

# Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for October 31, 2012

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Secretary Allen:
  - b. Treasurer Kaounas:
  - c. Vice President Davidson:
  - d. President Kiessler:
  - e. Dean Ogle:
  - f. What's Up With Your Group
  - g. One Fund Talk Back
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- IV. Old Business
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- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Adjournment

# Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for October 24, 2012

## Attendance Record:

Brian Fritsch- 0	Andrew Miller- 0	Amy Lindsey- 0
Alexander McNeil- 0	McKenzie Trelka- 0	Nick From- 0
Zachary Muench- 0	Andrew Carballo	Adam Orth-
Logan Soich- 0	Shanalijah Hernandez- 0	Austin Oliver- 0
Alexandra Haen- 0	Ryan Rieber- 0	Matt Koch- 0
Tyler Hopewell- 0	Kamelle Van Der Leest- 0	Rebecca Ramage- 0
Jennifer Keller- 0	Diakeishaye Murphy-Gunnels-0	Alexander Hagen- 0
McKala Kiessling- 0	Hannah Erdman- 0	

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
  - a. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
    - i. Senator: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Secretary Allen: No report.
  - b. Treasurer Kaounas: The one fund is currently \$55,797.96.
  - c. Vice President Davidson: We had a CSO meeting yesterday. It went pretty good but some groups were missing. The groups that did not attend CSO are: Drumline, The Network, Pre-Med, Miss Ripon, Anthropology Association, Cultural Diversity Club, Society of Physics Students, Secular Student Alliance, SEA, and the Libertarians.
  - d. President Kiessling: No report.
  - e. Dean Ogle: No report.
  - f. What's Up With Your Group?
    - i. Blue Mountain Project: We are currently working on doing a fundraising night at Culvers and plan a presentation on what the people that went to Jamaica over the summer learned.
    - ii. Rugby Club: Typically fall semester we are inactive because spring semester is our season but this year it is going to be different with fall practices.
    - iii. Circle K: Last weekend we sent people to math which is a service event that we do over the weekend. We are involved with the quans club at the new meeting on Tuesdays, our early bird meetings on Wednesday mornings at 6am if you can believe it and we are planning on doing bell ringing, going to D-con next semester as well as being involved with the volunteer opportunities around here such as the animal shelter, tiny terror on the square, and thrift store.
  - g. One Fund Talk Back
    - i. Music Appreciation Society: Just wanted to inform you guys the money for the NAXUS listening library will not be spent until our subscription is up, which I believe is in a little less than two weeks. So that is when we will be spending the money and believe at that point we will be sending out another email with the information on how to access the library and things of that nature.
    - ii. CRU: We one-funded for money to send some of our people to a fall retreat and so we wanted to thank you for that and if there are any questions feel free to ask.
    - iii. Treasurer Kaounas: What did you learn!
    - iv. It was a lot of fun up there, there was a lot of meetings of just get together with speakers, sharing stuff about the gospel and bible, and then in visually those of us who are new had a one on one times with the Oshkosh leaders. They were able to give us ideas and experiences on how we can reach out better on campus.
  - h. Student Activities Report
    - i. Water polo and indoor soccer started this week. MLK week awards for student, faculty, and staff are out. Please send nominations to withersk@ripon.edu by November 5. International month kicks off next week with everything Australian.
  - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. Old business
- V. New Business
  - a. MLK Week 2012 One Fund
    - i. We are requesting three award plaques for the awards for the nominations that are currently out for now. As well as the honorarium for Mr. Tim Wise as well as his flight and hotel stay for one night.
    - ii. Laura: As a student I think it is a really cool idea. I looked up stuff about Tim Wise and I've heard a few things of him speaking and think it is a really cool thing to bring on campus and it a very provocative thing and if you guys didn't know much about him or you didn't do your research, I think it is something really cool to look into.
    - iii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.

1. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
- iv. Senator Ranes: Move to make this a Roll Call Vote.
  1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
- v. President Kiessling: All those in favor of making this a Roll Call Vote please raise your hand, opposed, and abstentions. The vote is 11:11:0.
- vi. Vice-President Davidson. In the case of a tie, the decision goes to you.
- vii. President Kiessling: It will be a Roll Call Vote.
- viii. Senator Erdman: I think MLK week is a great week, it happens every year. Do to the fact they aren't approved they rely on senate for the necessary funds. I believe if it were not to pass, this would be a very upsetting thing for the campus. It is really important to do things like that. Now that people have come before, they can also give us an outlet for new and good thing son campus. Which is all part of a liberal arts education, so I really think we should all help out the MLK week planning committee and vote for this. Also we need to keep in mind that here is going to be help from other areas on campus covering other things.
- ix. Senator Riebe: I just have some questions from the concerns of some of my constituents about the cost. Was any negotiating done to maybe bring the price down, or is there any way to get the cost of this down for the students here?
- x. Actually that has been his set price honorarium, he hasn't finagled up or down. But he actually opted to go into the classrooms that day and actually talk with students and faculty are willing to have him in the classroom and would like to put him on the syllabus for the day.
- xi. Senator Riebe: But you guys didn't negotiate his price down at all?
- xii. Of course I asked. But of course they told me no, it's 7500 for his honorarium.
- xiii. Senator Riebe: So that is what is going to have to be at?
- xiv. Yes.
- xv. Senator Van Der Leest: I would just like all of you guys to know all of my people said yes and for anyone who has talked to me about my constituents, they don't like to spend money, so this is a really big thing. Which means it is important to them.
- xvi. Senator Miller: I would just like to point out that in years past, the speaker came for 5000 in 2009, came for 2000 in 2010, came 5000 for last year, it got moved up to 7500 because of Herman Boone, who actually brought the wow factor onto campus. I don't believe that Tim Wise brings the wow factor onto campus and that is why I move to amend the one-fund to\$5,520.
  1. Senator McNeil: Move to second the motion.
  2. Friendly: No.
- xvii. Senator Erdman: That is probably one of the worst amendments I have ever seen on a one fund, in the few years I have been in senate. They have told us there is negotiation in terms of getting, there is no other outlets for them to get the money. This is a really good week and I would hate to be the only senate to end MLK week, so I think we really need to keep the one-fund as it stands.
- xviii. Senator Miller: I wasn't even trying to end MLK week at all. I was just saying that Tim Wise is not worth 7500 dollars. I was moving the one-fund to signal that the speaker would come in for 5000. So if they can't get Tim Wise for 5000, then we get a different speaker in that they could bring in for 5000, thereby not ending MLK week but bringing in someone who can fit our budget.
- xix. Senator Riebe: I'm not necessarily leaning one way or another on this amendment but I'm in a position right now where some of my constituents said I can't approve anything tonight on their behalf that is more than 5000 dollars, that is just where I stand, that is just what the feedback I've gotten. Yes MLK week is a great week and it's great to have it but we are just at a point right now where the cost too much for what's being proposed and for who is being proposed, where my constituents have expressly said, and this is multiple people, not even talking to each other, said 5000 dollars, try to get it down to that much. So that is where I am right now and I am guessing Senator Miller is in a similar situation if that is the number he is looking at here.
- xx. Senator Oliver: My constituents are worried about the money also. And they are wondering if they have money because last time you came here you asked for the speaker for hazing, we denied you that and he came anyway. We were just wondering if you didn't get the money here, if you would still bring him here.
- xxi. These are two totally separate events, two totally separate committees, two totally separate areas of the campus. One area had some funds so that we were able to bring David Weskell, this area does not. Two different events, two different things we want for the campus basically, so we have not other money to this.
- xxii. I'm also the key student behind this and to be honest we have done a lot, the number could be a lot higher if we didn't talk to the President's office to get this sort of funding that we did get. And Tim Wise is a push over person, maybe the topic some people won't like but he is known throughout the world. It's not somebody nobody knows.
- xxiii. Senator Oliver: Where else has he spoken? Does he go to small or larger schools?
- xxiv. On the website, that's given in the one-fund, it actually lists all the schools he's been to and they were private schools, small schools and big schools. They ranged but he had a

common goal of making sure students were impressed about his topics he covers, as well he has a open mind and a open view about Martin Luther King and what he stands for.

