

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for November 14, 2012

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Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for November 7, 2012

Attendance Record:

Brian Fritsch- 0	Andrew Miller- 0	Amy Lindsey- 0
Alexander McNeil- 0	McKenzie Trelka- 0	Nick From- 0
Matthew Rohrbeck- 0	Andrew Carballo	Adam Orth-
Logan Soich- 0	Shanalijah Hernandez- 0	Austin Oliver- 0
Alexandra Haen- 0	Ryan Riebe- 0	Matt Koch- 0
Ben Ranese- 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, just sign in.
 - b. Treasurer Kaounas: The one fund stands at \$47,777.96.
 - c. Vice President Davidson: No report.
 - d. President Kiessling: For those of you who signed up for the constitutional revision committee, I'll be sending out the email soon, we'll start that up probably next week after the meeting. I would just like to reiterate that if you guys have a vested interest in the group, we ask that you do abstain from the vote. I know it's not written down anywhere but it is precedence.
 - e. Dean Ogle: No report.
 - f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - i. WRPN: We recently had a pumpkin bowling event on the cement outside the pub. We handed out our new t-shirt design. It went thoroughly well, we had a lot of people stop by and pick up t-shirts and we had a good number of people bowl. This year we are re-doing brain bowl, similar to how we did radiothon last year, we are going to call it music bowl, and it is going to have more focus on music, instead of the regular focus on academic trivia. We have planned that for the 17th of November. The time has yet to be fully determined but it will happen.
 - ii. Republicans: I wanted to give an update on the Karl Rove event. The contract is officially signed and the date will be released to you first before we release it to the campus. February 6th 2013, which is a Wednesday, he will be speaking at 4:15. An email will be sent out giving more details and clarification, probably at the end of the week or early next week. The reason why we are announcing it today is because we just got the contract signed.
 - iii. Treasurer Kaounas: Do we get 5,000 dollars back?
 - iv. Republicans: He was talked for 10,000 dollars and after talking with Melissa Bemus today, she said the funds will automatically go back into the One Fund.
 - v. Senator Orth: Do you have any idea where it going to be at?
 - vi. Republicans: We are thinking Great Hall, there will be ticketing going on for this event and students will first have dibs to see Mr. Rove speak and then depending if it is too big, we'll move it down to Storzer.
 - vii. Vice-President Davidson: When you say tickets does that mean you are going to be charging admittance?
 - viii. Republicans: No, just tickets. Because there are only a certain number of people that can actually fit in Great Hall.
 - ix. Lacrosse Club: The women's team is doing well, we got a big number for the fall, There are about 14 girls coming regularly. Our practices will continue in the winter but they increase in the spring and we are hoping to have 3 to 5 games this spring. For the guys we are doing a lot of rebuilding because we had 22 guys last spring and about 16 graduated. We did not join the Great Lakes lacrosse league this year because we didn't feel we could field a time at that time and its 1,300 plus a 300 fee for every time you don't show up to a game. We are going to be doing something the girls are doing and just talk to schools and pay the refs.
 - x. RC Greens: Back in September we went to the fight bog fest to see our candidate speak. A couple days before we went to an event in Oshkosh where we also saw her speak and then we met with her. Last month, late October, we co-sponsored the Collective Beehive with the ELP and SMAC.
 - g. One Fund Talk Back\
 - i. Beehive Collective: I'm here tonight for the beehive collective for EGOR, the ELP, OCE, and the College Greens, and SMAC co-sponsored to bring them here the Tuesday after Fall Break. It was a pretty good event, we had a lot more participants than last year, about

