

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for September 7th, 2011

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Ripon College Student Senate

Minutes for April 27, 2011

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports

Secretary Kiessling: Please sign in.

 - a. Treasurer Berres Green: 33,745.15
 - b. Vice President Ruedinger: no report.
 - c. President VanSteenbergen: Tonight on the agenda SIFE has two business items and currently we are voting on the reallocation first. I would suggest that one of the senators make a motion to change the order of the new business. Also we had a College Days re-allocation that was submitted late and added under item e. Finally this is the last senate meeting of the year and our first meeting will be September 7th.
 - d. Dean Ogle
 - e. What's Up With Your Group?
 - i. Secular student alliance: We brought Dan Barker to campus 40 people attended and it cost us 22 dollars. We also hosted ask an atheist, and we have 6-10 people at our bi-weekly meetings.
 - ii. CRU: Basically we have 15 regular members we just had a speaker and next Tuesday we are having a party.
 - iii. Culture Diversity Club: Had Chinese new years in the common and Valentines Day card sale and made \$70. In March we had a pub party and we just had dinner and that was a good turnout.
 - iv. SEA: Last meeting was a week ago and we had a speaker from Jamaica who talked to many education classes. He enjoyed his time here and he visited business classes and local area classrooms.
 - v. Treasurer Berres-Green: Did he come to speak to the entire campus?
 - vi. Yes it was open to all of campus.
 - vii. CCF: This semester we had 30 hour famine and made t-shirts. We will be having a cookout next week and collections for an orphanage.
 - viii. When is the collection?
 - ix. We are putting boxes out.
 - x. International Relations Club: Just had the last meeting and we had crisis simulations with 55 students and we are doing a Japan relief fundraiser. Also we are planning a speaker for next semester and we have a donor for that. We are also doing the journal for IRC.
 - xi. SMAC: Would like to let you know that Amy Anderson is coming tomorrow and Springfest is this weekend. Look for information about the weather and planning for that.
 - xii. Greek Council: We are doing penny wars in the commons and tomorrow is the end of that and the money will go to the winners' charity. We are also grilling out in the Quads on Friday. Future plans for IFC and Panhel to do a Greek carnival and learning about it before recruitment actually happens. So far IFC and Panhel are on the same page with the carnival and Dean Ogle and I are concerned about full participation and support. The idea was to charge general admission and the Greek groups would make their own booths possibly making the president involved and also to get the community involved. We would have a few people handling everything and also students could donate a canned good and get in free and we could donate to the Ripon food pantry and all the proceeds would go to the Ripon area united way. I talked to them and he was interested in helping us and getting this set-up. The United way helps 26 different organizations and 96% of their proceeds go to those groups. And this would reflect well on the college as well for your support.
 - xiii. Fencing Club: We have just been fencing all year.
 - xiv. What times do you meet
 - xv. 7p.m. on Tuesday, 8p.m. on Tuesday 1p.m. on Sunday.
 - xvi. Awards Convocation Ceremony: Student senate was awarded student organization leadership award. Plague says this year's senate has been very responsible and worked hard for all the college community.
 - xvii. Society Physics Students: Friday in the commons at 12:30p.m. we have an event coming up on Thursday and Friday launch water balloons at Justin Beiber with our catapult.
 - xviii. Drumline: We have met up until the last couple week and we have finished for the semester and are not participating in Springfest.
 - xix. BSU: Soul food dinner 6p.m. on Sunday and our last meeting was today and we have everything planned through May 2012.
 - xx. Cinemaniacs: We have finished one project and we have film fest with a decent turnout and we are hoping to get started up again next year.
 - xxi. Senator Zaw: Can we use your video cameras?
 - xxii. Yes.

