Officers: President, Vice-President, Director of Operations, Director of Communications, Event Organizer, and Treasurer.

Section B: The term of each office begins on September 15 and ends on September 14 of the following year.

Section C: Elections for Officers shall occur between September 1 and September 15, during an election meeting scheduled and publicly announced at least seven days prior.

At the election meeting, an Elections Chair, preferably someone who has no interest in being nominated for an Officer position, shall be selected by nomination from the floor and subsequent approval by unanimous consent. The Elections Chair is responsible for distributing, collecting, and counting ballots, as well as serving as a parliamentarian for the meeting. The authority of the Elections Chair extends for only the elections meeting. Any decisions or announcements made by the Elections Chair may be challenged by anyone present at the elections meeting. Challenges shall then be voted on by everyone present; for the initial decision of the Elections Chair to be overturned, a two-thirds majority is required.

The process of electing Officers shall begin with nominations for each office initiated from the floor. A person may nominate himself/herself. A nominee may decline the nomination. Following nominations, each nominee shall have, if he/she desires, up to two minutes to speak.

Subsequently, Officers shall be elected by a secret-ballot majority vote. In the event of a tie, a run-off election between those tied shall take place. If a further tie occurs, the Elections Chair shall decide the winner.

Section D: An Officer may be removed from his position on the Executive Committee by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee. Any officer removed may appeal to the general membership. Said officer shall be considered reinstated with two-thirds approval of the members.

Section E: Any vacancy which may occur in an office shall be filled by appointment by the President pending a majority ratification at the next group meeting.

### Article VI. Officer Duties

- 1. President
  - a. Develops both broad and specific goals and plans for the organization
  - b. Develops meeting agendas
  - c. Runs meetings
  - d. Oversees and leads the Executive Committee

- e. Maintains relations with YAF national and state organizations
- f. Maintains relations with various college and non-college organizations
- g. Develops strategies for attracting and recruiting new members
- h. Maintains roster of members and petition-signers with contact information

1. Vice-President

- a. Assists President with all tasks
- b. Assumes Presidency if Presidency is vacated
- c. Acts as President if President is absent
- d. Books room for meetings

2. Director of Operations

- a. Prepares summary of each meeting and posts online
- b. Facilitates and coordinates communication between Officers
- c. Develops, maintains, and leads civil discussion forum for members online, with regular and focused topics
- d. Plans book clubs and/or other reading initiatives
- e. Coordinates publication efforts for essays, articles, and op-eds
- f. Coordinates efforts for contacting and influencing legislators
- g. Coordinates educational and academic outreach initiatives
- h. Assists President and Vice-President as needed

1. Director of Communications

- a. Writes press releases prior to and after events
- b. Calls or meets with media after sending press releases, but before events
- c. Works closely with Event Organizer to develop marketing strategies for events
- d. Following events, compiles video and print records for use by media, YAF national, Facebook page/group
- e. Maintains Facebook page and group
- f. Maintains profile on YAF national website

1. Event Organizer

- a. Works closely with President and Vice-President to plan and organize activism events including but not limited to the following: tabling, guest speakers, protests, debates, legislative efforts, petitioning, etc.
- b. Plans and organizes presentations at Student Activity Fair
- c. Plans and organizes socials
- d. Orders, purchases, and receives food and supplies for events
- e. Works closely with Director of Communications to market events
- f. Secures a photographer/videographer for events

1. Treasurer

- a. Maintains accurate records of finances, including transactions and balances of cash, checking accounts, spending accounts, grants, etc.
- b. Reviews and records all receipts and transactions
- c. Handles business, including printing and copying
- d. Completes applications for college and non-college funding sources, esp. ASM grants
- e. Develops fundraising strategies

**Article VII. General Meetings**

Section A: The times for regularly scheduled meetings shall be determined by the group

Section B: At least 2 days notice shall be given for each general meeting.

Section C: Special or emergency meetings may be called with less than 12 hours notice by the Executive Committee.

Section D: The meetings shall include a quorum, order of business, and disposition of the minutes.

**Article VIII. Member Conduct Policy**

Section A: All members shall treat their peers with respect and will refrain from antagonizing or rude behavior while participating in any and all group events.

Section B: Members who violate Section A will be issued a warning for their first offense. Additional misconduct beyond the first offense will be grounds for expulsion from the group by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Honorable Senators,

The Ripon English Equestrian Team and the Ripon Western Equestrian Team would like to request a re-allocation of funds between the two organizations. Due to a lack of interest in the Western team this year, the organization was not supported for competition. The two remaining riders, the captain and one other, have since transferred to the English team to compete. The Western Captain, Katie Warczak, and the English Captain, McKala Kiessling, would like for the funds initially budgeted for the Western Team, \$4278, to be allocated to the English budget to continue supporting the riders. These funds go toward covering lesson fees (\$35 per lesson), show fees (\$47 per class), insurance fees (\$49 per month), and hotel costs.

