Ripon College Student Senate
Agenda for April 11th, 2012

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I. Call to Order
   a. 6:00 pm

II. Approval of Old Minutes
   a. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
      i. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.

III. Committee Reports
   a. Secretary Allen: No report, just sign in.
   c. Vice President Davidson: No report.
   d. President Kiessling: The Student Senate appointed committee packet are due next Wednesday the 11th at 5:00p.m. I encourage all of you to apply. Packets can be found on the portal under the “Student Senate” tab and applications are only about a page long. As you all already know, tonight is budget hearings and I would just like to remind everyone that the Executive Board along with Sophia, Matt and Austin have spent a very long time going over everyone’s budgets to make these recommendations to Senate. It’s not about how much time you’re here that makes this qualify as a good meeting; it is about the quality of our discussion. Please keep that in mind.
   e. Dean Ogle: No report.
   f. What’s Up With Your Group?
      i. ROC: My name is Erik Smith, I took over as president just about half way through the year. We had an awesome rock climbing trip and we have so much more things coming up.
      ii. Circle K: We recently just went to our district convention in Stevens Point and it was awesome. I was my first time and I learned a lot for my vice president position. We are currently working thirty hour famine.
      iii. Parallax: You can pick up your books today.
      iv. SARC: We just mainly had one event this semester and that was in the religions panel, working from February. And we are hoping to have a speaker come next semester.
      v. The Network: We are planning a few events between the 16th and 20th of this month. On the Wednesday of that week we will be showing the movie “Boy Don’t Cry.”
      vi. Rrrhumba: We are currently working on choreographies for International Dinner, which we are co-sponsoring with Cultural Diversity Club.
      vii. Paintball Club: We have an event coming up this Saturday; we are going out to the field. So if you guys are here for Easter and want to get out this weekend, come and join us. We are still looking for quite a few people to go and if we don’t have a lot of people go this time, we are also looking at doing another event coming up this semester.
      viii. Greek Council: Next week we are doing “Greek Week” and we have Greek Awards Ceremony later.
      ix. RCCC: This Friday we are having a “Crappy Bike Race.”
      x. Rugby Club: This Friday we are having a match at Stevens Point, and on Sunday there is one here at Oshkosh.
   g. One Fund Talk Back
      i. Circle K: Recently on the 23rd and 25th we went to our district convention in Stevens Point and we just wanted to say thank you.
   h. Student Activities Report
      i. Secretary Allen: Tomorrow Night at 6pm, come watch Miss Representation, a documentary film on women in media and the effect it has on daily lives. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Elissa Peterson or Student Activities.
   i. Miscellaneous Committees

IV. Old Business
   a. SMAC Executive Board Appointees
      i. I was here last week and your guys approved it last time. Zack is the vice president, Derek is the treasurer and Amanda is the secretary. If you guys have any question I’ll certainly answer them.
      ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
1. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.

iii. Passes 22:1:0

V. New Business

i. Senator Honaker: Motion to amend the agenda to put the CRU one-fund before budget hearings.

1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.

ii. President Kiessling: We need a 2/3 majority.

iii. Passes 22:0:0

a. CRU One-Fund

iv. We are here for CRU one-fund for a concert on Sunday, April 29th. We have been in contact with SMAC to ensure their support for another concert at the end of Springfest. CRU has been doing extremely well, considering it is a new group. We have over 35 members who want to benefit the campus by bringing an inspirational speaker. CRU has worked with a couple local churches. CRU also has connections with campuses all over the region, including Marian University, giving Ripon variety with each college. The Valentine's Day party, during one of our weekly meetings, brought over 40 participants including a professor. I believe it will be an awesome opportunity for campus.

v. This concert will be a great example for the campus’ support of students and organizations, bringing life to the fact Ripon welcomes new ideas and help students make the most of their college experience. There is the opportunity for the community to come onto campus and share the experience. We have contacted local churches to help spread the word, as well as nearby colleges. The bands we are bringing are known as Christian bands, they offer a diverse set list that is enjoyable for all. The bands and speaker are familiar with one another and should help with transitioning. The speaker is a nationally known artist communicator who uses his art to send an inspirational message. With the discounted prices for the band and speaker, it brings our total price for our concert to $3,000. With our discounts alone we have cut the price by 3,500 dollars. We greatly appreciate Senate’s consideration for this one-fund, thank you.

vi. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.

1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.

vii. Senator Kasubaski: Three points I would like to make. First, I know this argument has been used in the past, any group on this campus recognized by Senate is allowed to receive money from Senate, and one fund. Second, this is an open minded campus, and I hope there are no hurt feelings that seep into the argument. Thirdly, why not? This is a great event. It sounds like it allows for Springfest to extend the whole weekend. And listening to whole speech, they have spent a lot of time and have done a lot of work to pull of this event. I don’t want to make the argument that just because we have a lot of money left that we should do this but it’s not that expensive and they have put the time in to do it. The video’s of the bands sound great and the speaker sounds pretty good. I would like to see cooler heads prevail tonight and the argument stay not too bad.

viii. Senator Maginnis: In the one-fund it states the speaker is a motivational speaker, but from the sound of it, he seems more like a spiritual speaker. Can you elaborate on that?

ix. He does both because he is often hired to speak at public schools, because he has a diverse presentation. He is a Christian artist but he talks about depression, future goals, and motivating people to reach their full potential.

x. He’s more of a motivational speaker.

xi. Senator Maginnis: I have a few concerns from constituents regarding the fact we have the motivational speaker a week or two prior to this. I would like to divide the issue but I am going to wait and see if anybody else would like to chime in on it.

xii. Senator Erdman: You mentioned working the CRU chapter at UW-Oshkosh and Marian University, have they come forward or talks about them doing this event as well? Have you talked to them about providing funds as well?

xiii. The way CRU is set up, is it a support pace organization. So while they are not able to support us financially, they have offered us a full staff member to assist us with it, as well as a graphic designer.

xiv. Senator Maginnis: Have you polled the campus at all to see how many people would be willing to go to an event like this? Like the concert on Sunday afternoon.

xv. We have contacted all the churches and they have all been incredible supportive. And there are people interested in coming from the other campuses.

xvi. Senator Graczy: I think it’s an awesome idea, especially because it is the Sunday right before finals, so I could use some motivation. I am all for it, I don’t think we need to question it.

xvii. Senator Mutschelknaus: I have a question for off the floor since we have a member of CCF here. Tyler, do you think we have enough money in our budget to co-sponsor with CRU?

xviii. Yes.

xix. Senator Mutschelknaus: I think it would easily bring down the cost is we throw in 1,500.

xx. Not that much.

xxi. Senator Mutschelknaus: Ok, I don’t how much we have.

xxii. Maybe a couple hundred.

xxiii. Senator Mutschelknaus: How about 200?
Senator Johnson: This is the operating rules, correct?

