

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for January 23, 2013

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Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for December 5, 2012

Attendance Record:

Brian Fritsch- 0	Andrew Miller- 0	Amy Lindsey- 0
Alexander McNeil- 1	McKenzie Trelka- 0	Nick From- 0
Matthew Rohrbeck- 0	Andrew Carballo- 0	Adam Orth- 0
Logan Soich- 0	Shanalijah Hernandez- 0	Austin Oliver- 0
Alexandra Haen- 0	Ryan Riebe- 0	Peter Hayes- 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 Van der Leest
 - i. Senator Kiessling
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Allen: I apologize for the late minutes and agenda but as you all know it's been on the portal since 3pm. But this will never happen again, I promise. For new business for the next meeting next semester, items need to be submitted to me by my email, the student senate email, or underneath the door by Wednesday January 9th.
 - b. Treasurer Kaounas: I read the wrong amount last week for the one fund, so last week the one fund should have been \$42,487.86. Then this week the one fund stands at \$37,944.16. Also it has been a pleasure serving you this semester!
 - c. Vice President Davidson: No report.
 - d. President Kiessling: Dan Mikesell will be joining us at our next meeting, which will be January 16th, at our usual time. For all of you on the constitutional revision committee, send me your revisions. Also, if you are interested, the academic standards committee is looking for someone to serve on it. They basically meet once a week over the lunch period and they talk about departmental formats, class formats, accepting students with lower GPAs and ACTs into Ripon. If any of you are interested, email me as soon as you can, or tell your constituents to email me. Also, Twas the night before finals this evening.
 - e. Dean Ogle: No report
 - f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - i. Armchair Association: We haven't done much this semester. We have had a handful of informal meetings but do to some scheduling conflicts and some trouble getting in touch with our advisor and getting down on the same page as them, we haven't done much this semester. In this upcoming semester three people who were formerly executive board members, will come back, so that will be awesome.
 - ii. Ms. Ripon: We ended up raising \$1,644 for the Alzheimer's Association. Emily Dozier is our Ms. Ripon this year but she is going to be studying abroad, so our runner up is going to be stepping up to maintain the relationship with the Ripon community. We recently just had our elections for the new exec board and then next semester we will be having the dress drive again.
 - iii. Ripon Anthropology Association: We had a lot of seniors graduate last year so attendance has been kind of low this semester, we are trying to reformat a little. We meet tomorrow at 7 in the scott hall pink lounge, we are watching Taboo.
 - iv. Martial Arts Club: A lot of our executive board went away last semester, so we kind of had to restart. We kind of had some trouble with scheduling with the space we wanted and we got that all figured out and we have started meeting regularly.
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. ROTC: We one funded a long time ago for those GPSs and we are just thanking you for them.
 - ii. PSS: Last Friday we had Nora Lee come back and explain what we found during the investigations. We found some pretty interesting stuff, we heard some noises, they were actually documented but we weren't able to actually get audio recordings. We are planning getting them back to do some investigations on other buildings.
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Secretary Allen: Join us for the Twas the Night Before Finals tonight at 8pm in Great Hall. SAO will be open finals week from 8am Monday to 8pm Wednesday with snacks. Late night breakfast is Tuesday December 11th from 11pm to Midnight. MLK brunch invitations went out, please RSVP through the portal.
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Art Opening Jamboree Enthusiasts Intent to Organize

- i. If anybody has any questions about what we covered last week, please ask.
- ii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Kiessling: Move to second the motion.
- iii. Passes 18:2:1
- iv. President Kiessling: Make sure to send a copy of your constitution to us and SAO

