

Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for November 30th, 2011

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Kiessling
 - b. Treasurer Kaounas
 - c. Vice President Ruedinger
 - d. President VanSteenbergen
 - e. Dean Ogle
 - f. What's Up With Your Group
 - g. One Fund Talk Back
 - h. Student Activities Report
 - i. Miscellaneous Committees
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - a. Miss Ripon College Charity Pageant Constitutional Revision
 - b. MLK Week One Fund
 - c. Yule Ball One Fund
 - d. Alpha Psi Omega One Fund
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Adjournment

Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for November 16th, 2011

Attendance Record:

Adam Orth-0	Raymond Allen-1	Jeremy Johnson-0
Sam Mutschelknaus-0	John Spadoni-1	Nick From-0
Diakeishaye Murphy-1	Allison Schmidt-0	Emma Jelinek-0
Mark Yocius-0	Penny Shapansky-0	Breanna Gracz-1
Madeline Sockness-0	Clayton Kurth-3	James Honaker-0
Austin Oliver-1	Shanalijah Hernandez-0	Amy Lindsey-0
Matt Maginnis-0	Tyler Hopewell-0	Brandon Kasubowski-2
Alex Hagen-3	Andrew Carballo-2	Hannah Erdman-0

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
 - a. Senator Hopewell: Move to approve.
 - i. Senator Orth: Move to second the motion.
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary Kiessling: Please sign in.
 - b. Treasurer Kaounas: One fund stands at \$74,324.
 - c. Vice President Ruedinger: CSO on November 29th at 6:00p.m. in the Senate chamber. We will be working with constitutions.
 - d. President VanSteenbergen: There will not be a meeting next week we will meet Wednesday November 30th.
 - e. Dean Ogle: Senate was formed to be a student voice; we have lots of responsibility toward student life and all the money we have to distribute. This is a learning experience just like any other. You won't all agree all the time and I am hoping to remind you that you will have different opinions but it really matters that you must understand each other's points. It is difficult for groups to come in here and we need to be fair to groups so specify if you expect them to fundraise, or co-sponsor. It is not expected or in our constitution. Our fee is pretty high so we can have events and provide for students. I appreciate all the time you spend here to serve the college community.
 - f. Senator Mutschelknaus: I agree it is very open for constitutions and we need to be considerate toward groups.
 - g. What's Up With Your Group?
 - i. Pre-Law Society: We will probably be visiting Madison and Milwaukee and looking at law schools. We could potentially be coming to you to one fund.
 - ii. Ripon College Dems: We are looking into the Scott Walker recall and gearing up for the presidential campaign and making buttons.
 - iii. Alpha Psi Omega: We through a pretty successful Cabaret night and we had a lot of performance we had 54 people show up and much demand. We will do a 24/hour theatre event the first weekend in December. We are also planning a trip to a theater competition for those who are nominated. On November 30th we will be one-funding for that trip.
 - iv. SARC: We have been doing little activities. We went to a Buddhist Zen center in Milwaukee, and we talked to Ornella about her book that she published. We are currently planning for next semester and bring back the person who found SARC and talk about the club.
 - v. SMAC: We plan lots of events on campus and have been pretty active about 20 events and about 3 more are coming up.
 - vi. Women's Boxing Club: We have about 10 active members and have weekly meetings. We would like to have someone come in and help out with techniques.
 - vii. President VanSteenbergen: Maybe
 - viii. Greek Council: We held elections and our new chair is Emma Jelinek.
 - ix. Rugby Club: We have been pretty idle we lost some players and are looking to recruit and raise interest.
 - x. BSU: We had soul food with close to 300 people and will find a more efficient way to distribute plates and budget for food. We are attending the national BSU conference in Illinois.
 - xi. Students Blue Mountain Project: We have regular attendance and are planning Jamaica week and are looking for donations.
 - xii. SIFE: We have the creative enterprise center going on and we recently designed new t-shirts. We are working on mind your money with the high school students. We are selling Jamaican bags.
 - xiii. SAAC: We just had a conference this past weekend and there were two representatives from each school and we are planning events.
 - h. One Fund Talk Back
 - i. Student Activities Report