Kaounas: Yes.

President Kiessling: Is this motion accepted as friendly?

President Kiessling: We will now start discussion on the new total of $2,800.

Passes 19:3:2

b. Budget Hearings
i. President Kiessling: As it stand right now, the $100 budgets are lumped into one group and all the other budgets are in another group. And ex-treasurer Kaounas will present this to us.

ii. Kaounas: First I have a couple of announcements that I would like to go through and then I will be discussing what is going on with $100 budgets. The first thing I would like to bring to all your attentions is that I know there has been a lot of discussion about the constitutionality of the deductions that some of the groups will be receiving. The 10% deductions were granted to the groups who did not submit their budget by 5:00pm. This date was given and provided for all the groups at the CSO meeting. I will show you the copy of the handout all groups were given. All groups were made aware and were given this documentation. With that being said it is generous that the budget committee decided to do the 10% or the 20% deduction. I repeat, all group leaders were made aware of when their budgets had to be submitted as well as the potential repercussions that could have evolved upon them. Next I will show you a list of groups receiving the 10% and 20% deduction. I will justify this by what is written in the Senate Constitution. “Any further requirements the budget committee may deem appropriate.” This is talk about the allocations and the deductions of the budgets that are being presented. So that write there gives you guys the example of how the budget committee was able to make these decisions. The last point is imperative to realize how it is listed in the Senate Constitution, “If these criteria are not met by the satisfaction of the budget committee, it has the power to reasonable limit the budget allotment or penalize the offending student organization.” Therefore these deductions are not only supported by the constitution but agreed upon by the budget committee, as the 10% deductions as well as the 20% deductions. The 10% deductions come if a group did not submit their budget by March 19th at 5:00pm. The 20% deductions are received by a group who did not submit their budget by midnight on that day. Do you guys have any question before we begin?

iii. Senator Honaker: Do we have to accept the budget deductions?

iv. Kaounas: You have to accept the budget deductions because that is what the budget committee is being brought up to you.

v. Senator Honaker: Can the Senate choose to approve an amount that differs from the budget committee’s suggestion?

vi. Kaounas: This is a great situation, if one of you guys do move to add money into the allocation of said budget that is being talked about. They are still, even after that amount is being allotted, will receive 10% of the deduction based on the additional amount. Let’s say if you add 4,000 dollars, you will still get 10% of that 4,000 dollars eliminated from your budget.

vii. Senator Garcia: Theoretically, if we didn’t want to penalize these groups as the senate in general, could we say that we are going to raise their budgets up 10% higher so they go down to their regular budget?

viii. Kaounas: If the Senate deems necessary.

ix. Senator Enright: Where do the deductions come out of?

x. Kaounas: In some cases we allowed some groups to choose where they would want to pull the deductions from their budget, simple because there lines of analysis are low. So special circumstances were already discussed by the group when they came for their individual budget hearings. We gave specific groups the opportunity to pull money from the allocation. Only if need be because of the basic lines of analysis. Do you have any questions?

xi. Senator Johnson: Could you again tell me in the constitution where you read from?

Kaounas: I’ll just let you see my copy. Any other questions? Another thing I am going to address is for the $100 budgets that did receive the 10% deduction; they will still be lumped into the $100 budgets that we will be voting upon. It can be separated if you guys so desire.

xii. Senator Mutschelknaus: You had Parallax under the $100 budgets but you have them approved already on the sheet.

xiii. Kaounas: That was a mistake; the budget did not get already approved.

xv. Senator Enright: It is the same for Student Senate’s budget.

xvi. Kaounas: Yes, we still have to vote on Senate’s budget.

xviii. Senator Gracz: My only fear is if we do do these deductions, how are we supposed to feel next year when they come to us wanting one-funds.

Kaounas: If they do receive the 10% they will probably be coming to Senate for more money but you also have to keep in mind that 10% deduction is going into the one-fund. Essentially it equals out.

xix. Senator Johnson: This is the operating rules, correct?
xxi. Senator Johnson: It’s just that you mentioned the constitution, I’m wondering what the difference is per functionality. Is the operating rules as set in stone as the constitution is what I am wondering.
xxii. Kaounas: Yes, the operating rules gage on how the Senate runs, so yes it is. So here is the list of the $100 budgets, including budgets under a $100 that received deductions.
xxiii. Senator Maginnis: Point of order, you have it broken into two sections but from my understanding, since you have it under New business as one line item, a motion has to be made to have it broken into two line items.
xxiv. Senator Honaker: I motion to divide the Budget Hearings into separate line items; $100 dollars & less and that each separate item will have its budget on the agenda.
1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
xxv. President Kiessling: This is amendable, non debatable and requires a majority vote.
xxvi. Passes 25:0:0

c. $100 Budgets

i. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
   1.  Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
ii. Senator Johnson: So we are voting on all of these at the same time?
iii. Senator Honaker: My motion was to make all the $100 and less budgets a single line item.
iv. Senator Enright: I have a little bit of insight to why Parallax now has an $80 budget because this year they had $11,940. And they requested 4,900 and then they are being given 80. Can I hear what the budget committee was thinking?
v. Kaounas: Because Parallax has not been consistent, we don’t have that two year in a row one-fund consistency, which is why Parallax, as agreed upon, did receive a $100 budget.
vi. Senator Enright: Yes, but they money for printing at the beginning of this year.
vii. Kaounas: They had a $100 budget. They one-funded for the money to produce Parallax right now.

viii. Passes 24:1:0

d. Student Volunteers for the Blue Mountain Project

i. We would like to amend the previous amount to $9,670, after doing further research. I realized it would cost us more in gas for transportation; it would cost 180 rather than 150. I also realized that the flight cost would equal around 3,000, but I would also like to make a deduction off of that due to the 200 contribution by each member.
ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
   1.  Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.
iii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Motion to change the suggested budget to $9,670.
   1.  Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
iv. President Kiessling: Is this accepted as friendly?
   v.  Yes.
vi. President Kiessling: Any objections? We will now discuss the budget of $9,670.

vii. Senator Honaker: The $9,670 you guys are asking for is more or less then the accumulative amount you have one-funded for each year, correct?

viii. Correct. With some increase due to flight and gas.

ix. Passes 23:1:0

e. College Days

i. We got this email from our sale rep this year and he said he granted us a onetime price deduction but he can’t do it anymore. So according to them the price has always been $900 but our budget has always been $700. So that is why it went up.
ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
   1.  Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.
iii. Passes 24:0:1

f. Lacrosse Club

i. We are requesting 1700 total. 1400 of that goes directly to our league fees at the beginning of the year. So that covers refs for wherever we go and the end of the year tournament. We are proposing 200 for travel. This year we are going to Minnesota. And 100 for equipment. We usually need two new nets because they wear away.
ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
   1.  Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
iii. Senator Erdman: Does this take into the account for the fees for the girls as well?
iv. Absolutely, it’s for both teams.

