

# Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

- I. Call to Order
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- III. Committee Reports
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  - b. Treasurer Ruedinger
  - c. Vice President Bavery
  - d. President Schultz
  - e. Dean Ogle
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# Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
  - a. Senator Koch: **Move to Approve**
    - i. Senator Berres-Green: **Move to Second the Motion**
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Secretary VanSteenbergen
    - i. Please sign in.
  - b. Treasurer Ruedinger
    - i. The one fund stands at \$70,778.63. Also, as Treasurer, I am responsible for all equipment owned by student groups. WRPN will be having a record sale on Saturday. All the money they raise will go into the one fund. If other groups would like to use the records before they are sold, talk to me.
  - c. Vice President Bavery
    - i. Last night was the second CSO meeting of the year. 30 groups were in attendance. We talked about feedback from the Student Activities Fair. We also talked about Siblings Weekend, an event that will be held next semester. If you know of a group that would like to help out, contact Melissa Bemus. 12 groups were not present at CSO. 6 groups have missed both meetings. Of those, 4 have not turned in their registration sheets.
  - d. President Schultz
    - i. Senior Class Board elections will be held Thursday and Friday in the Commons during lunch and dinner. We still need some help at the ballot table, so if you are available, please sign up for that. To those Senators who need to leave early, please ask for permission to be excused as usual. Finally, I would just like to reference the fact that we have a lengthy agenda tonight. I remind you all to please check your personal beliefs and feelings at the door and represent your constituents in your voting.
  - e. What's Up With Your Group?
    - i. SMAC: I would like to respond to some comments that we've received. First of all, SMAC is currently in a transition period. There were some issues with miscommunication concerning the showing of Toy Story 3 and with a Union Party. The movie was not available for us to use. As always, we welcome your feedback. Our meetings are open to all, so please come and share with us.
  - f. Student Activities Report
    - i. The following organizations have not turned in registration forms as of 5:00pm today: American Red Cross Club, Armchair Association, FUERZA Alliance, Parallax, Service Council, and Women's Boxing Club. Thanks to those who attended the Diversity Matters Now! Program today! October is GLBT History Month and events will be taking place throughout the month. Watch for more information to come out very soon. The deadline for Innertube Water Polo & Indoor Soccer team forms is next Tuesday, Oct 12 at 5:00pm. Please turn these forms in to the Bovay Fitness Center. Wednesday, Oct 13 at 8pm there will be an Intramural Pool Tournament in the Pub. Fill out the registration form that was emailed out or email Chris Stindt to receive the form again.
      - 1. Senator Johnson: If groups haven't turned in their forms, can they still be active?
      - 2. Vice President Bavery: The Women's Boxing Club, if that's what you're referring to, has contacted Melissa Bemus. The Ripon Red Cross Club has to find a new advisor. The other groups have no student leadership at this time.
  - g. Miscellaneous Committees
    - i. Trustee Board Operations Committee: The main issue discussed was the Merriman house. Due to the court case concerning this issue, I can't say a lot about what was discussed. I have a letter from the chair of the Trustee Board which I can read to you. I can take feedback from you, but I am not able to give you much information. "At its annual meeting, the Ripon College Board of Trustees, through its Committee on Operations, heard a proposal from representatives from the Merriman Alumni Board of Regents regarding the future of Merriman House. It also reviewed analysis and background provided by the President and Administrative Council. After careful consideration and deliberation, the Committee on Operations recommended to the Board that, as a matter of policy, all Greek letter social organizations and other organized and college-recognized student living groups, including Merriman Club, be required to live in standard College residence halls and not in a separate house. The committee also recommended to the Board that Merriman House not be renovated for use by Merriman Club as a residence hall. The full Board then discussed a motion to adopt these recommendations. It voted to table the motion and propose further discussions with the Merriman Alumni Board of Regents about

alternative solutions. The results of any such discussions would be presented to the Trustees by no later than February 2011." This letter can be found on the Ripon website.

