

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for February 20, 2013

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Allen:
 - b. Treasurer Mikesell:
 - c. Vice President Davidson:
 - d. President Kiessler:
 - e. Dean Ogle:
 - f. What's Up With Your Group
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - h. Student Activities Report:
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- IV. Old Business
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 - a. Amnesty One Fund (#2)
 - b. Equestrian Club Additional Funds Request
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Adjournment

Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for February 13, 2013

Attendance Record:

Brian Fritsch- 0	Andrew Miller- 1	Amy Lindsey- 0
Alexander McNeil- 3	McKenzie Trelka- 0	Nick From- 0
Daniela Santiago- 0	Andrew Carballo- 0	Adam Orth-
Caroline Kordes- 0	Elizabeth Walsh- 0	Austin Oliver- 0
Alexandra Haen- 0	Anders Goodwin- 0	Peter Hayes- 0
Ben Ranes- 0	Kamelle Van Der Leest- 0	Rebecca Ramage- 0
Jennifer Keller- 0	Diakeishaye Murphy-Gunnels-0	Alexander Hagen- 0
McKala Kiessling- 0	Samantha Kay- 0	

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
 - a. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 - i. Senator Lindsey: Move to approve.
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Allen: No report, just sign in.
 - b. Treasurer Mikesell: The one fund is unchanged, it is \$21,990.88.
 - c. Vice President Davidson: No report.
 - d. President Kiessling: Election packets are now available, I encourage you all to apply for a position on the Executive Board, we have a lot of fun. Also, next week, I will be taking nominations for the David L. Harris Memorial Award. So talk to your constituents and your friends and see if anyone would like to be nominated for that award. The student recognizes someone who has contributed the most to the betterment of community service through a college club or organization, for the improvements of areas that effect students or student life, and there is a small cash reward, and your name goes on a plaque. Please consider that and bring your nominations to open forum next week.
 - e. Dean Ogle: Dean Harris was the advisor to student senate for years and he thought very strongly about it, so it's kind of cool that he and his family put the money together. It's a decent sized cash reward that I think any of us would like to have. So do come with names. Over the years just looking back at it, there has been some great student leaders that have received that reward.
 - f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - i. Greek Council: This semester we are holding Greek Week and the Greek Awards Banquet, we are also planning a Greek Panel in the fall with Greek Leadership seminar for Greek groups and the Greek Carnival for the whole campus.
 - ii. Rugby Club: This year is completely different. I was approached by Emily Fischer, she had interest in starting a girls club, and she got close to 13 or 14 girls to actually say yes that they would play. That will probably start in the fall, we just have to work out some administrative stuff this semester. This year is also very different because we are playing a different type of game, it's 7s, which is the number of people for sides, and we actually get an opportunity, if we do well this year, we could probably go to a national championship that will be televised at the end of June.
 - iii. CDC: Two weeks ago we did cultural dinner, where we cooked ethnic food from all over the world and we invited some students to come and join us, and sometime in April we are going to have our multicultural week, where we have different events.
 - iv. Amnesty International: There will be a lot of events we will be working together with Brian Smith and other ethics Professors, showing some documentary films of closing down Guantanamo bay and things like that. We just started out with our very successful event, signing the petitions for the Syrians and we had more than forty people that came to Johnson Main hall to sign letters, support human rights cause, and also stand in solidarity with the rest of the people who are suffering and struggling. We are planning our honorary treaty awareness, trading weapons and all that. The event is coming really soon.
 - v. WRPN: Under two weeks ago we had our heating up dance to kick off the semester. It turned out really well, we were amazed with the amount of people we had there, and the amount of people that stayed there for a good chunk of time. This Friday we will be DJing the Circle K valentine's day dance and we are also considering working around some of our other events that we have in the future and we are also Djing some other group's events as well. If you have anything you might want or consider WRPN DJing or anything like that, feel free to send to myself an email or our general manager Amanda Sadowski.
 - vi. Parallax: We are a group where there is really not a lot to show until it is actually published but we are progressing and right now we sort of putting the finishing touches on the design of the book and we are aiming for publication in early March.
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. RC Republicans: A week ago we hosted Karl Rove, as you know we came before the senate to ask for 15,000 dollars, he only took it for 10,000 dollars, so we gave 5,000 back

to the student senate. There was a total of 362 people at the event, which is probably one of the most popular events thus far this year, I would probably even argue for my entire time I have been here. The event went very well, Mr. Rove actually wrote me a letter, I got it today, he said he really enjoyed his visit and that he would more than willing to come back to Ripon College anytime. So it was just a fun event for everybody.