v. Senator Johnson: You originally requested 200 for equipment maintenance. Does 100 cover it?

vi. 100 will be fine. We originally requested 200 in case we needed new frames but we were talked down from that, so we should be fine.

vii. Passes 24:0:1

g. Rrhumba

i. This year we are basically requesting the same amount as last time. However, we added a 100 dollars more for meals because when we go to Chicago Salsa congress we figured we need to provide some students with meals because they didn’t have enough money to pay for themselves. So I am ok with the 150 dollars we are getting for meals.
ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.

iii. Senator Gracz: Those outfits you one-funded for that you said you get every year basically, have you ever considered putting that in your budget?

iv. Fall break, when we one-funded for the costumes, we couldn’t purchase them because we couldn’t dance in Las Posadas. Since the place was very small, we just gave that money back to Senate. So we would have to one-fund again next year.

v. Passes 23:1:1

h. RC Greens

i. We are pretty ok with everything we got up here. In the past we’ve had a $100 budget because we’ve been a smaller group and we see a lot of potential to really get going because next year is an election year. And that is why we are requesting more this year because it is going to be important.

ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.

1. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.

iii. Senator Maginnis: What was approved that was from the one-funds that you have done for the different speakers you brought onto campus?

iv. Yes. Every year we have regularly have a speaker but in the last two years we have put more one funding for it. And this is nowhere near what is going to cost us but it at least gives us a starting point.

v. Senator Erdman: Have you considered crafting a budget based on what you have one-funded for in the past few years? So you won’t have to keep coming back.

vi. We thought about it. I figured asking you guys for 1000 dollars since we are a small group wouldn’t go so well. So I thought if we did it this way, we would at least have a starting point. And every year it is going to change anyways.

vii. Passes 24:0:1

i. The Network

i. So we requested about 4500 intend to spending more next semester. But we agreed that we could just one-fund for more next year so we just decided to lower it. We’ve pretty much just kept it the same.

ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.

1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.

iii. Senator Enright: Do you have any plans for the $500 you now have in your miscellaneous budget?

iv. Yes. We do occasionally do take trips and we also show movies on campus. We actually try to keep some on reserve for second semester. We usually spend the bulk of it first semester, it more or less is just a reading day expense for second semester. We do have the “day of silence” coming up this April and we do want to throw certain events for that as well.

v. Passes 23:1:1

j. Cinemaniacs

i. Our budget for the previous year was based off of high amounts of activity in the 2010-2011 year so we asked for an increase and we have had a lack of activity. The group is ok with the drop in budget. Budget might not be ideal but we are ok with it.

ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.

1. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.

iii. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.

iv. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.

1. Senator Johnson: To what extent will the deduction hinder the operations of the radio station? If any.

ii. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.

iii. Senator Johnson: Will you have the money to do that before June with this current budget?

iv. As you guys can see I requested to have it taken out of our equipment maintenance. That allowed us to keep all of our line items. We decided to take it out of that line item because it is large enough that we can still keep the line item. It could hinder us if we have a complete and total failure in the radio station, of any of our computer equipment or if our transmitter fails. The FCC just required us to purchase a new encoder for our EAS. I was looking into prices for those because that has to be put in by June that alone is $2000. If we don’t have it here, it will definitely have to be one-funded for.

v. Senator Johnson: Will you have the money to do that before June with this current budget?

vi. Because we did put in the recording studio, that did take out some money, plus our remote broadcasting equipment. And I also purchased a new piece of equipment that cost us 500
and that came out of the budget as well. As we are sitting right now, we do have enough to cover it.

vii. Senator Garcia: Are you guys going to have any issues for next year?

viii. We don’t know. That budget line item is left there untouched for most of the year so that way at the end of the year we can do any equipment maintenance. Right now, we are seeing if we can replace two of our computers. We purchase them on our own.

ix. Passes 22:0:2

l. Ripon Outdoors Club

i. I hoped to increase our budget a little bit but it has been reduced from what we had this year. I realized we couldn’t have that raised based on our past spending. We are doing similar events next, a couple of camping trips, a couple of rock climbing trips, skiing and I was looking at adding another one but I don’t think we are going to be able to do that with our reduced budget. The meals got cut and the only reason why the meals is there is so when we go camping that we can buy food for the trip. I would really like us to do some on campus events, like capture the flag or a barbecue.

ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.

1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.

iii. Passes 23:0:1

m. SIFE

i. A lot of the cuts that were made were because I didn’t know what was happening with the funds. I would like to request that we get 150 for the other contract services because that goes towards our annual report. The other professional services, I understand why it is cut; we usually use that as a backup. Travel, we would like to get that back to 400 if possible, because we do need that to get to our competition. Every year we have the opportunity to go to a regional competition, and we have gone every single year and every year that we have gone, we have presented on the projects we work on. And we have been sent to nationals for at least two years before now. Lodging is important because this year it going to cost us 948 to stay at the hotel we are required to stay at for this competition. So if we could get that 900.

ii. SIFE is in a downturn now, as if we are in a business cycle. Hopefully it will get up in the future years and I think it has promising results for the future. I understand the cuts in that there has been lacking in the projects getting accomplished. Lodging and travel seem necessary though.

iii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.

1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.

iv. Senator Mutschelknaus: For you conference in Chicago, is that your regional or national one?

v. That is our regional.

vi. Senator Mutschelknaus: Where is the national going to be held?

vii. Nationals change every, this year it is in Kansas. It’s out of state.

viii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Are those the only two conferences you go to for your travel?

ix. Yes.

x. Senator Mutschelknaus: Maybe we could reduce it a little.

xi. President Kiessling: Right now we are talking about the $630 budget so you would have to increase it.

xii. Senator Johnson: In regards to past years, were you using the other professional services fund?

xiii. Yes we were.

xiv. Senator Johnson: And you have used most of it, if not all?

xv. Yes.

xvi. Senator Johnson: Meals, the same thing I assume?

xvii. Yes, we did use meals when we went to competitions.

xviii. Senator Johnson: If I understand correctly, this budget is result of misgivings about this year?

xix. Yes.

xx. Kaounas: It would also have to do with the fact that for those who did present the budget, a lot of the money, was not known to where it had gone. And in addition to that, the total for the travel for this regional competition is 321 dollars. Again, the cuts were compliant.

xxi. Senator Johnson: I have been involved with SIFE in the past, but I am not an active. But the group does a lot of projects and a lot of things. We these kinds of cuts, if they did the same projects in the past, we would see them one-funding every few weeks. I highly recommend, and make the motion, to translate all their past budget over. If the group becomes active again, as it has been in the past, they are going to need that kind of money. There are some things we can drop. But I highly recommend to make the changes they suggested. I move to amend to change Other Contract services to $165. Travel to $400. Lodging to $1000.