- xxv. Senator Erdman: I yield time to the speaker.
- xxvi. I don't know what people view the campus for, personally I feel it would be nice to see us not reaching out consistently to low end speakers, I mean it's great to get 20 speakers for however much money, instead of getting 5 speakers for the same amount but if you want to enhance the profile of this campus, if you want to get somebody that people have actually heard of. We could have went with options that were really nice, looked great on paper, super cost effective, but it's not going to be the same sort of experience. If the student body wants that, who am I to say that they are wrong. I would just say think about what kind of campus we want and I would much rather have our campus known outside the city of Ripon, outside the state of Wisconsin, I think it would be great to have a greater profile.
- xxvii. Senator Murphy-Gunnels- I think this speaker would be worth his price he is coming for, because it was said that he wouldn't be worth spending this much money on, but I think he would. I think if he is coming and willing to do things in the classroom, he is willing to come and do more than just speak, so if you pay a normal speaker to just come and speak, why not pay him a little bit than to just come and speak. I don't think there is anything wrong with that. I think we get a lot of the same kind of speakers, with this you are pulling in a different audience. So there is going to be more on the campus who are going to get involved. So let's try in bring in things other people want to see.
- xxviii. Senator McNeil: I did receive some feedback from my constituents worried about the cost, and I am sympathetic to the goals that you guys want to reach out for MLK week, so I am wondering what your goal, or what your path is going to be if it doesn't pass?
- xxix. We would definitely have to take it back to the planning committee and let them know the outcome from tonight, and then we are going to have to go to plan B. Plan B is to keep researching some more speakers to come to campus but also I have been receiving emails that some of the speakers we were considering, as well as Tim Wise's agency, they keep saying are you going to bring him? Because every day is booked on their calendars except this day they are holding. I know a lot of black history month and MLK speakers are filling up now. So we maybe would go have to plan an emergency committee meeting to see who we could bring next.
- xxx. Senator Koch: I just wanted to say, something for the records, not really a question as much for you guys but I am obligated to vote for this. My constituents, those who have talked to me about it, do want it. But I do want to say also, I have been sitting here for four years now, I am always looking for ways to save money, to cut these budgets down a little bit as best we can. So I am personally sympathetic to what Senator Miller is proposing tonight and what Senator Miller and what others are supporting. So I am asking those who are kind of on the scale here, maybe your constituency is going 50:50, you need to be the one to make the decision, again put the campus first to the best of your ability. I would encourage those to keep that in mind as well; again I can't because I have an obligation to vote for it, but for those who don't, that's all.
- xxxi. President Kiessling: For clarification, we will be voting on the amendment now, not the entire one fund. All those in favor of reducing the MLK week one fund to \$5,520 please raise your hand, opposed and abstentions
1. Fails 3:13:6
- xxxii. President Kiessling: We will not begin discussion again on the original one fund of \$8020.
- xxxiii. Senator Riebe: I think that one argument I've heard that has come in favor of this proposal that Tim Wise is some big named speaker who is going to increase our college's reputation, who is going to attract a lot of student's, I've never even heard of this guy, and I feel like that's true in just about all of us. In fact I'd argue that 99% of us had not even heard of Tim Wise before we got this one-fund proposal. So I think it's important we keep that in mind when we are considering this proposal and the arguments this is a speaker who's going to attract a large number of students and is also going to increase our college's place on the map.
- xxxiv. Senator Murphy-Gunnels- In response to that I agree I've never heard of Tim Wise, however I really don't think of it in terms of what he is going to do for what Ripon does for everybody else. I think brining him will be very beneficial.
- xxxv. Senator Koch: I too never heard of this guy in my life, although I am willing to give it a chance here and Mike, I know you really well, you can tell me about him and I could google it too. But I am willing to give it a chance, I think we should be looking at this with an open mind, however, let's keep this in mind for those of us who are going to be here on senate again, if it works, let's keep it, let's keep this going, if it doesn't let's remember that. Let's remember our mistakes.
- xxxvi. President Kiessling: So we will be doing the Roll Call Vote and I will call out your name and if you are in favor of this one-fund of \$8020 you will say yes and if you are not, you will say no.
1. Roll Call Vote
    - a. Ranes – Yes
    - b. M. Kiessling – Yes
    - c. Van Der Leest – Yes

- d. Erdman – Yes
- e. Lindsey – Yes
- f. Hernandez – Yes
- g. Murphy-Gunnels – Yes
- h. Ramage – Yes
- i. McNeil – No
- j. Riebe – No
- k. Koch – Yes
- l. Miller – No
- m. Orth – Yes
- n. Oliver – Yes
- o. Hagen – Yes
- p. Haen – Yes
- q. Trelka – Yes
- r. Keller – Yes
- s. Soich – Yes
- t. Fritsch – Yes
- u. Messerschmidt – Yes
- v. Carballo – Yes

xxxvii. Passes 19:3:0

VI. Announcements

- a. Democrats: Just a reminder this Friday the Democrats are bringing a comedian to campus, you guys obviously know about that since we one funded for it a while ago. Just a reminder it is going to be at 7pm in the pub. I just encourage all of you to show up and have a good time.
- b. Senator Koch: Tomorrow night in East Hall little theatre at 7pm, the senior who are POGO majors are going to be putting one a debate between Romney and Barack Obama.

VII. Open Forum

- a. Vice-President Davidson: I'm just kind of curious why none of you asked any questions specifically about what kind of speech this is going to be, for the MLK week. No one mentioned how long the speaker is going to be here, is it going to be a formal speech, or is there going to be an interaction section in it. So there are some questions you guys should have to keep in mind. I think a lot of times we look and focus on the money, which is fine and dandy but we also have to look at what we are getting for that money. So I just wanted to throw my two cents in there.
- b. Senator Koch: I'm just curious, I've seen Sophia do it a number of times, you guys, the four of you, can ask questions too, right?
- c. President Kiessling: No, we are here for clarity.
- d. Treasurer Kaounas: I only speak during open forum.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Senator Erdman: Move to adjourn.
  - i. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.

IX. 6:54p.m.