1. Senator Kay: I was just wondering how ticketing was determined where students were sitting behind community members, and students were essentially the ones paying into the one fund to go, to have that event, and we are sitting in the back?
2. We wanted to not have a bias to where students, faculty, staff, community members, or anybody would sit so what we did; one of the members of our organization composed a computer program that was kind of like a random generator. So what we did, we put our names in, the first few rows were obviously reserved for the people who actually put a lot of work into the event, after that, it was completely randomly generated, but then we went back through it because we knew there were some people that were couples and would want to sit together, we tried to match them up as best we could, but when it came down to it, it was ultimately a random generator.
3. Senator Kay: Why wouldn't you guys do it on first come, first serve, or sign ups?
4. Because the idea we wanted to do is kind of have more of an opportunity for people because students had first rights, which was nice, and we wanted to have as many students there, but we wanted to make it opportune for everybody that actually would have been able to attend the event and make it more organized, people would have an opportunity, so it's not just us students are all up in the front, faculty and staff are in the back, and community members in the back too. We wanted to diversify it and we thought the program we had was good enough for that diversity for that specific reason. So more organization is what we wanted, instead of first come, first serve.
5. Senator Walsh: You said 362?
6. Yes.
7. Senator Walsh: Do you know how many of those people were actually students? And how were non-students?
8. We haven't done the exact numbers but from my guess, the gathering of students that actually signed up, there is about a 157 students that actually signed up, and there are actually 30 more community members that came that day, signed up and went in. A majority of them would have probably been community members, and the rest of them faculty and staff. So the 362 we are look, about 157 of them were students.
9. Senator Van Der Leest: Did you have the community members pay to get in or was that free?
10. That was all free.
11. Senator Kay: Why didn't you guys have community members pay? Even make a small fee, to maybe make back some of what it cost for the one fund.
12. We didn't really consider that because we wanted to have the idea that if anybody wanted to come and see the speaker; they shouldn't have to pay for that at all. And that's why we wanted to keep it at that.

h. Student Activities Report

- i. Secretary Allen: Excellence in leadership awards due February 25, nomination forms are on the portal. February 16, Cadillac records movie, East Hall Little Theatre, 7:30pm. February 17, multicultural trip to Chicago, 12 noon, meet at commons circle lot.

i. Miscellaneous Committees

- i. Committee on Advancement: As most of you have seen on the website, or heard, Imagine Tomorrow, the administration launched its 50 million campaign about a week and a half ago, not sure of any updates but that meeting was all centered around how we publicize, how we get the word out.
- ii. Ceremonial Committee: We are planning for the commencement right now, so get excited!

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

a. EGOR One Fund

- i. This evening we are coming to you for a request for 587 dollars and 60 cents, we are hoping to attend the CISA conference in Lawrence on April 5th. We attended the conference last year, from it we installed the campus garden, which a lot of students really enjoy and we also recently got the material for our apiary which will be going in, in the spring.
- ii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Lindsey: Move to second the motion.
- iii. Senator Van Der Leest: How many students who attended last year are going again?
- iv. I believe four.
- v. Senator Walsh: How many are freshmen and sophomore that are attending this year?
- vi. Four.
- vii. Passes 17:2:1