1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.

xxii. Senator Hopewell: Are these debatable?

xxiii. Kaounas: Yes, they will be.

xxiv. President Kiessling: Are these accepted as friendly?
xxv. Yes.
xxvi. Senator Hopewell: The only concern I have with this was meals is still unaccounted for and if they do decide to go to districts or nationals, they are still going to come back and one-fund regardless. So maybe lodging shouldn't be that high.
xxvii. Kaounas: Just keep in mind we have already passed groups that have had meals deducted as well.
xxviii. Senator Erdman: What are you guys doing in order to bring your group on an economic upswing? To make sure the budget being passed is used next year?
xxix. We have been working really hard to get our numbers up. We declined pretty heavily in the middle of the year. We are doing some projects and we are hoping to really get some new people who really haven’t heard about our projects into those projects. Next year we will have a SIFE class.
xxx. President Kiessling: Right now we are discussing the $1,565 total.
xxxi. Senator Garcia: Do you guys have any suggestions where you could use more money?
xxxii. I think the other professional services would be very helpful because that is when we do have to go somewhere else. It did fall through last year though. But I don't know if that will for sure fall through or not.
xxxiii. Senator Garcia: How much do you think you would need? It feels like we are telling a bunch of groups to come back and one-fund but I don’t think any of us want to deal with that.
xxxiv. Kaounas: Since it was something that fell through last year, it loses it two year consistency, therefore we are not actually able to provide other professional services since it has not been consistent now. They will have to actually one-fund for the other professional services. The travel and lodging is fine, because they have gone to the regional and national tournament two years in a row. That maintains consistency.
xxxv. Maginnis: Point of information, there is nothing in our operating rules or constitution that says it has to be consistent. The only thing we are operating on is a precedent rule where one-funding for two years in a row, nothing about how it is used. It was already in their budget, so technically we could give it to them. However at this point they haven’t used it, so I don’t see a problem in them one funding for it. I think we should just talk about what’s one the board right now.
xxxvi. Senator Johnson: This year for example, are you still using that money for meals?
xxxvii. Yes. We will be using when we go to competition this year.
xxviii. Senator Johnson: Because you haven’t gone to regionals or nationals yet?
xxix. We go the 15th.
1. Senator Johnson: Move to amend to add $400 under meals.
2. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
3. President Kiessling: Is this considered friendly?
4. Yes.
5. President Kiessling: We will now be discussing the new total of $1,965.
6. Senator Gracz: I’m in Circle K and in the beginning we really started low. We only had 3 people in our group, so I always say, just kind of gage it how it happens. Take it day by day because you really don’t know how people are going to be. Groups are really unpredictable.
7. Senator Oliver: When you come for what’s up with your group, bring Barry Avery, it seems she would know more than anyone else about your history and what everything is used for. I am pretty sure we made that recommendation for tonight.
8. She had a meeting. I tried.
9. Senator Oliver: I would just like to see her at Student Senate and everything.
10. Senator Erdman: This is for Sophia Kaounas, how are we going to do there deduction?
11. Kaounas: It will come off line by line.
1. President Kiessling: We will now vote on their budget of $1,965.
2. Passes 23:1:1

n. Equestrian Team
i. Basically the budget we are requesting is the same we requested in 2010 and it had been reduced. We have consistently one-funded for everything and we will be getting the 10% deduction because we failed to submit our budget on time.
ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
1. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.
ii. Senator Honaker: Will you be taking the $680 penalty out of a certain line item or will you do an even split.
iv. I was told it was coming out of everything.
v. Senator Hopewell: How much have you one-funded this year, do you know?
vi. Two different one-funds totaling about $3,000.
vi. Passes 23:1:0

o. Greek Council
i. Senator Mutschelknaus: Point of order. Greek Council is one the agenda twice.
ii. Senator Honaker: Point of order, I think Greek Council’s budget is already approved. The initial motion was to put all 100, 90, 80 budgets together and vote on them. Greek Councils recommended budget I believe was $90. So I think they were initially approved.
iii. Kaounas: They did not request $100 and they are not on this list that we voted upon.
iv. Senator Maginnis: Point of information, does that mean we are going by requested line item or suggested for the budgets?
v. Kaounas: Either way it gets passed now. We still have to debate it now anyways.
vi. President Kiessling: Is there anyone here to present for Greek Council?
vii. Our recommended was 100 but it became 90 because of the 10%. We originally wanted $400 for Greek Week for food supplies. The cook out and wing eating contest we do every year. And $50 for philanthropy type of events.
viii. Senator Hopewell: Move to approve.
ix. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.

x. Senator Mutschelknaus: You said the $50 was for philanthropy but you have it under advertising.
xi. When I was filling it out, I wasn’t sure where to put it as philanthropy.

xii. Senator Johnson: Point of information. I’m reading back through the operating rules and I am interpreting them differently then we have to follow them. We the Senate body, just voted on SIFE. Now the budget committee is suggesting afterwards that they are going to reduce it by 10%. However, my interpretation of the operating rules suggests to me the amount the Senate approves is what gets approved. And that there is not action after that.
xiii. Kaounas: Right, that is why the total after the suggested is 90. All the alterations…
xiv. Senator Johnson: Sure, but what about SIFE? You said now that after this you are going to make edits. However that does not follow under the operating rules, that you make edits after we approve a number.
xv. Kaounas: It has already been passed so you can bring it up next week and I can talk to you…
xvi. Senator Johnson: Well I want it written up for the rest of the 10 and 20% budgets as well. That if we make edits, are those edits going to get a 10% deduction afterwards, or is what we approve final?
xvii. Kaounas: That’s fine but we all made the general consensus that with the knowledge we are going to go back and deduct it after the total is being pronounced, with that understanding that’s what’s approved and those are the alterations being made. That may be under the rules, but the general understanding that the entire Senate has been is that we are going to go back and make those deductions.
xviii. Senator Johnson: I think what we did with SIFE was messy, and I don’t want the rest of anything like that to be messy. I want us to be clear with what was going on. So I am asking for a rules interpretations from anybody here.
xix. President Kiessling: I understand what you are saying, from this point forward we will do the deductions right away. It is going to be how we voted on.
x. Senator Johnson: So as we calculate, we calculate with the 10%. And if we didn’t like that number, we could increase it.

xx. President Kiessling: Yes.

p. Rugby

i. Our budget is pretty much unchanged from last year. Only thing we cut was a little bit on travel costs, because we’ve eliminated one of our games. The meals is $210, it is for our social event after our one match, every team does this in the league.
ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
iii. Senator Maginnis: Did you say you needed the extra money to travel.
iv. No, we eliminated one of our matches, so that’s why it is lower from last year.
v. Passes 22:0:1

q. Pre-Law Society

i. I am pretty fine with it. Maybe some money allocated to Honoraria because of the fact one of the benefits we have is having a pre-law advisor as an attorney. A Supreme Court justice was able to come here last semester, and another one will be coming shortly. And we don’t pay them anything but it would probably be good to have some food and services available for them. So if you can put some money in there, that would probably be good.
ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
1. Senator Honaker: Move to second the motion.
iii. Senator Maginnis: Did you say you needed the extra money to travel.
iv. No, we eliminated one of our matches, so that’s why it is lower from last year.
v. Passes 22:0:1
Senator Garcia: If a group really feels strongly about it, a group can come back next week and tell us to change it.