V. New Business

a. Ripon College Book Club Intent to Organize

- i. Basically we are coming before senate so we can send out all campus emails and so we can actually get funding. We don't need any more than the hundred dollars, just in case students can't afford the books, we would like to buy them for them. Basically if we bought the book it would be for the club and still be student senates. We have about 10 different members and our advisor is Kate Moody. We have planned to meet twice a semester and read two books a semester. Currently we are voting on the books to read.
- ii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Kiessling: Move to second the motion.
- iii. Senator Rohrbeck: How many people are interested?
- iv. Around 10.
- v. Senator Rohrbeck: It sounds like already beforehand you have been meeting already?
- vi. I've been sending out some emails.
- vii. Senator Rohrbeck: Has this been going on all semester?
- viii. About two weeks before Thanksgiving.
- ix. Senator Van Der Leest: Where would these books be kept?
- x. That still has to be decided. I've been talking with Kate Moody. We were thinking about in the library but not in the library circulation system. They could still read them though.
- xi. Treasurer Kaounas: As a point of clarification, you could put them in SAO. It's a good inventory spot for most.
- xii. Senator Oliver: I know I have had some concerns with just gathering a hoard of books because if we had five of one book it would be a waste. I was in a book club in high school and the way we did it is the library would do interlibrary loans, that way you wouldn't have to pay for it.
- xiii. The students can buy them themselves or they could get them from an interlibrary loan or a public library. Basically we would only be buying them if we couldn't get them from an interlibrary loan. And sometimes you can only get so many of one book.
- xiv. Senator Oliver: I know back in my town you could get as many as you want.
- xv. Senator Riebe: Is there any way we could include a provision in your constitution that would say that books purchased through this organization, cannot be made personal possessions of any of the members?
- xvi. Senator Hagen: Is it necessary to put this in? I thought there was a rule that already prohibited any group from buying something that did not remain with the college?
- xvii. Treasurer Kaounas: That is true. It's in our handbook that everything purchased with student senate is student senate's possession. So you're set.
- xviii. Passes 21:0:0
- xix. President Kiessling: You will be under Old Business in the upcoming meeting.

b. The Network One Fund

- i. We basically we are one funding for a Michigan trip to for the Midwest Bisexual Transgender Gay Ally College Conference and the original price was \$1154 but we were able to cut it in half with our budget. So this entire conference basically is a chance to bring in underclassmen and show them how to be leaders for the club.
- ii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Kiessling: Move to second the motion.
- iii. Senator Ranes: Move to a Roll Call Vote
 - 1. Senator Fritsch: Move to second the motion.
 - 2. President Kiessling: Any discussion on the Roll Call Vote? For those of you new to senate, a Roll Call Vote is when instead of raising your hand for a vote, I will go around the room and call each senator by name and they will say yes or no to the one fund.
 - 3. Fails 8:10:3
- iv. Senator Haen: A constituent's concern I got was you have the LGBT history month and I was just wondering what else you plan on bringing back after this conference?
- v. We had some speakers that would not be able to make it or we just didn't think we could afford it at the time. We also have ideas for campus wide movie nights and shirts outside of campus.
- vi. Senator Walsh: All of my constituents wanted me to vote yes and they think it is a really good idea and that they approve of the idea of having conferences in general.
- vii. Senator Riebe: My first question is about the hotel, you have ten students, and you are going to fit them in two rooms?
- viii. Yes, the rooms include two queen beds and a couch in each.
- ix. Senator Riebe: Is this hotel the listed on the conference website?
- x. Yes.