- forty high schoolers came over on their lunch hour and they loved it. We had two presenters. The evening presentation went well overall as well, we had several Professors attend and community members as well. We hope to bring it back to you again next year!
- ii. EGOR: I'm here on behalf of EGOR for the beehives prairie one fund. We got most of the supplies for the beehives and we still have some money but anticipate spending that money on the bees themselves in spring. We are set and we are going to start actually putting the equipment together right after winter break.
- h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Secretary Allen: Ethiopia week starts on Monday for International month. On Fri November 9th, Burmese food will be served in the commons at lunch time. The deadline for Thanksgiving transportation is next Monday, November 12th. 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 10th, at 8pm in Great Hall there will be gift card bingo. Come have some fun!
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. New Business
- a. CRU TCX One Fund
 - i. We are requesting 3,800 dollars to send 20 people to the Twin City Experience in Minneapolis. Last year we had three people go. There was a typo in the one fund, where it says we are sending a bunch of student leaders. Our group has been pretty active, we have about 30 minutes in attendance each week. Awhile ago we had a pumpkin carving activity and those pumpkins were displayed on the admissions building porch. Just last week we had 22 people go to the maze out in Oshkosh, which was an illusionist that the Oshkosh CRU brought and we got an invitation to go, as long as you had a student ID it was free.
 - ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Ranes: Move to make this a Roll Call Vote.
 - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
 - 2. Fails 10:13:0
 - iv. Senator Van Der Leest: How many seniors are going?
 - v. We have one senior going.
 - vi. Senator Carballo: How many members of your group have gone to different conferences before, that are going on this one, this time?
 - vii. I would say maybe 7 or 8 that went to the fall retreat back in October.
 - viii. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: A lot of the feedback I got was people weren't sure how much CRU brings back when they go to conferences. What do you plan on bringing back from these conferences.
 - ix. Our group last year, when we went on this trip, had about 10 to 15 members and we now have 30 to 35 and obviously with a lot more people going, they are not just involved with CRU. Our group practically doubled in numbers since going to this and so I would say the effects would be the same for other people if they go and bring back to make their group. The one senior that went last year, she actually graduated and got an internship with CRU because of the people she met at TCX, she is now working in the University of Milwaukee to help those in need.
 - x. Senator Erdman: A lot of my constituents had a lot of questions, they were wondering why so many conferences and retreats, and kind of how you pick students to go. They kind of thought 20 was a lot, especially for the price of the conference, so many go could go into how you chose students and why the number of conferences a year?
 - xi. We essentially get word of the conferences that were available and we ask people that are interested in going, and so we had the fall retreat and TCX, and those are really the only two we have had. As far as the price we are staying at the Hilton in Minneapolis and if you go there at this time, it's normally 200 dollars a night and we going there for 2 nights for 400 dollars. So the price is actually really good. So we just ask those that are interested in going, so I guess I am kind of confused on the number of people question?
 - xii. People sign up willingly, we never tell them should go, we have a sign-up sheet and that's about it. The more the better because we have a full day of outreach, where we make care packages for people and we send it to the people who are in need and actually deliver it to their door. Right after Christmas is a really cool time to do this because people are struggling with the economy and everything, so to have a care package with food for the family, right after the holidays, is a pretty cool experience. So the more people the more packages they can give out. Because half of this money goes towards care packages.
 - xiii. Senator Erdman: Unfortunately, unless the number can be adjusted I have to say no. Yield time to the speaker.
 - xiv. The number of people or the money?
 - xv. Senator Erdman: The number of people.
 - xvi. I actually talked to one of the constituents of that group and they were not aware of the outreach because they were not explained it and they said if they would have known of the outreach they would have changed their vote.

