

# Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for March 6, 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:
  - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
  - a. Senior Week One Fund
  - b. YAL One Fund
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Adjournment

# Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for February 27, 2013

## Attendance Record:

Brian Fritsch- 0	Andrew Miller- 1	Amy Lindsey- 0
Anthony Tausig - 0	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 Ranese- 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 second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Secretary Allen: No report, just sign in.
  - b. Treasurer Mikesell: The one fund now stands at \$22,882.18. The reason why it is way higher than last week is because the Republicans put 5 grand back into the one fund, what was left over from the Karl Rove account. The IFC won't get charged until next year. Lauri Shultz said since it is not being spent until next year, it doesn't make sense to take it out until next year. This also includes the Equestrian Club money that was also put back into the account, and I am going to let Dean Ogle explain that.
    - i. Dean Ogle: The Equestrian Program, is sort of a complicated one when compared to some of the other student organizations. We have an Equestrian Club, there are the Equestrian teams, and the senate started out supporting a club, and a team sort of evolved, senate gave it some money. Sort of in a summary way, expenses are covered for all of that from senate money, sometimes from one funds, money from the senate, but there is an endowment that is set up through the college, that kicks off some money, that has gone to offset some costs for the team. There have been some individual contributions from people to pay for some of the events and competitions they go to. So after the conversation last week and seeing that discrepancy, I did some more work, and it gets complicated in the business office and elsewhere because they are trying to figure out what source is paying for what things. So the senate always pays for the club activities. When it comes to the team, there are barn expenses, coaching expenses, and travel expenses. So the bottom line is between last week and this week and looking at that, there were endowment dollars available, that have been transferred over to pay for some of the team events, in particular travel, so that the senate isn't on the hook for the three thousand dollars difference. That is not to suggest someone should have been paying more attention, possibly, to the budget to see where it is. But what I am saying is, I've been able to correct so the fact the senate is not on the hook, they have been covered elsewhere. Therefore I have told our treasurer tonight that he can put that money back in, so you can have more for your one fund.
    - ii. Senator Walsh: This was money that was always there, but just wasn't known about; or this was money that was kicked in because there was a need for it?
    - iii. Dean Ogle: The endowment that is set up, always kicks off interest earnings to be used for the Equestrian Teams, so the question was, is that a legitimate expense for that to go towards that travel, and it was there for teams, and talking to the people that were involved, these are teams expenses, so yes it was there, it just hadn't been charged against that. That again comes back to who's watching the expenses and is making sure it gets charged to the right place and you know it was originally charged to the student senate account.
    - iv. Senator Santiago: Are we allowed to know how much of that money went to cover the expenses?
    - v. Dean Ogle: Exactly the dollar it was over.
    - vi. Treasurer Mikesell: \$2,934.71. So they are covered.
    - vii. Senator Orth: So financially we don't need to do anything or change anything for the Equestrian Team, there balance is kind of clear? We don't need to make sure the money goes out of the one fund or they put money into the one fund, or anything like that?
    - viii. Dean Ogle: There current budget is where it needs to be, the senate now has about three thousand dollars back into the one fund. Later, during the business items, still have the right and perhaps the responsibility to talk about how this discrepancy occurred. That's up to you guys.
    - ix. Senator Orth: Ok, but we don't need to worry about them paying money to us anymore?
    - x. Dean Ogle: Correct.
  - c. Vice President Davidson: No report.

