

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for February 6, 2013

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Allen:
 - b. Treasurer Mikesell:
 - c. Vice President Davidson:
 - d. President Kiessling:
 - 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
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- V. New Business
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Adjournment

Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for January 30, 2013

Attendance Record:

Brian Fritsch- 0	Andrew Miller- 0	Amy Lindsey- 0
Alexander McNeil- 2	McKenzie Trelka- 0	Nick From- 0
Daniela Santiago- 0	Andrew Carballo- 0	Adam Orth-
Caroline Kordes- 0	Elizabeth walsh- 0	Austin Oliver- 0
Alexandra Haen- 0	Anders Goodwin- 0	Peter Hayes- 0
Ben Ranesh- 0	Kamelle Van Der Leest- 0	Rebecca Ramage- 0
Jennifer Keller- 0	Diakeishaye Murphy-Gunnels-0	Alexander Hagen- 0
McKala Kiessling- 0	Samantha Kay- 0	

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
 - a. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 - i. Senator Lindsey: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Allen: No report, just sign in.
 - b. Treasurer Mikesell: The one fund balance is currently \$32,390.88.
 - c. Vice President Davidson: No report.
 - d. President Kiessling: For my report, we will be doing a little bit of shuffling for new business. As you guys know we needed someone to fill the spot on the academics and standards committee and we think we have found a quality candidate. So we are going to be putting that as letter A under new business. Dean Ogle will not be here tonight. If you have any questions email him.
 - e. Dean Ogle
 - f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - i. The College Days: We came out with the first issue of the semester last night so you can start getting your every other weekly fix of the college days. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email them at the college days email account which is collegedays@ripon.edu. This includes any story ideas or corrections you need to make, anything like that, we are certainly more than willing to listen to what the students have to say about the paper.
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. CRU: You guys were gracious in giving us our one fund to go to our nationals meeting in Minneapolis. The conference went really well. On the day of outreach we sent some people into the city to spread that out and give packages away. So we thank you for that opportunity and if you have any questions we would be happy to answer them.
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Ripon College Libertarians Constitutional Revisions
 - i. As you know it's updating our constitution so that way we can change our groups name and also our mission but it's not really controversial, so hopefully you pass it again.
 - ii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Lindsey: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Passes 20:0:0
- V. New Business
 - a. Academic Standards Committee Appointment
 - i. As you guys know we had an email go out about that last week and we had about 7 applicants apply to this and we have narrowed it down to Amy Nowak.
 - ii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Lindsey: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Walsh: Just out of curiosity, was there a variety of different class?
 - iv. President Kiessling: We actually did, we had about 3 freshmen, 2 sophomores, and a couple seniors.
 - v. Passes 19:1:0
 - b. Springfest One Fund
 - i. President Kiessling: I just wanted to make a note, they are requesting a budget reallocation of one thousand dollars and according to operating rules, article 2, section h, SMAC can only reallocate 500 dollars without requesting it from the senate, so we will be voting on the whole thing. We will be voting on their budget reallocation and the one fund together, unless you guys pull them apart, just so we are clear.
 - ii. We are requesting this money for Springfest. For those of you who don't know what Springfest is about, it's a great time for students on the last weekend before finals. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

