

# Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for April 18<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. SIFE 2012-2013 Budget
  - b. The Network Constitutional Revision
- V. New Business
  - a. Blue Mountain Project One Fund
  - b. BSU Constitutional Revision
  - c. Men's Volleyball Club Disbandment
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  - e. Student Judiciary Board Appointment Approval
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Adjournment

# Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for April 11<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
Jackson Vogel-3	Matt Koch-0	Breanna Gracz-1
David Garcia-0	Michael Enright-0	James Honaker-0
Austin Oliver-1	Shanalijah Hernandez-1	Amy Lindsey-0
Matt Maginnis-0	Tyler Hopewell-0	Brandon Kasubaski-2
Alex Hagen-3	Andrew Carballo-3	Hannah Erdman-0
Kamelle Van Der Leest-0		

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:00pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
  - a. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - i. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.
  - b. Senator Erdman: Under IRC in line VIII, Professor Colucci’s name is spelled wrong.
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Secretary Allen: No report, just sign in.
  - b. Treasurer Mikesell: The one-fund stands at \$38, 540.14.
  - c. Vice President Davidson: Next CSO meeting is next Tuesday at 6 o’clock in the usual senate room. We recommend you bring your current president and whoever may be replacing that person.
  - d. President Kiessling: Dean Ogle will be coming in at around 6:30. He had another dinner he had to attend to. I would also like to announce that I have appointed a Parliamentarian, which is Sophia Kaounas. Last week there were some questions about rrRumba’s, SIFE’s, and the Equestrian Team’s budget, after consulting Dean Ogle on it, he feels that we don’t need to pass them for a third week because the amount wasn’t changed, the line items were just moved around, so this will be their second meeting being passed if they stand at the same amount. If we do change any of the totals tonight on anybody’s budget, it will have to be reapproved for a second time next week. Amnesty International has requested to be moved last on the budget list. Because of the Awards Convocation next week at 7pm, our regular Senate meeting will start at 6pm in the Senate Chamber.
    - i. Senator Mutschelknaus: Will we be breaking, or are we assuming it is only going to take an hour?
    - ii. President Kiessling: We will probably need to break but I didn’t feel we could move it up anymore.
  - e. Dean Ogle:
  - f. What’s Up With Your Group?
    - i. Ripon Anthropology Associations: Lately we have been doing pretty cool activities. Like last week we sponsored with EGOR, and we are doing an activity this weekend where are going to get taught some cultural dancing!
    - ii. Miss Ripon College Charity Pageant: We just finished our dress drive today where we have been collecting gently used dresses. We are still collecting so spread the word around!
    - iii. SEA: We finished our book drive and we are having two more meetings before the end of the year. The last one will be to finalize officer positions for next year.
    - iv. Society of Physics Students: We are having a party this Friday for two professors because one basically had gotten tenure and the other one is retiring.
    - v. Paintball Club: Over the weekend we went paintballing, we ended up having 11 people go, so we had quite a few members that wanted to go. We had room for 14, however a few students had to drop out at the last minute. We had a lot of fun and we hope to do it again next semester. We had a lot of interest and hopefully we will have a lot more people wanting to go next semester.
    - vi. Democrats: A couple weeks ago we were involved in the Rick Santorum protest, and also this upcoming Saturday we are bringing some of our members to an event called Camp Obama, where they can learn various grass root skills. If anyone is interested, please contact me.
  - g. One Fund Talk Back:
  - h. Student Activities Report
  - i. Miscellaneous Committees
    - i. Alumni Board: Two of use weren’t able to attend the meeting that they had over March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. For those of you that don’t know, the Alumni Board is a group of about 40 or so alums that come together and work on different projects, keeping alums involved, giving, and working with students to help them become more active alums as they leave. Last weekend we talked about College Fair training for alums to do different things. We also talked about some different events, and we are working on a virtual mentoring program.

- ii. The Alumni Board made a change on how new Alumni get nominated. Previously alumni would hear about their nomination when they were selected to join the committee, and well it was like book your ticket and come to Ripon College because you are on the board. It has now been decided that people may want a little bit of a heads up that they got selected for the position. Now they will be hearing about it from a letter from the advancement officer or Ripon College, before they are actually selected, so they can give us a yes or no.
- iii. Senior Class Board: We are wrapping up our plans for Senior Week, for all of our senior on campus. For those seniors that are interested, out here at the table, during lunch and dinner, we have sign up for a game and as well as our senior class t-shirt. \$10 for the t-shirts and that's a \$5 deposit for the game, you get your \$5 back when you get on the bus. As some of you may have heard, the announcement went out that we have selected our speakers for graduation. The baccalaureate is Katrina Schauland, and Jeremy Johnson will be speaking at graduation.