- xxiii. Heavy Metal Society: We have had a tough time this semester and we are doing a t-shirt fundraiser next year. We are trying to bring bands to campus and having elections this Thursday.
 - xxiv. Ripon College Democrats: We tried to get Russ Feingold and Chris Larson and we couldn't get them or the Supreme Court representatives here either. Hopefully next year.
 - xxv. Amnesty International: We went to the 50th annual in San Francisco and we got in connection with the regional officers. We have tabling and signing petitions for shutting down Guantanamo bay and also during mother's week doing showing documentaries and doing a petition signing during Springfest. Peace circle with sociology and psychology students.
 - xxvi. Ripon College Republicans: Just had elections and yesterday we had Joan Baldwig listening session.
 - xxvii. Premed Society: Ripon alumni went to Roadhouse and had a MCAT review session. I am the new president.
 - f. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. Chemistry Department: Friday 22nd and went to the brewery, nice for chemistry students to see a future career and enjoyable. Roughly 30 students went.
 - g. Student Activities Report
 - h. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. Old Business
- a. SMAC
 - i. Committee appointments and requested approval for the people suggested and we need to be here for the second week
 - ii. Senator L. Honaker: Move to Approve
 - 1. Senator Will: Move to second that motion.
 - iii. Senator L. Honaker: How do you determine the officers selected because 3 people are in the same fraternity?
 - iv. The president appoints the vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Nick has experience and Van showed interest.
 - v. Senator J. Honker: I understand that this may not be a conflict of interest yet $\frac{3}{4}$ of executive board represented by the same fraternity.
 - vi. Senator Amell: The people that are appointed that are very involved and we don't have many to choose from and it's not a matter of Greek power they were just good leaders.
 - vii. Passes: 22:1:0.
 - b. Fencing Constitutional Revisions
 - i. I was unable to be here last week but I have no concerns with the changes except for to change all the parts from removal from office.
 - ii. Senator L. Honaker: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Will: Move to second that motion.
 - iii. Senator Maginnis: I made the motion where is it located in the article 11 and also in article 12 and also states members of the executive board can be impeached by the majority of interested members.
 - iv. Senator Maginnis: Change from 2/3 executive staff to 2/3 interested members.
 - v. Senator Will: Move to second that motion.
 - vi. Accepted as friendly.
 - vii. Senator Maginnis: When the new equipment was one-funded there were concerns about conditions and security.
 - viii. One blade was broken in the class and we do not know how that happened everything is in good condition.
 - ix. Senator L. Honaker: Does this have to be passed for a second week?
 - x. President VanSteenbergen: No.
 - xi. Passes 22:1:0.
- V. New Business
- a. Senator Rorhbeck: I would like to make a motion to switch the order so the SIFE one-fund goes after the reallocations and add college days to the end of agenda.
 - b. Senator Doetsch: Move to second.
 - c. Senator L. Honaker: Move to approve.
 - i. Senator Will: Move to second that motion.
 - d. Passes 23:0:0.
 - e. Senator Maginnis: Make motion to remove the motion to disband Greek council from the table.
 - f. Senator Rorhbeck: Move to second the motion.
 - g. Passes 21:1:1.
 - h. President VanSteenbergen: Will be item F on the business agenda.
 - i. Rrrumba Budget Reallocation
 - i. Senator L. Honaker: Move to approve
 - 1. Senator Doetsch: Move to second that motion.
 - ii. Senator L. Honaker: Does anyone know their rationale as to why?
 - iii. Treasurer Berres Green: They want to be reimbursed for the costumes.
 - iv. Senator Zaw: Why would they take out 200 from lessons? Did they have lessons?
 - v. Passes 19:3:1.