1. President Schultz: Given the nature of this issue, please limit any feedback to statements to alleviate any legal issues.
  2. Operations: I can try to answer questions. I know what I can and cannot say.
  3. Senator J. Honaker: What would happen to the house if it's ruled no longer livable?
  4. Operations: The school has full discretion over it.
  5. Senator L. Honaker: How should we contact you if we have feedback for the committee?
  6. Operations: Email works best.
  7. Senator Koch: I too am a representative on this committee. This issue will become more controversial. Take to your constituents about it.
  8. Operations: I'm not even sure that people are aware that there is a court case.
  9. Senator Rohrbeck: Will the committee be meeting before February to discuss this?
  10. Operations: There's another meeting in February.
  11. President Schultz: The Board of Trustees meets three times a year. The Committee will meet again before that full board meeting to discuss this.
- ii. Trustee Board Academic Affairs Committee: This committee saw no voting action. The meeting was primarily composed of a report on the current condition of the college from Dean Seaman and the Registrar. Student-faculty collaborative research was cited as a high priority. The student-faculty ratio currently is 14.93:1. The goal for that area is 12:1. Another goal is to hire 2-4 faculty members a year. For the next year, given the budget constraints, the school is possibly able to hire 1. The state of the library was discussed at length. Our library is struggling in comparison to our aspirant schools, or the schools we compare ourselves to. The average spending per student in our aspirant group is \$446.62; ours is \$191.43. There was some good news. Five new classrooms have been made "smart". Also, the way in which the college handles registration is unique. Most schools handle this over the internet, but, by doing it on paper, the Registrar's office can stem the tide of class closeouts. Instead of 500 students being closed out of classes each semester, the Registrar can limit that to 100.
- iii. Trustee Board Development Committee: They hired a survey team to talk to top donors; they had contacted and interviewed 37 of a desired 50 at the time of meeting. Most expressed opinions they like the way the college is going, they think enrollments good and were in a good financial situation but think we can do better on the money and believe that a couple bad years of donations could throw the college off track. They're starting a campaign to pull in donors, pull back old donors who have stopped and are disconnected. There's a feeling that some people are holding back on big gifts because they're scared of the economy and who will be in control of congress. Some people also feel that the academics are not as strong as they once were and hope for improvement there. Generally people are behind the college, and they even like President Joyce. The program has two components; affinity is the donor's connection to the college and if they have urges to give, if Ripon is on their list of charities where is it on the list? Also, their ability to give based on known public assets. They're going to start a database somehow to keep this information. The big campaign is going to focus on pulling back big donors and balance some of the emphasis on the 2.2 million dollar annual fund.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Religion and Politics Panel One Fund: We want to bring together voices from different religions to talk about politics. We have four speakers representing five religions. Mohammad Rashid, the President of the Fox Valley Islamic Society will represent Islam; Michael Nichols, professor of Asian Religions, with represent Buddhism and Hinduism; Gary Wolfman from the Jewish Temple in Oshkosh with represent Judaism; Reverend Paul Nulton of the Immanuel United Methodist Church of Ripon will represent Christianity. We have several cosponsors for this event. It will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> in Great Hall. We're asking for \$145 to cover the rest of the Honoraria.
- i. Lisa Hilleren: Have you considered an Atheist or Agnostic perspective for the panel?
  - ii. We would love one, but we can't find someone.
  - iii. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
    1. Senator Koch: **Move to Second the Motion**
  - iv. Senator Lewis: This seems like a good idea. However, I don't think it's complete without a secular viewpoint.
  - v. Senator L. Honaker: Have you solicited other groups to contribute financially?
  - vi. We talked to the Politics and Government department. Marty Farrell said they were not able to donate, but he's giving students extra credit for going.
  - vii. Senator Rohrbeck: Is the date for this set?
  - viii. Yes.
  - ix. Senator J. Honaker: What is your expected turnout?
  - x. We're expecting 50-100 people to come. There will be a question and answer session at the end for the panelists.
  - xi. Senator Schaefer: were you able to find any pro bono speakers?

