

*This meeting will start at 6:00pm in the Dahm Heritage  
Room*

## Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Secretary Allen:
  - b. Treasurer Mikesell:
  - c. Vice President Davidson:
  - d. President Kiessling:
  - 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
  - a. SMAC Executive Board Appointees
- V. New Business
  - a. Budget Hearings
  - b. CRU One Fund
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Adjournment

# Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## Attendance Record:

Adam Orth-0	Reilly O’Gorman-0	Jeremy Johnson-0
Sam Mutschelknaus-0	Brad Chojnacki-0	Nick From-0
Diakeishaye Murphy-2	Allison Schmidt-0	Emma Jelinek-0
Mark Yocius-0	Penny Shapansky-0	Breanna Gracz-1
Madeline Sockness-0	Michael Enright-0	James Honaker-0
Austin Oliver-1	Shanalijah Hernandez-0	Amy Lindsey-0
Matt Maginnis-0	Tyler Hopewell-0	Brandon Kasubaski-2
Alex Hagen-3	Andrew Carballo-2	Hannah Erdman-0

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
  - a. Senator Hopewell: Move to approve.
    - i. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Secretary Allen: No report, just sign in.
  - b. Treasurer Mikesell: The one-fund currently stands at \$42,990.14. Budget hearings are the next two weeks, April 4th and April 11th at the Dahm Heritage Room at 6:00p.m. Please remember to eat dinner before you come. Snacks will be provided.
  - c. Vice President Davidson: Just wanted to remind everyone that this Friday and April 13th and March 28th is going to be accepted student days. So this is where students come in who have been accepted to campus but currently do not go here yet. And it’s an event from 2 to 3 at the bottom of the commons, where groups will have different tables and students can go through there and see what’s on there. So I recommend that all groups attend and let Ashley Vanden Avond know by 5 o’clock tomorrow if they are interested in having a table there.  
 Senator Mutschelknaus: There’s an email sent out to groups I’m assuming to group leaders?  
 Vice President Davidson: Ashley sent one out awhile ago, so yes.
  - d. President Kiessling: Most of you guys may have known, an email went out today about Student Senate Appointed Committees, I urge you to talk to all of your constituents about signing up for one of these positions. They are super beneficial for the college and it is a great opportunity. They are available in the email and on the portal. There are packets in the library, Todd Wehr, the mailroom, and by Starbucks; so there are plenty of opportunities, please sign up.
  - e. Dean Ogle: No report this evening.
  - f. What’s Up With Your Group?
    - i. PSS & Fencing Club: I am representing the Paranormal Science Society and the Fencing Club. For Fencing club we are working on membership, doing the usual practices Thursday night. We also have practices during the day on Sunday at 12:30. Both practices are held at the Scott Hall TV lounge. We are always looking for new members. We are really happy we got the one-fund, so the order is being put in right now, the racks are amazing so we just wanted to thank you guys.
  - g. One Fund Talk Back
    - i. Fencing Club: We got the one-fund and put the order in for the equipment, thanks once again.
  - h. Student Activities Report
    - i. Secretary Allen: Come to the events and support Women’s History Month! Tomorrow Night at 9p.m, the Take Back the Night Event, begins at Great Hall, participants will walk around the Ripon campus and city. Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6p.m, come watch Miss Representation, a documentary film on women in media and the effect it has on daily lives. Kristen Pearson in Student Activities is looking for new building managers. Anyone interested in applying should be in contact via email at peasonk@ripon.edu. Please remember student leaders to check your student organization mailbox in the Student Activities Office on a regular basis, at least once a week.
  - i. Miscellaneous Committees
    - i. Committee of Motor Vehicles: Recently they reviewed parking tickets that have been appealed and we found a couple of appeals were justified.
- IV. Old Business
  - a. International Relations Club Constitutional Revision
    - i. Senator Erdman: If there are any questions about our constitution please feel free to ask.
    - ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
      - 1. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.
    - iii. Passes 21:1:1
  - b. SMAC Presidential Approval