- xi. Senator Riebe: I visited that hotel website today and they don't have any rooms left with double beds. Have you looked at that recently and how will that impact your trip?
 - xii. We actually kind of thought about this a bit and we realized we actually have just enough in our budget in case something like this would happen we could still go for more and if we really, really wanted to bring a new speaker to campus we could always come back for a one fund.
 - xiii. Senator Riebe: The other concern I have is about some of the subject matter of this conference. According to one of the workshops listed there, they are going to be promoting something called Polyamery. But basically it is the practice, desire, or acceptance of having more than one intimate relationship at a time with the knowledge and consent of everyone involved. Is this something we want to be promoting as a student senate and a college, devoting student funds to something like this that is promoting an idea like this?
 - xiv. Personally I'm not the biggest supporter of Polyamery but my whole idea is that I really have no reason to talk because as long as it is something between consenting adults, as long as it's not abusive, as long as it helps others, then I cannot say something against it. I actually did not know about the workshop for Polyamery but that is basically my thought on it.
 - xv. Senator Fritsch: Polyamery I realize probably has a really negative connotation because people associate it with abusive relationships, like the previous connotations that are associated with Polygamy. Polyamery though actually does involve love between different people, it's not quite as terrible as it is often made out to be. There is a polyamery trio that I know of and they have a child and they are perfectly happy, it's not quite as awful as it seems. So I don't think there is an issue. I think the benefits would outweigh risks with that and the association with our school.
 - xvi. Senator Walsh: As with previous meetings I have been to, we don't all have to agree with everything that they are going to go over, because different groups have different beliefs, and they clash. But I think that overall, that sounds like one small workshop out of many.
 - xvii. Senator Gaut: I yield time to off the floor.
 - xviii. In response to the rumors, I know sometimes when you go to conferences they have a block for people that are coming to that conference. So even if they say they are full you may want to call and double check they don't have rooms reserved for people for the people coming to the conference.
 - xix. Passes 13:3:5
- c. Black History Month One Fund
- i. We have some changes to the one fund. We will no longer have Taiju the Storyteller on Wednesday the 13th. And Darell Davis, he will still be coming but he needs a grand piano, and we have to rent one, that will cost \$850 dollars, and he will need a room to stay in. The new total I have is \$8,347.98.
 - ii. President Kiessling: For clarification, we are still voting on the old total until this is amended.
 - iii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Kiessling: Move to second the motion.
 - iv. Senator Ranes: Move to a Roll Call Vote.
 - 1. Senator Fritsch: Move to second the motion
 - 2. Fails 7:8:6
 - v. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to amend the total to \$8,347.98.
 - 1. Senator Hagen: Move to second the motion.
 - 2. President Kiessling: Is there any discussion on this? Is this considered as friendly?
 - 3. Yes.
 - 4. Passes 16:2:3
 - vi. Senator Fritsch: One of my constituents was concerned with the cost. I did not mention which one but I am assuming it was Daryl Davis. Can you tell me what this person will be bringing and if you have ever had him here before?
 - vii. Daryl Davis was on campus four years ago and from Marcus Neeld he was really good and the campus really took to him. What he will be doing on campus is explaining some of the research he found when he joined the KKK and some of the psychological things that went on with that. He is going to be doing an interactive thing with the piano, engaging the crowd. He will be using electronic things, slideshows, things he has done and seen. A lot of the things will be beneficial to campus, a lot of people that saw it really changed, it really enlightened them. In regards to the cost, he charge 4700 dollar flat fee or you can pay 4000 dollars for his flight, lodging and food. So we went with the flat fee because we felt it would be cheaper than paying for a flight.
 - viii. Senator Ranes: You have in the one fund you are looking for 200 dollars for a DJ to play at a union party, do you have any idea who you would want to DJ?
 - ix. Well, we have been working with Kyonna and the DJ we are going to contact for this is named Bruce Fernandez. He DJs for other BSUs in the area. He said he would work with 200 dollars if that is what we had.
 - x. Senator Ranes: I would just like to make a general note that WRPN love s to DJ stuff for free so that's another option.