- xii. The Christian and Buddhist speakers are not accepting money from us.
  - xiii. Senator Davidson: What position does the Jewish representative hold in the Temple?
  - xiv. None. He's a lawyer.
  - xv. **Religion and Politics Panel One Fund Vote Passes 24-1-0**
- b. The Network One Fund: We received a request to do something for GLBT History Month. We're planning an event called "A Different Christian Perspective on GLBT Issues" by Pastor Mary Gaye McKinney. Pastor McKinney is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ who happens to be a lesbian. The event is planned for October 13<sup>th</sup>. We are only requesting \$150 because the Religion department gave \$50.
- i. Senator Osenberg: **Move to Approve**
    - 1. Senator Colette: **Move to Second the Motion**
  - ii. Senator Lewis: What is your group's budget?
  - iii. Treasurer Ruedinger: \$3065
  - iv. Senator L. Honaker: will you be working with Sodexo for your food?
  - v. Once we have the funds, we will work something out with them.
  - vi. Senator L. Honaker: Can you elaborate on what you mean by compensation?
  - vii. We'll be paying for McKinney's travel and food. The pastor is being housed for the evening, so we don't need to worry about that.
  - viii. Senator J. Honaker: Why is The Network not paying for this from its budget?
  - ix. Our funds are committed to other events. This is something outside of the budget.
  - x. Senator J. Honaker: Why not use you Miscellaneous Budget?
  - xi. I am not an officer; I only know that the budget is dedicated elsewhere.
  - xii. Senator Maginnis: what time will this event happen?
  - xiii. That hasn't been determined yet. Probably 6:30pm or 7:00pm.
  - xiv. Senator J. Honaker: what is your expected attendance?
  - xv. 25-75.
  - xvi. Senator Maginnis; I would expect a lot of people, given the attendance at Diversity Matters Now!
  - xvii. **The Network One Fund Vote Passes 22-2-1**
- c. CRU Intent to Organize: The main reason we want to form is because there is only one option for Christians on this campus and that's CCF. The main difference between the two groups is evangelism. We have groups of many different varieties on the campus, particularly among the multicultural groups. Yield to Marcus Neeld → I'm the advisor of many cultural groups on campus. I'm here to clarify some questions about the creation of various cultural groups. The truth is that membership in all groups fluctuates. FUERZA hasn't had the membership that it has wanted. Hablamos did not affect that. A similar notion is BSU and CDC. The groups complement each other. Having multiple clubs means there are more options. Yield to Chris Stindt → I attended my undergrad at UW Oshkosh. They had both CRU and CCF. The two groups are able to coexist. It worked well there. Speaker → There are many different kinds of Christians. We have 25 students interested. We would be a part of an international organization. This organization won't cost anything because the national org will handle expenses. We can bring in and use resources together with CCF and SARC. CRU is led by professionals who teach about Christianity. We want good diversity in our religious knowledge as a college, and this group can help achieve that. I'm passing out a list of what CRU will and will not do. [See Appendix 1 for list]
- i. Sam Mutschelknaus: On behalf of the SARC members, I'm fine with this group forming.
  - ii. Lisa Hilleren: As an atheist, I'm fine with it.
  - iii. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
    - 1. Senator Doetsch: **Move to Second the Motion**
  - iv. Senator Oliver: this is the most prepared I have ever seen a group in front of Senate. My constituents are for it. The national affiliation will take care of all costs, so we'll get no One Funds from them. By passing this, we're not losing money.
  - v. Senator Lewis: I agree that you're prepared, but preparedness doesn't have anything to do with what you want. People voted no to this group because of your goals.
  - vi. Senator Muza: Are you willing to work with CCF?
  - vii. Yes, if they will do so.
  - viii. Senator Muza: We aren't looking at hostile organizations. Though they wait to remain separate, they will work together.
  - ix. Senator Kaounas: What are the changes between this intent to organize and the one we saw three weeks ago?
  - x. It's a different group. CRU is a different name.
  - xi. Senator J Honaker: What about the different?
  - xii. I met with many people and groups to talk about the concerns they had with the group.
  - xiii. Senator Oliver: This Intent is for CRU. We need to focus on what CRU will do for the campus. All groups are connected.
  - xiv. Senator Lewis: Yield to Speaker → I would like to explain the international goals. The first is to up international membership in the organization, just like many other groups' top goal. The second is to equip the leaders of CRU with the materials they need. The third is to go to schools like ours, start a group, and share faith.
  - xv. Senator Schaefer: What does it mean when it says "help lost students"?
  - xvi. Students who are curious or don't know what to believe.

