

# Ripon College Student Senate

## Agenda for Wednesday November 18th, 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
  - A. Greek Council Constitutional Revisions
  - B. Parallax Constitutional Revisions
- V. New Business
  - A. Professor Hauge about accreditation
  - B. La Unida One Fund Request
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Adjournment

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## Minutes for Wednesday November 11th, 2015

- I. Call to Order
  - 6:30PM
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
  - A. Secretary Valdez
    - None
  - B. Treasurer Grinde
    - The One Fund stands at \$48,227.32
  - C. Vice President Hince
    - None
  - D. President Brixius
    - Senator Wilson is no longer able to be an independent Senator because he was initiated into Theta Chi this past weekend and can no longer represent independents.
    - We are therefore looking for a new Senator to represent the seniors.
    - Please inform your constituents of the open position. We would prefer it be a senior, but if we can not find a senior that is fine.
  - E. Dean Ogle
    - None
  - F. What's Up With Your Group
    - Ripon College Feminists
      - One Big Sexy Blowout is this Sunday afternoon. It will include organizations such as Planned Parenthood and Pure Romance to talk about sex and hand things outs.
      - Meeting attendance has been very high this year and things are looking good.
    - WRPN
      - The radio station is back online and things are going well. Thank you for the One Fund last year.
    - QSA
      - LGBTQ+ History Month went well with lots of events with good attendance.
    - Circle K
      - Are attempting to reach out even more, particularly outside of the Ripon community.
    - Pre-Health Society
      - Visited the Medical College of Wisconsin this past weekend and got to talk to the Dean of Admissions from UW about how to get into medical school.
    - Womens Lacrosse
      - 18 girls are on the team.

- Practices are twice a week.
- Had a scrimmage with UW Oshkosh last week and we are in talks concerning games and tournaments for next season.
- Greek Council
  - This year has brought about a lot of changes, which have been good.
  - Had a car smash event at midterms and are having a chili cook off in December.
- Black Student Union
  - September 2nd had a social gathering to promote the group.
  - September 23rd had a Straight Talk event to discuss political issues.
  - Had a successful trip to Six Flags which will become an annual thing.
  - Soul Week was extremely popular and successful.
  - Planning a holiday party for December.
  - Meets Wednesdays in B12 at 5:15.
- La Unida
  - Hispanic Heritage Month went well.
  - Skull painting party for Halloween with Res Life which had a high turnout.
  - Planning Las Posadas for December
- Ripon College Republicans
  - Putting a panel together with the Center for Politics and the People next week.
  - Have had two debate watch parties with the Ripon College Democrats.

#### G. One Fund Talk Back

- None

#### H. Student Activities Report

- None

#### I. Miscellaneous Committees

- Trustee Committee
  - Discussed the progress of Storzer, which has gotten the loan it needed and will be started next semester.
  - Discussed Rallynet and its effects on campus.

#### IV. Old Business

- None

#### V. New Business

##### A. Brian Disterhaft Talk About IT Changes

- The move toward the new Wifi/Rallynet system was started last October.
- The point of the new system is for it to be campus wide and secure.
- Rallynet is the securest system for the college because it is a secure and encrypted connection and allows to onboard most devices with the least amount of problems.
- The new Wifi/Rallynet system increased the size of the connection by five-fold and is now at par or above the other ACM schools.
- Johnson & Scott halls will soon be getting another upgrade with the other buildings to follow suit.

- If students are having troubles connecting to Rallynet read the instructions and if you still have problems come to IT.
- The new network is primarily for mobile devices so in the residence halls smart TVs, gaming consoles and other non-mobile devices should be connected via ethernet cable.
- The software that is downloaded to access the Wifi/Rallynet is Express Connect and is only a verification code that lasts a semester so that students can connect and it is the most secure way to connect to the wifi. This software is not uncommon on other campuses.

#### B. Greek Council Constitutional Revisions

- The organization is going through a transition process and that is why the constitution is needed to be changed.
- This is to solidify what we are changing and make sure the Executive Board is correct.
- Last year the constitution was never fully revised so it is being completed this year.
- Friendly amendment: Quorum to be defined as half the members.
- Friendly amendemnt: grammatical correction of Article 7.
- Passed in the eyes of the speaker.

#### C. Parallax Constitutional Revisions

- Last year the organization was not left a constitution and others could not be found so one was drafted.
- Friendly amendment: the editorial staff will be responsible for advertising.
- Friendly amendment: remove Megan Gannon as being stated as faculty adviser.
- Passed in the eyes of the speaker

#### D. Parallax One Fund Request

- The \$10,000 request comes from what it cost last time to print the publication.
- The actual price will be cheaper than the One Fund Request and the remaining money will be given back to Senate.
- This One Fund Request is so big because Parallax has no budget.
- There are currently 15 members on staff.
- The reason for switching back from the online publication from last year to a print publication is that there was a lot of discontent and negative feedback about the online publication.
- The amount requested is quoted for 300 copies and 115 pages, and neither of wont be needed.
- There is no infrastructure on campus to print so the printing will be done by Ripon Printing, will be in color, and will be longer than 50 pages, hence why it will be so expensive nonetheless.
- Each person who contributes to the publication, and every student & faculty member who expresses interest via a Google form will be given one.
- The publication will be done in the Spring.

- Based on the belief that this One Fund Request is not fully ready to be discussed due to its lack of details and lack of specific pricing it was moved to be postponed until December 2nd.
- Motion to postpone until December 2nd passed in the eyes of the speaker

#### VI. Announcements

- SMAC having a band this Saturday night called Valleyhill.
- Res Life is having TOTU this Saturday night.
- Ripon College Feminists' One Big Sexy Blowout event this Sunday.

#### VII. Open Forum

- None

#### VIII. Adjournment

- 7:14PM

**La Unida One Fund Proposal**

November 11, 2015

Dear Student Senate,

The United States Hispanic Leadership Conference is a great opportunity for students to learn and understand the education of Latinos, the role that we play in the United States, and how we are emerging in this fast changing society and educational system. All of the workshops have a different topic, but all are based on the roles that Latinos have played in the advancement of this country and also the new roles that we will take forward for the same end goal. We are able to meet great role models who have walked the first steps in the path to guide us to the success that we have so passionately been in search of for so many years. La Unida is requested funds to attend this important annual conference in Chicago Illinois February 18-21, 2016.

**List of Expenses**

- 1. 5 members of the organizations to attend the conference- \$1,075
  - 2. Hotel accommodations (1 room)- \$417 for entire stay
  - 3. Transportation via college vehicle both ways- \$70
- = \$1,559

Please consider sending your students to this integral event to continue to make Ripon College a more diverse and inclusive institution.

Signed,

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La Unida President

Stephanie Lopez  
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La Unida Vice President

Jose Zavala  
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La Unida Treasurer