- xi. Senator Miller: This one fund wasn't even put out until 2am this morning so that's less than 24 hours for the whole campus to find out about it, so I think , we saw earlier in the semester where with the Karl Rove one fund a lot of people got mad when they didn't know what was on the agenda, when they didn't have time to express their concerns to their senators. So since this is a huge amount of money as well, I would like to move to table this one fund.
 - 1. Senator Riebe: Move to second the motion.
 - 2. President Kiessler: Are you looking to table this to a certain date?
 - 3. Senator Miller: Until the next meeting.
 - 4. President Kiessler: Do you accept this as friendly?
 - 5. No, and the reason why is because it is very time sensitive and we turned it in on time.
 - 6. Senator Miller: Last year the Black History Month one fund was passed on January 5th, so I think we could actually have it the next meeting. So it would actually be a week before we passed it last year.
 - 7. President Kiessler: Is there any discussion on this now?
 - 8. Senator Van Der Leest: I yield time.
 - 9. The reason why the BSU one fund last year was able to be so late was because we didn't have a keynote speaker. Our speaker is holding this date for us, so we need to let him know he can come on that day.
 - 10. Senator: Anymore discussion on this tabling? If not we will put it to a vote.
 - 11. Fails 8:7:6
- xii. Senator Rohrbeck: Seeing that it was the time sensitivity issue, when was this submitted to senate?
- xiii. We sent it in Wednesday last week. However, there was an error on our part, we sent it to Sophia and I sent it back to the student senate email.
- xiv. Senator Rohrbeck: May I ask what day?
- xv. Wednesday of last week.
- xvi. Senator Rohrbeck: The only reason why I am asking is because getting it less than sixteen hours away from the actual meeting, it was kind of time consuming, and it was kind of a hassle for all the twenty people or more here at this table but I know I wasn't able to talk to anybody with whom I represent about this particular issue, and I know as much controversy as the one fund I represented when that didn't come, that was a lot of controversy. They felt they weren't informed fully on something like this, it would just present the exact same hassle. But the one question I would be willing to pose to you, would be would you be willing to cut events? It's a lot of awesome events, the question is, do you have to do all of them?
- xvii. BSU's constitution says, we have to have an event every week and two of them have to be off campus. So we try to follow our constitution as best as we can, the way it is laid out right now for the one event per week, we try to get as cheap as we could, find things people enjoy, and bring back things people like. So what would you suggest we take off?
- xviii. Senator Rohrbeck: To be honest, the one expense that has already been brought up is the expense of Darrell Davis. That is half of your one fund if not more. That would be one possibility. Looking at this, the keynote speaker, if anything should be the thing taken off. It's more like adding two events or eliminating a keynote speaker. Can this one fund be divided? If possible I am motioning for Daryl Davis to be divided into a separate one fund.
- xix. President Kiessler: Yes you can divide a motion.
 - 1. Senator Riebe: Move to second the motion.
 - 2. President Kiessler: Is this considered as friendly?
 - 3. Question, in dividing this, would it be two separate one fund?
 - 4. President Kiessler: Yes, it would be classified as two separate one funds. It be Daryl Davis and everyone else.
 - 5. The reason why we chose Darrell Davis is because one we thought he would bring a very, very good perspective to campus as well as I feel BSU needs to have a keynote during Black History Month. I just find it counterproductive to take away a keynote speaker. Because this is how my group wanted it, I am going to have to consider it not friendly.
 - 6. President Kiessler: Is there any discussion to this?
 - 7. Senator Hagen: I yield time to off the floor.
 - 8. Hannah: In regards to the cost, yes I understand there was a short amount of time to do it, however, since it was brought up, Karl Rove is a onetime only event, this is a month worth of events that bring a lot to campus so I understand that tabling it would probably be the best option but to take away a keynote speaker that has done some of the things that Daryl Davis has done and the perspective he would bring I feel is invaluable and it has been talked about for months that we need to bring things that benefit the campus and promote the liberal arts education that we all so choose to get when we come to Ripon and so I really think you need to look at it as a month worth of events, instead of one chunk of money.