#### IV. Old Business

- a. Kaounas: Just a quick correction, one of you guys will have to make this motion but Amnesty wants to go first, not last. After \$100 budgets first.
- b. \$100 Budgets
  - i. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Passes 22:0:0
  - iii. Senator Erdman: I motion to place Amnesty first on the list.
    - 1. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.
- c. Amnesty International
  - i. We just got back from Denver with a human rights conference, it was really good. We actually needed all of the money from our budget and more to do that. We want to continue to do that since we are a national group. It is important that we get in contact with what other people are doing, so we know how other schools are working and doing.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 21:1:0
- d. Student Volunteers for the Blue Mountain Project
  - i. We are sorry for any confusion with the budget last week when we reduced it by a thousand and upped it by another dollar amount. If there are any questions we can take those.
  - ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Senator Mutschelknaus: For your lodging and travel, I am assuming that is going?
  - iv. Yes.
  - v. Senator Mutschelknaus: You don't get funding from the college or from other departments to help with that?
  - vi. That is for our speaker to travel and for students on the fun camp service trip to travel.
  - vii. Senator Enright: The money for the speaker, I assume is from Jamaica, is that right?
  - viii. Yes.
  - ix. Senator Enright: Does that mean you are brining Damian back again or are you going to be looking for another speaker?
  - x. Basically we are trying to look for another speaker but he's had trouble with his birth certificate. Hopefully we will be able to bring him in now.
  - xi. When they are at fun camp this year, they will be encouraged to talk to community members and see if anyone else would be a likely candidate.
  - xii. Passes 20:1:1
- e. College Days
  - i. Nothing has changed from last week.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Other contracted services, is that for online?
  - iv. That is an online service, which we basically can access certain articles about other colleges and universities. That is also where we get our crossword puzzle or in the event we don't have a cartoonist, we can use their cartoons as well.
  - v. Passes 21:0:1
- f. Lacrosse
  - i. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Passes 19:2:1
- g. rrRumba
  - i. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Passes 19:1:1
- h. RC Greens
  - i. There is nothing new from last week.
  - ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.

- 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 20:0:1
- i. The Network
  - i. I am here to answer any questions.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 18:1:2
- j. Cinemaniacs
  - i. If there are any questions, I will answer them to the best of my knowledge. But I think the budget explains itself.
  - ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 18:1:2
- k. WRPN
  - i. Little bit of an update where we stand. We are completely wiping out our equipment maintenance budget because we have to get a new EAS data encoder, for the FCC new regulations that just went out. We will probably be looking to one-fund later on this semester that we are going to need to continue on next year.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 18:0:3
- l. ROC
  - i. If there are any questions I can understand, everything is the same as last week.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 21:1:0
- m. SIFE
  - i. I am ok with our budget, so ask questions if you need to.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Senator Johnson: What was the total approved last week? Was it the same?
  - iv. President Kiessling: It was the same total; the line items are just different.
  - v. Senator Johnson: Just wanted to make sure it was the same.
  - vi. Senator Enright: What is in the approved column is with the deduction?
  - vii. Kaounas: Yes.
  - viii. Passes 20:1:1
- n. Equestrian Club
  - i. As questions if needed.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 18:1:1
- o. Greek Council
  - i. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Passes 19:1:2
  - iii. Senator Johnson: Point of information. Looking back at last week's minutes, and this is why I was concerned last week, because last week we actually did pass a total of \$1965 for SIFE, and this week's total is different. We just passed a different total than last week. We had not taken the deduction yet and that is why I was concerned with that 10% being afterwards last week.
  - iv. Kaounas: What should it be?
  - v. Senator Johnson: The thing is we have passed two different totals now, so this is going to have to come back.
  - vi. Kaounas: So SIFE will have to come back next week, ok, that's fine. I will email Kristina about that. Thank you Jeremy, I appreciate that.
- p. Rugby
  - i. This is our budget, if anyone has any questions I will answer them.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 19:1:1
- q. Pre-Law Society
  - i. No changes from last week, any questions please ask.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 21:1:0
- r. BSU
  - i. We met with Sarje and Nicole, and I think they will be willing to work with what we have.
  - ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Senator Hopewell: Is this the same scenario as SIFE, is this what we passes last week?