- i. So I am back, so if you guys have any question?
- ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
  - 1. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
- iii. Passes 22:1:0
- c. Senate Constitutional Amendment
  - i. Vice President Davidson: Did anyone have any question?
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 22:1:0

V. New Business

- a. SMAC Executive Board Appointees
  - i. So I have the executive board picked out. Zack Wieland as vice president, Amanda McKnight as secretary, and Derek will remain the treasurer. So if you guys have any questions I can answer them.
  - ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Senator Honaker: How did you decide on the appointments?
  - iv. Well I was the previous vice president and Zack approached me about becoming the vice president. He actually wanted to be president but he said his schedule was too full, so he talked to me about becoming vice president. Amanda was the only person interested in becoming secretary.
  - v. Senator Honaker: So these are all direct appointments by you and they were not elected, corrected?
  - vi. Yes you are correct. Also, Derek has been the treasurer the entire year.
  - vii. Senator Honaker: Nothing further.
  - viii. Passes 22:1:0
- b. Greek Council One Fund
  - i. There is a mistake, I sent out the wrong copy. I am open to any questions.
  - ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Gracz: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Senator Johnson: You said there are mistakes, did they involve numbers?
  - iv. No, basically there's a part in the back where I put in the wrong word.
  - v. Senator Mutschelknaus: I allot time to the speaker.
  - vi. There is a miscommunication; we are not getting our food from Pastimes. We are getting our food from Sodexo.
  - vii. Senator Crider: Is that going to lower the cost?
  - viii. No, it's the same price, just a miscommunication.
  - ix. Senator Johnson: I say this because last semester I was in charge of drinking and food prices in the city of Ripon for the senior class board. Did you check in other places?
    - x. We were literally not allowed to go outside of Sodexo.
    - xi. Senator Johnson: I know you have to check with Sodexo first.
    - xii. This was our only option.
    - xiii. Senator Johnson: Ok, that seems pretty bizarre to me.
    - xiv. Senator Crider: I have been trying to do the same thing with various groups. Contractually, even if you wanted to just have hotdogs for a cookout, I'm pretty sure you have to get them now. That is the way I understood it and that is the way I was told. That you need to go through Sodexo for a student organization.
    - xv. Senator Erdman: In dealing with Sodexo in the past, they want us to use them badly and will do anything for you to use them.
    - xvi. Senator Oliver: Same problem. At a faculty Christmas break we weren't allowed to bring anything that wasn't from Sodexo either.
    - xvii. Senator Johnson: Actually that is incorrect. The requirement is that you check with Sodexo first. Senator Erdman is probably more along the correct lines, they do everything they can to make sure you get through them, but contractually you check with them first. And so if Sodexo were to lower their prices to a comparable number, I would suggest you guys mention to them another establishment in town gives you 200 wings for 104 dollars, which is 46 dollars cheaper than your current figure. If Sodexo can match that, I would imagine they might drop the price, if they really, really want your business. If not, you can get food from outside sources; you are just required to check them first.
    - xviii. Senator Enright: What are the trophies, can you explain a little bit more about them?
    - xix. We are getting the actual trophies; there will be three of them. One for Greek group of the year. One for the male Greek group and one for the female Greek group. The big one would be for the overall. The big one for the overall will be 34 bucks and the two smaller ones are roughly 10 bucks a piece. Those are coming from awardsforanything.com. We are getting plaques from graphic design and those range from 46 bucks for our large ones to our small ones which are 21 bucks each.
    - xx. Senator Enright: These go to the entire group, not the individual?
    - xxi. Yes. And there is Greek male and Greek female that are both 10 bucks. And those are coming from awardsforanything.com. There are large plaques which are 46.50, small plaques 21.50, and those one's are coming from graphic design.

