

Ripon College Student Senate

Agenda for Wednesday February 3rd, 2016

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
 - A. Secretary Valdez
 - B. Treasurer Grinde
 - C. Vice President Hince
 - D. President Brixus
 - 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. YAF Constitutional Revisions
 - B. IR Club One Fund Request
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Open Forum
- VII. Adjournment

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Minutes for Wednesday January 27th , 2016

I. Call to Order

- 6:30 PM

II. Approval of old Minutes

III. Committee Reports

A. Secretary Valdez

- None

B. Treasurer Grinde

- One Fund: \$39,988.52
- Every group gets 10\$ for printing now that printing costs money, you can get more if you request it.
- For budget hearings this year you can submit to not change it and it will save everyone time.

C. Vice President Hince

- Constitution review committee Saturday at 1PM.

D. President Brixus

- Inform people on one opening Senator position because one Senator went greek.

E. Dean Ogle

- Don't be disillusioned by the lack of an agenda today, the rest of this semester will have a lot of things on it such as, constitutional revisions, elections and budget hearings.

F. What's Up With Your Group?

- None

G. One Fund Talk Back

- None

H. Student Activities Report

- Orientation Committee applications are available and are due by Friday, Feb 5, looking for a lot applications for a larger more diverse group of people this year.
- Intramural Basketball and Bowling will be starting soon - see imleagues.-com/ripon for more information.
- All organization registration forms are turned in.

I. Miscellaneous Committees

- None

IV. Old Business

- None

V. New Business

- None

VI. Announcements

- RA applications are out, apply now!

VII. Open Forum

- New constituents lists will be reevaluated when initiation is completed.

VII. Adjournment

- 6:38 PM

IR One Fund Request to bring in two speakers

\$500 for hotel expenditures

\$500 for plane tickets

\$300 for food and after speech dinner

\$200 for miscellaneous expenditures

YAF Constitutional Revisions:

Young Americans Foundation Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) – Ripon College Chapter Constitution

Article I. Name

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Article II. Mission and Purpose

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A. To educate the Ripon College students, about conservatism through speakers, campus activism initiatives and outreach.

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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.

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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

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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
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 - a. Maintains accurate records of finances, including transactions and balances of cash, checking accounts, spending accounts, grants, etc.
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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.

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