

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for 19, 2012

- I. Call to Order
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 - a. Secretary Allen:
 - b. Treasurer Kaounas:
 - c. Vice President Davidson:
 - d. President Kiessling:
 - e. Dean Ogle:
 - f. What's Up With Your Group
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Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for September 12, 2012

Attendance Record:

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
 - a. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
 - i. Senator Carballo: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Allen: No report, just sign in.
 - b. Treasurer Kaounas: The one-fund stands at \$87,932.20.
 - c. Vice President Davidson: We had our first CSO meeting yesterday. We had a great turnout and every group made it except for one.
 - d. President Kiessler: I just want to remind everyone to keep your constituents views at heart tonight when you are speaking. There are a lot of one-funds tonight so just make sure you are reaching out to your constituents so they know what is going on. I also want to remind everyone if you have an interest in a particular group tonight, to please abstain from the vote and don't repeat yourself.
 - e. Dean Ogle: September leading into fall break will be a busy time weekend wise. Three of the next four weeks where a lot of outsiders will be coming to campus, so as always try to represent ourselves well and be helpful to people who are wondering around and looking for directions. We have family, homecoming and inauguration coming, with inauguration having a week long schedule of events. The weekend after, our Board of Trustees are here.
 - f. What's Up With Your Group?
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. Greek Council: Last year we did the Greek Week one-fund and greek banquet, we had a great turnout. Lots showed up and it went well.
 - ii. SIFE: We one-funded for our national competition last semester. We didn't get anywhere at nationals but it was a great learning experience. We came back with a lot of great ideas and are looking forward to another great year.
 - iii. IFC: This is a talk back for the Greek pig roast, which was a big success. We over a 100 first years come for the meal and just under 80% of the Greeks come. We really want to turn this into an annual thing and I thank you very much for the support.
 - iv. Fencing Club: We one-funded for roughly 787 dollars last year in order to replace gloves and equipment. It has been a great success, we switched out all the blades for the class and club.
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Secretary Allen: All organizations have turned in registration forms! Sign up forms for Intramural Dodge Ball are due by this Friday, Sept 14th for the one day tournament that will take place on Wednesday, Sept 19th. The sign up form is available on the Intramural page on the portal under the Campus Life tab. Please like the Student Activities Office on facebook – facebook.com/riponsao – there is great information on events and there will be contests and other fun stuff coming soon! Homecoming Nomination pages are available on the portal this week – nominations close on Friday. Final voting will be held from Sept 26-28 during Homecoming week. The Student Activities Office is looking for Building Manager – the application is available on the campus job board on the portal.
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - a. Parallax One Fund
 - i. In case you don't know what Parallax is brought some copies that were distributed last year. The one fund may look like quite a bit of money we are asking for and it is. Parallax in years prior had its budget pulled. So in order for the publication to happen we need to have money for everything. We are requesting money for Ripon printers, which is a competitively low option that has been explored in-depth. We are also asking for adobe CS6 which is the newest version we have to use to create the book, the old one cannot accomplish what we want. We then are also asking for cash prizes, which is one for students to be appreciated for the work they submit to us.
 - ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
 1. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Erdman: I notice on campus that there are a lot of extra copies laying around that don't seem to get used. Is 500 absolutely necessary?
 - iv. That is a really hard thing to gauge and the reason we are asking for 500 again is because last year we had petition where over 170 signed where they would be interested. Then we have 500 copies, distributed them, currently the stuff I have is yet to be distributed to off

campus people and individuals studying abroad. There are some copies still on campus. It is a hard question but I think the answer is yes.