- xxii. Senator Enright: And what the plaques for?
- xxiii. Different ideas basically. One is for most athletic, best competitor...
- xxiv. Senator Enright: Ok, have you done trophies in the past then? Or is this the first time?
- xxv. Yes this is the first time.
- xxvi. Senator Hopewell: As far as Greek week is concerned, are their events a wing eating contest and a cook out?
- xxvii. Yes.
- xxviii. Senator Hopewell: So in the past have the numbers been comparable to what you are putting out this year?
- xxix. Yes.
- xxx. Senator Hopewell: Ok, and the only issue I kind of have with it is you want to have a cookout and you want to get Greek groups & and you want to get independents involved, and you only have food for a hundred people. That doesn't seem like very many much food and it's also really expensive.
- xxxi. We are the Greek week coordinators and we originally had it set for 200 but due to the price of Sodexo, since we were told we had to go through them, she suggested we cut it down to a 100, just for numbers wise, making it more doable.
- xxxii. Senator Hopewell: Ok. Since Sodexo has you in a gridlock, I think 75 cents a wing may be a bit expensive, especially if you are getting 200 wings. I mean I don't really run Sodexo but it seems a bit spendy.
- xxxiii. Senator Schmidt: What have you done in the past?
- xxxiv. In the past we have done certificates, they wanted to make it a bigger deal this year. Make it something people are striving for, more. The plaques I do not believe they have done in the past but it's something new they wanted to try.
- xxxv. Senator Schmidt: These are kind of two different events. My constituents were against one of the events. I am kind of wondering if we should split this into two. Can I make a motion to split it into two?
- xxxvi. President Kiessling: Yes.
- xxxvii. Senator Schmidt: Move to divide the issue into two. The ceremony and the Greek awards separate.
  - 1. Senator Honaker: I move to second the motion.
- xxxviii. President Kiessling: Is this considered friendly?
- xxxix. No
- xl. President Kiessling: Motion passes 15:7:1
- c. Greek Week Ceremony One Fund
  - i. Senator Maginnis: I've been talking to some of my constituents as well, they are also a little wary about doing a Greek ceremony on their own. One of the suggestions that was made was talking to the president's office and adding a few awards to the awards convocation that is already on. It would be a little bit more open to the student body. It's not just something between Greek groups but is in front of everyone so it is a little bit more open. Talking to my some of my constituents, that is what it was. I know they kind of want it to go along with Greek week but for them it seemed a little bit more along the line of what Greek council is supposed to be doing. Bringing the Greek community together.
  - ii. Senator Mutschelknaus: I have a question, are these awards going to be passed down from year to year, or are we getting new awards each year?
  - iii. The one that would be passed down would be the big Greek trophy. Individuals get to keep the smaller trophies and plaques.
  - iv. Senator Mutschelknaus: My constituents were suggesting maybe you get little tags and you engrave them on a plaque and that way you can still pass down the trophy, that way you don't have a reoccurring expense every year. So that's what my constituents felt.
  - v. Senator Erdman: In response to Senator Maginnis, with the ceremony itself, some of the awards that are up for grabs. Our ceremony I believe is May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the reason that is, is due to the fact that some of the events happen after awards convocation, and groups want to be eligible for all of them. So that's kind one of the reasons why I know our big event we want isn't happening until Springfest. I think this is a time Greeks get together and it's nice to see what everybody else is up to, since we have things separately.
  - vi. Senator Jelinek: In the Greek Council constitution they do have outlined that there will be a Greek awards banquet. So since it is in the constitution we have to uphold it.
  - vii. Senator Crider: For the people that feel like the plaques and trophies may be little bit too expensive. As somebody that tried to incorporate some of these things. Things from my high school, we had a charitable basketball tournament. And these are a lot cheaper than what I had seen, and I did a lot of research, because it was part of the class for my high school. I just think, that overall it is a really good idea because you have a large population, and it something to not shun and it's nice to kind of have that time for Greeks to stand out.
  - viii. Senator Hopewell: What sort of food will you be serving at the awards ceremony?
  - ix. We talked about that in our meeting today. We have been in contact with Sodexo, and apparently Sodexo had just got back to them, and gave them that altered figure. I don't even believe they have the menu ready.
  - x. Senator Hopewell: The 18 different plaques that you have planned, do know what the award is for yet?