- xvii. Senator Osenberg: We want diverse people. No one has to join this club. It's not a big deal.
- xviii. Senator Kasubaski: The group has a lot of opportunities.
- xix. Senator Maginnis: I'm glad you came back. This has nothing to do with CCF. As far as the national affiliation goes, they still have to follow Senate and school rules, just like every other group. **I move for a role call vote for the rest of the meeting.**
  - 1. Senator Muza: **Move to Second the Motion**
- xx. **Motion to Roll Call Vote Passes 11-10-0**
- xxi. Senator Kaounas: I would like to comment you preparedness also. Thank you.
- xxii. Senator Davidson: How do you intend to expand here?
- xxiii. By having events and speakers.
- xxiv. **CRU Intent to Organize Vote Passes 17-3-1 [See Appendix 2 for Voting Record]**
- d. Redhawks for Life Intent to Organize: Three years ago, there was a right-to-life group on campus. I have interest from people who would like to be a part of the group. There is no clear answer as to why the old group disbanded. On our cover letter, there is a list of activities that we would be able to take part in. There has been some talk about the Cemetery for the Innocents. It would just be a way of showing the number of lives lost to abortion, much like the 9-11 tribute that the College Republicans display.
  - i. Tyler Hopewell: I think this is a hot issue that has the potential to incite violence. The comparison between the 9-11 tribute and this Cemetery for the Innocents is wrong.
  - ii. Lisa Hilleren: It seems like the purpose of the Cemetery would be to make people uncomfortable.
  - iii. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve**
    - 1. Senator Muza: **Move to Second the Motion**
  - iv. Senator Lewis: You state in your constitution that your group does not discriminate on the basis of several characteristics, including creed. However, Article 5, Section 2 states "Only members who hold pro-life views may become officers". This is blatant discrimination.
  - v. Senator Oliver: My constituents have issues with the mission statement. The groups would not be able to change the legality of this issue, so you would not be able to fulfill your mission. You'd be set up for failure.
  - vi. Senator Osenberg: The Cemetery would be one time per year?
  - vii. Yes.
  - viii. Senator Osenberg: Would you be in favor of striking Article 5 Section 2 from your constitution?
  - ix. Yes.
  - x. Senator Osenberg: **I move to cut Article 5 Section 2 from the Redhawks for life Constitution.**
    - 1. Senator Muza: **Move to Second the Motion**
  - xi. **No Objections. Motion passes; Accepted as Friendly.**
  - xii. Senator Osenberg: This group has a right to be here.
  - xiii. Senator Muza: I have no problem with the group, but my constituents have issues with the wording. In Article 3 Section 4, why is this necessary?
  - xiv. We work with adult chapters of the organization.
  - xv. Senator Muza: Concerning that same section, how would you do this?
  - xvi. Sending out emails. Maybe utilizing campus mail.
  - xvii. Senator Muza: Why don't you have a Treasurer?
  - xviii. Treasury is under the office of the President.
  - xix. Senator Muza: Article 5 Section 4 talks about the President's right to extend term limits. Is there any regulation on this?
  - xx. That's in the Constitution so that, if no one has interest in filling positions, the presiding member may continue.
  - xxi. Senator Schaefer: On the day that the Cemetery is up, I think there is potential to make students uncomfortable.
  - xxii. The point is raise awareness.
  - xxiii. Senator Schaefer: I have concerns about those individuals on campus that may have had abortions.
  - xxiv. We could be doing much worse things.
  - xxv. Senator L Honaker: What's your interest like right now?
  - xxvi. 16 people.
  - xxvii. Senator L Honaker: Would there be other displays?
  - xxviii. The organization provides literature. It wouldn't be like the Bible men. We'd be at a table handing out to people who wanted it.
  - xxix. Senator L Honaker: As President Schultz said, keep personal issues off the table and vote as your constituents would want you to.
  - xxx. Senator Zaw: My constituents were shocked. They were wondering how in your face you would be. There were concerns that pro-life posters could be threatening to pro-choicers.
  - xxxi. Senator Osenberg: Just an FYI, campus mailings have to be approved. The reason for the disbandment was that the group lost members to graduation and transfers, and the then-current president couldn't keep it going.

