

# Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for October 3, 2012

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  - c. Vice President Davidson:
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# Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for September 26, 2012

## Attendance Record:

Brian Fritsch- 0	Andrew Miller- 0	Amy Lindsey- 0
Alexander McNeil- 0	McKenzie Trelka- 0	Nick From- 0
Zachary Muench- 0	Andrew Carballo	Adam Orth-
Logan Soich- 0	Shanalijah Hernandez- 0	Austin Oliver- 0
Alexandra Haen- 0	Ryan Rieber- 0	Matt Koch- 0
Tyler Hopewell- 0	Kamelle Van Der Leest- 0	Rebecca Ramage- 0
Jennifer Keller- 0	Diakeishaye Murphy-Gunnels-0	Alexander Hagen- 0
McKala Kiessling- 0	Hannah Erdman- 0	

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
  - a. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
    - i. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Secretary Allen: No report, just sign in.
  - b. Treasurer Kaounas: The One Fund stands at \$71,521.56. That is a 500 dollar difference than last week the reason being there is a legal fee Ripon College pays to go over and have some free legal advice to a specific law office, which comes out of the One Fund. The budgets are also one the portal.
  - c. Vice President Davidson: No report.
  - d. President Kiessling: Senior class board packets are in the mail room, the library, and SAO. They are due back to this office by 5pm Friday Oct 5. Encourage your constituents to sign up, it is a cool opportunity.
  - e. Dean Ogle: Saturday is inauguration and one thing as an institution we feel bad about is that there has been some really terrific speakers that get recognized & honored and get a chance to talk at commencement ceremonies. Most of the time that impacts the graduating seniors and some underclassmen. Here is an opportunity for the whole student body to participate and be at what is really a formal ceremony. There will be representatives from 50 different colleges, trustees and others, and the speaker is a very high profile, very well known person that is known across the country. It would represent the college very well if there was a large turnout at the event on Saturday morning. So I hope you and people you represent will consider participating!
  - f. What's Up With Your Group?
    - i. CRU: We have had four meetings this semester and they have all had over 30 people in attendance. We have grown so much that we now offer two women's bible studies and one men's bible study. And we are cosponsoring with CCF the International Revival which is coming up November 6. We are actively seeking participation from local churches for our meetings. We have now started having live music for our group and we had somebody donate a projector so we could put up the lyrics.
    - ii. Amnesty International: Our group started really great this semester, we recruited new members and last week Wednesday we had our first event. We had a petition in the commons where we collected signatures from the students. It was for the human rights for women in Afghanistan and also for the violence against women act. It was a great turnout and we are ready to send out the signatures. We are also planning events for each month!
  - g. One Fund Talk Back
  - h. Student Activities Report
    - i. Transportation sign-up deadline for Fall Break is October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We encourage participation in homecoming and inauguration events this week. Watch for more information via email. 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! The Student Activities Office is looking for Building Manager – the application is available on the campus job board on the portal. Team Sellner won the 2012 Dodgeball Tourny! Intramurals will be partnering with students working to raise money for St. Jude with a 3 on 3 basketball tournament to occur in October! Registration forms for flag football and inner tube waterpolo will be sent to students soon! OCE service project in SAO Friday 9/28 1-3- please help make baskets. LGBT Month starts Oct 1 with buttons during lunch and dinner. Hazing Prevention week starts Oct 1 with button/bracelet giveaway during dinner. Hazing Prevention Week Keynote Speaker Oct 2 Dave Westol 6:00pm Bear auditorium. Hazing Prevention Week Alcohol Haze Oct 3 with counseling and health services 5:30 outside of starbucks. The Multicultural trip to Milwaukee to see The Mountaintop is open for registration. \$10 due to Kyonna in SAO by 10/22.
  - i. Miscellaneous Committees

- i. Ceremonial Committee: The first meeting I went to was the inauguration committee which Dean Ogle already explained about the inauguration. The committee really wants all the students to participate and please tell your constituents to come out and welcome the president. The whole committee put in so much effort and did a wonderful job putting everything together and planning the whole inauguration week. This Saturday is going to be really great!