- xi. No, we got the awards picked out. I don't have a paper with them all, but they were planned out at the end of our year.
- xii. Senator Gracz: With this whole awards ceremony, I feel like the Greek organizations on this campus are such a huge part of the college that I feel like they deserve something like this. I know you guys want to get involved, and I feel if independents wanted to get involved with Greek organizations they would probably be involved already. For example, I went to a district convention for a group I'm in and we got all of our awards that way, that is because we have a hierarchy of how we pass down awards. So the Greek organizations have to go through Ripon College, they have to do it on campus, they are not going away so it looks like we are excluding people. I don't know, it feels like it good for them to do, honestly, it looks like independents might be a little wary about it and that's because we are not part of it. But in my opinion and in a lot of my constituents opinion's, if we really wanted to get involved with Greek organizations, you already would be.
- xiii. Senator Enright: Are independents allowed to participate in the award ceremony?
- xiv. That is strictly for the Greek groups.
- xv. Senator Enright: Are they uninvited or what?
- xvi. It is strictly for Greek groups and I can't really imagine why they would want to come. It would literally just be recognizing Greek groups, no independents would be recognized.
- xvii. Senator Enright: In the proposal for this one-fund, it says you want to integrate Greeks and independents. How does having an awards ceremony excludes parts of the campus integrate them?
- xviii. I think the Greek week is going to be integrating things. We have dodgeball tournament that independents are allowed to participate in. Some things will integrate but the overall agenda will be being part of the Greek community with Greek council.
- xix. Senator Enright: Some of my constituents think that the intent of having an awards ceremony where you acknowledge good philanthropy and good participation like this is a good idea. But 1,125 dollars is a little bit too expensive for something that is only the groups off campus, thanks.
- xx. Senator Crider: To answer Senator Hopewell's question, from what I understand having Erik as my roommate is that the food that is going to be there is small snacks and small sandwiches, and things like that. Not something that is going to be a hearty meal. The awards, which I believe is Senator Enright's question. They have a big list and they really cut it down, and I kind of get the feeling in the room that, that it is becoming sort of a Greek vs. non-Greek thing. And I don't think that is really the goal of this. The goal is to make the Greek groups, that are on this campus, want to do more for the alma mater, for Ripon College. And through this, this is showing what you guys want to do. Everybody has that competitive streak. This group wants to beat group X, other group wants to beat group Y. You want to be the best and so if you can do it in a positive way, what's philanthropy. I don't see why that is a thing to be coming down on, at all.
- xxi. Senator Mutschelknaus: I have never heard the word philanthropy from the presenter's mouth. So I don't see where you are getting philanthropy from. They said best Greek group, which is a broad term. I hope there is some philanthropy but I don't know. Second, the student senate one-fund is made up of not only made up of Greek members' activity fee but also independents' activity fee but I feel that is where the problem is coming from. I don't think it is personal, I think it is financial.
- xxii. Senator Johnson: I don't think it is an anti-Greek sentiment so much as it is that people are worried about how much money is being spent. And I think my biggest concern is that 525 dollars for food and it is not a hearty meal! If we are going to spend 525 dollars on food I would hope it would actually be a meal. So to me that seems a little, silly, also I like the idea of being able to recognize Greek groups in perpetuity. If you can have the tags engraved every year, I think that is a great idea, display that somewhere. I am not so sure about the personal trophies and the expense there; instead we could do what has been done in the past, certificates. I think it is more about how much money is being spent instead of opposition to Greek groups, I don't think we are coming down on the idea of an awards ceremony in general, but I think we are coming down on the idea of how the money is being spent.
- xxiii. Senator Oliver: If you look at 30%of the campus, we are all paying the activity, that is a lot more than a thousand dollars. We gave Parallax 11,000 dollars, and I'm pretty sure they only got 50 books to give out. And they didn't get 30% of the campus. And I haven't heard anything about Parallax. We always gave SIFE a lot more and they don't represent 30% of the campus. We gave CRU a lot of money and they don't represent 30% of the campus.
- xxiv. President Kiessling: Senator Oliver, can we just stick to this.
- xxv. Senator Oliver: I'm just saying that 1,000 dollars, representing 30% of the campus is not asking for a lot.
- xxvi. Senator Erdman: As for the Greek Ceremony, roughly estimating, that comes down to \$6 per Greek person. In all actuality, the amount of money is not that much. We give out far more to other groups that don't represent that big of a number on campus. So I think we should just stop and put it to a vote.
- xxvii. Senator Gracz: We always say, "When you go away, what will you bring back to the campus?" I feel like this is something that might not give back to the entire campus but they

do do things to bring back to the entire campus. I don't think it hurts to give them a little something in return since they are such a huge part of our campus. It's not like they are doing everything for free and coming here and asking for things, they do put a lot of their money into things, and that is something to consider.