- iii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Lindsey: Move to second the motion.
- iv. Senator Ranes: Move to a Roll Call Vote.
 - 1. Senator Fritsch: Move to second the motion.
 - 2. Fails 6:12:2
- v. Senator Van Der Leest: Do you guys remember how much you asked for last year?
- vi. Last year we asked for about 7,000 and we reallocated about 600 dollars from our budget.
- vii. Senator Walsh: Is there a reason why you are choosing to request to reallocate 1000 dollars, instead of more or less?
- viii. It's because it's all the homecoming committee had in the rest of their budget, and so we are just trying to lower the amount we requested for the one fund. That's what I talked to the treasurer of SMAC and that's how much they had left in their budget.
- ix. Senator Kay: Why do inflatable activities cost 3000 dollars and how many are there?
- x. There will be four inflatable and five staff there to help. Last year, this is the cheapest I have seen it so far. I've got multiple quotes and we search for about three or four companies and this is actually a local company from Wisconsin in Neenah and they are actually giving us a discount.
- xi. Senator Kay: Do we need more inflatable than we had last year?
- xii. It was ok, it will just be more of a choice for the student body. It's just about choices.
- xiii. Senator Goodwin: You stated that in the one fund that you couldn't disclose the band you were signing, the only updates on that?
- xiv. The only times I would be able to disclose the bands is when we do get the one fund because we can't off them any money or any contracts until we actually got the money at hand.
- xv. Senator McNeil: So you won't say who you are even considering for the headliner band, because a lot of my constituents were concerned about the 7500 because they wanted to know who the band might be.
- xvi. We can't disclose who exactly the band is going to be at this time. The top three bands we have narrowed it down to are Red Jump, We the Kings and Philips Philips. They are the top that we have surveyed near the end of last semester.
- xvii. Senator Walsh: Would it be possible for you guys to reallocate more money, or is that not possible.
- xviii. At this point I just don't see it being feasible.
- xix. Senator Miller: If you don't want Springfest to suck, vote for this one fund.
- xx. Senator Keller: What are inflatables?
- xxi. They are just like carnival games where you just fight with q-tip things or stuff like that.
- xxii. Senator Van Der Leest: Just for next year, if you could do a Saturday that is not on a track meet, because on years past is has always been on a track meet. So if you could switch that up, that would be awesome.
- xxiii. Passes 20:0:0
- c. Student Senate Constitutional Revisions
 - i. Vice-President Davisons: As you can see we have a made a bunch of revisions to the student senate constitution. If you have any questions about any of the changes we hope to make, just let me know.
 - ii. President Kiessling: Just so you guys know, we normally would have given you the whole constitution and operating rules but we were trying to save some paper so we only gave you the pages that had changes on them.
 - iii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Lindsey: Move to second the motion.
 - iv. Senator Ranes: Move to a Roll Call Vote.
 - 1. Senator Fritsch: Move to second the motion.
 - 2. Fails 7:12:1
 - v. Senator Fritsch: I had a constituent who was concerned about the procedure for replacing a senator. I believe it says a 2/3 vote from their constituents and a 2/3 vote from the senate as well, is that correct?
 - vi. President Kiessling: No. What we were trying to do with this is fix the problem. They were going to meet with us as an exec team and see if we can come to a solution and if the constituent is still unhappy, they can petition and get 2/3 of the senator's constituents to sign this petition to remove this senator and then we will pass it to the judiciary board to handle it. Just because we thought it would be a little hairy to have a senator vote out one of their own.
 - vii. Senator Fritsch: My constituent says we want to amend that to 2/3 from the senator's floor and 2/3 from the senate.
 - viii. President Kiessling: The only reason why we didn't do that is that everyone here knows that senator and that would be really hard.
 - ix. Senator Fritsch: I move to amend the constitution to say a 2/3 vote from the floor of the senator in the question, followed by a 2/3 vote from the senate.
 - 1. Senator Miller: Move to second the motion.
 - 2. Senator Walsh: I think it's a really good idea to keep the senate out of this one because I think that we are bias.