9. Senator Hagen: If we did split this into two one funds, could the non-Daryl Davis part be tabled? And the other voted on today? Because from what I understand that is the only thing that is time sensitive.
10. No, also percussion ensemble needs to know if they can come.
11. Senator Hayes: Have you looked into any backups for Daryl Davis, my issue is that this came out very shortly and I've talked to four or five of my 36 constituents and it is pretty pricey. Have you looked into anyone else and what would that price range be?
12. Daryl Davis actually going to be someone MLK week was going to look at for their backup and we took their backup, because it is black history month, it has been very hard to find a speaker at this time, different than what we have.
13. President Kiessling: I just wanted to let you guys know we are still talking about the division, we haven't voted on it yet.
14. Senator Rohrbeck: I just wanted to reiterate something that a former senator just said, with this whole thing being a month, I would hate to see this one fund fail because about half of it goes to the speaker. I someone just talked to someone about this, they could have a negative stigmatism just on this one expense being passed, so instead of getting rid of this entire proposal and having them come back again before senate next semester, that's why I proposed we split the issue and we could possible table one half and then debate the other half and try to make that happen. I don't want to see the entire thing though be destroyed because of one thing.
15. Senator Kay: I was going to say that if the percussion thing is also time sensitive, could we add that to the Daryl Davis thing to be voted on since they are both time sensitive and then vote on the rest of it next semester? Could we split it that way?
16. President Kiessling: So you are saying you want Daryl Davis and Percussion on one item and then everything else separate?
17. Senator Kay: Yes. It's just a thought though.
18. Dean Ogle: Senator Rohrbeck can withdraw his motion if you agree with what Senator Kay wants to do and then you can let that be the motion to split. If you don't agree, you stick with your own motion.
19. Senator Van Der Leest: When was your email sent out today Senator Rohrbeck?
20. I sent it out this morning because I was informed there was an added line item.
21. Senator Van Der Leest: Did you send out two emails or just one?
22. Senator Rohrbeck: I will talk to people with whom I represent and since I was informed I normally send them out Tuesday when I have time, this Monday was kind of hectic. Tuesday I was informed that there was going to be an added line item to the senate meeting agenda. And I was kind of hoping I would get that Tuesday because if something was going to be added, I want to send everything out at once. But since what I had, I was talking about 10 or 15 of whom I represent, about what was already on it and I told them there is possible another thing on. I had no idea what it was. I just knew something was coming and instead of sending out two emails, I wanted to send everything out in bulk. Going off what Dean Ogle said, I accept the amendment to my amendment as friendly.
 - a. Senator Riebe: Move to second motion.
 - b. President Kiessling: Now we will be discussing Daryl Davis and the Percussion Ensemble as different one fund and everything else as a separate one fund.
 - c. Treasurer Kaounas: I am going to ask some questions and there is going to be some rationale to this. Would you rather have the Percussionist or the Speaker? And what would appeal more to the campus?
 - d. I feel the speaker would be very beneficial, however the percussion ensemble came last year but we talked to them and they are very eager about coming back.
 - e. Treasurer Kaounas: If you feel comfortable that you would prioritize the Percussionists over the speaker, I suggest taking what she prioritizes, maybe the percussionists or the speaker and separating the rest of that away from the line items of the agenda. Or not even separating it all and including it all together as well.
 - f. Senator Ranes: I would just like to point out, I sent my constituents three separate emails this week. I sent them one Sunday evening and then I sent them another one on Monday when I saw the Straw Poll thing was added and I sent them another one earlier today. I've gotten varying amounts of responses because of that and so that's the reason why I am in support of tabling it, while I am in support of dividing it. Because only one of my constituents responded and I am sure that said constituents views are not fully representative of my entire constituency, that's all I have to work on with this.

- g. Senator Hagen: I think some people are confused with what Sophia is saying. I think she is saying something around the lines of, since the Percussionists and Speaker are time sensitive, give each of them their own one fund kind of, so if one fails, the other one isn't necessarily failed immediately and the not time sensitive stuff stays off on its own in case they want to table that. What way would you guys like it broken up, if at all?
- h. I would go with if at all. I feel like you can't take off percussion ensemble and Daryl Davis and put them together because you just said you don't want to take away number events. But then you want to separate them? It just doesn't make sense.
- i. Senator Hagen: I just think the only issue the senators have is the amount of the one fund but we understand there is time sensitive stuff in it, we would all be willing to vote on the time sensitive stuff but if the parts that aren't time sensitive, we could push till the next meeting so we could talk to our constituents further.
- j. I feel like we are on the same page but I think we are going to run into the same problem because it sounds like the problem on the table that Daryl Davis is expensive, so you're going to vote on that today and run into the same problems with your constituents.
- k. Senator Rohrbeck: One idea would be to divide it into three things, putting the Ensemble as its own thing, the speaker and then the rest of the activities. I would actually move for that because I know it has to be approved by you. So you would have to approve what I am motioning now to be accepted as the new, so there would be three separate things, it would be the ensemble as its own, the speaker and then it would be the rest of the events.
- l. Senator Kay: The reason why we would separate them into the three that would make sense I guess would be that the two are time sensitive and that if we lump them together, it's a big thing and the fact people haven't been able to talk to their constituents are probable just going to say no, and that sounds awful. The two things shouldn't be lumped together simply because if we like one idea and not the other, we shouldn't have to vote no on both, just because we don't like one. I would like them separated into three things.
 - i. Senator Ranes: Move to second the motion.
 - ii. President Kiessling: Is this considered as friendly?
 - iii. Yes.
 - iv. President Kiessling: That's the end of my speakers list, so let me get this straight, we are voting into dividing this into percussion, the speaker, and then everything else.
 - v. Passes 17:1:1
 - vi. President Kiessling: So we will now treat this as three separate one funds. We will begin discussion on the Percussion aspect
- d. Black History Month 2013 – Percussion Ensemble One Fund
 - i. Senator Miller: I went last year and it was like the greatest event of Black History month and I know it was packed. It was a lot of fun and you guys should vote for this one.
 - ii. Senator Riebe: Just as a point of clarification, since they are three different one funds, could we get the totals?
 - iii. President Kiessling: Yes. Right now for the Percussion Ensemble, it is 1500 dollars.
 - iv. Treasurer Kaounas: For the rest of the day's events, it is 1,100 dollars and for the speaker it is \$ 5,602.99.
 - v. Passes 17:1:3
- e. Black History Month 2013 – Daryl Davis Keynote Speaker One fund
 - i. Dean Ogle: Recognizing I am from a different generation than you are, it is not my place to tell you ever how to vote or not but I can tell you I was there when he was there last time and it was a huge audience and he has a very compelling story and I could honestly say it probably was the most remarkable musical performance I have ever seen since I've been at Ripon. When he was stage he was really good, he played in Jazz clubs all over the south and that is how he got his connections with the Ku Klux Klan and that is how he got into the organization, so again, it's up to you, but having been there and the large audience, it was quite a performance.
 - ii. Senator Miller: I think the problem we are running into with this one is that we are already paying Tim Wise 8020 dollars for a similar event during MLK week next semester.
 - iii. Senator Van Der Leest: Yield time.
 - iv. I would just like to point out MLK week and Black History Month are totally separate. Tim Wise has nothing to do with BSU.
 - v. Senator Hagen: When you are thinking about on how you are going to vote on this, this is the keynote speaker for their entire month and this is national recognized month and