#### IV. Old Business

- a. Heavy Metal Society Constitutional Revision
  - i. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.
  - ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
  - iii. Passes 22:0:0

#### V. New Business

- a. Parallax One Fund (#2)
  - i. Parallax is a literary and fine arts magazine which publishes student produced works, which is given to students and available to the faculty. This past week we have been gauging interest in the magazine to see who would like to receive a copy. This year we took a survey and we got back approximately 297 responses and we can estimate numbers based on that. We have dropped the number of copies to 400 instead of 500, and that is less than what we can forecast on what people would like to receive. Every single college I have explored within our ACM has a literary and fine arts magazine, and it looks poorly on Ripon College when we don't have a magazine. It is also on par with the yearbook and the college days and the amount we are asking for is significantly smaller than what those budgets are. We also included some interest from the "We Support Parallax" group which was started and has about 280 members.
  - ii. We want to emphasize that this magazine really serves the Ripon Community as whole. Students take copies and admissions takes copies to give to prospective students. It is a very wide reaching effort.
  - iii. It is not just from people who are interested in fine arts. We get submissions from people who are interested in sciences, psychology, or mathematics.
  - iv. It also another avenue for people interested in publishing and editing books.
  - v. We are here to field any questions.
  - vi. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
    - 1. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
  - vii. Senator Riebe: You mentioned that you got 297 responses from this year's survey but you didn't provide a breakdown of how they answered the survey.
  - viii. For yes we got 125, 54 no's, and 33 maybes. And you can divide maybes in half and add one to each category. Which give you about 140 yes's and 75 no's.
  - ix. Senator Riebe: Out of the 280 facebook group members, how many joined willing and how many were just added to the group?
    - x. We don't know.
    - xi. Senator Riebe: If you got 297 respondents and you got 140 yes's, what the rationale is for asking for 400 copies rather than 140.
    - xii. The rationale is this, last year we printed 500 copies, about 400 of those made it out to people's actual hands. There is an additional 40 to 50 floating around campus and we have a box of 40 in the SAO. So we used that as a baseline.
    - xiii. Senator Riebe: Why than would people who say they want the copy, not say they want the copy?
    - xiv. If you only get 200 people responding out of a population of 990 people, that is a lot of people. A lot of people don't check their email. For a survey 200 responses is really good.
    - xv. Senator Riebe: But if it something you are passionate about, wouldn't you make sure to answer it.
    - xvi. Personal interest is very hard to gauge.
    - xvii. Senator Erdman: As they have said, it is vital they have vitals left in the archives and on campus. A person applying for a publishing or editing job can then take it to the job interview. It is better than just saying you were a part of the group. As they said, 400 copies of it ended up in the hands of student. They were willing to work with the student senate in terms of pricing. Not many groups are willing to budge and change things. For us to take this away from the college, it would hurt the students already on campus and incoming students, and it makes us less competitive.
    - xviii. Senator Hopewell: One of my constituents was interested why you had not gauged whether people were willing to pay for the book or a donation? Have you considered it?
      - xix. We don't want to do that.
      - xx. We have talked about the idea and we feel it is counterproductive to way we want to distribute the book. We feel having it as a free publication, allowing anyone access, is in keeping with the way Parallax operates.
      - xxi. Senator Hopewell: Move to make this issue a Roll Call vote!
        - 1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
    - xxii. President Kiessling: It is non-debatable, all those in favor of making it a Roll Call vote please raise your hands. Opposed, and abstentions.

