

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for September 22nd, 2010

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary VanSteenbergen
 - b. Treasurer Ruedinger
 - c. Vice President Bavery
 - d. President Schultz
 - e. Dean Ogle
 - f. What's Up With Your Group
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. New Business
 - a. Student Judiciary Board Appointment Approval
 - b. Sociology Club Constitutional Revisions
- V. Announcements
- VI. Open Forum
- VII. Adjournment

Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for September 15th, 2010

Senators Present: Lewis, Kasubaski, Johnson, Berres-Green, Colette, Oliver, Doetsch, Fischer, Koch, Rohrbeck, McMurtrey, J. Honaker, Schaefer, Muza, L. Honaker, Davidson, Zaw, Kiessling, Kaounas, Erdman, Leuenberger, Enright, Wallick

Senators Excused: Osenberg, Vande Kolk

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
 - a. Senator Rohrbeck: **Move to Approve**
 - i. Senator Koch: **Move to Second the Motion**
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary VanSteenbergen
 - i. Please sign in.
 - b. Treasurer Ruedinger
 - i. The One Fund currently stands at \$71,937.13.
 - c. Vice President Bavery
 - i. No Report
 - d. President Schultz
 - i. The Executive Board discussed the question from last week about when the Equestrian Club should come in to do a One Fund Talk Back for the one fund that was approved for them. As per Article 2, Section A, Part 6 of the Senate Constitution, they do not need to return until the money is fully spent, which will be after their last show. Also, packets will go out next Wednesday for Senior Class Board elections. Packets are due on Friday, October 1st, and elections will be held on October 7th and 8th, with possible run-off elections on October 12th and 13th.
 - e. Dean Ogle
 - i. No Report
 - f. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. SMAC: We one funded for the staging and lights for Hellogoodbye as well as some inflatable day games. Thank you for your support and funding.
 - g. Student Activities Report
 - i. The following organizations have not turned in registration forms as of 5:00pm today: American Red Cross Club, Armchair Association, Army of Women, EGOR, FUERZA Alliance, Greek Council, Men's Volleyball Club, Paintball Club, Parallax, and Women's Boxing Club.
 - h. Miscellaneous Committees
 - i. EPC: The Dean of Faculty's office is currently undergoing searches for three different faculty positions: one in Biology, one in Music, and one in Sociology.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Ripon College Rotaract Intent to Organize: We're here to field any further questions you have after last week. One reason for we have for coming here was that we wanted Senate recognition before we really got things moving. We have thirty-seven students who have expressed interest in being a part of this group.
 - i. Senator Rohrbeck: **Move to Approve**
 1. Senator Koch: **Move to Second the Motion**
 - ii. Senator Rohrbeck: You have student names for interest?
 - iii. Yes.
 - iv. Senator Erdman: What would be the benefit to the campus if this group were to form? Also, how is this different from the OCE or Circle K?
 - v. Circle K is the Kiwanis equivalent of what Rotaract is. Rotaract is a group for people 18-30 years old. It's an important age group that the Rotary wants to involve. The need for the group comes from the fact that the college is

where a large portion of this area's 18-30 year olds are. We want to engage with the educational institution. Rotary is big on education.