3. Senator Ranes; The reasons why I would oppose having the senate vote on this, is because this is a matter that should be between constituents and their senator and it shouldn't matter to other senators and to other senator's constituents on how it's handled, that is also why I think it is a perfectly reasonable explanation to send it to the judiciary board afterwards because they hear all sorts of cases like this. I think it something that needs to be between the senator and their constituents first.
4. Senator Fritsch: My constituents says that he feels that the way it currently stands is that it would be too easy to remove a senator and he wants to make it that they cannot be removed within on a whim.
5. Senator Ranes; I think that in a lot of cases it would be kind of difficult to get 2/3 of a constituency to agree on something like this, I am sure it is not as easy as a process as your constituent thinks it is. But that is just my view on it because I know how hard it is for me to get responses on various things.
6. Senator Miller: Where exactly is this?
7. Vice-President Davidson: Under article 2 under responsibilities, sub section F.
8. President Kiessling: Actually we added something new to the constitution, page numbers.
9. Senator Keller: I just remember that when we were talking about it that there is a process before that, if there was a little bit of miscommunication or whatever this could be, that they would talk to the board and it would be just like that way first. It's not going to be taken automatically like floor vote.
10. Senator Miller: I think that the problem with the current change is that I think it is easy to go door to door to get someone to sign a piece of paper, so I think having this senate vote on this as well, would make sure that when you bring it to the senate, would make other senators say, hey they have messed up, they should be removed and then that would be the solution.
11. Senator Kay: I don't feel it is necessary to have other senators voting on that senator responsibilities. If one of us is doing something wrong and note voting for our constituents, how is that any of our issue. I think that has to be with how the constituents feel they are being represented. Not whether we feel senators are doing their jobs.
12. Senator Ranes: Let's say for example, that my constituents say that I am a terrible senator and they want to remove me; and we have a meeting with the executive board and we still decide that I am a pretty terrible person, so they want to go through this petition, that isn't the end of it, there still is the other step of going to the judiciary board and having them rule upon it, so I think that even if it is an easy process, and I am not sure I buy that, there still has to be going to the judiciary board, trying the case, and hearing it out that way. So I think that with these three steps, that is certainly sufficient and we don't need to add in an extra step that might be clouded with bias from previous senators or whatever worries we may have.
13. Senator Goodwin: I just wanted some clarification on what the senate judiciary board is and who the members are if possible.
14. Treasurer Mikesell: It is the judicial board of student's at Ripon College, I can tell you the president is Alec Jelovac but think of it as Ripon Colleg's little supreme court. There job is to be fair and unbiased.
15. Vice-President Davidson: It's like an actual court case where you have people defending you and people prosecuting you and so forth.
16. President Kiessling: All those in favor of this new amendment, basically stating that senator will need a 2/3 vote from the senate to be removed as well, raise your hand.
17. Fails 2:13:4
 - x. Senator Walsh: One of my constituents had a question as to why we would want to vote on 1 and half percent of the student senate budget into the SAO office and I couldn't answer.
 - xi. Vice-President Davidson: I percentage of our budget already goes to the Student Activities Office, so it's not like they don't get money from us already.
 - xii. President Kiessling: It just wasn't in the constitution, they were already getting that money.
 - xiii. Senator Miller: Can we actually amend stuff in here, stuff that is not already being amended?
 - xiv. President Kiessling: Yes, you can bring up stuff.
 - xv. Senator Miller: I would like to move to amend the operating rules, article 2, section a, number 20. I would like to change it to, 2% of the student senate budget allotment shall be placed in the Residence Life Account.
 - xvi. President Kiessling: I am not sure if we can do that, it just might be a given. So I will contact Dean Ogle and see.
 - xvii. Vice-President Davidson: Can we ask some of your reasoning for that?
 - xviii. Senator Miller: My constituents feel that Residence Life is not really looking out for student's interests on campus.
 - xix. President Kiessling: It will be up again next week so I will get an answer for that.