- xvii. Senator Rohrbeck: A couple of the people of whom I represent had concerns with it because it is over winter break and since it is a time when everybody is going back home. The second page of the one fund presentation says we will be paying for all traveling and other expenses out of our pockets, how much are asking for the 20 people going to the conference to contribute out of pocket, is there a certain number you pooled them, say you need 200 dollars to go on this event or how much are you asking?
 - xviii. We encourage those going to ask their churches back home to kind of help them and support them, so they are trying to alleviate cost of gas and food but we have people who are willing to donate vehicles for us to take, larger vans, so we can carpool. Many of us also brought some food.
 - xix. Senator Miller: I think this is a great one fund because CRU does a lot for this campus. Going on these conference is a great thing because not only does it builds current leadership, but also develops underclassmen for their leadership abilities. So when they take over the group later on, they know what they are doing.
 - xx. Passes 16:5:2
- b. Ripon College Republicans One Fund
- i. Basically what we are asking for is a total of \$4,601.28, this will be used for seven nights at the CPAC conference taking place right outside of Washington D.C. this coming spring. We have a break-down of what we will be doing and what we will be bringing back to the campus. We got some lodging expense, some of which you can see is being paid for with our budget. We also have some registrations fees, again we are covering some of that with our budget as well. There are some slight meal expenses, we wanted to accommodate some meals but not everything. Students are going to be expected to pay a fair amount of their pockets for some expenses over the course of this trip. The travel here involves the mileage for two college vehicles to drive from Ripon to Natural Harbor, Maryland which is where it taking place. Regarding tolls, places like Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania all have tolls associated with driving through them. Lodging expenses is going for four nights, three rooms at the Hampton Inn. We will be putting three people in per room. The hotel that is associated with the conference itself, would have cost us \$4,899.88, if we were to have stayed there throughout the conference. So what we did was find a hotel that was fairly close by. That way we can save approximately 2,300 dollars from the one fund. The student registration fees for this conference also provide a discount, I think the actual registration fees were between 80 to a 100 dollars for normal people. In addition, and as Mr. Rohrbeck explained earlier, about how we will be giving back money to the one fund from our Karl Rove thing, we will be giving 5,000 dollars back there. We are seeking assistance from the Green Lake County Republican party as well the Fon du Lac County Republican party, so what we are trying to do there is trying to get some of the cost down so we can actually give back some of this, so we don't actually have to spend the full 4,600 dollars from the one fund. It seems they will be willing to support us for our trip out there and they have reached out to us in the past and helped us fund some activities and we foresee that taking place here. So what is it going to bring back to the campus as a whole, what we really tried to do here was look how we could bring what was discussed there and how we could bring that message back here so that students can know what was going on, and so what you see here is we set four dates with four different topics where we will be having members of our organization attending this event discussing sort of what was discussed at CPAC. The people who are speaking at this conference are really national leaders in all these topics. They are people you see debating on the house floor and senate floor and things like that. They really know quite a bit in these topics. So what we are going to try and do is bring back their message and share that with the student body. If there are any questions about our one fund proposal I would be happy to answer those right now.
 - ii. Carly: Do you have other organizations or other popular support from the student body for this one fund since you already asked for a significant amount of money for the one fund, and I am not aware of significant popular support or other organizations working in conjunction with you.
 - iii. As you may or may not know, our first one fund proposal for Karl Rove was co-sponsored by the Pre-Law Society and that was passed twice, so I think there was some support for that and we will be giving 5000 dollars back from that. For this one fund we are only group sponsoring it. As for popular support from the campus, I haven't spoken to all the students here, so I can't answer that. But that's something I know our senators are doing their due diligence with talking with their constituents, would be a better gauge of popular support than I would.
 - iv. Scott: I have a few concerns about CPAC. From what I understand, in the past there was one LGBT group who wanted to actually wanted to be represented there but they were turned down because the committee barred them from the convention. I am just not entirely sure how what you would be bringing back to campus would be a very good thing for social issues. I know it is a conservative convention but I feel like they are not as open minded and not allowing people to be represented there as they should be. Do you know if they will be allowing any groups like that?
 - v. I don't know the organizers personally, I can't speak on that. We have four political groups on this campus and when you look at what those political groups stand for, and we also

have special interest group, they all believe in different things and I think that's great and I think it's good that we have all these groups on campus who can have their own events and present free speech. I think what's going on at a Republican conservative event is going to be contrary to what the college democrats would technically stand for and in all cases what the network would stand for. I think it is important we have both view points on campus, so if you want to attend a specific day on social issues you are welcome to do that. As far as it being contrary to what you personally believe, there are plenty of events that take place on this campus that are sponsored by political groups that contrary but different groups believe. Certainly I don't personally agree with some of the events that took place. I welcome discussion and I think every group should do things like that.

