

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for September 5th, 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
- V. New Business
 - a. Temporary Removal & Appointment of Treasurer
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Adjournment

Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for April 25, 2012

Attendance Record:

Adam Orth-0	Reilly O’Gorman-0	Jeremy Johnson-2
Sam Mutschelknaus-1	Brad Chojnacki-0	Nick From-1
Diakeishaye Murphy-2	Allison Schmidt-0	Emma Jelinek-0
Jackson Vogel-4	Matt Koch-0	Breanna Gracz-1
David Garcia-1	Michael Enright-0	James Honaker-0
Austin Oliver-1	Shanalijah Hernandez-1	Amy Lindsey-0
Matt Maginnis-0	Tyler Hopewell-0	Brandon Kasubaski-4
Alex Hagen-4	Andrew Carballo-4	Hannah Erdman-0
Kamelle Van Der Leest-0		

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
 - a. Senator First: Move to approve.
 - i. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Allen: When people are presenting, can you speak up a little bit more, and sign in please.
 - b. Treasurer Mikesell: The one-fund stands at \$30,514.44.
 - c. Vice President Davidson
 - d. President Kiessling: I would just like to honor one of your fellow senators, Matt Maginnis, who won the David L. Harris Award. And just welcome to the last meeting of the year everybody!
 - e. Dean Ogle: No report this evening.
 - f. What’s Up With Your Group?
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. St. Jude Up Till Dawn: We asked for a one-fund earlier to buy a gift certificate to be given out at our event. I also wanted to apologize for being a week late, I was supposed to come back in three weeks, and last week I had some personal business that needed to be taken care of. The event went pretty well this year.
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. Old Business
 - a. The Network Constitutional Revision
 - i. Just here to answer questions is you have any.
 - ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Chojnacki: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Passes 20:0:0
 - b. BSU Constitutional Revision
 - i. If there are any questions, I am here to answer those.
 - ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Passes 20:0:0
- V. New Business
 - a. Orientation Committee One Fund
 - i. As long as I have been here, Comedy Sportz has come to perform the night before classes begin, so that would be Tuesday, August 21st. The troop out of Milwaukee has never in my time raised that amount. So \$1,400 is a very reasonable cost. Ripon College is the only school that gets that rate. If we to use any other improv group, we would probably looking at around 2,500 to 3,000 an event. There are no extra charges for travel.
 - ii. Senator Gracz: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Hopewell: Last week we passed, for the senior class board, comedy sportz and it only cost \$750. Do you know why the discrepancy?
 - iv. That is a 3 person show. We are getting a 6 person show and they bring the sound, lights, and backdrop also.
 - v. Passes 19:0:1
 - b. Inter-Fraternity Council One Fund
 - i. We are doing a welcome event sponsored by the Greek life as a whole. So we split up the responsibilities. We talked to Sodexo, since we are contractually obligated to do that, and we got a figure of \$9 per person. There are 300 people in Greek life and we estimate 500 people to come. We are using \$200 of Christian Pereson’s budget.
 - ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Van Der Leest: Will the pig be roasted outside or will Sodexo do it?