- j. SIFE Re-allocation
 - i. Self-explanatory basically we want 250 from professional to travel and all this is for competition two weeks from now.
 - ii. Senator L. Honaker: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Will: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Passes 23:0:0.
- k. SIFE One-Fund
 - i. After re-allocation we still need to cover the cost and we are \$1095 short and we have one-funded for at least the past three years.
 - ii. Senator L. Honaker: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Fischer: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator L. Honaker: Why is this money not in your budget?
 - iv. It wouldn't pay if we didn't make it to nationals.
 - v. Senator L. Honaker: Since your SIFE goes there put some money in your budget. How many people do you usually take?
 - vi. 13 students 3 advisers.
 - vii. Passes 23:0:0.
- l. SEA fun camp
 - i. Yield time to Professor Hatcher. I am the person on campus with the history for the blue mountain project the 7th year that I take the Maymester and this project was started with peace studies and has gone to education. We had been doing a lot of physical working and now we work in schools there nobody besides Ripon does what we do and we have two students here from that region. I have been impressed that after the 4th time the students have been able to put together this. We do coursework and peace studies work and that's academic credit and this is happening in the summer. This is not by the beaches and it is a cultural shock. It is work and we are changing the name to education camp.
 - ii. Jake: Friendly cuts I am donating \$75 to the trip we have earned \$500 in donations and we want to contribute \$25 more and if you would like to take the transportation costs from \$200 to \$100. We consider that friendly. We are very conscientious of the cost BMP gave us this rate and they won't have this camp if not for our college and we get the best rates. Fun camp is run by Ripon College. We increased personal contributions it's hard to fundraise for this on campus and we raised \$500 and we have cut 2 people so there are more children per person. We have it down to \$5092. The trip would cost about \$10,000 for anyone else and these volunteers. We bring this back to campus and we are doing a presentation through golden hours and brought back the ideas of Damien Anderson. Scholarship committee for bringing students here with full-rides to Ripon College and this would be something that would motivate them to try and come to campus. Follows through on core values of Ripon College. The school districts benefits and that they want to develop a pen pal relationship and this benefits more than just Ripon. We have grades 1-6 physical education, art program, and literacy. I worked with grades 4 and 5 and they can read and we try to motivate them and Ripon college students have the ability to teach. Runs for 5-6 hours each day. We work with the back to school program and hand out school supplies and we send them there if they don't have the supplies they don't go to school.
 - iii. Senator L. Honaker: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Will: Move to second the motion.
 - iv. Senator L Honaker: Object to consideration of the question.
 - v. President VanSteenbergen: Reverse voting if you agree you vote no and if you disagree and want to debate it further vote yes.
 - vi. Senator Meuer: If you disagree with Senator Honaker vote no.
 - vii. Passes 17:4:1.
 - viii. President VanSteenbergen: We will consider the item.
 - ix. Senator Kaounas: Second that motion.
 - x. Senator McMurtrey: I am really for this for three main reasons we have talked to the senate about adding their own money. They are willing to add their own money and fundraising and have discounts they are putting forth effort and this has decreased from previous one-funds. This is a great representation of this college. We have \$33,000 in the one-fund we have the money for them and they have put forth a lot of money. I can't wait to hear the opposition.
 - xi. Senator Fischer: How many students have gone previously that are going this year?
 - xii. I am and its just 1.
 - xiii. Senator Fischer: Just because we have the money doesn't mean we have to spend it. This group has had a lack of organization and none of my constituents knew he was coming. Also in the past bag fees haven't been accounted for and people have backed out.
 - xiv. Senator Zaw: We are to speak for them not decide for them we have already spent \$5000 for inflatables and this is for the education of people in 3rd world countries. Who is paying for the food?
 - xv. It is part of Room and board.
 - xvi. Senator Zaw: One suggestion is to talk to Culver's they are willing to help out with fundraising and give you 10% of the profits.