- vi. Scott: Another thing I am actually concerned about how much you are actually asking for at the moment, I mean you having money coming back from the Karl Rove thing but do you actually know how much you are going to be getting from the political groups in the area?
- vii. I don't know.
- viii. Scott: Do you think it would be possible to wait until you figure out how much?
- ix. This is one of those things where because of how hotels are filling up, it's really important we get some of these reservations as soon as we possibly can. We don't know how much funding we are going to be able to get from these outside groups but they have been willing to support us financially in some instances in the past and we look forward to that this time.
- x. Scott: Did you mention how many senior would be attending?
- xi. We have four seniors who would be attending, three freshmen and one sophomore.
- xii. Scott: With the Network, we usually one fund for about 3000 dollars for our LGBT history month every year. This year we actually didn't have to, we actually decided to cut back on some of our spending. I know it has been a huge election year but the college is needing to cut back on some of this spending as well and I don't know if a lot of student would be okay with one campus being allotted 15,000 for different events.
- xiii. I would first off disagree with the claim our group has been allotted 15000 dollar. Certainly 10,000 dollars will be spent on Karl Rove but at the same time that is co-sponsored with another group, so if you want to split that down the middle you can do that. So at that point we are getting 5,000 dollars from that but that is something that is going to be open the entire campus. We have the potential there of having hundreds and if not a thousand or more people attending that if we end up moving it to Storzer. It is something that is really going to be big for the campus and media wise. As for cutting back I understand the need to save money and things like that it's a down economy and that is just the way it has been. That is where one of the things where we tried to do here was cut cost as much as we can.
- xiv. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
- xv. President Kiessling: Before anyone makes any comments, we have been touching on it, we are discussing this one fund. We are not discussing the Karl Rove one fund, we are not discussing the fiscal policy of this college, so let's keep it on this one fund.
- xvi. Senator Ranes: Move for a Roll Call Vote.
 - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
 - 2. Fails 8:15:0
- xvii. Senator Carballo: What two campus vehicles are you guys taking?
- xviii. Two cars.
- xix. Senator Carballo: The two hybrid ones? Before I came in here I did a little calculating and for two cars to go there and back, it would be around 3,560 miles, and a hybrid gets 30 miles to the gallon. So after the end of it, we found 500 dollars for gas.
- xx. The mileage rate is something set by the college so we don't pay based on how many gallons of gas we use. It's a flat fee, so that is something we can't control. It's set at 20 cents a mile and we are using a college vehicle.
- xxi. Senator Van Der Leest: How many seniors are you taking again?
- xxii. Four.
- xxiii. Senator Van Der Leest: You don't have to name any names but are any of them sitting at this table right now? Obviously you two decided to step out so you didn't have to abstain.
- xxiv. That is up to them and their constituents if they want to reveal that.
- xxv. Senator Van Der Leest: I just asked if they were.
- xxvi. There are a few people on here who have expressed interest in attending this event but that is something for them to work out with their constituents. If their constituents support this and are willing to have them vote for it, then I would encourage them to vote for it. I think that as long as we have senators that are held accountable to their constituents, I think that is what really matters. I would encourage those individuals if their constituents spoke out in favor of this to say that so they are out on the table.
- xxvii. Senator Erdman: My aren't constituents aren't in favor of this at all but I also received an email from a different constituent that is not mine but this person felt as though they don't have an un-bias senator. So I would like to share some of the issues this person had. One, this person feels this is a very poorly written one fund, nothing fairly specific or cost of tolls, parking, where the numbers are coming from. They also feel as though the conference, having no actual benefit for campus, this person believes it is completely self motivated and they have taken advantage and are continuing to take advantage of student funds. And the

four nights you are using to discuss what you have learned, this person believe are your weekly meetings so it doesn't seem like more students are going to attend these. Also this person has written in their email, that several senators in this club are 100% bias senators and go against their constituents and it is their belief that few senators will be going on this trip and while voting yes, they should be completely abstaining. And there is also how they felt this email was sent, there was a mention of the Karl Rove one fund, in the email, saying it was booked for less and is a personal bias because you are trying to sway opinions and making sure there was less money. This personally specifically asked to know the names of the nine people, because if they are mostly seniors they don't see the benefit of attending a conference for a cost like this. So that is what I would like to share, which was asked. So my one question is who is going?