- iv. Kaounas: This was after the break.
- v. Senator Hopewell: So they won't have to come back after this.
- vi. Kaounas: Yes, so BSU is in the clear.
- vii. Passes 17:1:3
- s. CRU
  - i. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Passes 20:1:1
- t. SARC
  - i. I am here to answer any questions, and I don't see any changes from last week's approval.
  - ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 21:0:1
- u. Circle K
  - i. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. 19:1:1
- v. SMAC
  - i. Nothing has changed since last week.
  - ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Senator Maginnis: Motion to have a roll call vote.
    - 1. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.
  - iv. President Kiessling: Are there any objections?
  - v. Senator Erdman: Objection.
  - vi. President Kiessling: Now we will begin discussion.
  - vii. Senator Erdman: What is the necessity of this? Yes I know you think we are being irresponsible by not doing this but I think we should just leave it alone. It is fine the way it is.
  - viii. Senator Gracz: What is a roll call?
  - ix. President Kiessling: A roll call vote is when I will call out everybody's name and they will say either yes or no.
  - x. President Kiessling: We will now be taking a vote on whether to take a roll call vote or not.
    - 1. Fails 7:14:1
  - xi. President Kiessling: We will now continue debate on SMACS budget.
  - xii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Under SMAC general, line item 56 and 55, what are the differences?
  - xiii. Dues and memberships, it is an annual due to be a member of national association for campus activities. We have to pay individual registration fees per person.
  - xiv. Senator Mutschelknaus: Ah, so one for the conference and one for the national association, ok.
  - xv. Senator Enright: You have \$70 per room, for lodging; can you tell us where you are getting that lodging from?
  - xvi. In general, the \$70 is the average price for all the hotels in the area.
  - xvii. Senator Enright: So you don't have a contract set up yet, it is just what it have typically been?
  - xviii. Yes, they know that every year we are probably going to call them. It's is not set in stone, just mostly a mutual agreement.
  - xix. Senator Enright: For planners, do you already have a contract service set up, where you are going to be getting planners at 4.38 a piece?
  - xx. I believe that was the price last year, I don't know if we have a set contract with that price, but historically I believe that is what is has been at.
  - xxi. Senator Enright: Ok, so you are just assuming?
  - xxii. Correct.
  - xxiii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Under your Springfest category, line 67, you said it is \$70 for lodging but you have \$210?
  - xxiv. For Springfest we bring more people, so more rooms. \$70 is usually for a single room, the \$210 is to budget for multiple people. Sometime they require two rooms.
  - xxv. Senator Murphy: I just wanted to go back to the planners, I thought in the past the planners were the year ahead, so that would be the cost they were going to cost next year. Because they plan out through the school year. I am not 100% sure though.
  - xxvi. Our student reps have been working with Melissa one this. We can find the info though.
  - xxvii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Aren't the planners coming from our activity fee?
  - xxviii. Kaounas: Well technically our student activities fee is where their budget comes from.
  - xxix. Passes 18:2:2
- w. EGOR
  - i. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Passes 20:1:1
- x. Student Senate
  - i. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.

- 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Passes 21:1:0
- y. IRC
  - i. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Passes 18:1:2
- z. Paintball Club
  - i. Nothing has really changed; we did spend all of our budget for our trip though.
  - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Senator Mutschelknaus: The off-campus meetings I am assuming is just paying for the events and stuff.
  - iv. When we go on a trip, there is a field charge to get onto the fields and they also have a rental fee. I think it ended up being \$60 per person when we went this past weekend. That is what that money goes towards.
  - v. Passes 20:0:1
- aa. St. Jude's
  - i. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Passes 21:1:0
- bb. RC Democrats:
  - i. Nothing has changed, if you have any questions I will answer them.
  - ii. Senator Johnson: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Senator Mutschelknaus: I am asking the same question I asked the College Republicans last week, do you receive any funding from the National Democrat Party?
  - iv. At this time no, we have not received any funding.
  - v. Senator Maginnis: Can you just tell me what the Honoraria is for again?
  - vi. In the past we never had an honoraria because we limited ourselves to who we could bring to campus. We feel if we had a hundred dollars we could bring some people to campus. I can already tell you I am working to brining somebody to campus next fall.
  - vii. Passes 19:0:3
- cc. CDC
  - i. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Passes 20:1:1
- dd. CCF
  - i. The budget is the same as last week.
  - ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Senator Hopewell: I know you gave some money to CRU last week, do you know how much money is left in your budget?
  - iv. I can find out for you.
  - v. Senator Hopewell: Please do.
  - vi. In our current budget we have a total of about \$1329.
  - vii. Senator Hopewell: Is that out of the ordinary to have that much left at this point?
  - viii. Normally we reserve funds for alternate Spring Break trips and none of our members went on any, so we didn't need to help fund them.
  - ix. Senator Jelinek: Would you ever considering giving part of your budget to students going on the camping trip?
  - x. It is a little late now but we would consider it.
  - xi. Passes 19:2:0
- ee. Crimson
  - i. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Senator Maginnis: When are the yearbooks coming out this year?
  - iii. I believe they are being shipped sometime within the next week or so.
  - iv. Passes 21:0:1
- ff. Drumline
  - i. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Passes 20:0:1
- gg. Pre-Med Society
  - i. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
  - ii. Senator Hopewell: Does anybody know where the new materials are being held?
  - iii. Kaounas: Student Activities.
  - iv. Passes 21:1:0
- hh. RC Republicans
  - i. Nothing has changed but we want to express our thanks for adding back to our budget.

- ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
        - 1. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.
      - iii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Why don't you have anything in Honorarium, it seems a lot of your expenses are for your conference.
      - iv. Usually we don't need a lot of money for honoraria; a lot of our speakers come here free of charge, and anything we offer them they usually just give back to us.
      - v. Senator Hopewell: What does the miscellaneous expense include?
      - vi. It's pretty much a slush fund, sometimes expenses go up and we use that to cover those costs. We have been using it for the past 3 years.
      - vii. Passes 17:2:3
    - ii. SEA
      - i. We would like to thank you for your support and the addition to our budget from last week.
      - ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
        - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
      - iii. Passes 22:0:0
      - iv. President Kiessling: That concludes budget hearings and just one note; SIFE will be under Old Business next week.
      - v. Senator Johnson: Is there any way to check to see if there are any more organizations in that same boat? That was actually one of the few that had a total in the minutes, so I think there are probably a couple that had a different total from last week.
      - vi. Kaounas: I will check.
      - vii. Senator Kiessling: On a side note, Sophia brought Peeps for everyone.
      - viii. Kaounas: Because they were on sale and brought some for you guys!
      - ix. Senator Enright: For SIFE we vote on the total we passed now?
      - x. Yes.
      - xi. Senator Oliver: I thought we knew that after we passed their budget there was going to be a reduction of 10%. I understand that there is a difference with the numbers on the screen but we all knew there was going to be a reduction.
      - xii. Senator Johnson: My interpretation is strictly parliamentary procedure, we passed a number, and they said this number. And you pass the same number twice. So we did have a different number last week so by parliamentary procedure we don't have choice.
      - xiii. President Kiessling: As an exec board we did discuss if any of the budgets were going to change tonight, we would have to pass that number again, so we will be voting on SIFE's budget again next week.
- V. New Business
  - a. The Network Constitutional Revision
    - i. Over our last couple of meetings we have been discussing our events and stuff that are going to be coming up next October and what we wanted to do was add an additional executive member. They would be in charge of public relations, this would just for things like the publicity of our event. I would be much more efficient for getting our names out there. We also made some corrections to some of the revisions we made earlier on first semester, because I realized there was some redundancy in sections.
    - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
      - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
    - iii. Senator Enright: Under Vice President, you crossed off that the VP will no longer maintain the budget; you did not explicitly add that to the treasurer's duties. Is that just to be assumed to now be under club finances?
    - iv. The treasurer is the one who maintains the budget, so I thought it would be redundant.
    - v. Senator Gracz: So the secretary is not going to take detailed notes for you guys at your meeting? So who is going to do that?
    - vi. We did that because taking detailed notes is pretty much the same as maintaining the minutes of the meeting.
    - vii. Passes 20:1:1
- VI. Announcements
  - a. RC Half Marathon: We are looking for groups from campus to help at our walk stations. We need 5 groups, I have 2. I went to Greek Council and I didn't get to much response from them, so if you know anyone that would like to do it, please email me or personally talk to me. It is May 5, it starts at 8 and it is a final exam day.
  - b. Senator Johnson: Student directed One Act Play this weekend. There are two sets, one set goes Thursday night and Saturday night, and the other set goes Friday night and Saturday afternoon. I believe they start at 7:30 on the evenings and at 2:30 on Saturday. So come check those out.
  - c. Vice President Davidson: We are having another accepted student day this Friday; the fair will be going on from 2-3 in the lower section of the commons again.
  - d. Senator Maginnis: If you are a senior , or you have senior constituents, please remind them to check out the table during lunch or dinner to sign up for t-shirts.
  - e. Democrats: We are having our Camp Obama this weekend so if you are interested in coming it is from 10 to 2, we are going to provide the transportation, so if you are interested please contact me.
- VII. Open Forum
  - a. Kaounas: I wanted to thank you guys for making the budget hearings a relatively unique process for me, especially my committee again. Thank you.