- xvii. Senator Amell: I am curious about room and board?
- xviii. We live with a host family.
- xix. Senator Amell: Who comes up with the fee?
- xx. Professor Hatcher: The BMP it is \$89 a day half goes to family half to the BMP.
- xxi. Senator Maginnis: Make motion to do suggestions that Jake made except for his personal \$75 contribution.
- xxii. Treasurer Berres-Green: That will bring the total to \$5,167.50.
- xxiii. Senator Will: Move to second the motion.
- xxiv. Accepted as friendly.
- xxv. Senator Maginnis: Like to commend you and the students for personal contributions and the money is a big issue but you have done a great job reducing costs.
- xxvi. Senator J. Honaker: First of all did the students volunteers for BMP did they attend budget hearings?
- xxvii. Vice President Ruedinger: No.
- xxviii. Senator J. Honaker: That is intolerable we are spending less but students for student costs are not that different still well over the student activity fees contributions. We have a tough time stomaching this if we see no benefits. We spent \$5,000 on inflatables they are usable and just because we have the money does not mean we need to spend it. It would be able to roll over next year. I am very against this.
- xxix. Senator Rohrbeck: Thank you Professor Hatcher and thank you Jake and turn questions to you. Outside resources for fundraising?
- xxx. We wrote letters to companies and the checks are for BMP.
- xxxi. Senator Rohrbeck: Have they attended 1/3 of meetings, if not can we here them?
- xxxii. Vice President Ruedinger: There budget can be frozen and you can hear any issue you want.
- xxxiii. Senator Rorhbeck: Lack of organizational skills the reputation here on campus. My constituents said this email was sent out under a cc and I understand that there were problems with government visas and lack of organization. BMP only comes here when they want money. Those are the reasons I am not allowed to vote for this because of your lack of organization.
- xxxiv. Senator McMurtrey: One thing I will not back down and I want to see us spend the money on such a success rather than parties for next year. Let's put it towards something good. They came months ago and presented to the senate what they were going to do and knew what they were doing. They were organized yield time to Jake.
- xxxv. Jake: One person backed out and their mom had cancer we couldn't get insurance and we couldn't find a replacement. I felt Jamaica week was organized. The speaker was tedious to organize it all three times and we did send an email. We also had Damien in student senate and they could spread the word that he was here. Budget hearings was my fault do not blame the group punish me. Also with some math there was a decrease in the amount. Inflatables we did spend \$5000 we should be able to spend this amount this is part of the mission of this college.
- xxxvi. Senator Kaounas: It is up to our constituents it is your responsibility. Yield time.
- xxxvii. Bag fees are covered.
- xxxviii. Senator Kaounas: We are granting the BMP and insuring that relationship and this is able to help Ripon College that has the benefits for this campus.
- xxxix. Senator L. Honaker: Are costs billed in U.S. dollars? Is this the best price or is this quoted?
 - xl. Airfare has since increased from this one-fund.
 - xli. Senator L. Honker: Why is this separate from the Maymester trip? Couldn't you group these together?
 - xl. It wouldn't save money it would overload the families.
 - xl. Senator L. Honaker: The cost isn't sitting well it does bring to Ripon college cultural diversity. We can bring more students. Sometimes the short term costs may be out-weighted by the long term benefits. This money would come from next year's one fund.
 - xliv. President VanSteenbergen: When do you buy this?
 - xl. It would come out of this year's budget.
 - xlvi. Senator Kasubaski: The last two required CSO they are not fulfilling their duties and we need to be fiscally responsible and we are spending 4 times as much as the student activities fees.
 - xlvii. Senator Schmidt: They did have concerns but realized that this is a good cause. I have no problem with my fees going toward this cause. They did decrease their costs.
 - xlviii. Senator Will: The inflatables argument is irrelevant and this is a great opportunity and they will be working. We have the money.
 - xl. Senator Fischer: I want to thank the group and I had no idea about the person that backed out.
 - i. Senator Enright: You have a big heart which will not get a grant and asking for money when you fail to go to CSO and that is a lot. Is it Ripon's job to fund for Jamaica if we can't fund the library leaks? How much does the Maymester cost?
 - ii. \$1400.
 - lii. Senator Enright: This is the same amount and similar experience.
 - liii. Trip fees for Maymester you can't lower airfare and room and board. Students get credits.