- j. Miscellaneous Committees
 - i. Educational Policy Committee: We discussed the global studies requirement. All cultures outside of the US will be considered.
- IV. New Business
- a. Greek Council Constitutional Revision
 - i. We are in the process of re-vamping ourselves. We want to give the representatives more responsibilities and hold houses accountable. We are trying to change our reputation.
 - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Maginnis: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Maginnis: If a Greek organization doesn't come to events they will be removed.
 - iv. We want everyone to put in effort so you won't be taken in consideration. There will be monetary fines if you fail to live up to your responsibility.
 - v. Passes 25:1:0.
 - b. French Club Intent to Form
 - i. We want to start the French club so we can enable students to get the interactive tools they may not be getting in the classroom
 - ii. Senator Honaker: Move to approve.
 - 1. Senator Mutschelknaus: Move to second the motion.
 - iii. Senator Honaker: Do you have an advisor? Or people to fill in until you have elections?
 - iv. I would like to have the T/A as our advisor, and prefer not to have presidents or vice presidents.
 - v. Senator Honaker: Did the T/A agree to be the advisor?
 - vi. Yes, he was for it.
 - vii. Senator Yocius: What if the T/A doesn't want to, and the advisor doesn't have to be there all the time.
 - viii. Senator Erdman: Why is this formatted like this? You mention you don't want positions and talk about people being in charge?
 - ix. I don't want presidents etc. when we start off but I know we need one or two people to be in charge of the group.
 - x. Senator Erdman: Wouldn't your group be student orientated?
 - xi. There is an option but I don't want to label people.
 - xii. Senator Honaker: Who is in charge of finances?
 - xiii. We shouldn't need anything dealing with money.
 - xiv. Senator Honaker: This constitution is too vague to the foundation to run a group with.
 - xv. Senator Maginnis: I am surprised to see a constitution that looks this way considering. I don't see that it should pass it needs more revisions and care. I would be happy to help but we should fail this until it is straightened out.
 - xvi. Senator Jelinek: How often do you plan on meeting?
 - xvii. I would like to meet 2-3 times a week one on a weekend.
 - xviii. Senator Enright: I talked to the T/A and he didn't know that you had submitted it?
 - xix. He did know.
 - xx. Senator Enright: It will be a wonderful addition, what do you need to see from members?
 - xxi. We need to make this interactive. We need to teach each other and build our knowledge.
 - xxii. Senator Enright: How will amendments be made?
 - xxiii. It sounded like a good idea to re do this later.
 - xxiv. Senator Enright: Who decides when the meetings will be? How will the secretary know when the meetings are?
 - xxv. We will just communicate and let each other know.
 - xxvi. Senator Enright: I feel this constitution needs work and doesn't have grounds to hold anyone accountable. It is necessary for a proper set of by-laws. I recommend that we don't approve because of this constitution.
 - xxvii. Senator Erdman: How many people are interested?
 - xxviii. About 25 people.
 - xxix. Senator Erdman: 25 people is a lot to get to agree on meeting times and it will be difficult for your group to be successful without designated leadership.
 - xxx. Senator Hagen: The idea is a good one but more work needs to go into this. If you have a firm constitution you will have a much stronger group.
 - xxxi. Senator Mutschelknaus: Why aren't you reaching out to the French professors?
 - xxxii. I don't feel like professors are giving us the tools we need.
 - xxxiii. Senator Gracz: What would you do if you don't want a president?
 - xxxiv. President VanSteenbergen: CCF doesn't have the standard system. They have 4-6 leaders.
 - xxxv. Senator Mutschelknaus: We have a leader meeting every week and it's also open to everyone and we alternate different leaders and take turns with the balance of power. We use leaders and it is a very loose definition and just for organization.
 - xxxvi. Senator Gracz: We don't want a budget and would like to follow a class schedule.
 - xxxvii. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: So the T/A is in place of the advisor? What do you do when they leave and another doesn't want the position?
 - xxxviii. I would like to ask them to advise but if they didn't want to I would go to a professor.

- xxxix. Senator Murphy-Gunnels: It would be good to have a professor as a back-up, finances may be wanted in the future, and the meetings a week seem a hard to live up to.
- xl. Senator Erdman: Can a T/A serve as an advisor?
- xli. Dean Ogle: Yes, they are employed by the college. It isn't required to put your advisor in your constitution so take that out because it doesn't have to be in there.
- xlii. Senator Erdman: It would be beneficial to have a backup.
- xliii. Fails 0:19:6.

V. Announcements

- a. Mr. Ripon is tomorrow night in Great hall at 7pm. It is \$3 to get in.
- b. Friday night is the Ripathylon so sign up.

VI. Open Forum

- a. Senator Maginnis: Clarification abstentions are abstentions they don't count as a no vote.
- b. President VanSteenbergen: Authoritative majority has been used in the past but we actually use simple majority.
- c. President VanSteenbergen: I was wondering if we would like to purchase student senate t-shirts let me know.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Senator Maginnis: Move to adjourn.
 - i. Senator Orth: Move to second the motion.

VIII. 7:26 p.m.