

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for November 7, 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
 - h. Student Activities Report:
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - a. CRU TCX One Fun
 - b. Ripon College Republicans One Fund
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Adjournment

Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for October 31, 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 Koch: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Allen: No report, just sign in.
 - b. Treasurer Kaounas: The one fund is currently \$47,777.96. To things into perspective, after we minus about 20 thousand dollars for Springfest, when that time comes, right now we will just be estimating that we have a budget of about 27,777.96 dollars.
 - c. Vice President Davidson: No report.
 - d. President Kiessling: Happy Halloween guys! I also have a sign-up sheet for anybody that is interested in being on the Constitutional Revision Committee, we are probably going to get those meetings started probably after senate next week.
 - e. Dean Ogle: No report.
 - f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - i. Society of Physics Students: I am also here to do a One Fund Talk Back for my group. So the EEA trip was success and a majority of students were recently selected for a competition, they will be familiar with the place. As for what's up with our group, two rockets were accepted, so there is some good prize money there. We had two students going to the Argon National Lab for a research symposium last Friday.
 - ii. Democrats: Last Friday we had our comedian come, Jeff Kriesler, which you guys approved for three thousand dollars. We had over 30 people there, I would say it was a pretty good turnout, everybody seemed to have really good time, and they had plenty of good things to say about him. Tomorrow Anne Hatheway is coming to Ripon, she starred in the Princess Diaries, Brokeback Mountain, the Devil Wears Prada and the Dark Knight Rises. She is going to be coming to Ripon tomorrow to support President Obama and to support getting out and voting. Finally, from November 3rd to November 6th we are going to be doing some canvassing and we are looking for anybody interested in helping out, and if you let me know.
 - iii. BSU: We have been working on our Alumni relations. We are working on building an Alumni database; we are getting in touch with past BSU alums from years and years. We recently got into contact with one of the past Presidents who was it for three years. We are also working on off campus relations in being in touch with other area schools to see what they are doing and get ideas as far what we can do to make our BSU on campus better and with that we are getting ready to go to the national black student union conference, we recently became members in the conference and this year I am the co-coordinating for the conference. We have alternative meeting next week if anybody wants to come, it'll be a game night, and I'm not really sure what time because my activities handles that. Also, Soul Food is on Sunday at 5:15 and if you did say you would be coming on Facebook, the time has been very weird because it wouldn't change, but with that said it's 5:15 in Great Hall!
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. Democrats: I've already touched upon this but as you guys already know, the Democrats had a comedian come to campus last Friday, we really appreciate it, and from what we have heard anyone who went really enjoyed it, and like I said, we had about 30 people.
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Burma week starts on Monday for International month. On Fri November 2nd, Australian food will be served in the commons at lunch time. Come learn to play cricket from 1-3 in SAO tomorrow (Thursday). Soul Food dinner is on November 4th in Great Hall at 5 pm. Please submit nominations for MLK week awards to withersk@ripn.edu by Nov 5th. Start gathering your ugly sweaters for the 8th annual Ugliest Holiday Sweater Contest to be held December 5th at 'Twas the Night Before Finals.

This Saturday, November 3rd, at 8pm in the Pub there will be a trivia contest. Teams of 2-4 people need to register by 7:45 pm that night to be eligible to win the \$100 first place prize!

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 - a. Senator Ranes: The Mr. Ripon Contest is doing heart sales up in the commons. It is one dollar to buy a heart and support your favorite contestant. If you purchase five hearts, that gets you a dollar off of submission and if you buy a crown, for ten hearts, that gets you free admission the night of the event. The event is November 13th, that is a Tuesday and it is less than two weeks away, it's a very frightening date and I hope that all of you will support contestants and I hope that all of you will come to the event for a really enjoyable evening.
 - b. Senator Erdman: International relations club is attempting to publish our journal. I am looking for articles on any international affairs so things like in Libya, anything on North Korea or anything that you think deals with international relations, so send it to me and if your constituents have any questions, let me know.
 - c. Treasurer Kaounas: Is the limit two pages or can it be more?
 - d. Senator Erdman: It can be longer, but two pages gets people motivated!
 - e. Senator Riebe: Tomorrow at 7:30pm, in Bear Auditorium, the college Republicans have gotten the rights to show 2016, Obama's America on campus. It's a really enlightening film for those of you who haven't seen it yet and it reveals the truth about our president, a lot of things a lot of Americans don't know. It's really enlightening and it's probably something everybody should watch before voting on November 6th.
 - f. Senator Miller: I got a radio show tonight at 8'o clock; I am going to be playing the top country love songs of the 1990s. So tune in to 9.1.
 - g. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: BSU is also going to a conference in April and just so you guys know it somewhat costly but we are working on getting our prices down and getting in early to make things easier. If you have never heard of the white privilege conference, they talk about different levels of oppression that different people go through, the GLBT community, Black vs. White, Male vs. Female, and the business field, what oppressions you might go through.
 - h. Dean Ogle: Just a quick reminder about the election, either tomorrow or Friday, I was in touch with city hall just to verify the process just to make sure there aren't any surprises and how you go about voting. And then I have worked with other people in student life, we are going to try and have in the Bovay Terrace, next Tuesday night, kind of a place for people to watch returns come in, with Sodexo, so there will be lots of pizza and soda that everybody can drink and eat. Hope lots of students come out to that, we'll get more details out by the end of the week.
 - i. Vice-President: My radio show, all about ethics, is airing Friday at 7'o clock, I am having President Messitte on, and we are talking about whether voting is a civic duty or not. I also wanted to let people know on Tuesday, election day, the democrats are going to be having a car that is going to be going to and from the polls, we will probably meet outside of the commons and I'll send out an email with more information. Election day is this Tuesday, so I hope you guys have taken some time to think of who you are going to vote for and I hope you do vote!
 - VII. Open Forum
 - a. President Erdman: I was wondering if anybody knew if the amount of money Karl Rove was secured for?
 - b. Senator Miller: We'll tell you next week when we get the full details.
 - c. President Kiessling: Next Wednesday the 7th and then Wednesday the 14th after Senate, we will be meeting right here and we will be talking about the Student Senate constitution and about the operating rules. Pretty much just going through it, not only looking for spelling errors but what needs to be fixed. What you guys have noticed how Senate has been operating this year, that could maybe help it run better or smoother. We would be bringing that together so then we can bring it to Senate all at once, to hopefully make the Senate a better place. Does anyone have any ideas?
 - d. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: One of the things one of my constituents said is when there are appointments of the exec board or when things change when someone has to step down, if there could be a campus email sent out about that because she felt that not a lot people outside of Student Senate know prior to when it's going to happen. She thinks it would be a more effective if an email was sent out.
 - e. Senator Hopewell: Firstly, I think mandatory Roll Call Votes would be a good idea, I don't think mandatory has to be the standard but I think it should be because some groups might be offended because then you say theirs isn't important but something of greater magnitude monetary wise would be of more importance, and if a lesser group is shot down, then they might consider accountability and I think every senator should be held accountable, I think their constituents want accountability as well. As well as that, I know there is something in the operating rules about removal of elected positions, I'll just read it really quick, "If a student elected to one of the student exec board positions is not fulfilling his or her duties or has performed an act that students feel is not appropriate for student in his or her position, they may be removed from office through the following procedure..." I think there should be a similar mandate for senator and I just think what we do is equally as important to what the exec board does, and I think our voices are probably more important than the exec board.
 - f. Senator Ranes: There has been some questions in what a senator should do if their constituents are tied on a vote, whether they are supposed to use their own judgment and they vote on what they feel,