- liv. Senator Enright: My constituents would be willing to put only \$500-700 dollar range.
- lv. We cannot afford the trip if we increase it.
- lvi. Senator Rohrbeck: How many times have you one-funded?
- lvii. 3.
- lviii. Senator Rohrbeck: Why is it not in your budget?
- lix. It changes and we need more stability.
- lx. Senator L. Honaker: Move to previous question.
- lxi. Fails 11:10:2.
- lxii. Senator Koch: I have been hearing that we should spend this money or it will roll over, but also I just want to say BMP we have lost confidence and lack of responsibility we admire your cause.
- lxiii. Senator Maginnis: There has been discussion about leadership where is it going?
- lxiv. We have leadership for next year.
- lxv. Senator Maginnis: Why did you miss CSO?
- lxvi. My fault 3 senior seminars.
- lxvii. Senator Maginnis: This is a great discussion and this is one of the one-funds that is going toward our school's mission. It is not about the students if we enrich the lives of students in other countries and they are living up to our mission. However the questions about responsibility are an issue and look at those for next year. For next year look at your responsibilities.
- lxviii. Senator L. Honaker: I would like to move to a roll call vote for BMP.
- lxix. Senator Maginnis: Second that motion.
- lxx. Senator Amell: What is the significance?
- lxxi. Senator L. Honaker: Used to improve senator accountability.
- lxxii. Passes 12:10:1.
- lxxiii.

Senator Amell	yes
Senator Davidson	yes
Senator Doetsch	yes
Senator Enright	no
Senator Fischer	no
Senator J. Honaker	no
Senator Jelinek	no
Senator Kaounas	yes
Senator Kasubaski	no
Senator Kock	no
Senator L. Honaker	abstain
Senator Lee	yes
Senator Maginnis	yes
Senator McMurtrey	yes
Senator Meuer	yes
Senator Murphy	yes
Senator Oliver	no
Senator Orth	no
Senator Raebel	no
Senator Rohrbeck	no
Senator Schmidt	yes
Senator Will	yes
Senator Zaw	yes

- lxxiv. Passes 12:10:1.
- m. College Days Reallocation
 - i. The last 12 years we have published the content online and it has been free they took advertising revenue and now they want to be paid. I contacted faculty and asked what can we do and put it on the Ripon college website. They are re doing the website and this would make it difficult. We looked at the cheapest options 995. Run- up to 8000 and this was crafted as a one-fund. We looked at the budget and we actually have the money and we can reallocate it from printing for webhosting. It's about timing and its contingent

against money and pull together 12 years of hosting and there is no guarantee that this gap take place and prepare for the college archives.