- xxviii. I don't think that it is pertinent for the same reasons CRU didn't have to reveal the names of the 20 students who were attending their event, or conference, I don't think it pertinent to reveal that information, and so for privacy reason I am not going to do that. The majority is not seniors.
- xxix. Senator Erdman: However, aside from the fact it is a privacy issue, we have had a major issue with accountability and the fact we can't even roll call vote which takes 30 seconds to go around the table and everyone say yes, no or abstention, is slightly ridiculous, and a group asking for 22% of the One Fund this year is taking a little bit of an advantage of it and quiet honestly I don't know what the benefit of it is. Also my constituents asked who is going as well, so obviously it is something that is important to students, in order for them to make this decision. So you may want to try and reconsider that.
- xxx. Senator Ranes: First I would like to note that most of my responses were very much for the CRU one fund but had no mention of at all of the Republican one fund and all of the responses I got that mention the Republican one fund thought that it might be a bit too much money. It is ok if you don't want to reveal who they are but can you tell me how did you pick who was going to go on the trip?
- xxx. People who wanted to go signed up and those are the people who will be going, no one was excluded.
- xxxii. Senator Ranes: How did you specifically choose the hotel you will be attending? I know that you said the original hotel at the conference would be a lot more expensive but surely there must be cheaper hotels?
- xxxiii. It is the cheapest hotel in that general National Harbor area and we also did it so we could fit more people in one room.
- xxxiv. Senator Ranes: Does the hotel offer breakfast?
- xxxv. Yes.
- xxxvi. Senator Ranes: How did you calculate the money for tolls and parking?
- xxxvii. I didn't calculate that number.
- xxxviii. Senator Ranes: My final question which I believe every person, everyone of my constituents who contacted me, and a couple of other people actually, why one fund for something in March, right now?
- xxxix. As I mentioned earlier, we want to make sure to get our hotel booked before the rooms fill up.
- xl. Senator Ranes: Can it wait a week or two?
- xli. I don't see any reason it would have to.
- xlii. Senator Ranes: Then allow me to explain, some of my constituents were interested in the fact you wanted to talk to local Republican parties, but they were too busy for the election, and it really interesting that this comes up the day following the election, when it could have waited another week or two, to actually have enough time to get responses from them if that is indeed the reason. Some of my constituents think that if you can lower the cost by that manner, it would be a lot easier for them to allow for the passing of that. So my question is, would it be ok with your group to table it for a week or two, so that you hear a response.
- xliii. Honestly I don't know how long it would take for them to respond, and get an idea of how much they would be able to contribute to us, so I would rather not go that route, and be able to have it set in stone that we will be attending this and that way can specifically get answers from them as they are able to.
- xliv. Senator Ranes: How far in advance have you contacted these organizations?
- xliv. A couple of weeks ago.
- xlvi. Senator Ranes: So why do you think it would take long?
- xlvii. Because if they were trying to reach out to different members and obviously the election is a scramble. I can't speak to what they do when they talk to their members and things like that.
- xlviii. Senator Ranes: I think it is very worth noting some of the points made by people off the floor. It is a good thing to note, these people are asking to go to a conference that has excluded a groups, that we have members on this campus, and I know that we have varying amount of opinions on this campus, but those groups don't display exclusionary tactics or else they would not be allowed to be groups on this campus. I think that is something worth noting.