- d. President Kiessling: We are going to be moving the David L. Harris Award into Old Business. It is going to be line item (A) for Old Business, making the Equestrian Team Additional Funds Request (B) for Old Business. The way we are going to do it is that you can see all the names up on the chalkboard, and we are going to give every name about 30 seconds if anyone would like to say something about that person. Then you will be voting for you top 3 choices and while we are talking about the equestrian team, Dean Ogle will be tallying the votes and then he will bring back the top three choices, and then at the end we will vote on everyone's top choice.
  - e. Dean Ogle: Nothing further.
  - f. What's Up With Your Group?
    - i. CCF: This year we started African dance lessons and two weeks ago we went to a retreat, 7 of us went. Last week we had a movie night and we are planning to have some speakers.
  - g. One Fund Talk Back
  - h. Student Activities Report
    - i. Secretary Allen: No report.
  - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. Old Business
- a. David L. Harris Award
    - i. President Kiessling: So we again will be looking at the David L. Harris nominations.
    - ii. Senator Ranes: Honey Zaw has been involved in almost every office on this campus, whether it be through an actual job or an internship. She has also been heavily involved in Amnesty International and she has been very helpful on numerous other projects across campus.
    - iii. Senator Walsh: Tyler Knowles has been heavily involved in organizations all over campus, including CCF, the Society of Physics Students, in addition to the CLC where he is one of the two student managers. He is always willing to help any of the younger students, all in addition to a full course load and tutoring.
    - iv. Senator Ranes: Lauri Schroeder is involved in two of the largest student organizations, St. Jude Up Till Dawn and Circle K. She is also heavily involved in the office of community engagement and she does a lot of work for all three of those. I am the editor and chief of the newspaper, I am also the equipment manager of WRPN, I was on J-Board last year, here this year. I have been the coordinator of two themed floors on campus and I am sure there are other things.
    - v. Senator Ramage: Jacquita Hawthorne is very involved in volunteering in the community, she is very heavily involved in theatre and she has worked her way up in our fraternity to the social chair this year. Mariah Johnson is also very well established, she is also our treasurer and she is also involved in the community as well.
    - vi. Senator Kay: Emily Kiessling has been a great president, she has been really involved in a number of other things, like the Equestrian Team, our sorority, and other things on campus. She has lead us really well for the past year and she hasn't screwed up anything too badly, so that's great!
    - vii. Senator Walsh: That's in addition to being an RA.
    - viii. Senator Kay: Alexis Nemechek is the president of Alpha Delta Phi, she previously was our Vice-President, she has been a really great president in the month that she has been. She is probably the most dedicated person to the sorority that I know, ever. She just deserves the award because of her hard work and dedication for other people that I don't see in a lot of people.
    - ix. Senator Walsh: Paul Muer is heavily involved in cycling and EGOR. He has been in leadership roles in EGOR for the past 3 years. He is always willing to spend his time on almost any volunteer project, he spear heads a lot of projects for the environmental sciences department and EGOR. He is also an avid student who looks out for the community as a whole.
    - x. Senator Miller: Kyle Crombie was the one here last week presenting the Pig Roast one fund. He was the one who started the Pig Roast and that has been one of the biggest events this year. He is President of the IFC and he is also the first president of the Order of Omega, which is the Greek Honor Society and he was also ahead of Frisbee golf, which is the Theta Xi philanthropy, and this year he helped raise 2,600 dollars to go to Andy Kaldunski who was diagnosed with brain cancer.
    - xi. Senator Hagen: Matthew Rohrbeck has been active in the college Republicans, forensics and in the past, student senate. Regardless of what you thought of the Karl Rove event, it attracted a lot of people from the community. He has helped through the forensics team at Ripon to judge forensic competitions at the Ripon area. As a student senator, I heard he did a lot of good quality listening to his constituents.
    - xii. Senator Lindsey: Amanda Miller is the president of Kappa Delta and she is also heavily involved in the orientation committee and also with that she goes on a lot of mission trips with her church during the summertime and she has three on campus jobs, along with being on the Dean's List, and she is heavily involved with the girl scouts.
    - xiii. Senator Oliver: Sam is a third generation to go to this school, he has been president of a fraternity for two years, he has done a ton of work in Mr. Ripon, raising money. He has worked in admissions and has done a great job there, helping recruit kids and going out to college fairs and things like that. He loves this place and put 110% in whatever he does.

- xiv. President Kiessling: We will come back to this after the Equestrian Team Additional Funds request, which I will be removing myself for.
- b. Equestrian Team Additional Funds Request
  - i. We've already talked about the endowment and our deficit. We are not in the negative anymore but they did take away some funds from next year. Basically we just took the three thousand out of our budget for next. There is one thing I want to address; I have been hearing a lot of crazy rumors running around campus regarding this. Just to set this straight, the money from student senate that we used is just for going to shows, paying for our show fees, and to travel. This is a budget issue and nothing else. The horses are fine, everything is fine, if you hear anything otherwise, it is not true. I have also heard a lot of rumors also that this is Mary Avery's fault, it's not, and we are not here to point fingers, or blame someone.
  - ii. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Lindsey: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Treasurer Mikesell: I want to clarify something about the probation the finance committee recommended. We said that a probation would include a 100 dollar budget for next year, but if senate was to go with this probation, then we wouldn't actually be finalizing that budget right now, we would be finalizing they are on probation, but we actually don't finalize budgets until budget hearings. Everything else in the probation would be enacted right away. Their budget is still frozen, they would get audits starting immediately.
  - iv. Senator Kiessling: Permission to remove myself.
  - v. Vice-President Davidson: Granted.
  - vi. Senator Keller: In our Hall Council, we were talking about how you try to keep your dues down, to keep them attractive; would you guys consider up-ing that?
  - vii. We have definitely considered it. We have been asking around with other teams because of the rising costs of the shows.
  - viii. Senator Tausig: My constituents' main concern was what is going to happen next year with the Equestrian Team, mainly, are you guys going to be organized, are you going to have a treasurer, are you going to be able to manage your finances, and make sure something like this doesn't happen again?
  - ix. We currently held emergency elections.
  - x. Senator From: I wanted to make a recommendation, we don't put them probation of a budget of 100 dollars, we put them on probation for 2000, subtracting 3000 dollars from their budget. I've talked to my constituents and they felt this was the best way to go about this because they felt like this group is another athletic team on campus that attracts students.
  - xi. Senator Orth: A lot of us came in here thinking about money as an issue, and our main issue was getting it back. Now that I see it is back, I think a reasonable thing to do is have them submit to audits and say let them have their budget as is and let them continue what they are doing. Obviously except for their number accounts, but they are getting more numbers and growing. All my constituents wanted to see them as they are, except be submitted to audits and to make sure some outside sources help them so it doesn't happen again.
  - xii. Senator Fritsch: I move to amend the recommendation to say that they have a budget of 2000 dollars for the 2013-14 school year.
    - 1. Senator From: Move to second the motion.
    - 2. Senator Kay: One of my constituents thought that we are subtracting the deficit they went into would be a good idea. The problem that was brought up would be they would be at a disadvantage and wouldn't be able to one fund for things up until a certain point in the school year. It doesn't make sense a punishment.
    - 3. Senator Kurth: Yield time to Rachel
    - 4. Rachel: I feel like take 3000 out of the budget seemed like a reasonable idea, but I just wanted to remind all of you since we have taken 3000 out of the endowment, we have already taken 3000 out of our budget for next year.
    - 5. Senator Hagen: This just seems like a one off event, a mix up between what is not an ordinary club, and the business office. They have gotten the treasurer thing worked out, it sounds like there is a very limited chance this would happen again. With the frequent audits by the senate treasurer, I can't imagine seeing this happen again. And as they just mentioned, they already have 3000 taken out of their budget already. I would suggest that we be in favor of the audits but not reducing their budget.
    - 6. Senator Van Der Leest: Senator Kay: I think the reason behind the 2000 so that they would one fund, so they would know exactly what they are spending.
    - 7. Senator Kurth: I think it would be pretty fair just to have them on probation so we can keep a closer eye on them, and don't fine them anymore, just let them have what they already have for next year.
    - 8. Treasurer Mikesell: Just to clarify, Senator Kurth suggested that maybe we don't take anything away from their budget, if that is what you guys decide to do, then we should just strike that part out of the recommendation and then leave