- v. Senator Hopewell: Why did you raise the cash prize amounts?
 - vi. We didn't have cash prizes last year.
 - vii. Senator Hopewell: How will you distribute the prizes then?
 - viii. The cash prizes would be assessed by faculty members and then the prize distributed to the winner. Does that make sense?
 - ix. Senator Hopewell: To an extent, I am curious about first, second, and third have 100, 70, 70.
 - x. It would be like 50 dollars, 25 dollars, and 15 dollars because there are 4 different divisions.
 - xi. Senator Hopewell: Last year we passed it for 11,607 dollars, so that is up 500 dollars, why so?
 - xii. Last year we did not have a need for Adobe CS6 and also we did not have cash prizes.
 - xiii. Senator Hopewell: What is that program?
 - xiv. Do you know what adobe photoshop and illustrator are? That is what we use to create them. And this would be coming through ITS because it is recommended.
 - xv. Senator Carballo: Who works on the making of Parallax?
 - xvi. We have about 16 members right now, students. They do most of the editing work. Pieces that are submitted are voted on anonymously by the members and they are then numbered to see which will get published.
 - xvii. Senator Carballo: So the students look at all the entries and vote on the best and whichever ones get the most votes gets in basically?
 - xviii. Yes.
 - xix. Senator Riebe: Last year with your one –fund you asked for the printing of the books for 11,000 dollars and looking back at some of the minutes, it looked like whomever was representing Parallax stated that the books would be somewhere from 100 to 180 pages and you didn't want to go down on the page number?
 - xx. Yes.
 - xxi. Senator Riebe: I was looking at some of the books today and they are 80 pages, so I was just curious because you asked for up to 180 pages, presumably not needing 100 pages for 500 copies, that is a significant cost decrease. So I am just wondering if you guys actually gave back any money to the one-fund last year?
 - xxii. Yes. The reason we asked for extra because our number was just an eyeball range on how many people will submit stuff and how much stuff will potentially get published. But we have to overestimate just in case.
 - xxiii. Senator Riebe: What was a ball park range on how much you gave back last year?
 - xxiv. I wanna say it was about 3000 dollars. The one-fund could anticipate having that money back.
 - xxv. Senator Miller: is there a way for you to make a digital format instead?
 - xxvi. That has been brought up a lot and there is a way of making it into an archive, currently we don't have a member who knows how to do this. But I don't want to do that as a substitute because the actual copy can be used in let's say an interview. It's better to have a physical copy and say I was published in this, much more impressive than saying I was published on this website.
 - xxvii. Senator Miller: For the students who submit the articles and whatever who want to show it off to their employers, why not give them a physical copy and then a digital copy goes out to the rest of campus?
 - xxviii. If you were a student and you were to here Diakeshaye published something, I am not that curious. I like Diakeshaye but if it is not sitting right there, I probably won't go search it out. And we also get submissions from a wide group of people.
 - xxix. Senator Erdman: Would you be willing to do a combination of the two? Because in a group I am in we give hard copies to individuals who are published and then a digital copy is distributed to the rest of campus.
 - xxx. We could do a combination but I don't think we should move down from 500 copies.
 - xxxi. Senator Messerschmidt: When you distribute these copies, how do you do it? Do you just put them somewhere for people to pick up?
 - xxxii. Last year I was abroad, however what happened was Parallax was distributed at the same time of a poetry reading last year and then they were around campus.
 - xxxiii. Senator Hopewell: When will you have this published then or do you have any deadlines?
 - xxxiv. We do have some deadlines. Submissions will start to be accepted in November, we process in November and December, and we try to publish it in January/February.
 - xxxv. Failed 11:10:2
- b. Hazing Prevention Week One Fund
- i. Kyonna Withers: I am here from SAO and they are here from Greek Council. We come to you for assistance with the National Hazing Prevention that is coming up in October. Hazing is actually defined as a force for anyone to perform any strenuous, dangerous or humiliating task, and sometimes on college campuses that can happen. So I am trying to come forth to implement a week and as well as to promote anti-hazing and prevent hazing on this campus. The first day will start with a signing of an anti-hazing petition, the second day we will try to have a speaker come named Mr. David Westol, that Wednesday we going

to have an alcohol haze program, that Thursday we are going to show a documentary called The Haze. And that Friday we are going to have a social event. So I have come here to basically ask for help with our second event, the keynote speaker David Westol. He comes and speaks around schools about hazing prevention and how we can make sure it does not happen. His list of expenses is 1750 for his fee, hotel for one night, and light snacks and refreshments. And his airfare from Indiana. We have multiple clubs and organization that are helping put money forward to help with the event.

- ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
- iii. Senator Oliver: I represent a fraternity and we belong to a national fraternity and get classes on this stuff. We go through this stuff a lot and we feel that it doesn't make its effect. When people see that we are bringing someone in to combat hazing, we feel like they imply that we haze people when that is not true. This just shows the campus that there is the potential for hazing, and we are against it.
- iv. Senator Carballo: How did you guys come up with 400 for airfare?
- v. I actually just looked it up. I typed in specific dates from his airport to here and that was a roundabout figure, and I went through orbitz.com.
- vi. Senator Hopewell: Will you make this mandatory for the Greek groups?
- vii. Yes.
- viii. Senator Hopewell: Which aspects of it?
- ix. The speaker is a mandatory event for the Greek organizations and the rest of the week's events are highly encouraged.
 - x. Senator Hopewell: So you will be having this in Great Hall?
 - xi. It is actually in Bear auditorium.
 - xii. Senator Koch: Just looking at your keynote speaker price, was that negotiable?
 - xiii. We brought him down a little bit.
 - xiv. Senator Koch: How much?
 - xv. He started off originally at 2500.
 - xvi. Fails 8:12:4
- c. ROTC One Fund
 - i. Senator Oliver: We are asking for 2 GPSs, these are not the best GPSs out there but not the worst. We just need ones accurate enough to get 10 digit coordinates, which is just enough. In the past we had one we always used but the individual that had it got transferred to Germany so we don't have that resource anymore. We've already try borrowing some but they are not accurate enough. So we are coming to you to ask for 2, so we can continue with our classes.
 - ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Riebe: Do you guys not get money from your organization or how does that work?
 - iv. Senator Oliver: So this is how the army works, we are the Reserve Officer Training Core, which means we are way down here and we don't get stuff till the very end, which means we don't get money. As you know the army has been withdrawing and we are going to lose 100,000 troops from the army and a lot of money also. We don't have resources and we do a lot of fundraising throughout the year so we have enough to get new PT t-shirts, but we really don't have money.
 - v. Passes 22:0:1
- d. Paranormal Science Society One Fund
 - i. We are going to try and get the individual from last year here again and he is an alumni from Ripon College. There is no total on the one-fund request, that is my mistake, the full total is \$539.88. As I said he has been here before and we have had great success, and I am here if you have any questions.
 - ii. Ben Raney: So you said SMAC helped to bring him in last year?
 - iii. Yes.
 - iv. Ben Raney: Have you talked to SMAC about co-sponsoring and trying to get some money from their budget?
 - v. Yes, we spoke with Vance, we decided if there was any money the senate would like back, we could get a co-sponsor from SMAC. But we were not planning on asking them for financial support.
 - vi. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Carballo: Move to second the motion.
 - vii. Senator Gracz: Are you saying two rooms or two night?
 - viii. Both, my mistake. This team is a team of four and they are staying Friday and Saturday night.
 - ix. Senator Van Der Leest: You said he came last year?
 - x. Yes.
 - xi. Senator Van Der Leest: Where did he go last year?
 - xii. Last year he went to Lane Library and he did two 2 hour shifts at night in the lobby. The reason they suggested to do Lane Library again this year was due to the renovations and he said that could mix some stuff up or possible reawaken something.