b. Greek Council One Fund

- i. We are requesting funds for our entirety of Greek week and our Greek Ceremony.
- ii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Lindsey: Move to second the motion.
- iii. Senator Goodwin: I see that you have asked us for about 600 dollars for awards, I am just curious, did you guys have any other options or look at any other companies?
- iv. We looked at several different companies in graphics design, last year we were given the idea to do perpetual plaques with name tags, with five of our advisor awards, which will be in SAO.
- v. Senator Van Der Leest: Why are you not using WRPN for a DJ?
- vi. We are now currently, we found out yesterday, so the one option we were going to talk to you guys about is we were wondering if you can move to use the 200 dollars for a DJ for our cook out? Or we can drop it.
- vii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to amend the DJ for the union party, to a DJ for the cook out.
 - 1. Senator Lindsey: Move to second the motion.
 - 2. President Kiessling: Is this considered as friendly?
 - 3. Yes.
 - 4. President Kiessling: We are now discussing the amendment.
 - 5. Senator Kay: Have you guys thought about, since the cook out is a Greek cook out, maybe having someone from one of those Greek Groups DJ the event?
 - 6. Yes. We discussed that, for the Pig Roast, that was co-sponsored by Panhellenic, IFC, and Greek Council over the past semester, we had Eddy Hardy from B104 come and the Greek Council discussed that was a better way to host the DJ because it gave more variety than one persons view of music.
 - 7. Passes 13:2:5
- viii. Senator Santiago: Can independent people attend this event?
- ix. Throughout the week, there are different events aimed towards the Greek groups. The hip-hop party and the cook out, everybody is allowed attend. Our wing eating contest on Monday are competitors from Greek groups, but most events we are more than happy to have independents join.
- x. Senator Walsh: Has there been any discussion about Greek groups contributing to this sum? One of my constituents asked if any had and I had to say I didn't anything about that. Has there been any discussion on Greek Groups contributing and if there has not, why?
- xi. There has not, why not, I guess it never occurred to me to bring it up.
- xii. Senator From: I can speak for myself and my fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, that sometimes with these kind of events we don't have the allocated funds for that, and they never approach us in the first place so that's why it never comes up to discussion.
- xiii. Passes 15:2:3
- c. Rugby Club One Fund
 - i. Our one fund is for 547 and the reason why we need jerseys is because we have conference at other schools. Right now we only have one legitimate of jerseys that are black and red. I've looked at other prices, they were roughly around the 60 to 70 dollars range per jersey, and I got approached by someone that sells them for cheap and goes to a rugby complex that they are donating more to. The quality of jerseys that we have that are the other ones, are actually recycled. They actually come from the Chicago Griffons rugby club and they are just recycled jerseys that have patches of Ripon College Rugby logo on them. So I thought it would just be time for new jerseys. We don't have enough of those jerseys, we currently have 12 and there are 3 ones and 4 sevens, it's a weird combination of numbers so we just need new jerseys. I put up seven jerseys to alumni and they paid for them with donations, that's why the 413 dollars you see there is from alumni donations.
 - ii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Lindsey: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Santiago: How long will the jerseys you get last?
 - iv. Currently it is a gamble, rugby is a contact sport. The jerseys we had previous, I believe they were ordered when the club first started, in the 2007 or 6, so they've been around for 7 years and they are still in pretty good condition. So I can see them lasting for another 4 to 5 years, if they are kept well.
 - v. Dean Ogle: Where do you guys store them?
 - vi. The previous president, Max Krieger, he just kept them in his room, and I do the same, with all the equipment. It's kind of a hassle but I just bite the bullet because I love the sport so much.
 - vii. Dean Ogle: You might think to that if you need an alternative, SAO has storage space over there, I'm sure they can find a spot for you so that you don't have to worry about having them in your room.
 - viii. Passes 19:1:0
- d. Amnesty One Fund
 - i. We are requesting \$2,250.20 to go to Washington DC for an annual general meeting of Amnesty International USA and this is our third year going, and I am a senior and I've been with Amnesty for 3 years and we requested for 7 people all together and the rest of them will be taking care of amnesty when I leave, and they will be on the exec board. The reason we go to the annual general meeting is because that's where all student groups meet

together, and that's where we get connections with other Universities and we represent Ripon College and we as a student group get connection with the field organizers from our Midwest region office and also other regional and national offices and things like that. We get connections with other human rights activists and other great people with passion for human rights. I know that our budget is low and I know that the cost we ask for is pretty high, but we asking for transportation and registration and lodging but the rest for local travel and other stuff. We will pay for food and other things by ourselves. One of the reasons why that is very important is because connection like this is very important for a school like this, where the cost is really cost small. We are in the middle of nowhere and we are meeting up and connecting with larger universities like Georgetown and American University and all kinds of stuff. Two years ago I went to San Francisco for that event because of the one fund passed and I got connections with people and I got a internship with the Amnesty International Western Regional Office and that is a great opportunity for people at Ripon College to represent Ripon College.