- xxxii. Senator Oliver: I urge Senators to vote this down, but I urge the group to come back and try again after you rework some of your wording.
- xxxiii. Senator Doetsch: I think this would create conflict. How would it not?
- xxxiv. Many groups are controversial. People deal with it. We're not trying to create hostility.
- xxxv. Senator Kaounas: Would you have to One Fund for the crosses for the Cemetery?
- xxxvi. No.
- xxxvii. Senator Kaounas: My constituents are still concerned with the Cemetery. I will vote no.
- xxxviii. Senator Maginnis: For all the literature, the posters, and the displays, they'd need approval, right?
- xxxix. President Schultz: Yes, from the Dean of Students office.
- xl. Senator Maginnis: This group would still have to follow campus rules. I do feel that the constitution is confusing.
- xli. Senator Wallick: The old group put baby socks on people's door knobs. Are you planning that?
- xlii. It's not allowed.
- xl.iii. Senator Schaefer: if you don't get approved, would you come back with a more passive show of symbolism?
- xliv. More civil is against the constitution.
- xlv. Senator Schaefer: You see no middle ground?
- xlvi. This display leans toward the subtle, believe me.
- xlvii. Senator Schaefer: That's not what the constituents think.
- xl.iii. Senator Muza: My constituency has no problem with the group, but there are issues with wording.
- xlix. Senator J Honaker: Would you ever have to ask for money from us?
  - l. We would take funds from nationals. The most we would ever have to ask for would be a speaker.
  - li. Senator Berres-Green: You should pursue the idea of debates.
  - lii. Senator Kaounas: The socks that the last group used were allowed because they advertised the group.
  - liii. **Redhawks for Life Intent to Organize Vote Fails 4-15-2 [See Appendix 2 for voting record]**

#### V. Announcements

- a. Senator L Honaker: Come to the Cinemaniacs meeting tomorrow night. Also, we're planning a movie night for Friday.
- b. Senator Oliver: The Kappa Delta Shamrock Event is Saturday.
- c. Senator Kasubaski: ROTC took 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 at out competition.
- d. Senator Maginnis: WRPN's record sale will be in the Pub from 8-2 this Saturday. \$1-\$2 per record. The money will be going into the One Fund.
- e. Senator Osenberg: Come to the Theta Chi Brat Fry.
- f. Senator Wallick: The Alpha Chi Omega 5k walk/run is this weekend. Sign up in the Commons.

#### VI. Open Forum

- a. Senator L. Honaker: there is already vandalism on the GLBT fact poster. Encourage your constituents to be respectful.
- b. Senator Doetsch: What can groups do if they don't get Senate recognition?
- c. President Schultz: They are not about to send out mass emails. They are able to put up posters.
- d. Senator Maginnis: I apologize for the role call vote. Considering the issues on the table tonight, I felt that Senators should be accountable for their votes.

#### VII. Adjournment

- a. Senator L Honaker: **Move to Adjourn**
  - i. Senator Muza: **Move to Second the Motion**
- b. 8:20pm

## Appendix 2: Role Call Voting Record

Senator	CRU Intent to Organize Vote	Redhawks for Life Intent to Organize Vote
Muza	Y	N
Schaefer	N	A
Orth	Y	N
Berres-Green	Y	N
Colette	Y	Y
Oliver	Y	N
Osenberg	Y	Y
Wallick	Y	N
Fischer	Y	Y
J. Honaker	N	N
Jensen	Y	N
Kiessling	Y	N
Davidson	Y	N
L. Honaker	A	N
Maginnis	Y	A
Doetsch	Y	N
Zaw	Y	Y
Kaounas	Y	N
Leuenberger	Y	N
Kasubaski	Y	N
Lewis	N	N
Vote Tally	17-3-1	4-15-2