- xiii. Senator Hopewell: My constituents felt the rooms were a bit spendy, since Kyonna just came up here with a one-fund and they were going to be 70 dollars a night. Being they that they are alums, people suggested that they could stay in the dorms for 25 dollars a night.
- xiv. We did not consider that and I was a little questionable about it myself because we contacted two inns and they gave us totals of around 300. I am going to look into the campus option though.
- xv. Senator Gracz: I feel like if we were going to send something like this through, this is going to be for people that have an interest in this. What we were just talking about with the hazing would have to be campus wide. I think we need to consider our judging a little bit. I think this is something specified to a certain amount of people, because a lot of people don't want to know a lot about this kind of stuff, especially if they are living here.
- xvi. Senator Oliver: I was one senate when this group formed and they have been very productive on campus and I know some people might not believe in this stuff but that is no reason to vote against it.
- xvii. Senator Gracz: I am not trying to say that something like this shouldn't go through, what I am saying is what it says on here is that we are looking to have at least 40 students and there is well over a 1000 on this campus, so that shows a percentage of who actually attend. That is what I am trying to get across.
- xviii. Passes 21:1:2
- e. Ripon College Republicans One Fund
 - i. Matthew Rohrbeck: I'm the senior advisor for the group.
 - ii. Tyler Schwertferger: I am the President of the Pre-Law Society for this year.
 - iii. Rohrbeck: There are two changes to the one fund. First you will see there is a co-sponsorship from the Pre-Law Society and the second is that there is a chart on the second page detailing all the expenditures.
 - iv. Schwertferger: The reason the reason he Pre-Law Society was not on the original one-fund was because I was waiting to hear back from our advisor about whether or not to go forward with this. He said go ahead and that this is something he would love to see on campus and that is why we came forward to co-sponsor this event.
 - v. Rohrbeck: There has been a lot of speculation around campus about what Mr. Rove will talk about. Mr. Rove has been known for speaking a lot about campus activism as well as leadership. I hear him speak two years ago, he spoke about the dangers of the future without and we if we don't do something, we are the future of this country. And that is what he wants to go around and talk about with campuses throughout the country, which is to be active in politics. He spoke in the speech that he doesn't care if you are Republican or Democrat or that you haven't been active in politics before, being active is essential because we will be the ones that will make future decisions someday.
 - vi. Schwertferger: On behalf of the Pre-Law society, as I talked with our advisor, we are looking at this from a non-political point of view as well if the RC Democrats were to have a speaker we would be willing to co-sponsor with them. Mr. Rove is a big advocate of the constitution and current issues. He has been active in sponsoring and helping Supreme Court justices get jobs as well as their positions on the court. He would be talking about activism, especially from an admissions point, I am an intern at the admissions office, that it would be beneficial and it would spark a name in the entire state that we are hosting a big name. It would be for the community at large.
 - vii. Rohrbeck: The cost is \$15,000, that is what we have negotiated to what we know so far. He usually charges about 25,000 dollars not including expense such as travel. The Young American Foundation has been very active with us to try and bring Karl Rove here. This speaker usually places 2 day holds on their schedule, which means if you want him you have 2 days to come up with the funding. I placed the hold last Monday and the hold is still active today. What that means in lamens terms is that Mr. Rove has expressed interest in coming here. He could accept all of the money or he could only accept a couple thousand dollars, but we don't know. If I could get him down, everything would be returned to student senate. If I had maximum bargaining rights with this one fund presented, it is 99.9 percent certainty that Mr. Rove will be here on that set date. We plan on having the event at 4:15 on a Wednesday. Any specifics are debatable and negotiable when this one-fund is passed.
 - viii. Schwertferger: Another reason the cost is so low because he will be in Milwaukee around the same date.
 - ix. Ben Raney: So you are saying he is coming for mostly an apolitical message? Talking about being engaged and the future?
 - x. Yes.
 - xi. Ben Raney: My question is why pay 15,000 for a name attached to a glorified motivational speaker?
 - xii. I think the man with the reputation as Mr. Rove brings is experience. He has been highly regarded by Republicans and Democrats and anybody affiliated with politics, as the architect of political communication, which means he is the strategist behind any many campaign. What Mr. Rove brings is his inside experience. With that he has seen something that frightens him and he wants to talk about it.