whether they are supposed to abstain because their constituents are tied, or whether they are supposed to feel what they think is best for constituents. I don't know the answer but I think that would be something to look into seeing if we can come to an answer for that, it might be satisfactory for all of senate.

- g. Dean Ogle: Since number of reps are basically based on numbers of students and for most places it's not for off campus representation, so I suggest that it least be considered since off-campus is a hundred most years and they are getting one rep right now. It needs to be updated on advancement because there are only two student reps on the committees and it says three in there yet. The student activities account, they have 1.5 percent, just like the intramurals, but somehow that didn't get updated in the constitution or bylaws we have here, so that needs to be in there since that was done last year. There is the questions on, it's been does this way, that by precedent, groups must have gone through one funds twice, in order to be allowed on a budget, but you won't find that written in the constitution or bylaws. It generally comes up every year with budget hearings and it gets sometimes gets more contentious than others as to whether you should or you are required to follow the precedent. This has been discussed before and I am not advocating for one or the other but so everyone is aware of that. Whether one funds, how specific they need to be before they have to be re-voted on or adjusted if ever, if there's changes. And I think that there is also the question during budget hearings about what to do with groups that don't show up for a budget hearing, are they going to get hundred dollars? I remember there were questions during budget hearings last year about procedurally how to handle that.
- h. Senator Ranes: If I am remembering correctly, at the start of budget hearings, there is a motion to group together the 100 dollar and lower budgets, and it has to be a motion at the beginning of each meeting, but last year there were some questions about whether that is what the groups requested or what the groups were given by the budget committee. I think some specification on that might be helpful.
- i. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: With budget hearings I know that last year for people who turned in their budgets late, there were some issues on when you take the late fee off or what is the late fee, so is there any way that can be written or better defined, so it's clear.
- j. Treasurer Kaounas: That is what I was going to say, we need guidelines as to what the punishment is going to be and the deadlines for them.
- k. Senator Hagen: I just wanted to second the idea of getting another off campus senator; I send emails to about a hundred people. I get a lot of responses from that, a lot of people do care. It would be nice to have a buddy in here. Most of my off campus constituents had no idea they could get representation in senate. The only reason why I am an off campus senator is because I was on campus my first semester and that's how I got into senate and I looked in the constitution and saw off-campus could have representation. I think if an email was sent out the start of every year to commuter students asking if anyone was representing off campus, you would get at least a few replies.
- l. Dean Ogle: This will be the one time when I think it would be really helpful for first year senators to take a look at the constitution and bylaws because people that are more experienced and looked at these over the years, you sort of get used to seeing things, whether it is there or not, but it's really important that there are just things you just didn't understand when you just didn't start out this year that you think could be better clarified so that next year's first year senators have better information, that would be really be useful. Please share those things between now and next Wednesday or bring those if you are on the committee, because I believe that set of eyes is really important to why constitutions and bylaws are so important.
- m. President Kiessling: We certainly have a large list to work with so thank you guys for bringing that in.
- n. Senator Hopewell: Where does CSO fall in with these revisions?
- o. Treasurer Kaounas: Once you guys get the proposed amendments that you want to come forth to senate with, you will go through the same process as well. So depending on how soon you guys get this done, you could incorporate your suggestions in with what the conversation is with student senate specifically, or you could come and propose them all the day of, or submit them for a line item on the agenda.
- p. Senator Hopewell: So these revisions will take place in senate, you have a meeting the next two meetings, and then when will you propose the amendments?
- q. President Kiessling: Hopefully before the thanksgiving meeting and then we will be voting after the thanksgiving meeting.
- r. Treasurer Kaounas: Could we extend that since we have a month long interval between CSO meetings, although if you guys want we can jump start the committee now and do it before the next meeting.
- s. Senator Erdman: So we don't have to have the revisions in the spring?
- t. President Kiessling: You can do them in whatever semester we like.

VIII. Adjournment

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

IX. 6:55p.m.