- xx. Senator Goodwin: One of my constituents expressed concern over the two year constitutional dates for student groups. I was wondering if I could hear the rational for every two years?
- xxi. Vice-President Davidson: I can tell you now that I know certain groups that hadn't revised their constitution 7 years at least. You just want to make sure that every group of students that cycle through the college have at least one opportunity to look at their constitution and it still fits their needs and wants.
- xxii. Senator Ranes: I know that I am a part of one group that updated their constitution last year and I am part of another group that is currently updating our constitution and we are updating it because we didn't realize we had a constitution that we were being so delinquent because we never looked at it almost ever. I think it promotes students looking at their constitution and being cognizant of it I guess.
- xxiii. Senator McNiel: I wanted to talk the amendment of one fund requests being over 5000 dollars or more being a mandatory Roll Call Vote, I would like to amend this to have both mandatory changed to voluntary. Or strike it out entirely.
 1. Senator Miller: Move to second the motion.
 2. Senator Ranes: I was one who suggested and is for this. I guess the number in the sense arbitrary because once it gets past a certain point I believe it is something where we should be required to have it on the record for what we voted so our constituents can be sure that we are doing what we are supposed to I guess. If we are going on the assumption that we are doing what we are supposed to, that is perfectly fine, but this is just a way that would be able to check and make sure we are doing that. If we are going under that assumption then this is going to take a little bit extra time and nothing else will change, and I don't think it's that much of an issue.
 3. Senator Walsh: Even if you are not being the best senator, it wouldn't make the senate's life harder, it would just make your constituents feel more secure and as people who are supposed to be representing your constituents and what they want, I don't think that should be a problem. So I think it is just something to make people calm and I think that it doesn't hurt us at all.
 4. Senator Haen: My question is, on this amendment you proposed, does this mean if we decide to change it that we vote on it if there is a roll call vote?
 5. President Kiessling: If we got rid of this it would get rid of it entirely, we would be keeping the same status quo that we have had.
 6. Senator McNiel: For one, I am never a fan of the word mandatory being in a constitution, because I think we are all adults here, I think we can all make our own decisions, and I really don't think we have to be told that we have to have a roll call vote. I think that is why the roll call vote is voted on for each individual one fund. We are not children, to a certain degree we have to take a certain responsibility for our actions and that means taking votes that don't have our names attached to every single one, just because the vote is over 5,000 dollars is perfectly reasonable to take that vote. If we have responsible senators they would vote for the roll call vote. Let's amend that so we can keep the original rules.
 7. Treasurer Mikesell: This is just an accountability measure really, you are all aware of the problems we ran into last semester when certain senators just didn't listen to their constituents and I think 5000 dollars may be an arbitrary number, I don't see a problem with it. By having this amendment we will avoid the types of problems we had last semester.
 8. Senator Ranes: I would just like to point out something I have heard from a couple of my constituents, my professors, and a couple of people basically everywhere when I mention anything about roll call votes. There are a lot of people who don't seem to understand what the stigma is with Roll Call Votes, why don't people like roll call votes. I guess I am in that boat as well, I don't understand why people don't like roll call votes or why people would be against them. Being a senator is a voluntary position, having a roll call vote doesn't add to much more time to it and quite frankly, if there is a problem with the little bit of addition of time that gets added to that, that is something you would want to consider when you want to be a senator. I honestly don't know what it would be that is the problem with roll call votes, other than, it might take a little bit more time or anything like that, if we are being the senators we are supposed to be, than I don't see what the issue is.
 9. Senator Kay: I would just like to reiterate everything that Ben just said, my constituents have told me they would prefer a roll call votes because they want to know what I am voting for and I am actually voting for the things they are because as Greek senator my house would just remove me. I really don't understand why there is a problem and why mandatory would be problem.
 10. Senator Keller: A personal reason why maybe someone might not which I would admit, there were some one funds that got uncomfortable last semester and I just like the fact that we put, that it's going to be written down. We did go take that

extra measure and say you don't have to say out loud in front of everybody what your vote is. For my personal reasons for not doing a roll call vote is that it is intimidating.

11. President Kiessling: Thank you for bringing it up, I don't know if everyone is clear on that. It would be then that roll call votes would be done on a secret ballot. So everyone would write their name and throw it in a box, and then we would go through it, just so you wouldn't have to worry about "my friends part of that organization, do they want me to vote for that?"
12. Senator Fritsch: In response to what senator mcniel said, I too don't like to have mandatory in most things, however in this particular instance I think that we all signed up to be the servants of our constituents and I think it is our responsibility to establish as much communication as possible and I think it would be a step towards doing that. This would be a part of our servitude to them.
13. Senator Walsh: One hundred percent of my constituents are in favor of this and my constituents don't usually agree with each other.
14. Fails 4:14:2
- xxiv. Senator Kordes: In subsection 6 my constituent was asking does the advisor have to sign off on it? Because he argued that some advisors aren't a part of the group as they should be, or they don't take active participation in it.
- xxv. Vice-President Davidson: I think the mindset behind this was that by forcing groups to go and find their advisor, it's actually including the advisor in the decision making process than they would have otherwise. If we had something like this they would be forced to at least to know if they were having an event that would cost money.
- xxvi. Senator Miller: I would like to amend the operating rules under article 2, section a, number 6; and then strike out along with having the signature of the organization's advisor.
 1. Senator Kordes: Move to second the motion.
 2. Senator Ranes: I have to say I am a little bit split on this one, I very much understand the ideology and I like the ideology behind it but at the same time I am a part of a couple of different groups and I know one of my groups really actively talks to the advisor about stuff all the time, and the other at least acknowledges the advisor exists but a third group, that is most recently likely to one fund, just had an advisor leave, completely unexpectedly without telling us he was leaving the campus. We went on a frantic search for a new advisor and we barely actually talk to him. I think it's nice in theory but in practice, it doesn't work as nicely as we think it does and for that reason I think there certainly is some worth to this amendment and I am going to abstain because I really am split on this. I think it is at least worth considering.
 3. Senator Miller: I think the problem you could run into this, is it can be really hard to actually find your advisor or talk to them, or they might not actually be there, so if you actually need to one fund for something and it is an emergency, say like MLK needed the money to get a speaker for something then your advisor isn't there, you wouldn't be able to one fund for it, and then your event would be failure.
 4. Senator McNeil: Move to actually agree with that. It kind of resembles getting a permission slip signed in school. We are student organizations, we don't need per say, an adults permission to put forth a request for a one fund. I can understand the merit behind it, the organizations have advisors for a reason, but they are advisors, they aren't gatekeepers for funds.
 5. Senator Van Der Leest: What would happen when you have an off campus advisor? How would you propose getting the signature for that?
 6. Vice-President Davidson: If it's an off campus advisor and do you have any opportunity to get their signature or see them?
 7. Senator Van Der Leest: They are on campus once every two months.
 8. President Kiessling: You could just get an electronic signature.
 9. Senator Walsh: If we were to keep this, would people be flexible at all to have an email sent from the advisor that they approve?
 10. Treasurer Mikesell: Point of clarification, as treasurer of senate I need to sign off on requisition sheets all the time, and over breaks if the people in the business office need me sign something but I'm away, they just email me and say, "Would you please verify me this?" and I would write, "Yes, I approve of this." I think that if this works in the business office and I don't see why this wouldn't work this. So I don't think you really need to add that.
 11. Senator Kay: So if we are saying that an email is as sufficient as a signature, then there really is no problem here, as far as I am seeing. Is there still an issue?
 12. Senator Miller: I think Senator Ranes already pointed out the problem, the advisor could be gone, they could leave you, you might need something to get done right away, and since you have to have one funds submitted by Wednesday at 6pm. Let's say your advisor doesn't get back to you in a couple of days, and they don't have time to send the email, that is the problem we are going to run into.'