- vi. Ripon College Rotaract Intent to Organize Vote Passes 21-1-1**
 - b. CRU Intent to Organize: We are open to any questions or concerns you may have.
 - i. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Approve****
 - 1. Senator Muza: **Move to Second the Motion****
 - ii.** Senator McMurtrey: Will the money you receive from Nationals include all the costs of bringing in speakers?
 - iii.** Yes.
 - iv.** Senator McMurtrey: I know you discussed this last week, but what is the difference between your group and CCF?
 - v.** CCF mainly focuses on fellowship of Christians. We focus more on outreach to people who have questions about Christianity. We have more opportunities because we'd be nationally affiliated. We're based on answering questions about Christianity.
 - vi.** Senator Rohrbeck: I did some research on the national CRU website, and I found some information that seems contradictory to what you were saying last week. There's a section on the website called "Lost College Students" and on this page, they list several goals for the group. The first goal is "Increase evangelistic exposures to 25 million worldwide annually, trusting God for 350,000 evangelistic decisions annually." My constituents had some issues with this idea of going out and getting people to be Christians as if it were for the sole purpose of creating a larger membership. In light of their feelings, and despite the fact that I voted in favor of this last week, I have to vote no.
 - vii.** Senator Rohrbeck → **Yield to speaker:** We are an evangelistic group. We do not go door-to-door. We have Christian speakers talk about their faith and their work in other countries. The national goal is to have more believers. However, it's not like it sounds.
 - viii.** Senator Kaounas: Is this group even allowed to form due to the fact that the community-based CRU was banned from campus a few years ago?
 - ix.** I wasn't even aware that there was a CRU here a few years ago. I have no information about that.
 - x.** Senator Kaounas: What communication have you had with the CCF executive board? Are they willing to co-sponsor events with you?
 - xi.** None with the exec board, but I've talked with general members of CCF and they are excited for CRU. I'm not sure how they feel about co-sponsoring things, but we'd be open to it.
 - xii.** Senator Kaounas: On the website, it said that there are books and other materials needed for CRU groups. How will you pay for these?
 - xiii.** The materials are for leaders and prayer meetings, and these are provided through Nationals.
 - xiv.** Senator Kaounas: You mentioned last week about transportation to Oshkosh to hear speakers. Will you ever need to One Fund for funds for that?
 - xv.** I don't want to say that we'll never One Fund, but I don't think we'll need to do so for transportation.
 - xvi.** Senator Oliver: I would like to point out that there were CCF Leaders here last week who were in support of this group. The door-to-door thing isn't allowed, so that shouldn't be an issue.
 - xvii.** Senator Muza: I am caught on the idea that this group is designed to increase its membership rather than to have people grow in faith.
 - xviii.** Senator Rohrbeck: I think the material I shared from the website is up for interpretation. As a Christian myself, I didn't see much harm in it. My constituents, however, did.
 - xix.** Senator Zaw: The activities that this group is talking about seem to be very similar to events that CCF and SARC put on. This seems redundant.
 - xx.** Senator Oliver: This is a Christian-based organization. It opens the floor to more discussion about religion. The national affiliation will create more opportunities.
 - xxi.** Senator J. Honaker: How many members do you have?
 - xxii.** None, because I wasn't sure if we were allowed to be meeting before we came to Senate. 22 people showed interest that the Student Activities Fair.
 - xxiii.** Senator J. Honaker: Are you the only member of the executive board?
 - xxiv.** No, Liz Patten has been planning this with me. Also, people from Oshkosh have been assigned to help us.
 - xxv.** Senator Rohrbeck → **Yield to speaker:** Our intention is not to squish out CCF. We intentionally set up a different meeting time so that students could go to both. We think that Cru meets a different set of student needs.
 - xxvi.** Senator Berres-Green: We keep talking about how CRU might hurt CCF, but we aren't thinking about the flip side of that. They might be able to build off each other.
 - xxvii.** Senator Kaounas: We can't content that the growth will happen.

xxviii. CRU Intent to Organize Vote Fails 8-15-1

V. New Business

a. IRC One Fund: We're asking for \$250 for a war game board. The goal of this game is that it will make the Crisis Simulation more realistic because it'll allow people to see where they are placing troops and navies and things like that. It'll allow us to see how a world summit actually works. The Crisis Simulation was a success last year. 32 people participated. The game board would be a nice visual aspect of the Simulation. It's going to be a realist world map. We've searched around for someone to make it for us. A British company wanted to take the idea and market it to the public, but the cost of a prototype from them would have been \$1000. The company we're using is out of Oregon and they're going to custom-make it for us. The \$250 includes the cost of the research to make the map as the packing and shipping.

i. Senator L. Honaker: Move to Approve

1. Senator McMurtrey: Move to Second the Motion

ii. Senator McMurtrey: I love this idea. I have been geeking out about it since I heard about it. I would like to point out that they have worked to drop the price from \$1000 to \$250. The Crisis Simulation is open to the whole campus, so this is a way that we can benefit the whole campus. I think we need to look at this as an investment and I urge everyone to vote yes.