- xlix. President Kiessling: Before I let anybody else speak. Dean Ogle, for some clarification, I know it has come up a couple times about the privacy issue, has this ever come up before? Is it a privacy issue for them not to share groups?
- I. Dean Ogle: It has never come up before. I don't ever recall a time where student names were asked to be revealed for an event.
 - ii. Senator Carballo: I think this is a good trip, I think you were conservative with your estimates, because you don't want to short yourself, which makes sense, so I would ask that you keep track of receipts for your lodging, the expense of your tolls, parking.
 - lii. Obviously for reimbursement purposes, that would be required anyway, and any money that wouldn't get spent, that would go back into the one fund.
 - liiii. Senator Oliver: I'm not part of this group at all and I know I vote according to my constituents and I vote either way. I feel these people are getting attacked right now and I hear contradicting arguments and some senator have said the percentage of the one fund, and I know they have argued against the one fund when one side has said that. Other groups sponsoring with the RC Republicans, this is a strictly Republican thing, so it would be ridiculous to sponsor with them, because they wouldn't be getting anything out of it.
 - liv. Senator Koch: My guys are really on board with this whole thing, so yes, I am going to be making a yes vote, surprise there. I just want to point out some things, people have been concerned with passing this right now, it is important that they pass it right now, it is an event that if you follow national politics of either party, these events are extremely popular, if you have ever lived in the city of Washington, things are incredibly expensive out there, it is nothing like it is out here. You got to do that very far in advance and you have to give them credit, that is what they are doing right now, is making sure everything is organized and making sure everything gets done accordingly. I'm hearing a lot of criticism hear, it coming from the same people that criticized the Karl Rove thing, let's keep our personal views out of it.
 - lv. Senator McNeil: For my particular constituency, they were worried about the cost, so I won't be able to support your one fund, but I do see the value of the political action conference. I just want to say, the tone in the questioning going on from this group, is somewhat unfair and unmerited. I feel like it has turned more into an interrogation, and I think that asking for information of group members that are going is going a little far. And with that, instead of letting it get out of control, I would like to move to Previous Question.
 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
 2. Fails 8:10:4
 - lvi. Senator Rohrbeck: I just wanted to bring up about postponing it for a week or two. After talking with one of the people who are in charge of one of the organizations we are going to, Fon du Lac Republican party as well as Green Lake Republican party. He said after any major election, they take at least two to three weeks off after they win or lose. If we take two weeks off, there is no waiting and it will be thanksgiving break, then we have two more meeting after that and even with the holidays, it is going to be more time with people taking off. So actually getting something done, will probably not happen until January 2013, so the reason we coming now, so specifically we can book the hotels and then we can reach out to Green Lake as well as Fon du Lac and talk to them because they have been on board with the events we have done in the past and they have already tried to support us in any way possible. I thinking trying to postpone that, it would be more to do that if we ended coming back in January.
 - lvii. Senator Ranes: How long does the conference go on a single day?
 - lviii. It goes from 9 or 10 in the morning to 7 o'clock in the evening.
 - lix. Senator Van Der Leest: The question about the group, obviously they meet every week but the Green Lake and Fon du Lac Republican parties, they might not meet every week, that could be the reason why they haven't had the chance to talk with them yet. Where would the discussion panels be at?
 - ix. We don't have a specific location for that.
 - lxi. Senator Van Der Leest: Do you have a time for those?
 - lxii. The evenings, we do have our meetings right now on Thursdays but our meetings have changed. The times have changed, usually the past five semesters I think, and even if we do have Thursday evening meetings, they are going to be held at a different time.
 - lxiii. Senator Van Der Leest: You say people signed up if they wanted to go, how many people to do you usually have at a meeting.
 - lxiv. The last meeting I believe we had 15. It fluctuates though.
 - lxv. Senator Der Leest: I yield time to off the floor.
 - lxvi. Kyle: What was your budget for this year?
 - lxvii. Our budget was approximately 1,200 dollars.
 - lxviii. Kyle: Last I knew, you had 1,100 dollars budgeted for a conference.
 - lix. We don't have 1,100 budgeted for conference.
 - lxx. Kyle: How much do you have?
 - lxxi. Off-hand the number is somewhere around 300.
 - lxxii. Kyle: Then what is the rest of your budget allocated for?
 - lxxiii. It is allocated for things like travel, duplicating and other expenses and thing like that. As those of you may be aware from the Karl Rove one fund, we did devote a significant portion

of our budget to go to security cost and food cost for the reception that is open to entire college community, following that event. It's not being paid for by the one fund, that is being paid for by our group specifically. We've already spent a portion of the travel expenses on volunteering and events and things like that, this semester so far. So we don't have that full amount left, and we do have other events that we need to plan in the spring semester. We are contributing about a fourth of our budget for this.