- ii. Senator Fischer: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Will: Move to second the motion.
- iii. Senator Raebel: Do you guys get any added bonuses?
- iv. No.
- v. Senator J. Honaker: What is the web traffic on your site?
- vi. I don't know it serves alumni and students overseas.
- vii. Senator J. Honaker: I don't know how frequented this website is. I don't see the benefit.
- viii. Senator Rorhbeck: When will this be for? Are they reallocating funds not actually asking for money?
- ix. Senator Maginnis: For the paper I assume your fees for scholarships are turned in electronically through the site or are they paper?
- x. We do a mix of them.
- xi. Senator Zaw: The website has been used by the alumni because they cannot read this and also very crucial for those abroad.
- xii. Senator Enright: How did you save this much money?
- xiii. The publication is the difference between pages and color have had many 8page issues and our printing costs have gone down.
- xiv. Passes 22:1:0.
- n. Greek Council Disbandment
 - i. Senator Maginnis: Give time to Greek Council.
 - ii. A motion was made two weeks ago to disband the group and we are removing it from the table and for discussion. We stated we have Penny wars and the cook out, and it's been hectic for transition and we don't know how Greek Council used to run. Next year there will be a person on campus to deal with Greek groups and we are planning a carnival. We don't want to plan it then have you disband us.
 - iii. Senator Maginnis: Could you explain what you would be doing differently.
 - iv. I talked to many candidates and they have varying plans we would look for more solidarity and a lot of candidates were interested in resolving issues between houses. Also our advisor is supposed to be there and often she is not and we need more support.
 - v. Senator L. Honaker: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Doetsch: Move to second the motion.
 - vi. Senator Kaounas: Why did you make this motion?
 - vii. This motion was made because last year there was a lack of activities and I was a photographer and only three or four Greek groups were there and lack of participation and lack of leadership.
 - viii. Senator Kaounas: Do you still want to disband it?
 - ix. Senator Maginnis: What would the new student activities person do?
 - x. Dean Ogle: They will provide the backbone for Greek life and an advocate for Greek life.
 - xi. Senator Rorhbeck: Lack of organizational skill. Will you be in charge of this next year?
 - xii. Yes second semester next year they would be represented.
 - xiii. Senator Rorhbeck: Has the person been hired and if so can I ask for criteria to want to keep the group.
 - xiv. No one has accepted that position.
 - xv. Senator J. Honaker: Technically Sigma Tau has limited representation. If we get this move to post pone this indefinitely.
 - xvi. This may limit the senate in the future no way to resolve that ten years from here.
 - xvii. Senator Kasubowski: Move to second the motion.
 - xviii. Accepted as friendly.
 - xix. Senator McMurtrey: We can't predict the future let's just vote.
 - xx. Senator Rorhbeck: We cannot predict the future and we should vote on it.
 - xxi. To post pone doesn't mean forever until you hit the gavel it is not the same as tabling it is saying you want to get rid of it for now.
 - xxii. President VanSteenbergen: Like thanksgiving at my house.
 - xxiii. Senator Kaounas: We are ending discussion for the end of the year let's just vote.
 - xxiv. Fails 2:20:0.
 - xxv. Senator Koch: We want to say please next year come to the budget hearings.
 - xxvi. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: Lots of the people for the interviews are qualified to help Greek Council.
 - xxvii. Senator L. Honaker: What is the required vote?
 - xxviii. As there are no regulations for disbandment we will mirror for formations of a group and this has to be voted on two weeks in a row.
 - xxix. Senator Enright: If it fails nothing changes.
 - xxx. Fails 0:21:1.

VI. Announcements

- a. Senator Maginnis: SPS fundraiser on upper Sadoff for a 1 you can launch a water balloon at a poster of Justin Beiber. The money goes for an alumnus that was very involved in Ripon. Tomorrow and Friday until 7p.m.

- b. WRPN we will be holding games at Springfest and you can win a t-shirt. We are having a bags tournament and cash prize.
- c. Senator L. Honaker: Cinemaniacs last meeting tomorrow at 4p.m. Ripon college heavy metal society will have a meeting tomorrow. Round of applause for graduating seniors.
- d. If it rains at Springfest where will the record toss take place?

VII. Open Forum

- a. Senator L. Honaker: It has been a pleasure serving with you have a great summer.
- b. Senator McMurtrey: This is my last senate meeting we have been the most productive year on senate and we have great debates. For the future the senate has a lot more power than we think take advantage of that.
- c. Senator Kaounas: I want senators to give the vote and not go to move to previous question we should all be able to sit here.
- d. Senator J. Honaker: I am to be frank the senate doles out money like candy we would have a bad reputation among groups. We don't want to be impossible but we don't need to approve them. I still do hate you all.
- e. Senator Zaw: Hall Council is known as being hostile and I want to apologize we still need to do what our constituents say. I apologize personally.
- f. Senator Rorhbeck: I have been here two years we have not been considered push-overs this year we did deny one-funds. The bias is more hostile but I wouldn't say that we are just stupid people who come here to waste our time. I take offense to that I commend Senator McMurtrey for saying this has been a great year.
- g. Senator McMurtrey: I was here we have come a long way we are not considered push-overs. People have realized that Senate will not give them all the money.
- h. President VanSteenbergen: Thanks for the best meeting I have seen in quite awhile. I would like to thank all the three graduating members and any others Rusty and Erin included. This is a belabored way of serving the college. For those who are coming back next year attempt to become a senator this room works better when people know what is going on. Finally if any one has any ideas that ways you would like to improve student senate please share them with us.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Senator Rorhbeck: Move to adjourn
 - i. Senator L. Honaker: Move to second that motion.

IX. 8:50p.m.