judging from things that I have read on the internet and what I have hear from other people, this is a really entertaining and interesting speaker, and it sounds like it's a very important cornerstone for their entire month, it's the grand finale sort of since it's the last one you guys have. It's a ton of money but we have passed larger amounts and I am personally going to vote for it since just because I think it's important for Ripon College to show a strong support of everything Black History Month stands for. I would ask fellow senator to think before voting and speaking.

- vi. Senator Miller: Did you have a keynote speaker last year?
 - vii. We did not, last year was the first time I was president doing Black History Month.
 - viii. Senator Miller: Last year I think the events went over very well and that only cost around 3100 dollars. Keep that in perspective.
 - ix. Senator Fritsch: Now that we split this into three separate one funds, is it possible to move for a roll call vote on this particular issue?
 - x. President Kiessling: It is.
 - xi. Senator Fritsch: I would like to make my motion then.
 1. Senator Ranes: Move to second the motion.
 2. President Kiessling: Is there any discussion about the Roll Call Vote?
 3. Fails 8:4:8
 - xii. Fails 8:6:7
- f. Black History Month 2013 – “Everything Else” One Fund
- i. President Kiessling: We will now move onto the “Everything Else” one fund for 1,100 dollars.
 - ii. Senator Miller: Move to table the one fund until the next meeting.
 1. Senator Ranes: Move to second the motion.
 2. President Kiessling: Is this considered as friendly?
 3. Yes.
 4. President Kiessling: Is there any discussion on this tabling? All those in favor of tabling this one fund until the upcoming meeting, please raise your hands. All those opposed. Abstentions.
 5. Passes 17:1:3
 6. President Kiessling: This will appear under Old Business in the upcoming meeting.
- g. Executive Ticket Straw Poll
- i. Senator Hagen: I'm on the constitutional revision committee. One of the ideas we were throwing around for a revision to the constitution was to allow a person who want to run for president in the student senate election season to be able to run as a ticket with a vice-presidential candidate of their choosing, when you go on the ballot, under the presidents section, you would see the person's name and next to it you would see the chosen vice-president and by voting for that president it counts as a vote for both parties but to avoid double counting it, that vice-president's name will not come in under the vice-president's section. Now if you vote for a president with a ticketed candidate, you would not be allowed to vote for any other vice-presidents under the vice-presidents section. We had several ideas when thinking about this, such as if there are students studying abroad during the semester of election season but they would be back for the full year when the exec actually returns, the idea behind the ticket is letting that potential vice-presidential candidate choose the person they want to run with, so they know that potential vice-president will be ready to fill in for the two meetings and one CSO at the end of that semester that they would still be gone for so the person knows what they are getting into, and we wouldn't be stuck with someone who is ill prepared for the job. If I have left anything out, please let me know, I would like to hear from you guys, and it is unofficial. We wanted to know what constituents had to say.
 - ii. Hannah: I have a major issue with this particular thing, I understand there are some people going abroad next semester that would like to run for president but for those of you who are first year senators, that haven't seen a second semester in the senate, it is one of the most important times, as a senate and as a new executive board to come and set up the entire year. You deal with budget hearings, budget committees and basically laying out the plan for the whole year. Yes this can be accomplished for email, however, for the president to be seen on campus, doing these things and being involved and I think in order to have a successful executive board and having them be on campus, you would push everything and change our whole calendar to the start of the school year and the fall. As vice-president you have to know that you have take over for the president, if he or she cannot be president, however, you shouldn't have to take on those added duties because it's the president's job to set the tone for the senate and I think it's really difficult if they are not on campus.
 - iii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Kiessling: Move to second the motion.
 - iv. Senator Ranes: I personally think in theory this is a good idea, the problem I have is I think logistically there is a lot that needs to be spelled out, such as in the case there being only ticketed options for president but somebody just wants to run for vice-president un-ticketed or the other way around. With how this is written right now, that would lead some issues. I