1. Passes 14:6:2

- xxiii. President Kiessling: It passes, we will still continue discussion on this but it will be a Roll Call vote.
- xxiv. Senator Koch: Are you guys willing to drop the numbers to 250 or 300?
- xxv. No.
- xxvi. Senator Koch: I am sorry, then I can't do anything of you. Yield time to the speaker.
- xxvii. We would just like to hear a rationale as to why a number of 400 copies is a barrier.
- xxviii. Senator Koch: My house views it as a real waste of money when they see copies of it laying around campus. Again, none of us really want it to fail but we want you guys to be able to negotiate with us.
- xxix. Senator Van Der Leest: This is the second year they have one-funded for this , right?
- xxx. President Kiessling: This will be their second year, yes.
- xxxi. Senator Van Der Leest: Next year will they be able to put it in their budget?
- xxxii. Treasurer Kaounas: It will be what you guys propose, because it was 12,000 last year. That will be based on the people on the budget hearing committee but it does give you guys at least the ability to get 9,000 dollars for stuff.
- xxxiii. Senator Van Der Leest: I think we should take that into consideration; in essence we won't have to deal with them coming back to one fund. They would have at least in essence 9,000 dollars. If they get this, they have the money for future years.
- xxxiv. Treasurer Kaounas: Remember you guys also approve the budgets as well, it goes through us as a committee and you guys approve it as well.
- xxxv. Senator McNeil: Did you happen to know if other colleges have payed literary magazines or whether they provide them free?
- xxxvi. I don't know for sure.
- xxxvii. Dean Ogle: From a historical and philosophical prospective, it has generally been the case that the college looks at approved student organizations as being in a position to secure the student activity fees so that all students can participate fully in the life of the college and not have to use private funds if you want to join a organization or attend this event. In that spirit it would be consistent to say this group ought to be funded on the student activities fee, rather than ask the students to pay for something since other organizations are given money to serve their functions for the most part.
- xxxviii. Senator Miller: One of the people I got a response from came up with the idea that you should create copies for everyone that submits to the magazine and then have like 10 or so copies that go to the library so students can check those out or read them at the library.
- xxxix. When it comes to printing, dropping this number down really only saves us an amount of 500 dollars, so dropping it down further would only save a so much more. In the long term of things spending a little extra money on more copies makes it more available.
- xl. Senator Miller: Are you able to print a certain number of copies and then come back if there is more of interest to get more printed up?
- xli. I think we would probably get charged more.
- xl. Senator Miller: Do you know how much a difference per copy would be if you dropped to it 200 to 250 copies?
- xl. It is a matter of a few dollars per copy. It is not a significant price reduction.
- xli. Senator Hagen: I've worked on the floor of factories that produce paper materials and what they are talking about for pricing is extremely accurate. There would not be much of a reduction at all from 400 to even 100. The way it works they have the printing presses and they pretty much buy in bulk gigantic roles of blank paper and put them into the machines and I am imagining they got a couple 1000 knocked off because they didn't have to go onto a second or third large role because that is where a bulk of the price comes out of. But dropping it a couple hundred is just a matter of using slightly less of a single role. I think it would be pointless to bring down the number of copies any further because the only money saved would be the inked used by the company, and that is relatively cheap.
- xli. President Kiessling: Since there is no one else on the speakers list I will explain how the Roll Call vote works. I will call out your name and you will say yes if you are for the one-fund, or you will say no if you are not for the one-fund.
1. Roll Call Vote:
- Hopewell - Yes
  - M. Kiessling - Yes
  - Erdman - Yes
  - Van Der Leest – Yes
  - Lindsey – Yes
  - Hernandez – Yes
  - Ramage – Yes
  - Oliver – Yes
  - Hagen – Yes
  - Riebe – Yes
  - Koch – Yes
  - Miller – No
  - Orth – Yes
  - Haen – Yes

- o. Muench – Yes
- p. Keller – Yes
- q. Trelka – Yes
- r. Fritsch – No
- s. Soich – Yes
- t. Wedeward – Yes
- u. Messerschmidt – No
- v. McNeil – Yes

xlvi. Passes 19:3:0

b. CRU One Fund

- i. We had our meeting last night and we asked how many would be committed to going and there was also a price change as far as attending the conference. It is now 35 dollars for freshmen and 60 dollars for non-freshmen. Whether it is your first time or not. We now only have 8 people going. We have one freshman going. The total would come to 455. Are there any questions?
- ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
  - 1. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
- iii. Senator Erdman: Move to amend the one-fund to the total of \$455.
  - 1. Senator Hopewell: Move to second the motion.
- iv. President Kiessling: Is this considered friendly?
- v. Yes.
- vi. President Kiessling: We are now opening on discussion for the new total.
- vii. Senator Hopewell: Do you want to tell everyone what you took away from that experience?
- viii. We were able to split up, men and women and different schools, and we were able to talk amongst the women there and then male amongst themselves. We were able to talk about what we would be able to do to bring back to our meetings and get people engaged. And we also learned a lot of tools in leading group studies. We were also able to engage in our own spirituality in regards to music and we were able to just grow.

ix. Passes 21:1:0

c. Ripon College Independents One Fund

- i. President Kiessling: Seeing since there is no one to present for this, the Executive Board is going to remove it from the New Business items.

d. Ripon College Libertarians Intent to Organize

- i. The future president for the Libertarians if it gets passed it Dan Mikesell and he could not be hear. We want to form the group in time for the election so we can spread awareness about the Libertarian candidates out there. What we have done so far is that we have participated in the debate on Tuesday and another future event we are thinking of having is we are in contact with the Joseph Hetsell campaign, he is running for Senate in Wisconsin.
- ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
  - 1. Senator Koch: Move to second the motion.
- iii. Senator Hopewell: How did you gauge the interest for the 16 potential members?
- iv. We had a table at the commons.
- v. Passes 20:1:0