- b. Senator Enright: I just wanted to know how Greek Council's speaker went, I couldn't make it, and it was a pretty big one-fund.
- c. Senator Murphy: I think there were roughly 45 people at the most. It went pretty well, he was a pretty good speaker, and I broke my board in half so it was awesome. I liked it.
- d. Ben Raney: As part of EGOR we went to the city council meeting yesterday and I would like to tell you a story. It was really unique experience, after being here at Senate, I thought I would know what to expect. To an extent it was like Senate, but there was something different about the room. I would say, it seemed that the council members were more jovial. That they were happier, as if they truly wanted to be there, and knew fully what they were doing. I don't want to say that I don't appreciate what the senator do because I really appreciate that we have people on this campus who are willing to represent our student body. But to an extent I think that perhaps any student government group could learn from that jovial nature, the general good feeling that was in the room, and how it doesn't have to be a chore. As a constituent, and since I am a member of the J-Board and can't serve on Senate, I would like to say that, as much as I really appreciate you giving up your time to do this, you did choose to give up your time to do this. And trying to speed things along just to save some time, seems a little odd to me, after seeing what a professional meeting looks like. Thank you.
- e. Senator Johnson: This is my last Senate meeting and I would hope you would permit me a couple of minutes to make a couple of remarks. I've spent this year being perplexed on what happens in Senate. I noticed that through most of the year, Senate was very liberal with its money, we often didn't closely scrutinize. Yes, we had some heated debates and thought those were the best times, because I thought those were the times we were really impassionate and we really cared. I am happy to have served with a number of Senators that really take the job seriously. I think the budget hearings is what has perplexed me the most. The last two weeks, I think there has been a strange contrast to the rest of the year, where I felt the budget committee was pretty conservative with the money, especially with small groups, with small budgets, saving small amounts of money. And then when we brought it to the budget hearings, those small budgets were the ones continually getting questioned, and then we left big things alone. I think that is an irresponsible decision to make. I was upset that last week, people talked over each other, and especially some members of the budget committee talked over some people. But I think that upset me the most, and this is not personal towards anybody, I really feel the budget committee did not follow the constitution in what it did this year. I think they did a lot of hard work, I think they put a lot of thought in what they did, I think there were many moments when the constitution was not properly followed. If you look at our operating rules, the budget committee makes a recommendation and the Senate makes a final decision. So if a number goes up on that screen and goes in that line item, that is the number. If we want 10% deducted as a punishment for that group, we as the Senate, reduce that by 10% in our final amount. It's not reduced after we make that suggestion. I would say that the Senate never agreed to a 10% deduction, I don't think it was unreasonable to suggest that, but we never agreed that there should be a penalty. I think it would have been better if the budget committee had consulted the Senate on what the penalty could have and should have been. And further last week, a member of the budget committee said "we all made the general consensus that with knowledge we are going to go back and deduct it after the total being pronounced with the understanding with what approved and those are the alterations being made." Unfortunately that is unconstitutional, because we never agreed on it. We were never put to a vote on whether that would happen, and we have to say yes, that's ok, that after we put these numbers on, you can go back and deduct 10%. We never did, we have to have a vote on anything like that, or else it is not constitutional. I think the budget committee violated those. We can make the changes on the budget committee's recommendations and based on the wording, we take actions on the recommendations. So we decide on whether to follow that or not. So in the future I strongly urge Senator, the budget committee, and anybody to reconsider the way we did the budgets this year. I think the deductions created a lot of problems and a lot of confusion. I think senator don't really understand that you have the power to question what goes on in the chamber, if you are confused about something, you have the power to ask about that, if you think it's wrong, you have the power to call that out too. The executive board is working very hard but sometimes they make mistakes and if you think you caught one, ask them about it. Don't be afraid to do that. We said no to roll call voting tonight, I don't see why every vote isn't a roll call vote. I think we need a lot of transparency, and accountability. We need senator that care. Please scrutinize every proposal, please have rigorous discussion, please remain respectful but remember that your votes impact everything that we do. It has been a pleasure to serve the Senate for the year, I wish I had served longer, but in the future I hope that some of these items can be attended to.
- f. Senator Erdman: I know all the hard work that Sophia has done and I understand the deductions and things were messy. But out of the kindness of the budget committee's heart, these groups received a budget. I really don't think we should be bickering over this because based of the constitution, if you submit a budget late, you should not be receiving one. That is what is written, by the budget committee reevaluating that and trying to give these groups that benefit of the doubt in order for them to function next year, I think was great. I think we should be appreciative of that.
- g. Senator Johnson: Senator Erdman, I am just interested, can you tell me where that is in the constitution? Or the operating rules?
- h. Senator Murphy: I don't know if it is in the constitution or not but I know that it is something that is brought up and communicated at the CSO meetings. As a president that did submit their budget late, I can't make it to the CSO meetings because I have class on Tuesday nights, so I send someone to go in and sub, and they communicate that to me but not everything comes back to me. So is there