- iv. Sodexo doesn't have the big grill to do it so they are going to be doing it in the kitchen.
- v. Senator Hopewell: Is this event only open to first-year students and Greek students?
- vi. Yes.
- vii. Senator Hopewell: So you are excluding independent students?
- viii. We are actually including the first-year independent students.
- ix. Senator Hopewell: So me being a junior independent student, I could not go?
- x. You could not get a ticket for food.
- xi. Senator Hopewell: So you are excluding probably 500 students then?
- xii. Yes.
- xiii. Senator Hopewell: That seems like an issue. Also what are you serving for vegetarians? Are you expecting they eat corn and barbecue sauce?
- xiv. There are vegetables and whole trays. We worked with Sarje and he came up with this menu. It is typical menu he would do for a campus event that would pertain to vegetarian vegans.
- xv. Senator Hopewell: My final point would be that 300 to 500 won't be able to attend, seems like something that probably shouldn't get passed. That is all.
- xvi. Senator Oliver: This is kind of like a recruiting event and it is something where all the Greek organizations can get together at the beginning of the year and kind of see how everyone has been doing over the summer. And you being a junior, most likely won't join a Greek group.
- xvii. Senator Garcia: It is strange to think that every Greek and first year student will come, so frankly I doubt you are going to have 100% attendance. So I don't see the point in not letting people come.
- xviii. Senator Erdman: This is a welcome week event, so it's something a lot of first-years are going to attend, due to the fact it has food at it. As a member on the orientation committee, almost every event we do has a point to have students attend them and that students are actually getting out there. Just because it's a greek event, doesn't mean it is a bad thing.
- xix. Senator Hopewell: I think you are bringing up valid points but also that the one-fund is supposed to encompass any student to go. And here I would be excluded. Do you have a rebuttal?
- xx. Senator Erdman: We pass things all the time that are for specific people. Like when someone goes on a trip.
- xxi. Senator Hopewell: Anyone can go on a trip though, anyone for example can join amnesty international and have a chance to go to Denver. Finally, we passed Greek Council who wanted to have their Greek Week and they tried to encompass everybody on campus. It would be nice to see you try and do it again, just trying to reach to out to people that haven't been exposed to Greek group.
- xxii. Senator Oliver: We have passed one-funds where only specific people can go and they join those groups, and people join Greek life. You have to be part of that group to go on those trips. Yield time to off the floor.
- xxiii. I would just like to address a couple comments on the floor. You can be a part of a group on campus and the same goes for Greek life. We raise thousands of dollars for charities that bring real positive life to this campus. They bring a lot of speakers, events, and social programming. Greek life is a very big part of this campus, it is over 30%. 500 at \$9 per person, is not that much. Giving \$4000 to group that is going on a trip to Jamaica, but the ration is different. The ration for ours is very acceptable.
- xxiv. Senator Mutschelknaus: Sophomores are also being excluded and they may pledge in the fall and that would give them 3 years. Second of all, Greek life is a little different from a student group on campus. One, you have to pay dues to Greek council and student life. And then a point of order let us not let the conversation go on and off the table. Just let the senators talk among themselves.
- xxv. Senator Garcia: You have not really addressed the problem of attendance, as a back point, there is no way there is going to be 100% attendance.
- xxvi. Senator Koch: Before we take this vote. I want everybody to just keep in mind, the Greek community on campus does a great deal of philanthropy work and fund raising. There was just an event on campus for an alumnus who has a brain tumor. If you are moving along in years in your college life, it assumed by the time you hit your junior, it is generally assumed you are not going to do it. So let's keep that in mind.
- xxvii. Senator Gracz: Is this the first year you guys are doing this specifically?
- xxviii. Yes this is, we would like to see this become a tradition.
- xxix. Senator Gracz: What have you done to try and promote Greek life on campus?
- xxx. Each organization has its own event, and we thought co-sponsoring this big event would have a huge draw.
- xxxi. Senator Gracz: So in the past we have just passed things just for Greek organizations?
- xxxii. Correct.
- xxxiii. Senator Hagen: I don't really don't see why there is such a dilemma here. You are going to see a ton of first years attend this, we are talking about welcome week here. I say let them do it. If you go into Greek life, you go because of the friends we made this year, not because of a pig roast.