Senator Erdman: However that was upheld tonight. So it makes us look like we are not necessarily acting consistently and fairly towards the groups. And I just wanted to say we need to be nice and friendly and not cut other senators off when they are still talking.

Senator Johnson: I understand it is a good precedent and I think it is a good precedent if you are doing something major, like a big speaker or big event. But are we really going to ask them to one-fund for $25? I think there can be small changes in budgets. I think the rule is for big things.

Senator Enright: When you heard about the your justices that come into speak, how much in an advanced notice do you have?

Three weeks.

Senator Enright: They are crunched for time and adding the $25 would be something that will enable the group to function well.

Passes 22:1:1

President Kiessling: At this point we will take a 10 minute recess.

Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.

We did change a lot, coming out of this year into next year. We will be doing a lot with the alumni office to reach out to black alum and other alum as well. We also are doing revision to our constitution. We did get the 10% and we are going to take it from our meals. And that is all that we have really changed.

Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.

Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.

Senator Maginnis: I have a question for the budget committee, that $3,305 shown down there, is that with the deduction taken from it?

Kaounas: Yes. And after talking with BSU, this was the best course of action.

Senator Maginnis: You guys have done soul food already, correct?

Not this semester, last semester.

Senator Maginnis: Do you guys know how much you have spent on food for that event?

With the price of food increasing over the years, the price of soul food has been running us $1600. Once really close to $2000. We are able to work with this number since we have been doing it for so long. If we need more we will come back and ask.

Passes 19:2:2

This is our current budget for next year, do you have any questions?

Senator Honaker: Move to approve.

Senator Hagen: For registration fees, without anything in your budget for that, what is that going to affect?

The registration fees is for conferences that we go to. We one funded for it once, but we have to do it two years in a row. So we are just going to one-fund for it again next year.

Senator Enright: Have you received any national funds from the national organization? It’s just I have never heard of you receiving funds from the national organization.

They provide the paper materials for all of our meetings for the most part. And all the conferences we get a reduced rate to go to, so the registration fees are dramatically decreased by them.

Passes 21:2:2

Mainly I just looked at previous budgets and that is what we asked for. Sophia and the panel had agreed with me that postage, in-house duplicating and contractual printing should be the same. I don’t see the line for travel expenses? Last year we reimbursed the students for the trip. We thought having a $60 travelling expense would be reasonable. 3 of our speakers last year waivered the honoraria. So I just worry that the honoraria might be a little low. Just honoraria and miscellaneous expenses are the only two that are concerning.

Kaounas: That was our mistake for not including travel but it was part of what the budget committee had, we just didn’t put it as an additional line item. So that has been approved by the budget committee.

Senator Honaker: Move to approve.

Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.

Senator Maginnis: How many people have you had on average?

We’ve had more community members come to our events than actual campus students so it really varies.

Senator Maginnis: Do you have an email list?

We do, but it was lost through my error.

Senator Mutschelknaus: There is probably about 30 on the email list. Being the president for the last couple years, I kind have compiled a list from activity fairs and stuff like that. All our events go out to the local churches around town and publicized through them. In our constitution it states that community members can also be considered members.

Senator Enright: What was the money for on-campus meetings going to be used for?
I assumed it always used to be a part of the budget. We used to be a bigger group on campus, so I thought we did more in-house activities on campus.

Senator Mutschelknaus: That was a new line item added this past year. In hoping with new leadership we were hoping to get new members. So I’m not sure if it had been in the past. Maybe it was used for on-campus meetings slash events.

Senator Johnson: In terms of honoraria, could you give us a few examples of honoraria you have actually paid? Have you paid less than $250 for some of them?

Yes. The speakers we had for religious panel are mostly from the area. We have given 40 to 20 depending on how far they came. The other ones wavered us.

That is just for the local area. If they are farther it might be different.

Senator Johnson: But you could one-fund for that?

True.

Senator Mutschelknaus: Every year we try to have a main speaker and a panel. And for the past few years we have had a main speaker. So that was already precedent to put in our budget. So I think we should move that back up to $750. I motion to increase the honorarium to $650, adding a total of $400.

Senator Garcia: Move to second the motion.

President Kiessling: Is this considered as friendly?

Yes.

President Kiessling: Are there any objections?

Senator Hopewell: Objection.

President Kiessling: Now we will begin debate on this increase of 400 dollars.

Senator Hopewell: I understand for the past couple years that you have had a main speaker, which probably cost more than $400 in honoraria. And seeing that your current group has maybe 10 students and 10 community members. Maybe we should keep that about $250 like the suggested and let them one-fund.

Senator Johnson: It seems to me that you give have a big speaker. Especially since you using parts of that honoraria for smaller speakers, actually I have another question. How much did you use on the smaller speakers in total this year?

Just 60. Out of the 5 female speakers that came, only 2 of them kept their honoraria.

Senator Johnson: So let’s operate under the assumption that you pay out all of that, about $200. Would 400ish dollars be enough for a big speaker?

I think so. We could cover as much as we could.

Senator Johnson: So you think it is pretty possible that even if you got a big speaker next year, with that budget, you wouldn’t have to one-fund?

It just depends on the speaker.

President Kiessling: We are going to now vote on the amendment.

Fails 7:14:2

President Kiessling: We are now going to continue talking about the original suggested budget of $365.

I hope you don’t take this as we are hoping that you don’t do really well. It wouldn’t be bad if you had to one-fund. If you do get something down, you can then put it in the budget. Just wanted you to keep that in mind.

Passes 20:1:3

Talking with Sophia and the board, we approved of the cuts because we did not know what some things meant in our budget. We are just asking for the $100 in travel and the $100 in registration fees. Any questions?

Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.

Senator Johson: Move to second the motion.

Senator Honaker: I would like to move to divide the SMAC budget into the 9 separate committees. So that we will vote on each of the 9 committees separately.

President Kiessling: Is this considered as friendly?

No.

President Kiessling: Are there any objections?