13. Senator Ranes: Groups that have multiple advisors, would they just need the signature of one advisor or would they need it from all of them?
 14. Treasurer Mikesell: I would think that it doesn't clarify having a signature of an advisor would be fine, I wouldn't think that you would have to have multiple.
 15. Fails 8:6:6
- xxvii. Senator Carballo: On page five, letter E, in the constitution. It doesn't specify at what point you need to stop being a senator, since that is me right now, I kind of wanted to know so I don't get yelled at.
- xxviii. President Kiessling: Yes, that definitely was a problem last year that the senate was divided on. This year we decided to kind of handle that differently, just saying to your constituents when they don't want you to represent them anymore. The way this is worded, you would email them, telling you that they pledged, if they got any problems, they talk to you. Traditionally you didn't have to stop being a senator until you have been initiated.
- xxix. Senator Goodwin: I would feel remiss if I didn't go back to this idea, under the constitution on page 13. Item number 10, if the idea is as we expressed previously that we want student groups to take a look at their constitution and revise it sometime when students are in the cycle then what my constituents suggested is that we change the language from every 2 years to every 4 years. I don't see that as being a problem, I think that would relieve some of the business every two years. I move to change that language from every 2 years to every 4 years.
1. Senator Miller: Move to second the motion.
 2. Senator Kay: It says required, what does that mean exactly? They can come in here and change one word and that would be updating?
 3. Vice-President Davidson: Yes.
 4. Treasurer Mikesell: Point of clarification, it says that later on, that if is no amendments need to be made, the organization still come forth and show they've at least looked at it.
 5. Passes 11:6:3
- xxx. Senator Kordes: On page 5 of the constitution, my constituent was wondering about the word abstain and why the senator couldn't break the tie? Which I understand, but they want to know.
- xxxi. Senator Ranes: My specific response on this is that my constituents are the independent females of 3rd and 4th Johnson, I am not a part of 3rd and 4th floor Johnson, therefore I should not be breaking their tie.
- xxxii. Senator Kordes: In part c, they were wondering why it has changed from three days to two days for unexcused absences?
- xxxiii. Vice-President Davidson: It's one of those things where it is a commitment that you make when you join this body and you should come as much as you possibly can. When you think about that, two unexcused absences, that means if you have a family emergency or something like that, once every semester you get to miss twice and you are not going to get kicked out.
- xxxiv. President Kiessling: Also with this, if you find a replacement to come to senate for you, it's not going to be unexcused.
- xxxv. Vice-President Davidson: It basically means nobody is representing your constituents, is an unexcused absence.
- xxxvi. Treasurer Mikesell: Or if you can the executive board in advance.
- xxxvii. Senator Kordes: Their problem was that if their replacement walks out, and they don't know the rules and it still counts as an unexcused, would they warned or would it still be counted as an unexcused?
- xxxviii. President Kiessling: It would still be counted as an unexcused. The reason we did this was so that your replacement knows all of your duties and responsibilities.
- xxxix. Senator Kordes: So would they know all the duties and responsibilities beforehand?
- xl. President Kiesling: You should tell them that.
 - xli. Senator Miller: Move to amend the constitution to say 3 unexcused absences instead of two.
 1. Senator Fritsch: Move to second the motion.
 2. Fails 5:12:3
 - xl. Senator McNeil: Since we are on the same article, I just wanted to move to amend the unexcused absence would not be counted against the senator for their replacement.
 1. Senator Miller: Move to second the motion.
 2. Senator McNeil: From Scott Halls perspective, if a senator needs an alternate, we usually go to the SAHD, so we don't always have direct contact with our alternate. We don't necessary have the time to explain the operating rules and sometimes it's on short notice. Considering that fact, the fact we wouldn't know who it is and we really can't control their activity, I think it would be best to not count that against the senator themselves.
 3. Senator Van Der Leest: I would just like to hope that if someone new is here, that they are inform their alternate to not just get up and walk out, they should know, common courtesy, that the meeting isn't over. That is why I like this amendment.