think it's a good idea in general but there are some logistical issues that need to be hammered out.

- v. Senator Rohrbeck: In theory it sounds good. I have a couple questions though, hypothetically, Riebe and I, decided to run for president, vice-president, we as a ticket get 74 votes, but there is someone else running for president and gets 84 votes, does that mean I lose but Riebe still wins?
- vi. Senator Hagen: You both lose and it goes to whichever independently running vice-presidential candidate received the most votes. So the ticket idea would be the president who want to run on the ticket, their vice-president knows what they are getting into, so if there is a mutual understanding that they want to win or lose together.
- vii. Senator Rohrbeck: My other questions would be, if nobody else ran for vice-president, and nobody ran an independent campaign, would be there a vacant spot for vice-president or vice-president or vice versa for president per say.
- viii. Senator Hagen: That would have to be hammered out. The thought I had if nobody ran for vice-president and an independent president won, they could try and find someone willing to serve as their vice-president, who would be approved by senate. I don't know at this point, I'm just shooting ideas out.
- ix. Senator Rohrbeck: The other question I had for the student executive board, there is a line item that say people off campus cannot run for president or any exec board position?
- x. President Kiessler: That is true.
- xi. Senator Rohrbeck: From personal experience I went to DC in the fall of the semester this time, with some expectation that I could run but I didn't go to DC with the full expectation to challenge Emily Kiessler to try and be president, but the whole point was there was a possibility that I went and I went to DC in the fall because the opportunity for education was there at that time not so much as in the spring. I came back in the spring knowing full well that if I wanted to run for president, that was my sole ambition, being here at Ripon College campus to run for Student Senate President, I would have done that for that sole reason. But I think to have something like that for someone to be abroad, it makes the entire process complicated.
- xii. President Kiessler: That has been brought up that we are debating as well.
- xiii. Senator Riebe: I think with this proposal, I think the problem with what we have here though is that we are trying to have the best of both worlds, we are trying to be allowed for the ticketed system to be brought into our student government but at the same time, we are trying to keep the status quo where individuals can run individually as president and individually as vice-president. I think if we are going to pursue ticketing, what we need to do is pick one. Having it both ways just creates complications where if a president and a vice-presidential ticket lose but there is no one running for vice-president and an independent president wins, then you still got votes for a vice-president. It just creates so much complication, it honestly more than we need to deal with. I think a better option for us is saying instead of allowing for both ticketed and non-ticketed candidates to run, either we have no tickets, or we have only tickets. I feel like having a middle ground is just going to create a mess. I think it would be worthy to bring about an amendment creating tickets and allowing that actual amendment next semester to be the gauge.
- xiv. Senator Walsh: My constituents were really split about this too, but my loudest constituent vehemently did not want this and from what I could tell they did not want it because they thought independent runners would be at an automatic disadvantage when compared to people that were running on a ticket.
- xv. President Kiessler: Is there anymore discussion on this matter? Again, this is a straw poll so it really is not official, but we will put it to a vote.
- xvi. 7:8:5