- ii. Mike: I would just like to say as somebody that has gone on a couple things for Amnesty, that I think that it is a great outlet for a lot of students and it's not like they come a lot of times for one funds or anything like that and why I think you guys should vote for it is because, it's easy to say why don't you go to something more regional, like why don't' you go to something in Iowa or someplace a lot closer. The point is the higher quality names you hear, I mean the last time you guys went to Denver, people are going to go where places are and I am sorry they are not going to come to Ripon College all the time, you're going to have to end up going to travel, I mean it's a really simple thing to say no based off of how far away it is but it is a really good outlet, that the people who are going to probably end up working in human rights related things outside of that. Is there anything you guys liked?
- iii. We are going there representing Ripon College, at the same time what we do is go to the workshops, we go to like how to, raise awareness about human rights, globally, we are sitting here, people are being tortured. That's what's happening in the world and not a lot of people actually know what is happening in the world, so we try to raise awareness. We learn how to do a bunch of the things we do there, so that's why it is really important for people to go there, learn, and bring back to campus.
- iv. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Lindsey: Move to second the motion.
- v. Senator Walsh: I really like that your lodging fee is so low and I really like that you guys are paying for your own food and stuff. I hope that it passes and I hope you guys have a really great time.
- vi. Senator Oliver: If this is the third year you have gone, why don't you ask for this in your budget?
- vii. I talk to other schools and universities and the budget is really tight.
- viii. President Kiessling: Senator Oliver, are you talking about the student senate budget?
- ix. Senator Oliver: Yes.
- x. The location changes each year and these are some of the most expensive cities and it's not easy to budget.
- xi. Senator Oliver: When do you find out?
- xii. Pretty much right before.
- xiii. Senator Haen: My constituents had some concerns, one was would it be possible for you to contribute more out of your budget than for just food cost and travel?
- xiv. Those things are very expensive. We try to ask help from our regional office and so far that's the maximum we can contribute.
- xv. Senator Kay: How many people that are going this time, that have gone last year?
- xvi. Two out of the seven.
- xvii. Senator Oliver: I think you guys can have an estimation of what you are going after, why don't you during budget hearings ask for certain areas. Like you know you are going to travel to a certain spot, you can probably guess what it is going to cost you at least, something like that, so you can these budgets already made up. From us, not your national organization.
- xviii. Senator Van Der Leest: Why are you flying?
- xix. The cost of gas and it would take 15 hours to drive and it would take time and money.
- xx. Senator Ramage: My constituents were just wondering, did you guys fundraise for this at all, or how much?
- xxi. We didn't fundraise for this because we weren't sure that we could because we were not sure that we could fundraise for ourselves to go somewhere else. I don't know what the rules are for student activities.
- xxii. Treasurer Mikesell: Could you clarify how much your budget is covering because it actually doesn't say.
- xxiii. We didn't put the actual amount in.
- xxiv. Treasurer Mikesell: I will need to know either way though
- xxv. I cannot give the exact number right now.
- xxvi. Treasurer Mikesell: But either way you are still requesting this number, 2258?
- xxvii. We didn't ask money for our food and other stuff in it.

- xxviii. Treasurer Mikesell: Does the trip maybe cost a little more and you are taking some out of Amnesty's budget?
- xxix. Yes.
- xxx. Treasurer Mikesell: Well if this does pass, you can email and tell me how much of this is coming out of your budget.
- xxxi. Senator Hayes: My constituents' main concern was the travel cost, is there any way to lower that? I understand that flying is less expensive than taking a care.
- xxxii. I've been talking with my field organizer and they have been communicating with the national to ask money but it has been pending, to raise money for the student groups that cannot afford it but it has not been approved, and it is not going to be approved.
- xxxiii. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: As far as putting things in your budget, if you know conference fees, those things stay consistent, so you can look at adding those things, so that when that time comes up, the only thing you are one funding for is a place stay and your travel. Also, for fundraising, student organizations are not allowed to fundraise for their own personal benefit, because of rules and regulations of the school. Just to clarify.
- xxxiv. Senator Keller: This is a really awesome trip but those numbers, how much your budget is contributing and when it says fundraising, they just want to know how much.
- xxxv. We didn't fundraising.
- xxxvi. Senator Keller: Oh, so I don't know why it is in there.
- xxxvii. I think it is a typo.
- xxxviii. Senator Keller: I just wanted to let you guys know I can't support it just because there weren't any numbers there for people to say, ok, they are paying x amount of dollars.
- xxxix. Senator Goodwin: In the past, groups who have gone to conferences and other things like that sort of have discussion after they come back and they share some of the information they get. Is that an option you might explore?
 - xl. The first thing we did after we got back from San Francisco is that we hosted an event and right after that we hosted another, we showed indie films we got from the event and things like that. When we come back though this year we will definitely do more.
 - xli. Fails 8:9:3

VI. Announcements

- a. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: Black History Month is still going on. BSU will be playing Cadillac Records on Saturday in East Little Theatre if anyone wants to come out. And then on the 28th of February, Daryl Davis will be performing at 6pm in Great Hall.
- b. Senator Kay: Amnesty meets every Thursday in Johnson Hall Main Lounge.

VII. Open Forum

- a. Senator Walsh: I can't help but notice the one fund is kind of low, considering how much of the year we have left. What happens if we run out of money?
- b. Treasurer Mikesell: Then we just can't approve anymore one-funds.
- c. Senator Kay: Do we still meet then?
- d. President Kiessling: Yes.
- e. Treasurer Mikesell: There would still be some business to do.
- f. President Kiessling: Election packets are out, I encourage you all to run for Executive Board positions, encourage your constituents to run for executive board positions, and talk to them about the David L. Harris Award. Please bring your nominations to senate next week!

VIII. Adjournment

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

IX. 7:13pm