Senator Gracz: Point of information, is there a way to separate only the committees that have changed? Because why go through all of them if they are the same?

President Kiessling: Are there any objections?

President Kiessling: We will now start debate.

The reason why I am doing this, this was done last year, SMAC’s 9 committees each has a budget that is on par with the budgets of the largest groups on
I am not comfortable with approving this large amount without even looking at it. There are some points which are perfectly fine but there are some points my constituents would like discussion on.

President Kiessling: Correction, this is non-debatable, so we will move it to a vote right away.
  1. Fails 4:16:3

President Kiessling: We will leave SMAC’s budget intact.

Senator Gracz: Can I motion to separate the committee’s that have changed in order to work with Senator Honaker?

The two things we changed are Contemporary Issues and Travel.

President Gracz: I move to divide the motion into Contemporary Issues, Travel and the rest of the budget.
  1. Senator Enright: Move to second the motion.

President Kiessling: Is this considered as friendly?

Yes.

Senator Enright: Are there any objections?

Multiple Objections

President Kiessling: It is non-debatable so we will move it to a vote.
  1. Fails 8:14:2

President Kiessling: We will continue to consider their budget as a whole.

Senator Hopewell: Can we go over what you changed?

Contemporary Issues we just deducted it. At NACA we just to book everything for the upcoming school year and we found we were doing so well in the past that we saved a lot of money. We do book some events that cost more than the 1750, but we make up for it trying to book smaller events that don’t cost as much, as to even out the cost. Travel we found that $2000 is quite a large amount for the stuff we do, and we felt $1600 would still give us plenty of money to do the events we wanted. Our honoraria just went down $600. We’ve been getting reduced price for colleges.

Senator Oliver: How much of your budget do you use?

I’d say 95% if not more. We try use all the money we. We appreciate the money Student Senate gives us and we feel we would like to use all of it to provide campus with activities and fun events.

Senator Oliver: They budget stuff really well and they do a lot with campus. They budget so well that they don’t have to come every week, so I think they are doing a good job.

Senator Enright: Can you go through line by line if necessary the Springfest section because you guys had a bunch of changes that is a little different that from other years. So can you just say how you are using your budget this year compared to how you used it in the past and how it will be continued to use.

In the past for some of you that don’t know, we have used our $15,000 in honoraria to attempt to make deals with larger bands and artists. To bring them to campus. Last year at NACA we wanted to switch things up. We wanted to appeal to a wider range of people and save money. In the past we’ve always had to one fund for 10 to 15 thousand dollars. But we needed that to put in a bid for large bands for campus. This way we are planning on brining a wider array of groups and genres to appeal to a wider variety of campus. The biggest complaint is that not everyone is happy. If things don’t work out, we will make changes accordingly. And the rest is used for security, lighting, sound, stage, travel for the acts to come here, meals for food, and lodging is just to pay for everyone.

Senator Enright: I am just a little bit confused about what the travel is for, I understand that is just for brining the other bands.

It is just to help pay for travel. Our main goal at NACA was to get as many discounted prices as possible.

Senator Enright: Is the changing to multiple bands going to be covered by the honoraria to one big band is that going to be a permanent change or a year by year basis depending on what the feel of the student body is?

People in my class say they like the way Springfest was but they want things going on all day. We discussed it at NACA for awhile and we weren’t sure how the campus would react. But we are hoping the campus will be open to change and we are not opposed at all to changing it for next year. We did book some acts for next year to get a discount but those contracts are good for 45 days after NACA.

Senator Johnson: Those were most of my questions. I just wanted to say thank you for sharing the process with us. Some people seemed to think it wasn’t thought out. Second, I was just curious as to for the bands you have this year, are you still using all the $15,000 in honoraria or how much are you using?

We are using all of it.

Senator Mutschelknaus: The meals, you said those are help paying for things? I know there is a lot of leftovers after the band gets done, so do we need that total for all those meals?

There are a lot of leftovers but we leave those to anybody that helps clean up with the stage. And it is really hard to judge how much money we will need for meals based on how many people we are bringing.
w. **EGOR**
   i. We received what we requested and to explain the honoraria, we did receive a $1000 honoraria from 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. It was reduced last year for this year’s budget and that was because there was lack of people coming in and didn’t find to many people to speak. This year though we spent well over a $1000.
   ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
   iii. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.
   iv. I’d say about 12 to 15.
   v. Senator Maginnis: How many do you have on your email list?
   vi. Somewhere between 30 and 40.
   vii. Passes 22:1:1

x. **Student Senate**
   i. Do you guys have any questions?
   ii. Kyle: Why does Student Senate need an increase?
   iii. The $250 in office supplies is just in case we have some backup issues. Office supplies could be considered for better cookies next year for budget. But if you guys don’t think it is necessary you can cut it, it’s just fine.
   iv. Senator Johnson: Move to approve.
      1. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
   v. Senator Maginnis: How many active members do you have that attend regular meetings?
   vi. I’d say about 12 to 15.
   vii. Senator Maginnis: How many do you have on your email list?
   viii. Somewhere between 30 and 40.
   ix. Passes 22:1:1

y. **IRC**
   i. We are consistently going after bigger and better speakers. A lot of deals we have been getting on honoraria are due to the fact that they are personal friends with Dr. Kalochi. So we would like to branch out a bit with that extra couple of thousand dollars in honoraria. Our meals and travel have increased due to the fact that a lot of these speakers live in Washington D.C.
   ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
      1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
   iii. Senator Honaker: How much does IRC one-fund each year?
   iv. The last couple of years it’s been a $150 for the luncheon for the international crisis simulation and the previous year we had a $500 budget so there were a lot more one-funds prior to that. So the more we increase our budget the less we have to one-fund.
   v. Senator Johnson: I was going to ask if it has been factored into the budget. So most of your increase is for the luncheon?
   vi. Yes.
   vii. Senator Johnson: We will now begin discussion on the $1,115 budget.
   viii. Passes 23:1:0
xxii. Senator Koch: The speakers are really the highlights of the international relations club. These speakers tend to attract a lot of people and I think we need to acknowledge that.

xxiii. Paintball Club

z. We take 10 people each semester on trips and that $1200 budget is necessary and decreasing it would definitely hit our club and prevent it from taking at least 10 people to these events. So we would like our budget to be 1200 again and the travel for the same reason.

ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.

1. Senator Johnson: Move to second the motion.

iii. Senator Enright: Could you explain what you want approved?

iv. 200 for travel, 1200 for the off-campus meetings.

v. Senator Mutschelknaus: So you don’t want us to change anything, just leave it the same?

vi. Kaounas: Right now their budget reflects the 10% deduction and that is what they are asking for. They want the total amount of money to be 1415.

vii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to have the new budget total be $1,415.