The budget for the English Team is not large enough to support the eight members it currently has. At the end of this semester the current budget of \$4966 for the English Team will stand at \$591 which is not sufficient to continue supporting the team during the spring semester. Our riders already cover a lot of the costs themselves, and we would prefer to not make the team members pay more than they are already required to.

Sincerely,

McKala Kiessling and Katie Warczak

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Dear Honorable Senators,

I apologize for not being able to attend this session of Student Senate, I had a prior commitment I was unable to reschedule, meaning this letter will have to speak for me at tonight's meeting. As it stood at the end of last year, the Western Equestrian Team appeared to be alive and well, as we had active members and our Open House revealed student interest in the organization. Unfortunately, we were unable to carry that momentum into the 2015-16 school year and as a result, the Western Team did not have enough willing participants to vet a viable team for this season. The English Equestrian Team graciously adopted the Western Team's members even though they had already begun practicing and their budget did not guarantee that an eight-person team was feasible. Given that the English Team has absorbed the former Western riders, I see the logical move to be that the English Team also takes over the Western Team's budget for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year. Such a movement of funds would allow the English Team to function effectively and easily for the remainder of the year and, by extension, allow Ripon College's reputation in the collegiate equestrian world to continue growing, as with more riders the team can improve its placings at shows and gain greater visibility and renown as the only liberal arts school in Wisconsin to support equestrian sports.

Sincerely,  
Katie Warczak

Western Equestrian Team  
Captain  
Class of 2016

REVISED:

## RIPON COLLEGE FENCING CLUB CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Ripon College Fencing Club. This club may also be referred to by the alternate title "The Ripon College Fencing Brigade".



## ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purposes of this club are:

1. To teach fencing to those who have no or little fencing experience in a friendly and safe environment.
2. To provide a space for those interested in fencing to practice and compete against each other.
3. To exist.
4. To organize Ripon participation for outside competition. Competition is not required, but it is a possibility for members of the club.

## ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all students of Ripon College. People who are not current students may be granted membership after approval from the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section A: Description of Officers and Duties:

1. CAPTAIN:
  - a. The CAPTAIN is in charge of organizing Officer meetings on a semi-regular basis.
  - b. The CAPTAIN is also in charge of motivating the club's members to fence (supplying an appropriate amount of the will to fight honorably and nobly, bloodlust, enthusiasm, etc.).
  - c. The CAPTAIN is also in charge of organizing weekly meetings for the club as a whole. These meetings may also be known as "practices".
2. VICE-CAPTAIN
  - a. The VICE-CAPTAIN is in charge of assisting the CAPTAIN in her/his duties as well as taking over for any Officer who is temporarily incapacitated.
3. SPOILS GUARDIAN (Treasurer)
  - a. This Officer is also in charge of any equipment procured by the club.
  - b. The SPOILS GUARDIAN is in charge of the club's funds and expenses. This Officer is also in charge of maintaining and documenting the club's equipment.
4. MAESTRO (Secretary)
  - a. The MAESTRO is in charge of maintaining equipment along with the SPOILS GUARDIAN.
  - b. The MAESTRO is also in charge of organizing an annual tournament which is open to members of the club as well as current and former students of the fencing class.

### Section B: Executive Board

The "Executive Board" refers to the collective entity of the club's Officers.

### Section C: On the Order of Succession:

Any Officer that is incapacitated (through medical means, physical injury, or otherwise) shall be replaced by the VICE-CAPTAIN. Should the VICE-CAPTAIN be incapacitated, a new VICE-CAPTAIN shall be elected as soon as possible.

## ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elections for Officer shall take place whenever a position is not filled or in the spring before the old Executive Board leaves for the summer. Elections will be decided majority vote of everyone who is present at the meeting when the election takes place.

## ARTICLE VI: ADVISOR

The club's advisor shall be a member of the Ripon College faculty or staff, and this advisor should be able to assist the club in matters of fencing.

## ARTICLE VII: IMPEACHMENT OF OFFICERS

If an Officer is found to be unable to perform her/his duties as defined in this document, they may be removed from their position with the votes of at least 2/3 of the other Executive Board members.

## ARTICLE VIII: COMPETITION

At any time, this club may choose to send one or more of its members to an outside fencing competition. To be eligible for this great honor, members must have participated in at least three practices a week for at least two weeks before the competition (additional practices will be offered, and exceptions may be made by the Executive Board).