e. Ripon College Democrats One Fund

- i. He is a politically active comedian and a writer for war room on the cable channel. The one thing I would like to change would be the date to October 26, 2012. I've checked with Cindy Hutter and she said the Great Hall and the Pub are going to be open at that time. If you have any questions about it let me know!
- ii. Senator Erdman: Move to approve.
  - 1. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
- iii. Senator Erdman: I move to amend the date on the one fund to October 26, 2012.
  - 1. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
- iv. President Kiessling: Is this considered as friendly?
- v. Yes.
- vi. President Kiessling: We will now be having the discussion for the date of October 26, 2012.
- vii. Senator Riebe: Was the price negotiated from a set level or was this just the number asked for?
- viii. We were given a range of prices to work with and that a reasonable price to go with.
- ix. Senator Riebe: What was the range?
  - x. Between 2500 to 3500. So I figured to go in the middle and if Jeff would like to come back he would have a good standing with the college.
- xi. Senator Riebe: Did you work with any other organizations on campus to co-sponsor for this?
- xii. No I have not.
- xiii. Senator Riebe: So you haven't talked from anybody from SMAC at all?
- xiv. Not about this. I have talked with SMAC about co-sponsoring with Republicans and Democrats to bring a movie to campus.
- xv. President Kiessling: Let's keep the conversation on this.
- xvi. Senator Hopewell: What time would you be having the event?

- xvii. 7pm or 7:15pm would be the time.
- xviii. Senator Hopewell: We always talk bringing down the honorarium but that is irrelevant because part of a honorarium is like a respectable transaction, like thank you for coming and speaking and educating us. It's covering expenses and I am sure his time is worth a thousand dollars.
- xix. Senator Erdman: SMAC's budget is fairly set in terms of what they go through. So sometimes asking them to co-sponsor things doesn't necessarily work out in their favor because they have a set budget for each committee and each amount is negotiated. Also it also not a requirement for a group to fund raise or co-sponsor anything to bring it in front of the senate. Doing things like that doesn't necessarily help groups want to come to senate.
- xx. Senator Hagen: I yield time to the speaker.
- xxi. The 3000 dollars is all inclusive, it's not just a honoraria, it is going to pay for his food, his travel and any other expense he may incur.
- xxii. Senator Koch: What's the comedian going to do exactly? The reason I ask this is because a pretty big stink was with this whole Karl Rove thing happened and that was a horrible deal among some people in this room. I'm trying not to be partisan here but now we have a democrat comedian coming in, I wonder what the nature of this going to be like.
- xxiii. He is a democrat. He is going to be talking about issues democrats value and he is also a comedian who is going to make jokes about both sides. He is going to be stand up and we are not sure if there is going to be a set list of what he is going to do. But he will be talking about the political environment at the time.
- xxiv. Senator Hopewell: I move to make this vote a Roll Call vote. Just to make sure there is student accountability.
1. Senator Erdman: Move to second the motion.
- xxv. President Kiessling: It is non-debatable, all those in favor of making it a Roll Call vote please raise your hands. Opposed, and abstentions.
1. Passes 12:8:2
- xxvi. President Kiessling: It passes so we will be having a Roll Call vote.
- xxvii. Senator Oliver: You represent the democrats and we just had staw vote Tuesday and it showed there were more democrats than any other. I feel that a majority of the campus will be interested in this comedian. And I yield time to the speaker.
- xxviii. This event is going to be open to everyone. I want it to increase the discussion on politics. My hope is that bringing him here will make the students realize that hey, this stuff is important to us but at the same time we don't have to be so firm in all of our issues.
- xxix. Senator Miller: Do you have an honoraria in your budget, and if so why aren't you using any of it for the speaker?
- xxx. I believe now we have an honoraria and I think it is just 100 dollars. And if push comes to shove we could use it for him but we are also trying to bring other people down the road. I'd hate to use it so early in the year.
- xxxi. Senator Miller: I was looking at his performance online and I don't these are funny. He said John McCain had dementia and he also said President George Bush was borderline mentally retarded. Is that funny?
- xxxii. I'm sure some people find it funny.
- xxxiii. Senator Miller: If he is going to come in and insult people like that, is that really comedy or just bashing.
- xxxiv. I believe it is comedy.
- xxxv. Senator Miller: Calling a former president borderline mentally retarded is funny?
- xxxvi. I think he is trying to be funny, all comedians try to be funny. He is he always going to be funny, no. But that is true with every comedian.
- xxxvii. Senator McNeil: Do you have any plans to bring future speakers in?
- xxxviii. As far as people running for office?
- xxxix. Senator McNeil: Just speakers in general.
- xl. Right now we have no plans for paid speakers, we have people lined up that would do it for free.
- xli. Senator McNeil: Do you consider this the highest priority speaker you will be brining in for a paid sum?
- xl.ii. From what I see now, yes.
- xl.iii. Senator Koch: I will admit I had a very divided constituency with this but after sitting down and talking about this, we came to an understanding that we are really keen on respect. I remember last spring Senator Rick Santorum came to town and the democrats organized a protest against. Which we felt made Ripon College look pretty bad.
- xl.ii. President Kiessling: Could we keep the discussion on this specific one-fund?
- xl.iii. Senator Koch: The problem is though we are looking things that are respectful and is this going to be respectful? Are we going to see anything like that from you guys?
- xl.iii. What is the question?
- xl.iii. Senator Koch: I'm asking about this one and the other events you will put on this year. Are we going to be seeing some respect from this group?
- xl.iii. I would like to think so but that is the decisions for the group to make, not me.
- xl.iii. Senator Koch: We just wanted to sure it didn't happen again.