- lxxiv. Karl: I don't know what exactly was put into the travel costs but for the tolls, something I've used in the past is the iPass system, you put in a certain amount of money into an account, and you can drive straight through an iPass system, and you don't have to drive through the toll booths. The actual total cost is less than half the normal toll. So if the college invested in this with this one fund, it could become an asset for the college to use for people with the college vehicle and it would significantly reduce the toll costs for travel. So that could be something that would lessen the cost there.
- lxxv. Liz: What are some of the topics being discussed there?
- lxxvi. Basically everything, any topic on the political landscape. They do have individual speakers who speak and panel discussions that speak as well on different topics. How we are applying to Ripon, it applies not just to Ripon but everyone. As citizens we had an election yesterday and there are going to be more elections, and as responsible citizens it's hard to understand what the debates are on these issues, what people think about these issues, and things like that. What we are trying to do is bring back the discussion on all these topics and bring them back in these four forum sessions we will be holding.
- lxxvii. Liz: how will you get people to attend your talks about what you learned?
- lxxviii. We will send out invitations to everyone on campus, where people interested in the topics will go and if they are not interested they won't. We are not going to go and force anyone to go. It's not who we are, as a country.
- lxxix. Karly: Why would it be inappropriate for you to partner with the Libertarians, the free enterprise group, or the other political groups on campus to learn a little bit more about a conservative party?
- lxxx. If we asked people who are members of our group, because of all the groups on campus, we are the one that most closely aligns with the conservative movement and things like that. The reason we didn't ask other groups if they wanted to be a part of this, it's one of those things where you look at the Libertarian Party, compared to conservatism, although similar, are not the same. Asking another group to sponsor with we feel didn't fit this one fund in particular.
- lxxxi. Karly: My second question is, as someone brought up, if this organization already has a history of discrimination and you are bringing back the information from it, are you claiming when you talk about this issue. What if they do advocate for some form of discrimination, would that come up in the talks?
- lxxxii. No. We don't discriminate, anyone can join our group.
- lxxxiii. Karly: I am very aware of that but I just wondering about that organization specifically.
- lxxxiv. One organization has one funded to bring a comedian on this campus who has called former presidents retarded, I don't think that is personally appropriate but it happens. It's free speech, we can do that if we want, honestly if this particular organization has decided they wanted to discriminate against any one group, I don't know, I haven't heard about it personally. We are not going to bring back any message of discrimination.
- lxxxv. Liz: I just have one question for the senators, as a constituent of Ripon College, can you please reconsider asking for a roll call vote, and please consider voting for it. I think, especially with the things we have seen in the past, a roll call vote would be something worthwhile, and it's not saying that we don't trust you, it's saying there is nothing to hide, you're good to go, please reconsider.
- lxxxvi. President Kiessling: If anyone is still interested, we have their budget from last year.
- lxxxvii. Treasurer Kaounas: Under the description for the following four line items: travel, meals, lodging, and registration fees, the Republicans have allotted \$150 for travel for a conference, \$50 for meals for a conference, \$600 for lodging for a conference, \$300 for registration fees for a conference and then Miscellaneous expenses are \$100 and \$15 dollars are in-house duplicating services.
- lxxxviii. Kyle: So that would be 1,100 dollars for a conference, correct?
- lxxxix. Treasurer Kaounas: Under the description for the following: travel, meals, lodging and registration fees, you guys have listed conferences.
- xc. Senator Ranes: I would like to make a suggestion, if this passes and when you have your talks, I would suggest in whatever advertisements you do, if you do wish to attract more people, I would suggest, yes, noting that it is a discussion about a conservative event you have attended but try to note it is non-partisan. Permission to remove myself from the table?
- xc. President Kiessling: Granted.
- xcii. Ben: I think it's really interesting that this group was so defensive about the privacy and yet they did note one very specific member that would be going.
- xciii. Senator Miller: Budget issue, a fourth of that is going to the Karl Rove one fund, a quarter of that is going towards this one fund, if it passes, and a huge, more than one quarter, has been taken out so far because of the presidential election. So the money we actually have

left is not much at all. And we still have other conferences as well to attend. Move to previous question.

