

# Ripon College Student Senate Agenda for September 14, 2011

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Secretary Kiessler
  - b. Treasurer Berres Green
  - c. Vice President Ruedinger
  - d. President VanSteenbergen
  - e. Dean Ogle
  - f. What's Up With Your Group
  - g. One Fund Talk Back
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# Ripon College Student Senate Minutes for September 7, 2011

Senators Present:  
Senators Excused:

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 6:34pm
- II. Approval of Old Minutes
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Secretary Kiessling: Please sign in.
  - b. Treasurer Berres Green: One Fund stands at \$ 96,964.03.
    - i. Senator Maginnis: What was the rollover?
      1. Vice President Ruedinger: \$26,000.
  - c. Vice President Ruedinger: Groups still haven't yet turned in their registration forms so get them to me ASAP.
  - d. President VanSteenbergen: First, a panel of interviewers interviewed 8 juniors for the position of student representatives. They are for the presidential search committee. The next senate meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. We also have a new item for the agenda a CRU one-fund.
  - e. Dean Ogle: Welcome back and hopefully this is very educational experience. You have all seen that President Joyce is resigning he will be here till November 15 and then he will leave the college. The second thing that you should tell your constituents is that we need to have a food committee and have a few students on that. Bring names next week for that.
    - i. Senator Maginnis: Will that be under your office or Student Senate?
    - ii. Dean Ogle: That will be under my office.
  - f. What's Up With Your Group?
    - i. Heavy Metal Society: We are having a radio show and we have meetings every other Tuesday at 7p.m. we are also doing a t-shirt sale and will give you more details.
    - ii. SEA: Yesterday was our first meeting and we had 16 members and we have lots of plans. We are bringing in a speaker for the no child left behind act.
    - iii. WRPN: We have had a lot of big changes we will have online streaming this year and will have it up and running by Monday. We have 13 shows signed up so far. The recording studio is now complete and we had funds left over so we also have new carpet and are looking to upgrade some equipment. We are planning on Brain Bowl and Radioathon again this year.
    - iv. Paintball Club: Looking for more interest and are planning a large event we had 41 people sign up so hopefully we will have a large activity.
    - v. Drumline: Keelin Meese and Cezar Munez are heading up the club send them an email if you're interested in joining and we will practice Sunday at 8p.m.
  - g. One Fund Talk Back
    - i. Orientation Committee: Comedy Sportz went very well we had almost 400 people and we thank you.
    - ii. SMAC: Thanks for the money for last year's Springfest we had Bowling for Soup and between 400 and 500 people.
  - h. Student Activities Report
  - i. Miscellaneous Committees
    - i. Ceremonial Committee: We met last week and we know that there was no recognition last week at the convocation. We are also working on getting more recognition for those who were abroad last year. We also talked to the city of Ripon to get on the calendar sooner and have a city representative present for the convocation. We will meet again near fall break and will talk about MLK week and that is what we are up to.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Armchair Association Disbandment
    - i. I submitted this because they didn't operate under constitutional laws, must attend CSO meetings, and must also attend budget meetings as well as submit budgets. They failed to attend CSO meetings, and didn't attend budget hearings or submit a budget. My point is to highlight the fact that this group shouldn't be allowed to get by with this without retribution. On September 6<sup>th</sup> I received an email from the head of Armchair Association it was not very friendly and accused me of trying to destroy this philosophy group. It is re-enforced that if groups don't meet this they must be punished. Armchair Association should be made an example of, we must uphold the obligations that groups have to senate and we need to define these lines. I would completely support another philosophy group should armchair association disband.