1. Senator Honaker: Move to second the motion.

viii. President Kiessling: Is this considered as friendly?

ix. Yes.

x. President Kiessling: Are there any objections? We will now start discussion on the new total of $1,415.

xi. Senator Erdman: What is necessary for in-house duplicating?

xii. That is for promotional items. Posters and signs.

xiii. Senator Hopewell: I understand that you don’t want the deduction but the purpose of the deadline is so that things get done in a timely matter. For that reason I am going to be voting against this budget. I think it’s important to note that if you set a precedent and don’t follow it, other groups in the future might do the same thing.

xiv. The only issue I have with that is if you fail our budget we get nothing. So if you would like to do that, I suggest you do that instead of failing our budget.

xv. Senator Hopewell: Could we bring this up again next week if their budget were to fail?

xvi. President Kiessling: Yes we could do that but it would have passed again for two weeks in a row.


xviii. There was a misunderstanding about the deadline and I wasn’t aware there was a deadline. It was my mistake and I don’t want it to reflect on the entire campus.

xix. It also fell upon me because I attended the meeting for him. I actually didn’t even look at the sheet that was passed out to us because I had done budget hearing before. It is my mistake.

xx. Senator Hopewell: I see where you are coming from but a deadline is a deadline and any group coming up could go with the same frame of mind at this point.

xxi. Senator Mutschelknaus: We are discussing the motion I proposed, correct?

xxii. President Kiessling: We passed it.

xxiii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Ok. I have a question, does each individual paintballer provide their own equipment?

xxiv. I am the only person that brings my own equipment. The fields we go to, we actual use their rental equipment.

xxv. Senator Johnson: I am going to make my feelings clear. The 10% reduction of budgets has been detrimental to groups, and will hinder them from doing some things. What has happened throughout this meeting though is that we have gone ahead with that. And now we are confronting a situation where we are deciding not to go ahead with it. I move to undo the changes made to the budget, and I am going to suggest paintball club one-fund later for the rest. Because we need to be consistent.

xxvi. President Kiessling: Is this considered as friendly?

xxvii. Yes.

xxviii. President Kiessling: Are there any objections?

xxix. Senator Enright: Objection.

xxx. Senator Enright: The way this group is designed, is that it has a certain dollar figure that allows for them to take 10 students. If you reduce it, it’s pretty much like you are punishing one student who won’t be able to go. I think having to one fund for a certain thing would be better instead of completely loosing the ability for one student to go.

xxxi. Senator Gracz: I agree with the fact that we shouldn’t change something for one particular group. I also agree that they should come back and one-fund for this. I don’t think it is going to limit them.

xxxii. Senator Erdman: Groups that got a 10% deduction should be thrilled because out of the budget committee’s heart, they got a budget. So if they have to come back and one-fund for a couple hundred dollars it is not going to be the end of the world.

xxxiii. President Kiessling: We will not vote on the amendment proposed by Senator Johnson to have the budget stay the suggested.

1. Passes 20:1:1
xxxiv. President Kiessling: We will now resume discussion on the budget of $1274.

xxxv. Senator Johnson: If you really think you need the money communicate to next year’s people to make sure they one-fund for it.

xxxvi. Passes 20:1:1

aa. St. Jude Up Till Dawn
i. We have asked for an increase because St. Jude has been doing door to door caramel apple sales and has been very popular among the campus. We received special permission from Dean Ogle in order to do that and this year we increase the number of times we did the apple sale, because the first time we ran out of apples. So we did drain our entire budget.

bb. Ripon College Democrats
i. There are a few slight changes. The biggest one is last year we did not have a honoraria budget, so what we did was take a $100 out of our miscellaneous and moved it over to the honoraria category. We also decreased our travel budget. However, since I submitted this budget, we have used $35 for travel for various things. So I would appreciate it if someone would consider amending that and putting it back to $100.

cc. Cultural Diversity Club
i. We did add money to meals because we do have international dinner. We do buy foods that are kind of hard to find. This year and last year we had limit our members on what they could cook. Some of these ingredients are rare and kind of pricey.

dd. CCF
i. Pretty much the same budget we had last year. Any questions?

x. Passes 22:1:0
ee. Amnesty International
   i. The only reason we have a higher increase is because most of our budget was used for the amnesty international regional conference. Which we attended last weekend in Denver.
   ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
      1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
   iii. Senator Johnson: Are you planning to continue going to the regional conference then?
   iv. Yes.
   v. Senator Johnson: Is it usually going to be that far away?
   vi. We aren’t sure. Amnesty International chooses.
   vii. Senator Hopewell: How many members do you have currently?
   viii. 8 active members and 7 of us went on the trip.
   ix. Passes 21:1:1

ff. Crimson
   i. We started looking at ways to lower the cost for printing. So looking into that, we came up with a couple suggestions. My representative suggested to change the trim size (8.5/11). If we were going to get the 600 books at 8.5/11 it would be $20,850. If we were to get 650 books at 8.5/11 it would be $29,680. Those are the changes we would like to make. I will check and inventory the books from last year. So either change in number would be find.
   ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
      1. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
   iii. Senator Johnson: People do come back and want books. These extras preserve our history. I move to amend and have the contractual line item to $29,680.
      1. Senator Honaker: Move to second the motion
   iv. President Kiessling: Is that accepted as friendly?
   v. Yes.
   vi. President Kiessling: Are there any objections? We will now begin discussion on the new total of $30,155.
   vii. Senator Hopewell: Maybe we could go with a smaller amount of books this year and see how it goes. And maybe they could come one-fund for additional books.
   viii. It’s a set contractual thing. We can’t bump it up halfway through the production.
   ix. Senator Johnson: Maginnis: The other issue with not having those other books is the costs. We have just over a thousand students on our campus and technically each student is guaranteed a book when they come to Ripon College. We can’t base on what happens this year on what is going to happen the following years.
   x. Senator Hopewell: I appreciate the sentiment if there are books laying around, but with this you don’t think two years in the future, you think 30 years in the future. This is a thing that will essentially last forever.
   xi. Senator Gracz: So basically you doing everything you can to bring it down for us, so I don’t understand why we are arguing about this. I’m glad you made the attempt to bring it down for us and I think we should go for it.
   xii. For future budget meetings I am going to inventory so that way we can keep track.
   xiii. Senator Gracz: Do we as students pay for this or is it free for us?
   xiv. Kaounas: Technically we pay for it but it is free and handed to us.
   xv. Passes 21:1:1

gg. Drumline
   i. It was decreased slightly to help out the Senate a bit and there was a 10% deduction. If you guys have any questions please ask.
   ii. Senator Johnson: Move to approve.
      1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
   iii. Senator Hopewell: How many drums do you have?
   iv. 3 quads, one set of quints, 4 or 5 base drums, 5 snares, and 2 or 3 sets of cymbals.
   v. Senator Hopewell: Each year you need that much to maintaining equipment.
   vi. Yes, and we won’t necessarily use it every year. It kind of depends on the wear and tear.
   vii. Passes 19:1:0

hh. Pre-Med Society
   i. Our budget used to be 3 or 4 hundred dollars, it has had some pretty big cuts for two years because none of it was spent. We have been more active this year making some visits to med-schools and what not. We are fine with the cuts.
   ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
      1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
   iii. Passes 20:1:1

ii. Ripon College Republicans
   i. Our budget has been the same for the past three years but got cuts in three areas for a $150 total. We would ask the Senate to entertain and add back the $150 in certain areas. $50 back to meals, $50 back to miscellaneous, and $50 back to traveling. The reason being the travel costs have increased, and with the election coming up for 2012 we are going to be very active. Second, our meals are part of our registration fees for our conferences. And third, the miscellaneous gives us flex dollars to make any offset costs.
   ii. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
1. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.