- xxxiv. Senator Chojnacki: As a first year student, during welcome week, we were really running around trying to get to everything we could. When you look at Greek students actually attending this, fraternities might stay in touch with their brothers and sororities their sisters but you don't really get that cross-over in the summer. So I don't see why attendance would be a problem for this.
- xxxv. Senator Oliver: Yield time to off the floor.
- xxxvi. I am one of the other IFC representatives here, 2,200 dollars for at least 30% of campus from Greek life, I mean that is fair numbers. There have been one-funds that have gone through here before that were for less people, I think it is fair to ask for this. We are not trying to exclude anyone. From the Greek group stance, there are a lot of us.
- xxxvii. Senator Garcia: You guys do a bunch of recruiting events throughout the year, right? How come you are not paying for this one the same way?
- xxxviii. This one is on a greater scale. This is getting together every Greek organization, and having one large community event.
- xxxix. Senator Garcia: Then why don't you have the Greek community as a whole pay for it? It is pretty easy to divide up the cost.
 - xl. You can use that same argument for student groups for one funds.
 - xli. Senator Garcia: You really can't because those group don't have dues and they are not made to pay for everything for themselves.
 - xlii. We have things like insurance, we have things we have to pay for to be part of the organization. I don't mean to be disrespectful, I just don't buy that.
 - xliii. Senator Garcia: Just because you don't buy it, doesn't make it true.
 - xliv. Senator Gracz: As a female, and being an independent, I do a lot with the sisters and I am not a sister. But I still go to things and I still feel welcome. If this were to go one and I didn't know about it, I probably wouldn't even care. There a groups that have dues, I am in Circle K and have dues. You have a choice and I think we should give them the same opportunity we give other groups.
 - xlv. Senator Van Der Leest: I feel this would be really great for first-year students because it's not that you just going to one Greek event, it is all of the Greeks together. I feel this is a really good event.
 - xlvi. Passes 13:5:2
 - xlvii. Senator Maginnis: I just wanted to say something before I have to leave for poster presentations, if I may. I would to thank you all for serving for Student Senate, you all did a really good job. I would also like to thank you for nominating for the award I received last week. My six semesters here on senate have been interesting and wonderful the entire time. So I wish you all the best and I hope all you enjoy your last meeting.

c. SIFE One Fund

- i. We are here to talk about one funding for nationals. We placed second and we got the opportunity to go to nationals in Kansas city. And since I am inexperienced I have asked Mary Avery to explain what we do there.
- ii. Mary Avery: I am the SIFE historian. SIFE is about doing service projects in the community that will teach or support business. I am here because we do have inexperienced leadership in SIFE. This small but might group stepped up, put a project together and then we were then invited back to nationals.
- iii. We are asking for money to take 12 people down to Kansas city. This is the cheapest flight we were able to get.
- iv. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
- v. Senator Mutschelknaus: Did you guys look into driving down at all?
- vi. We did do that too, it was a little cheaper but we were just hoping to save some time.
- vii. Senator Hopewell: What would be the cost of driving.
- viii. It would be around \$3,000.
- ix. Senator Hopewell: So it would be \$1500 cheaper to drive?
- x. Yes.
- xi. Senator Hopewell: How many vans would you take then?
- xii. Two vans and a car.
- xiii. Senator Hopewell: A question for Professor Avery, in the past does this budget include your trip?
- xiv. Yes. The last couple of years we have been very fortunate because nationals has been in Chicago and Minneapolis. This year the students preferred to fly, but I will interject that the advisors don't have a problem driving.
- xv. Senator Oliver: The cheaper rate, does that include the hotel? Because I am thinking that you would get there a day early and stay another night.
- xvi. It is an option.
- xvii. Senator Oliver: I don't see the problem here; they have made it 7 times in a row and represent Ripon College to an international group.
- xviii. Senator Gracz: So you got the price down there and back to around \$200 a piece?
- xix. Yes. It is a group rate through pintravel. It is for groups more than ten.
- xx. Passes 17:2:0

VI. Announcements

VII. Open Forum

- a. Dean Ogle: I thought that was nice for Senator Maginnis to say that, are there any other seniors that are sitting around the table right now? I would just like to acknowledge Sam for his efforts of being part of student senate for the year, so thank you very much.
- b. *Clapping*
- c. Senator Mutschelknaus: It has been a joy working here with ya'll. I know it has been rocky and it goes up and down. You guys probably don't get a lot of feedback from your constituents about what you do, but it is very much appreciated. I want to thank you and I have a lot more respect for you all. I wish that more people in hall council and in the building can see how challenging this can be and how much emotion is put in. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity, and for next, just keep doing what you are doing because these decisions affect people every day.
- d. President Kiessler: I just wanted to thank you all for having a great last few weeks with the new exec board, and good luck on finals!

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Senator Erdman: Move to adjourn.
 - i. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.

IX. 7:07p.m.