4. Senator Miller: Following that, basically you are responsible for someone else's actions and you don't get to control that alternate, and sometimes you don't even get to pick the alternate, in the case of Scott Hall. So why are you being forced to deal with someone else's actions.
 5. Senator Kay: I would say in response to that, the reason you would be responsible for their actions is because it was your duty to come here in the first place, and when accepting being on senate, we acknowledge we have to be here every Wednesday at 6:30 and two absences are already a lot and if your replacement uses one of them, it shouldn't be too hard to even send an email to the executive board.
 6. Secretary Allen: With what senator McNeil said, the SAHD doesn't really pick your replacement, you can have your own if you want. She is just kind of there as a backup, so it's not a mandatory thing to have the SAHD pick it for Scott Hall, just wanted to make that clear.
 7. Senator Ranes: If someone had to leave for a certain duty, would they just be able to remove themselves from the table and not have that count as unexcused because they asked to remove themselves.
 8. President Kiessling: If that every comes up, like you have a band concert or something that you need to be at on a Wednesday, normally they just give us a heads up beforehand, then it's no problem. It's just when you abruptly leave without letting us know.
 9. Fails 5:11:4
- xliii. Senator Goodwin: On the same article, it reads "if a third absence occurs, the student senator will be asked to remove themselves and to give up their title of student senator." That implies that they don't have to remove themselves. Is that the intent of the executive board, can you clarify that?
 - xliv. Vice-President Davidson: I am a little torn on this one, I would say to get of "to remove themselves" and put in "they would be effectively removed."
 - xlv. Senator McNeil: It says the senator will be asked, it doesn't say who will be asking the student senator to do so. I just wanted to know who has the discretionary power behind that
 - xlvi. Vice-President Davidson: I would assume it would be the discretionary board, since we are the ones to have the procedural power.
 - xlvii. Senator McNeil: Given it would be the third unexcused absence; is that by the discretion of the executive board if they are going to be removed? So will they be considering special circumstances or will they be asking them leave.
 - xlviii. Vice-President Davidson: The way I look at this, the unexcused absence can be turned into an excused absence at the discretion of the board already so I don't think we need that secondary discrepancy.
 - xlix. Senator McNeil: Given the current language, are we to assume that the third unexcused absence will necessitate the senator leaving?
 - i. Treasurer Mikesell: Point of clarification, you are right, given the language, it doesn't necessitate that.
 - ii. Senator Van Der Leest: I move to amend this to say if the third absence occurs the student senator will forfeit their title as student senator.
 1. Senator Goodwin: Move to second the motion.
 2. Senator Goodwin: Can I move to amend an amendment?
 3. President Kiessling: Yes you can.
 4. Senator Goodwin: I would like to amend the amendment to read, if a third unexcused absence occurs because the language right now only states absence.
 - a. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
 - b. Passes 16:2:2
 5. Senator Miller: How does this apply to Greek Groups? If someone was removed would they still be able to represent?
 6. President Kiessling: Yes, the executive board would work with the house.
 7. Senator Miller: So the house wouldn't have the power to say, hey, we still want them in?
 8. Vice-President Davidson: So what your saying, is it possible for a senator to be removed and then be immediately reappointed?
 9. Senator Miller: Yes. That's my question, would that be able to be ok. If the house says we want that senator back?
 10. President Kiessling: This does apply to Greek groups and I don't see why their house wouldn't want to be represented at senate.
 11. Senator Goodwin: I would just like to point out, that at this time the language reads, "at this the group, that the offending student senator represents, will be asked to represent a new student senator." So that implies the offending senator would not be allowed to come back.
 12. Senator McNeil: We have the whole "ask" scenario, the group that the offending senator represents will be asked. So they could select the original senator by the language here.