everything else. Because we actually aren't going to finalize the budget until budget hearings.

9. Senator Orth: I motion to amend the amendment to say that we scratch the amount going to be taken out of their budget for next year.
  - a. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
  - b. Senator Fritsch: I withdraw my original amendment.
  - c. Vice-President Davidson: We will now just be discussing Senator Orth's amendment.
  - d. Senator Walsh: I support the Equestrian Club but I'm a mouthpiece for my constituents and I have several constituents who are upset about this. As a senator I have to support the proposal the way it was.
  - e. Passes 17:3:2

xiii. Vice-President Davidson: We will now be voting on the finance committee's recommendation, minus the part we just struck out. So we are not going to be voting on their budget.

xiv. Passes 20:1:1

c. David L. Harris Award (continued)

- i. Dean Ogle: The candidates that have received the most votes were: Kyle Crombie, Emily Kiessling and Sam Poulette. Now I guess you get one vote out of those three. We are going to keep the name of the winner a secret until the awards banquet in April.

V. New Business

VI. Announcements

- a. Senator Kiessling: The western riding team just had a show this past weekend in Madison and Emily, our captain, will be going to regionals!
- b. Senator Ranes: Tomorrow up in the college days office at 8pm, we will be discussing the issue that came out. Any issues that people may have noticed with it or would like to talk about it. You are more than welcome to come and join us.
- c. President Kiessling: Where is the College Days Office?
- d. Senator Ranes: The College Days Office is on the top floor of the moral union.
- e. Senator Kay: Amnesty International meets every Thursday in the Johnson main lounge at 9:15.
- f. President Kiessling: Today was the final day for the student senate executive board and graduate trustee elections, so if you guys are really excited to see who won, we will be ballot counting right here at 8:30pm. There may be a runoff election.
- g. Dean Ogle: We also have no ties for the David L. Harris award, we have a definite winner.

VII. Open Forum

- a. Senator Van Der Leest: When it will be announce who won the senate elections?
- b. President Kiessling: An email, if there is a winner in every category, I will send an email to Dean Ogle, and that should probably go out to students tomorrow morning.
- c. Senator Walsh: The one fund amount that was supposed to be returned and not taken out is really different from my calculations.
- d. Treasurer Mikesell: Last week I reported the one fund to be around 16,000. Originally I thought it was going to 11,000 this week, but we added the 4,200 from the IFC one fund, then with 5000 from the Republicans, that jumped it up to about 20,000. Then with the money that came back from the Equestrian, it totaled about 23,000.
- e. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: Tomorrow we will be ending Black History Month with our keynote speaker, Daryl Davis, at Great Hall at 6pm, it should be a promising presentation. He is really excited to be here!
- f. Senator Olive: This is directed at Senator Walsh, when you said you couldn't vote for the one fund when your constituents said not to, you have the final say at your discretion in light of this new information. I feel like you should maybe have voted the other. Because your constituents don't have all of this information and if they knew this, they have voted a different way. So the final decision is up to your discretion.

VIII. Adjournment

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

IX. 7:14pm.