- xiii. Ben Raney: I still find that as a steep price but if it is negotiable I am sure that hopefully it will be much better.
- xiv. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
1. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
- xv. Senator Hopewell: Just two comments. You said Karl Rove has expressed interest, I think the reason he has expressed interest is because he is going to make 25,000 dollars. And my other point is but I think this will set a precedent. The Democrats could bring someone in for 15000 dollars. And I don't want to see 30,000 dollars of our budget gone in two events.
- xvi. Senator Erdman: I received an email from one of my constituents and I would like to read it to you guys. This says, "To whom it may concern, I have two issues with the request of 15,000 for Karl Rove. One, I don't think it is ethical to bring one individual who clearly represents one political party and not have the other side represented. Second, I don't find those bringing about the one-fund have advocated reasoning and have support ethically either." This person heard the following statement, "We have to lock in two more senators to make sure this passes." They understand this is politics, however, if you are truly representing your senate constituents, the persuasion of only senators is very unethical. Finally, "Will all the other politically affiliated groups come to senate with \$15,000 one-funds and what will moral justifications be afterwards."
- xvii. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: If this does pass and he does come to campus, and students don't become more active, what do you plan on doing?
- xviii. I think if you heard from a man like Karl Rove speak, from an individual's perspective, they are going to want to be active after that. He is a very powerful speaker.
- xix. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: I am leaning a little bit more towards is if the speaker comes in and would you have tips on how to be more active?
- xx. Yes, Mr. Rove has done that before. In the past he gave a check list of 10 things you could do to be more active in politics.
- xxi. Senator Miller: I would like to yield my time to Mr. Rohrbeck.
- xxii. There is one thing I forgot to mention. Talking to high administration, there is high enthusiasm to bring Mr. Rove here. Emailing President Messitte and talking to him about this, he is very excited to bring Mr. Rove here. I have an email from him that he actually wanted me to read specifically tonight, what he said was "Thanks for your email, I think it would be great to have Mr. Rove on campus and if you are able to get him here to Ripon I would be happy to host a small lunch or dinner with him." What that means specifically is that President Messitte wants him here, and I don't want to push that on anybody but Ripon College, we want to be put on a national scale. There have been concerns expressed on this table already that bringing him in will bring in another 15,000 dollar speaker. I understand those concerns but I think from a national perspective this brings in more publicity than actually thought. We are in the middle of the 3 largest media outlets in the state. Mr. Rove has the reputation to attract large media. Bringing in another 15,000 dollar the year after or the year after that I would not have a problem with that. If the democrats brought in Hilary Clinton for 15,000 dollars, I would be all on board for that. It is about getting the college's name out there. There was also a question about the budget, in the spring 2012 budget at the end there was 30,000 dollars left in the budget. And Dean Ogle was quoted last week saying "We should use the one-fund to its extent but not abuse it." So what that means is that we should use the funds that are available to us and if we can use those funds that is a benefit for us.
- xxiii. Senator Koch: One comment I heard through here was that it was unethical. I just want to remind everybody that we are beating our own political out of this. We got to remember that this is not about politics, it has nothing to do with whether you are a Republican or Democrat, or if you agree with Karl Rove or you don't. We have to think of what is best for the college. This is a tremendous opportunity for us, it is a great investment. President Messitte is one board with this, so don't look at this as a political thing, because it isn't.
- xxiv. Senator Riebe: I would just like to comment on a concern of a constituent brought up by one of the fellow senators, saying that is one group is proposing a one-fund, why isn't another group doing the same. I don't think we should punish the groups for presenting a one-fund for what would be considered their opposite on campus. I don't think it is the duty of the group to do that. Same thing applies for the religious groups. Just because one student organizations out of a certain cluster of interest is proposing a one-fund it would not be advisable to vote against it.
- xxv. Senator Hagen: The amount of popularity and coverage and prestige that could come to college for having this speaker. Regardless of your political ideology, you have to admit it will be great, all of Wisconsin will have the opportunity to know about this, and for once I would actually be able to go somewhere and talk to people that know Ripon College exists, that would be kind of nice. Vote for this and vote for what you think is best for Ripon College, because that's what this is all about. Just because the CR's are proposing it, they are also co-sponsored by Pre-Law and that is ideologically neutral. If another group wanted to bring someone here that I didn't politically agree with, I would be fine with it because this attention is good for Ripon. I encourage everybody to vote either yes or no for this and not abstain because this is beyond political.