- I. Senator Erdman: What happens on SNL? Everything is done in good nature; I don't think that it should be an issue. I move to previous question.
    - 1. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion
  - ii. President Kiesslering: We will vote on it and it basically means there will be no more discussion on this and we will move it right to a vote.
    - 1. Fails 12:8:2
  - lii. President Kiesslering: It fails, are there any more questions or comments for the RC democrats. If not we will move it to the Roll Call vote.
    - 1. Roll Call Vote
      - a. Hopewell – Yes
      - b. M. Kiesslering – Yes
      - c. Erdman – Yes
      - d. Van Der Leest – Yes
      - e. Lindsey – Yes
      - f. Hernandez – Yes
      - g. Ramage – Yes
      - h. Oliver – No
      - i. Hagen – Yes
      - j. Riebe – No
      - k. Koch – No
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      - o. Muench – Yes
      - p. Keller – No
      - q. Trelka – Yes
      - r. Fritsch – Yes
      - s. Soich – No
      - t. Wedeward – Yes
      - u. Messerschmidt – No
      - v. McNeil – No
- liii. Passes 12:10:0

#### VI. Announcements

- a. Senator Orth: Senior VIP is tomorrow. There is pizza, beer and soda. If you donate five dollars you get a ticket to win a kindle fire. Plus it is a good chance to meet some trustees so come on down. It's from 5 to 9.
- b. Ben Ranes: St. Jude Up till Dawn is having an event this Friday from 3 to 5pm, they will be outside the pub and they will be trying to raise some awareness for some events they will be having in the spring, as well as giving out some prizes.
- c. President Kiesslering: President Messitte is making a phone call tonight at 7:30 to all the residents.

#### VII. Open Forum

- a. President Kiesslering: The executive board and I met with the Ripon College Republicans tonight addressing one of their concerns. Through no fault of their own, there is a mishap with the dates and we would like to inform you now so you can start talking to your constituents now. We will be reconsidering the one-fund next week with these new date, and it will go under Old Business items. Senator Miller will field any other questions about this.
- b. Senator Miller: I would just like to read off the whole fact situation so you guys know. Unfortunately there was a miscommunication among Mr. Rove's staff and was previously booked for 3 separate events on Wednesday October 10. The Republicans and the Pre-Law Society became aware of this fact in the late afternoon of Sep 18<sup>th</sup>. After discussing alternatives with the YAG, the College Republicans and Pre-Law society decided to stay with the original idea of bringing Mr. Rove to campus. On Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>, and email was sent to the student senate executive board to set up a meeting on Wednesday September 26 to discuss and clarify the decision on the one-fund proposal. On the same day Melissa Bemus and Dean Ogle decided there would be no further negotiation with Mr. Rove's to bring up alternative dates without the student senates executive board decision. That is why next week there will be a reconsideration of the one-fund.
- c. Senator Hopewell: The first consideration on that date, he is not coming?
- d. President Kiesslering: Are you asking if that fail what will happen?
- e. Senator Hopewell: Yes, if this reconsideration fails.
- f. President Kiesslering: The funds will be frozen and they will not be able to bring him.
- g. Dean Ogle: In a political year I am really pleased to see the level of dialogue and the interest in speakers. I know in one of the conversations it was mentioned how... I feel apathy is a dangerous word to throw around and only because I have been going through some data and last year seniors filled out two national survey and on one of them, our students actually participated at a higher level in state and national elections than students at schools like ours across the country, and I thought it was great thing but there is still lots of room for improvement. I am really hopefully that these dialogues and politics, and bringing speakers in will even increase our numbers. Sometimes I think we can be a little hard on ourselves as students and those numbers actually suggest that students in the past have actually been a little more engaged than students on other campuses.

- h. Senator Kiessling: This is the year for student senate constitutional revisions so if you guys have any suggestions, right them down in your binders because we will be going over the constitution this spring.
- VIII. Adjournment
  - a. Senator Erdman: Move to adjourn.
    - i. Senator Van Der Leest: Move to second the motion.
- IX. 7:29p.m.