any way in the future that we can provide an alternative meeting for the people that cannot be at that meeting?

- i. President Kiessling: I think that as an executive board we can consider it, and Vice President Davidson will address that next year.
- j. Senator Mutschelknaus: I would also appreciate that the executive board considers communication with organization leader, but also the treasurer. Because those are two separate roles, and it's not the leader's job to make the budget, it is kind of the treasurer's job. I think that would help reduce the touchiness of the budgets.
- k. Senator Johnson: I just wanted to make one thing clear. I didn't think it was unreasonable to penalize groups for being late. I just think that we violated our operating procedure, and I think that is the problem.
- l. Senator Gracz: Is this the first year we have actually done these deductions? What have we done in the past?
- m. President Kiessling: I believe this is the first year we have done this.
- n. Senator Gracz: Have we ever persecuted them for ever being late or for a different matter?
- o. President Kiessling: I cannot answer that.
- p. Senator Maginnis: In the past, it was made noted during budget hearings that an organization had a budget late, if it had been more than 24 hours late, the budget committee did suggest a zero budget. However a lot of the budgets were just noted as being late and the rest was just left to the senator to decide.
- q. Senator Gracz: I think this was a good idea doing this, I do agree it did turn out to be messy, but it was a learning experience. I feel if we keep doing this in the future, we are probably going to get better at it, so I just wanted to thank everybody for sticking through it, and I hate when people try to say that we don't have heart or we just want to rush to get out of here. I personally do not think that is the case. I think it is just that we all read over what we have and we come prepared.
- r. President Kiessling: A quick reminder, our meeting will be at 6pm next week in the Senate chamber. And because of the awards convocation, and we if are still going, we will determine what time we will reconvene after that.
- s. Senator Honaker: This is more than likely going to be my last meeting. I largely agree with what Senator Johnson said. Last year I served through budget hearings along with this year, this year comparing, just left a sour taste in my mouth. I feel we were presented with something that wasn't the entire information that we needed. In the constitution, it says, it's up to the Senate to act on the recommendation of the budget committee. So what the Senate approves is the number that is approved. I do agree that there needs to be some accountability and some penalty for groups that do not uphold their responsibilities. I understand that, but it's our duty as senators to look at the entire picture and act accordingly. I feel this semester was better than last semester, overall. Last year we didn't give things much scrutiny if at all. I do hope that the executive board next year does a good job and I wish them the best.
- t. Kaounas: I appreciate the criticism and where in the constitution does it say that the senate needs to approve the decisions of the budget committee.
- u. Senator Johnson: If you scroll to the operating rules, article 2, section C. And then it has a chronological description. If you look at points 3 through 6, it describes what the budget committee does.
- v. Kaounas: You guys had the ability to amend what the budget committee recommended, correct?
- w. Senator Johnson: Yes, but there is nothing afterwards that says the budget committee can amend what we amended.
- x. President Kiessling: Every other year the senate will be updating the operating rules and this is certainly something we can consider at that time.
- y. Senator Maginnis: I don't think anybody should take anything said here personally. I think senator certainly did a great job this semester. I would also like senator to get involved with different organizations on campus. I think it is great way for senator s to understand what goes on, on campus. I think it is a great opportunity.
- z. Senator Erdman: In response to Senator Johnson, on this lovely sheet of paper that every group was given at CSO, before budget hearings, it says that if you don't do the expected, it will result in no budget.
- aa. Senator Johnson: This is the CSO, not Student Senate. We senator have the choice. Not the CSO, not the budget committee. That is what I am stressing; the senators have the final say.

#### VIII. Adjournment

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

#### IX. 7:30p.m.