13. President Kiessling: If they already revoted that same senator in, they already have all those unexcused absences, he wouldn't be allowed to sit at the table, so they wouldn't have any representation.
 14. Senator Van Der Leest: If the senator forfeits his title, but then the greek group wants to vote him back in, he still can't sit at the table?
 15. President Kiessling: I think that this is worded, yes, that is correct. That senator already has his allotted absences for the year.
 16. Senator Kay: I don't understand why any Greek group in their right mind would do that though. This is kind of a hypothetical situation that is not going to happen.
 17. Senator McNeil: Are we still on the original amendment?
 18. President Kiessling: Yes, we are back on the original amendment.
 19. Senator Miller: Here is another theoretical situation, let's say the senator gets removed and they voted in the new person but the new person needs an alternate and only that senator can fulfill the spot, then he wouldn't be able to actually come in and represent their group?
 20. President Kiessling: I think technically he would, just because he is the alternate, he would be serving for the other senator. So if he skipped out on the meeting, it would count for the other senator.
 21. Senator McNeil: Supposedly the Greek group could vote on a new senator and then have the new senator act a figure head, as the original senator showed up as the alternative for the remaining student senate meeting.
 22. President Kiessling: Yes.
 23. Passes 15:3:2
- iii. Senator Miller: Move to amend the constitution, page 5, letter D, I would like to take out the 24 notice and just say they need to contact the executive board prior to the meeting.
 1. Senator From: Move to second the motion.
 2. Senator Ranes: I don't think this is particularly necessary because shortly afterwards it says an unexcused absence can be counted as an excused absence at the discretion of the executive board. So if it's something that is really so pressing that they couldn't give 24 hours notice but they still give 24 notice, it still has the ability to be counted as an excused absence.
 3. President Kiessling: I guess the reason why we went with 24 hours is because we didn't want to receive emails at 6pm on a Wednesday saying, "I think I'm sick today." We are trying to avoid the last minute type of thing, and in certain circumstances we will definitely let that slide.
 4. Senator Kay: I think it makes sense to make it s24 hours. Take today for instance, it snowed a lot, I could just email and say, it's snowing, I don't want to come to senate.
 5. Fails 1:11:8
 - liii. Passes 16:1:3
 - liv. President Kiessling: It passes and will be under Old Business next week.
- VI. Announcements
- a. Treasurer Mikesell: Young Americans For Liberty, meet Thursdays at 9:30pm in the MLK lounge.
 - b. Senator Ranes: This Saturday there is going to be a heating up dance in the pub, hosted by WRPN, it will be from 9-12 so that means you can attend Cabaret Night, the 100 days party, and the dance, all in the same night!
 - c. Senator Goodwin: We are having our second annual Cabaret Night this Saturday and it is at 8pm in the Rodman lobby.
 - d. Senator Kay: Amnesty International meets every Thursday at 9:15, if you care about your own rights you should go.
- VII. Open Forum
- a. Senator Orth: I was wondering who is DJing the dance?
 - b. Senator Ranes: It is probably going to be a mixture of Anthony Tausig and myself.
 - c. Senator Orth: Does anyone that has a show on WRPN have the ability to DJ there?
 - d. Senator Ranes: Most likely yes. It will be at the discretion of myself, and I probably won't say no.
 - e. President Kiessling: Thank you guys for working so hard on the constitution and operating rules, there has been a lot of great discussion and a lot of hypothetical situations we never would have thought of on the committee.
- VIII. Adjournment
- a. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to adjourn.
 - i. Senator Lindsey: Move to second the motion.
- IX. 7:43pm