VI. Announcements

- a. Senator Van Der Leest: Some of you group leaders got emails about crimson and pictures. Anytime would be great, sooner rather than later. We have to send it to the printers in early February, so before February would be awesome. Sports teams send pictures, anybody would be awesome.
- b. Senator Orth: Yule ball is this Friday from 9 to midnight, dollar admission or a canned item.

VII. Open Forum

- a. Senate Ranes: If you're in for a pretty ridiculous read, I suggest you take a look at the back issue of the college days, where Jordan White and I debate whether Wisconsin or Illinois is better, which is probably the worst idea we have ever had in the college days!
- b. Dean Ogle: I just wanted to raise a question, no one has to respond if they don't want to. I was a little puzzled by this, I understand abstentions on some votes if you don't have enough information, you haven't had the chance to talk to your constituents, I get that, if I'm not mistaken though, there are a couple votes tonight when the question was, do you want have a roll call vote, and there are a lot of abstentions, and I'm sitting here a little confused asking myself, why would you abstain on that, what more information would you need to have as to whether you agree with a roll call or don't agree with a roll call, why would you abstain from that vote? If someone can enlighten me you can, you don't have to.
- c. President Kiessler: Just as a clarification you guys, an abstention counts as a "no" vote.
- d. Senator Hagen: This is something I wanted to bring up to first year senators, I understand you may want to abstain from some things because you haven't been able to talk to your constituents or they

were divided. You need to understand that that abstention is a "no" and you might as well just vote no then. That's my big problem with Robert's Rules of Order governing this, is that we are not allowed to change that at all. Just make sure that when you abstain you are saying no, and that will be counted against whatever we are voting on. There were quite a few things that we voted on tonight that were decided by abstentions and that kind of just feels off. We didn't have much time to talk to our people about this but I think the key part of being elected as a senator is your trusted to make decisions on your own, if you have to absolutely have to, this case it was time sensitive so you really did have to and for time sensitive stuff like that, I see abstains as a cop out to thinking. To make sure everyone understands, abstain equals no.

- e. Diakishaye: I appreciate the time you guys take out to listen to me, I know sometimes I'm not the best person to work with. BSU did submit this on Wednesday and we sent it to Sophia by accident, I didn't send it, Clarence did, so the reason you guys got it in less than 16 hours is not our fault. We had it in on Friday, so that I didn't feel really good about that or felt it wasn't BSU's fault but it was not our fault, I just wanted to clear the air on that, also, because Daryl Davis did fail as our keynote speaker, I wanted to know, is there something else we should do, something else we should look for because we need a speaker as far as I am concerned. Do we need to look for something cheaper, do we have to contact and ask him if to hold that date for him anyways? Do you guys have any suggestions? I do really want to bring him but I don't think there is any point in wasting time looking at the same person, if you guys maybe think that would not be worth it.
- f. Cheaper.
- g. Senator Kay: I think Daryl Davis would be a great person to have on campus and you could ask him to hold the date so that we could actually have time to talk to our constituents, that would be really awesome.
- h. Senator Fritsch: I would personally try to submit that again, I feel some senator would get yes votes from constituents, who voted no or abstained tonight. So I might consider a fund raiser.
- i. Senator Walsch: Is there another group that would be willing to go in with you guys on that too? I do encourage you guys to present it again.
- j. Hannah: Maybe to see if SMAC has any funds they can put towards it.
- k. Treasurer Kaunas: Music appreciation as well, WRPN.
- l. Amnesty International
- m. College Republicans
- n. The Network
- o. President Kiessling: As a general note on senate, I am really glad this discussion happened tonight, I think we had a lot of ups and downs this year in senate but everyone is really coming around, a lot of new senators are talking, that's wonderful, we are tabling things and we are thinking critically about our constituents and their senator accountable!

VIII. Adjournment

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

IX. 7:50pm