- xxvi. Senator Oliver: Someone said that they heard someone say that "all we need is two more votes," that is not the occasion for me at least and I am sure none of the other senator do that either, it is all about constituents. My fraternity is both democrats and republicans and some that not either and I brought it up at house and everybody was really excited about it and everybody voted for it. There is a lot of interest on campus. Don't think that we have some agenda and we are voting because it is our personal views, it was our constituents that voted for it.
- xxvii. Senator Erdman: If this is as apolitically as all of you are saying, why didn't reach out and try to co-sponsor with say the college democrats, because a lot of the talk about the precedent being set and things like is coming from the fact that it is coming from solely the college Republicans. If you are doing this is you want a politically active campus, why don't you involve all the politically affiliated groups in this event?
- xxviii. Talking with the Pre-Law society we found that to be substantial equilibrium. Talking with the college Democrats or Greens, we had an opportunity, we literally had 24 hours to put together this one fund and put it underneath the door. And talking with the advisor of the Pre-Law society he was very excited about it, he knows how much of a prestige Mr. Rove is and how much of a scholar he is. When thinking about going to Democrats and Greens, we wanted to have it at that equilibrium. If the one-fund does pass we are not going to kick them out of the event.
- xxix. Senator Erdman: I think you are missing the point of my question. The point of my question is if you are trying to create a politically active campus, you should involve all political groups and do this one big event. Therefore you are promoting political activism as a whole. Also my other question is we all talk about the name recognition for Ripon, once Karl Rove leaves, it's great, we had an awesome speaker, IR club brings as high caliber names from Washington, what happens when he leaves? What benefits the students directly that are here. That is the purpose of the One-Fund, to benefit the students who are directly on campus.
- xxx. All students are obviously welcome. As for question posed earlier, would there be a follow up? Really it would be a rally to get everyone involved, regardless of what political side you are from. It would be more of a rallying point.
- xxxi. Senator Gracz: I was going to say what Senator Erdman said about combing with the Democrats. I feel the biggest thing you guys are up against is that the Republican group on campus is sponsoring this. Reading through here he does seem very neutral, but is he very neutral when he speaks or does he express Republican views?
- xxxii. I heard him speak two years ago and he talked nothing of Republican ideals. He talked about the future of this country and how literally debt lingering on our generation. He gave stunning statistics and he made it an active participation. In the current Republican and Democratic convention, Karl Rove was not invited to either of them. We would make him talk about current events and activism when he came to campus.
- xxxiii. Senator Gracz: I agree this would be a good promotion for the college. But if this were to pass, that next time if you want to have anything of this caliber, would you consider working with other groups on campus, that are political.
- xxxiv. I think absolutely. It is not that we didn't think about it, it is just with the short amount of time we had. We were rushing to get the sponsorship with the Pre-Law and bringing in the College Democrats or Greens wasn't our top priority but lowering the price was. But if a bigger name speaker were to come, I would be more than willing to work with the college Democrats and College Greens to try to bring a speaker of caliber.
- xxxv. Senator Gracz: I just wanted to bring it up because it would have cleared up a lot of problems going on here. I want to make sure that we don't always look into the future because we don't always know what the future is going to hold when it comes to what people are going to bring. It is always best to do what is good for the students and campus.
- xxxvi. Senator Hopewell: I think my point was misconstrued earlier when I said that the Democrats might bring in someone of 15,000 dollar caliber. My point was that it was just too much money and if we want to see a sixth of the budget just vanish and then someone else potentially might bring in speaker, and we don't have any reason to say no, then we are going to see a third of our budget go. And obviously the president is going to have interest because so many people want to see Karl Rove here. I think the president would support any group bringing someone to campus. In terms of the surplus, it's nice we had some left over last year, but we can't look into the future and I don't want to have a surplus but I rather not run out of money.
- xxxvii. Senator Koch: At the beginning of this meeting we were close to passing a one-fund that was over 12,000 dollars and now we are bringing up issues of 15,000 which is really not that far apart. Everyone is talking about keeping their politics out of this, I'm sorry but we got to keep it out of here. I am going to ask you guys to look at this as a opportunity for the college. The brothers of Theta Chi are behind this. For everybody that knows me, I am a conservative Republicans in nature, I am a part of that group however I am not going to be abstaining, I have been asked by my house to support this and that is what I am going to do. Don't abstain because you are in the group, vote for what your constituent s wants.