1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
 2. Fails 8:11:3
- xciv. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: So if they have money allocated to conferences, are you able to reallocate that money? My understanding is you can only reallocate 100 dollars in a certain line item to something else. But anything else has to come before student senate. Don't they technically still have those funds as conference, and not Karl Rove?
- xcv. Treasurer Kaounas: The description is conference; the account name is travel, meals, lodging and registration fees. The description is what we are talking about, but the account name can easily be applied to what they are one funding for tonight.
- xcvi. Senator Rohrbeck: I yield time to off the floor.
- xcvii. Just to clear some up a bit, the amount that is being spent for the Karl Rove portion from our budget was, and has gone before this body and was voted on twice. I think that is fairly clear at this point, and in addition, it's 100 dollars per week, that can be reallocated without senate approval.
- xcviii. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: I was only asking if it was possible to reallocate that amount in your budget.
- xcix. Senator Van Der Leest: I yield time to off the floor.
- c. Kyle: I was just wondering with the budget thing if we could reallocate and if Sophia signed off on that, because according to the student senate constitution, you can do 100 dollars per week, you are correct, but I believe the Treasurer has to sign off on that, and you can do it once a week. I was wondering if that happened.
 - ci. I don't think that has happened as of yet. The reason we didn't use all of our funds for this, is because, as Senator Miller said, there are two or three other conferences that we are about to attend.
 - cii. Treasurer Kaounas: With that being said, I haven't seen anything or signed anything in regards to hundreds of dollars being moved from travel to meals, that has not gone through yet in the business office.
 - ciii. Fails 9:11:2

V. Announcements

- a. Senator Ranes: Heart sails are continuing in the commons for Mr. Ripon, so please come and support your favorite candidate or just come and support the Huntington's disease Society of America. The actual event is going to be taking place this upcoming Tuesday at Great Hall. It is \$3 to attend but if you come and buy five hearts you can get a \$1 off admission, or you can get free admission by buying a crown for \$10. All proceeds are going to the Huntington's disease Society of America.

VI. Open Forum

- a. Senator Ranes: How up to date is that purple sheet up in the back of the room?
- b. President Kiessling: Not very up to date.
- c. Senator Van Der Leest: What is the purple sheet?
- d. Senator Ranes: The purple sheet is for parliamentary procedure for various motions and the specific reason I am asking is because according to that sheet, a roll call vote only requires one fifth of senators to second it.
- e. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: Is there any way the minutes from student senate meetings can be put in the boxes on Tuesdays again? Because I get mine on Wednesday morning and that is usually after I meet with my constituents, so I usually have to chase them down to get there comments.
- f. Secretary Allen: Yes.
- g. Senator Messerschmidt: As one of those senators was leaving, I believe he said back, "Well I'm not a senator" as he walked out the door.
- h. President Kiessling: I was just about to address that. I want to remind everybody, if you have subs, please remind them the senate meeting goes until adjournment, and granted I can't make them stay but they are filling in for you and it is your duty to your constituents to stay here the entire time.
- i. Vice-President Davidson: As the President of the Ripon College Democrats I really don't appreciate the cheap shots that are thrown around sometimes at this table. I think that at other various moments I have had opportunities to say some negative and harsh things about some of the people that have been brought forth before here and I've kept my mouth closed. I would suggest and hope that those who are at this table can also respect my views and my groups.
- j. Liz: Is there a guideline on who should and should not abstain?
- k. President Kiessling: There is not but we are going to go through the constitution following senate next week and that is definitely something that we are looking to address.

VII. Adjournment

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