iii. Senator L. Honaker: I am a little suspicious about the price being so low. What is this going to be made out of?

iv. Hardened cardstock. It'll be more durable than a regular game board.

v. Senator L. Honaker: I looked, and I was not able to find the company online. Are you sure this is a legitimate resource?

vi. Our advisor, Professor Colucci, looked at several different companies. He has a friend who goes to gaming conferences, and this friend suggested this company. The man makes game board independently. He may not have a website, but he is legit.

vii. Senator Zaw: How big will this be, and what are your storage plans?

viii. It'll be around three feet square, and it will be stored in Professor Colucci's office.

ix. Senator Zaw: Will this be available for students outside of the club to use?

x. It will be a part of IRC's inventory. Other students can talk to us about using it.

xi. Senator Rohrbeck: I echo what Senator McMurtrey has said. I'm all in favor of this. Normally I would abstain, but my constituents have urged me to vote yes.

xii. Senator J. Honaker: Why aren't you paying for this out of your own budget?

xiii. Half of our money is going toward the Scott Stewart presentation. We're down to \$600 or less, all of which is reserved for hotels, transportation, and speakers' fees. If we pay for it, the ability to bring in speakers for second semester will be hurt.

xiv. Senator Muza: The IRC Simulation was highly attended last year. Asking this group to pay for this themselves would be wrong. They have a good track record for a group.

xv. Senator Doetsch: Do you have any sort of insurance for this if it turns out not to be quality work?

xvi. We'll be sent prototype images of the design. The company is willing to work with us and make changes. We have the final approval on the content of the board before it is constructed. Once it's made, we won't be able to change it.

xvii. Senator Kiessling: Why aren't you asking someone on campus to make this for you?

xviii. The map will be completely topographical. It will also include custom-made game pieces.

xix. Senator Koch: I think we need to look at this as an investment. IRC has a spotless record.

xx. Senator Davidson: How many people will be able to play on the board?

xxi. As many as sign up for the Crisis Simulation. National Security minors are expected to play, but anyone can play. Last year, Professor Colucci divided the participants into teams and the teams were each assigned a country. We can have several countries in play at once.

xxii. IRC One Fund Vote Passes 22-0-1

VI. Announcements

a. Senator Lewis: Sigma Chi's Derby Days is happening now. We hope to see you at some or all of our events. It's for a good cause.

b. Senator L. Honaker: All are invited to the next Cinemaniacs general meeting, next Thursday.

VII. Open Forum

a. Senator McMurtrey: We're in week four of the year and we're already down to \$71,000. We also have many events at the end of the year that rely on Senate money to happen, like Springfest. I think it's important to remember that we're holding groups accountable for the money they are requesting from us.

- b. Senator Oliver: I completely agree with Senator McMurtrey. We need to be fiscally responsible. However, I think it's also important to note that big One Funds happen, and you shouldn't be frightened away from a yes vote just because someone is asking for a lot of money.
- c. Senator Rohrbeck: I would like to remind all Senators that you should only be abstaining from a vote if you are a member of the group in question or if you have some sort of conflict of interest. When the vote gets tallied, abstentions count toward the negative side. Keep that in mind.
- d. Dean Ogle: I would like to comment on the groups that haven't turned in their sheets at Student Activities. I'm not a big fan of bureaucracy, but these forms are necessary. It's happened that groups who haven't turned in their registration forms come to Senate for money. Give that some thought.
- e. Secretary VanSteenbergen: Senator Rohrbeck, please leave that quotation from the CRU Intent discussion with me before you leave.
- f. President Schultz: Nice job tonight. I think it's important to remember that we shouldn't be turning down worthwhile causes. Tonight was a good example of the kind of debate and critical thinking that we should be doing. You're all doing a good job.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Senator L. Honaker: **Move to Adjourn**
- i. Senator McMurtrey: **Move to Second the Motion**
- b. 7:19pm