- xxxviii. Senator Carballo: I just wanted to address what he will leave when he leaves and you could say that about any speaker. He is coming in to raise political activism. He is going to bring publicity for the campus and the president but his goal is to raise political activism.
- xxxix. Senator Hagen: You say not to think too far ahead in the future but then you say what if the Democrats bring in a 15,000 dollar speaker. I think that is hypocritical. If you don't want to deal with the future, don't mention any of that. For the first time since I have been an off campus independent senator, if you didn't know that, nobody says anything to me on how they would like me to vote and I actually for the first time in my life here got emails from off campus people. And a couple of them have told me that they are a democrat and want to see this and they asked me not to put out their names. My constituents and I support this.
- xl. Senator Hopewell: You mentioned Parallax, and that was going to be my point in open forum. If we are going to vote something down I think we have to be a little bit more vocal. Kyonna didn't have her's passed and I'm sure she doesn't know why. I think it would be nice if they received some feedback so she could have enough time to reconstruct the one-fund. In terms of the Parallax one-fund, I don't know why it didn't pass, but if get 500 copies that is 500 people that experience that.
- xli. President Kiessling: Senator Hopewell I am going to limit you to discussion on the Republican one-fund.
- xlii. Senator McNeil: I guess you can call me as close as undecided as possible at this point. But first of all, for those opposed to this, I am hearing the argument that the 15,000 dollar proposal is going to be a slippery slope that will lead other groups to bring in other speakers. And I do want to point out that we do have the ability to analyze each of those proposals and vote on those as well. I don't think we should vote this down just because we speculate something is going to be proposed in the future. I understand that 15,000 dollars is a lot of money. With that being said I am only a freshmen senator and I will keep my comments brief.
- xlili. Senator Gracz: Did he speak at any other universities in Wisconsin?
- xliv. I am not sure.
- xlv. Senator Gracz: Do you know any other universities he has spoken at besides where he worked?
- xlvi. He went back to the University of Alabama where he was an alumni there. He spoke for over an hour and a half.
- xlvii. Senator Gracz: Yes but has he talked anywhere else besides where he worked, I am just curious to see what the results were for a place he wasn't known.
- xlviii. I don't know.
- xliv. Senator Riebe: From people I know, he has spoken at UW-Milwaukee I believe a few years ago. He goes on college tours all the time.
- l. Passes 18:5:1

VI. Announcements

- a. PSS: For October 5th and 6th we are having our event, so watch your emails because it is first come first serve.

VII. Open Forum

- a. Ben Raney: I would just like to know a couple of small things. I've been watching the senate for a while now and it's really interesting to see what questions people ask, to really see the critical thinking process in action, and most of the time it happens, it happened somewhat tonight and there were times where it might have been hindered. But as a constituent who doesn't have a say on the floor, as somebody who really only has his senator to trust, I would just like to remind everybody that this is the entire campus you are representing. This isn't really supposed to be that personal and when I see people making somewhat personal attacks that is honestly disgusting. And when I see people trying to argue with fallacious logic, it is somewhat better but still not good. If you are really worried that people at the table aren't doing what their constituents want, if you really think there is a problem, then move to make a roll call vote. That way what way a senator votes is one record. People can check and see if their senator did what they wanted them to do. And I know last year there was an attempt to do that and there was somebody that asked why and it is because some of us constituents don't know how our senators vote. I am lucky enough that I can be here to see and I have full faith in my senator. But not all constituents are like that, not all of them can be here, and so if there really is a worry about ethics at the senate table that is something that really needs to be talked about with the constituents. If you are really that worried, a roll call vote is way to really get that conversation started.
- b. Senator Erdman: I think we owe Kyonna and Greek Council an explanation as to why we voted down their proposal because there were not very many comments made. It is very irresponsible. They deserve that. So if anyone could share their reasoning behind their decision that would be helpful. I know hazing is a big think when it comes to first years and Greek life. I had new members come up to me last year and say, "we were told you guys haze, we were like so worried." This is an issue on campus that needs to be resolved.
- c. Senator Carballo: Well I can say that I voted against the hazing week because as an independent from the quads I talked to a couple other independents and they said they were never worried about hazing. And also I thought making it mandatory made it sound like nobody wanted to do it. It reminded me of middle school when I had to go listen to things I didn't want to, that is another reason why didn't like it personally. As for the constituents, I heard Matt and Anna say they were voting specifically for what their constituent said. So to me it sounds like all the senators are doing their job.