iii. Senator Johnson: It is an election season and for the political groups to have what they have had historically is especially important. I expect to see these guys funded because it historically happens at Ripon College. I move to amend the budget, add $50 to travel and $50 to meals.

iv. Senator Hopewell: Can I hear why they were deducted like that?

v. Vice-President Davidson: We have been trying to cut food budgets back in general. When we give a group a food budget they tend to spend more on meals.

vi. Senator Johnson: Senator Oliver, if you had a comment on it, go ahead.

vii. Senator Oliver: We didn’t know they had a meal that was based on a conference. We made cuts based on what we knew.

viii. Senator Johnson: What is the miscellaneous category for again?

ix. When it comes to expenses, we have to use it for travel expenses. We anticipate lodging and conference fees will increase because bigger speakers will be coming in and the higher the profile of the speakers, the higher the cost will go up. It helps us offset certain costs.

x. Senator Johnson: How much of that $100 have you used in the past couple of years?

xi. We have exhausted it.

xii. Senator Johnson: Ok, I also motion to have the miscellaneous changed back to $100.

1. Senator Honaker: Move to second the motion.

xiii. President Kiessling: Is this considered as friendly?

xiv. Absolutely.

xv. Senator Mutschelknaus: Do you guys receive any outside funding?

xvi. Senator Johnson: If you had a comment on it, go ahead.

xvii. Senator Erdman: So you will be one-funding for honoraria?

xviii. Absolutely.

xix. Passes 17:3:2

jj. SEA

i. We would like to apologize for the late submission of the budget. The budget I requested is based off the budget from two years ago. We are hoping improve ourselves this semester and the budget we are requesting reflects this. We have an average of 18 to 19 come to our meetings.

ii. Our advising professor left us last year and left the group in the hands of the students and when she returned the group was almost non-existent. One area on our budget that we would like to get back is the meal section, the reason is we have student teachers that are required to come back on campus on Monday and Tuesday nights. The meal section pays for a big dinner we have to honor our student teachers.

iii. Kaounas: You have guys have $70 in deductions.

iv. Off-The-Floor

1. Education gets lots of cuts so please don’t do it here!

v. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.

vi. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.

vii. Senator Johnson: I motion to amend the budget and add $150 to the meals.

1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.

viii. President Kiessling: Is this considered as friendly?

ix. Yes.

x. Senator Mutschelknaus: Point of order, since they have a 20% deduction do they want to change that around?

xi. Senator Johnson: We need to add the $70 back in books and periodicals, sorry. So now a $100 will get deducted somewhere.

xii. How about $50 in books and periodicals and $50 in meals? And we will one-fund for more.

xiii. President Kiessling: We will continue the discussion on the $400 budget.

xiv. Senator Erdman: Kudos, to you guys for having your advisor gone for a year. I’m glad to see you guys working towards where you were before.

xv. Senator Mutschelknaus: How are doing campus wise?

xvi. In the past we have had spring picnics, student teachers dinner, we have sponsored various volunteer activities and this year we have also participated in a book drive.

xvii. We have also brought speakers, but not have been able to because of the protests in Madison.

xviii. Passes 20:1:1

xix. Kaounas: I am going to email Equestrian, SIFE, and Rrrhumba and see where they would like to have their money deducted from. And I think we will need to approve that twice in a row again.

xx. Senator Maginnis: As long as the total stays the same I think it should be fine.
Kaounas: Since it is different numbers from each line item, which ultimately gets submitted to the business office, it may not be a change in total but it still is a change in other numbers for each category.

VI. Announcements
   a. Paintball Club: We still might have a few spots left for the paintball outing, so if you happen to on campus this weekend and you have nothing to do before church, you can come play paintball with us!
   b. ROTC: May 2nd, reading day, we are having an event. We do a PT test once a month and we are having a fundraiser. For anyone who wants to do it can participate. Again, its 1:00pm May 2nd.
   c. SSA: Tomorrow night in this room CCF will be hosting the Rwandan Genocide Memorial. The SSA encourages everybody to come even though we are not co-sponsoring.
   d. Forensics: Tomorrow night from 6 to 7pm is the forensics showcase for all individuals going to the national competition. Tomorrow we also go to our national tournament in Texas!
   e. EGOR: This coming week EGOR will be attending a city council meeting to talk during the public comment portion about the composting ordinance and two weeks later EGOR will try to get on agenda to try and get something done for composting on campus. I believe it as at 7pm in the city council chambers.

VII. Open Forum
   a. Senator Maginnis: This is something I have been holding in for quite awhile, and that is the fiscal responsibilities of Senate. I have actually been really disappointed about it this year. Discussion wise it has been limited. One example in particular is the 77 thousand dollar budget we passed this evening for SMAC. In the sake of saving time, we didn't take the opportunity to look at what the organization is spending its money on, to me I thought it was really irresponsible. I would like to know where that money is going, there could have been a few things clarified for people for what they do on this campus. Especially some of the responsibility they have to come to Student Senate and talk about what they have done. This year I have only seen them twice. I feel they should be coming a lot more. I think Senators need to be a little bit more responsible. If you trying to save time by just passing things, is very irresponsible. I am glad to see there was a lot more respect in the room then when we started last semester though.
   b. Senator Gracz: I don't if it was as much as saving time, but as that we were supposed to look at these budgets beforehand. So we wouldn't have to sit here and go through line by line, unless you see something you did have a question on. I think it just being respectful instead of going through everything in everybody's budget.
   c. President Kiessling: Thank you guys for being so understanding, we are all new at this, and I know things didn't run as smoothly as they have in the past, but we will certainly pull it together for next week. With that I will entertain a motion to adjourn

VIII. Adjournment
   a. Senator Honaker: Move to adjourn.
      i. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.

IX. 9:54p.m.