xxviii. Passes 16:5:2

d. Greek Week Aspect One Fund

- i. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
  1. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.
- ii. Senator Garcia: Would you guys be able to switch where you are getting your food from?
- iii. We have to go through Sodexo but literally I feel like it was explained to us incorrectly.
- iv. Senator Garcia: Could you tell them we are going to get this food and you clearly haven't cooked it yet.
- v. I don't know if that is an option,
- vi. Senator Johnson: If you are willing to look for other places and I understand that Sodexo is trying to strong arm you, but check "Miller's." It is 46 dollars cheaper than what Sodexo is offering you. I think it is a better deal and that they taste better!
- vii. Dean Ogle: I will look into this but my understanding of this is the contractual language suggests that Sodexo has the right of first refusal; therefore if they refuse it, despite a difference in cost, they have the right to refuse you getting food from someplace else. I will double check that but I believe from what you are hearing from them is accurate.
- viii. Senator Gracz: Honestly, 46 dollars for what we are going through is kind of ridiculous and I understand that there might be ways for us to check into it.
- ix. Senator Johnson: I'm not saying vote it down because of that, I'm saying check into and if you save 40 or 60 dollars, it goes back into the one fund, nothing wrong with that.
- x. Passes 19:2:2

VI. Announcements

- a. WRPN: This Saturday WRPN is hosting its largest event for the semester, Radiothon. 6 hour trivia game starting at three o'clock. It is then followed by a union party, which I believe we will have a root-beer keg. So come out and have some fun. Before the party come down and try some trivia. It is random trivia. Along with that, there are prizes every hour. The tallies for these prizes is tallied every hour, even if you aren't the leader the first hour, you have another chance the second hour. We have Rippin Good Cookies to gas cards, to the grand prize of 100 dollars to the winning team.
- b. Paranormal Sciences Society: We are getting involved with a couple of things we want to do, we want to do a walk on the prairie, and we are getting permission for that. I am in contact with a lot of people in Parallax and the books are done. I am not entirely sure where they are.

VII. Open Forum

- a. Senator Johnson: I want to address a line of argumentation I hear tonight, that has been going around for years in Senate. It is, we give more money to X group why does it matter we are give "this" groups money. If you feel uncomfortable with giving a group money, when they bring up that proposal, you should be voicing that concern. I think we need to be critical about everything that comes through, independent of other proposals.
- b. Senator Oliver: I feel that we shouldn't compare one funds but when people make the argument that it is a lot of money for a percentage of student body, I feel it's fair to compare the groups that don't receive as much money.
- c. Senator Johnson: That too I feel like is better argumentation. Tonight's case was blown way out of proportion. That argument we should tread carefully with when talking about a certain number of students. I would caution senate when dealing with that in the future.
- d. Senator Mutschelknaus: Greek groups have things a little different. I think we handled ourselves well tonight. We have to carry this momentum forward for the next two weeks. I encourage you guys to keep it cool, we are deciding a lot of things. You might not even see the outcome of what you are doing in the next two weeks. Let's think about them instead of us.
- e. President Kiesslering: I wanted to say a little something, thanks again for everything, it was our first night and we will come back more composed for budget hearings.
- f. Senator Honaker: I do have one quick question. When will the schedule for budget hearings be put up? As in what orders will the group be presenting?
- g. President Kiesslering: Sophia is handling that, I will talk to her, and it should be no later than Sunday night.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Senator Honaker: Move to adjourn.
  - i. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.

IX. 7:17p.m.