- d. Senator McNeil: From my perspective it appeared that the issue was not being framed as a problem in search of a solution but as solution in search of a problem. I didn't see it as Ripon having much of a hazing problem.
- e. Senator Gracz: The reason why I voted for this was there was a comment on facebook about hazing that females better watch out. And it was literally stated as an attack but it was supposed to be funny. But to people that don't find that funny, that is scary, especially if you are a freshmen and you don't understand the campus and you don't know people. Also when sitting here, I don't feel like we are attacking each other, I feel like when you are having a debate you are going to have different viewpoints. And people are always going to have different viewpoints. I think we are fair to one another.
- f. Senator Koch: I just wanted to say I am proud to be sitting on here with you guys, as far as I am concerned everybody did their job here tonight. People have confidence in you guys, that is why you are sitting here, don't let anybody tell you that you are not here for a reason or that senate is a joke, because it isn't. You guys are here because you are doing your job and doing it right. Keep that in mind.
- g. Senator Oliver: As I said earlier my fraternity makes us go through this stuff and that is why we thought it was pointless.
- h. Senator Hopewell: I think it is a bad idea to assume that hazing doesn't happen, obviously if there is a weeklong event to prevent hazing, obviously it happens. It might not happen right now but if you have something that prevents it and continues to prevent it, that obviously isn't a bad thing to keep doing.
- i. Senator Erdman: I yield time to Kyonna.
- j. To go off the comments that were made. This week is to prevent hazing, I'm not saying it is or isn't happening, I want the first years and independents to know that hazing is not ok. So when they are trying to join a greek organization, athletics, or other student organizations hazing may occur but it is not ok to haze. I wanted to bring the speaker here to talk to everybody about why hazing happens, how we can prevent it, if it is already happening how we can stop it. I know some organizations have anti-hazing thing going on but not all. I knew that I had to bring this forth to senate to approve or deny and that is what happened. The week is still going to happen but we are just going to try and figure out some other ways.
- k. Treasurer Kaounas: You guys were discussing how we had 30,000 dollars roll over from last year, which that was the case, but are starting with about 10,000 dollars less this year. So if we didn't have that from last year, 57,000 is what we would have had. I just wanted to put that in perspective. In addition unfortunately I have been hearing that senators aren't actually communicating with their constituents. I do echo Matt in saying that you guys are doing a really great job but I really want to remind you guys that you are the voice for your constituents.
- l. Ben Raney: Going off of what Sophia said, we did have 30,000 dollars roll over from last year and last year the senate ended up voting no on one one-fund that they were told to vote no one and half of another one. Almost all the one-funds last year were passed and we still had left over money.
- m. Senator Gracz: Since we did not vote for the hazing, is it not going to be able to happen now? Is it going to be too short of a notice?
- n. It is going to be really hard to get him here but he is coming. He is excited about coming and he is going to come.
- o. Treasurer Kaounas: Kyonna, if I could make a suggestion to you, I think it would be awesome if you went and asked any house if they would be willing to provide a little financial assistance.
- p. Garth Clarke: This isn't just a college event, people in the community like Dominoes are sponsoring the event. It is also the community supporting the college.
- q. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: Last year BSU worked with the high school and now that he said that it is part of the community there are a lot of students who don't even know what hazing is, so I feel like it would have been a good way to get the high school involved. I encourage a lot of people to come out, it just doesn't happen in college and sports, it also can show up in a work place or other settings and this is a good way to get the word out. For Republicans, I really encourage you do some type of follow up, because when he leaves it may not keep going and I want to see it do that.
- r. President Kiessling: We had some great discussion tonight you guys and I know that for some of you new senators that this is your second meeting, so don't be intimidated, we like to know what your constituent have to say.

VIII. Adjournment

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

IX. 7:55p.m.