- ii. Jack Grey: As president of Armchair Association I am not here to defend myself but the club. It is ridiculous to disband the club and start another. I am characterized as a ruthless dictator and I am not. I was not voted on and I was handed this club and I took over last year and didn't know about elections or our constitution. James is right I was not a good president should this group not be disbanded I will hold emergency elections and it is outrageous to euthanize this club on these grounds. It was last semester I realized that Professor Jeffries had a constitution and our bi-yearly elections didn't take place. I messed up so don't punish the Armchair Association.
- iii. Matthew Muza: I believe it necessary to have a philosophy club but you are here to enforce the rules and make decision. The organization has been delinquent and you must make the decision. I would be happy to help out this group and I appalled to know that we could not uphold are rules.
- iv. Katherine Shadle: As a representative of a new group I can attest that the rules are not clear and it is very hard to figure out what to do.
- v. CSO President: They violated the meetings policy.
- vi. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
  - 1. Senator Kaounas: Move to second the motion.
- vii. Senator Oliver: How many members do you have?
- viii. Between five and six.
- ix. Senator Maginnis: I am president of a couple organizations my first stop was the student activities office it's a great resource and a great help running organizations. Some of the concerns raised tonight are considered a fallacy because you can go to student activities and find all the information you need.
  - x. Senator Kaounas: Were you ever notified if you missed CSO or anything?
  - xi. I never received emails except by Vice President Reudinger about budget hearings.
  - xii. Senator Kaounas: Did you know?
  - xiii. I did know.
  - xiv. Senator Kaounas: Why did you bring this to senate?
  - xv. James Honaker: I feel it's our duty to get this settled before the year starts rolling on and punch the group before they can get away with this. The groups' transgressions are more visible now and it's easier to change them now.
  - xvi. Senator Kaounas: So there is no room for a positive change?
  - xvii. I don't feel so.
  - xviii. Senator Kaounas: Have you talked to Jack?
  - xix. Just the email I received I felt that he would remain in charge.
  - xx. Senator Kaounas: Jack did you have intentions to go to CSO meetings?
  - xxi. I can't say that I did have intentions to go. I was advised by Professor Jeffries to not have elections since we had little interest and I already missed the first CSO meeting. If I were to be voted as president I would make sure that I go or the next president was going to CSO or budget hearings.
  - xxii. Vice President Reudinger: 12 groups failed to go to the CSO meeting.
  - xxiii. Senator Hagen: How long have you been around?
  - xxiv. We began in the fall of 2008 by Phil Mack and Selena Simpson acquired it.
  - xxv. Senator Hagen: Did it fare better than now?
  - xxvi. I do not know.
  - xxvii. Senator Hagen: Since he has admitted that he hasn't done a great job but is willing to improve and seems honest and we should trust individuals like that. Our motto is more together and to hear people speak so passionately by degrading others and harm fellow member of this community is sickening. We should give them a stern warning and possibly put them on probation and see if they improve. This would be more positive and beneficial. If they still continue to fail we can deal with it then. Definitely hold emergency elections and gets new active members.
  - xxviii. Senator Johnson: How frequently did you meet? Number of times.
  - xxix. Very spotty 5.
  - xxx. Senator Johnson: When is your next meeting?
  - xxxi. Next Thursday at 8p.m.
  - xxxii. Senator Johnson: Have you made attempts to reach out to others who are not already part of your group?
  - xxxiii. Not really.
  - xxxiv. Senator Johnson: My concern is that these organizations are here to serve us and we should be concerned.
  - xxxv. Our numbers have dwindled. I went to the activity fair last year and this year, and it would be a good idea to have more events and that is a great idea.
  - xxxvi. Senator Johnson: You should have an election for every position and regular meetings need to be established and it seems like generally the groups has a history and you need to make a group beholden to the constitution.
  - xxxvii. Senator Yocius: James do you have interest in this association?
  - xxxviii. James: I have had to deal with labs but the inconsistency here was a deterrent and I didn't want to be part of a group that doesn't meet regularly.

- xxxix. Senator Yocius: It concerns me if your passionate maybe address the group outside senate.
- xl. Senator Rammage: Yield time to Rosanne.
- xli. Rosanne Miller: The founder of armchair association had no dreams or ambitions it was the spring of 2009 that we created this group. We did meet once a week and advertised for activities. Last year I was made aware of this situation and have not seen any fliers and heard they did have meetings.
- xl.ii. Senator Maginnis: Was your pink sheet turned in last year?
- xl.iii. No.
- xl.iv. For this year?
- xl.v. Yes.
- xl.vi. Senator Maginnis: My suggestion is to meet with the student activities office and set up goals and I would like to see advertising and holding emergency elections for all positions and with that being said table this issue until next week where we can hear further how it goes.
- xl.vii. Senator Maginnis: Move to table issue.
  - 1. Senator Will: Move to second that.
- xl.viii. Tabling vote: 19-3-0.
- xl.ix. President VanSteenbergen: Motion to disband is on the table and will not be discussed until a future date.
  - I. Senator Maginnis: Please be here next week.
  - ii. Senator Johnson: Let's hear the results two weeks from now.
  - lii. Senator Mutschelknaus: Please read the constitution.

b. CRU One-Fund

- i. CRU is having the speaker Rick James come to campus and will be here Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>. We would like to purchase 75 books for \$1.50. The speaker is here to talk about Jesus with or without religion. If we have extra books we will hand them to Professor Smith. An excerpt, "just about everyone at some point reads the bible" and this would be a great resource
- ii. President VanSteenbergen: Senate cannot spend the money for books given away these books will have to stay with the group.
- iii. Why?
- iv. President VanSteenbergen: In the constitution students put money into this account and the intention is to stay with the group.
- v. Can Cru buy the books and sell them to students?
- vi. Senator Maginnis: Move to approve.
  - 1. Senator Fischer: Move to second the motion.
- vii. Senator Kaounas: Move to amend the one fund to 25 books.
  - 1. Senator Younglove: Move to second that amendment.
  - 2. Accepted as friendly.
- viii. Senator Maginnis: I object to this I think we should get 50 books to stay around campus.
- ix. There is no way that I could use their budget to purchase these?
- x. President VanSteenbergen: No the rules laid out in the constitution are very clear.
- xi. Senator Maginnis: Re-amending the amendment. They will purchase 50 books that will be available for purchase at face value. The money will go back to senate.
- xii. Senator Shapansky: 50 is a good number. The books will be a good resource for students.
- xiii. In the past groups like WRPN have given out things at Springfest, how is this different?
- xiv. Senator Maginnis: They are given out as prizes; there is a stipulation for that.
- xv. Senator Mutschelknaus: The books are not being given to students; they will be put on reserve in the library for students.
- xvi. Senator Johnson: Can you use your budget to purchase these books?
- xvii. Even if we bought them we cannot give them away?
- xviii. Senator Enright: Can you purchase them with your own budget, and sell them and send that money back to your budget?
- xix. Katherine: No, I do not accept that suggestion.
- xx. President: Reciting of the constitution.
- xxi. Senator Fischer: Motion for a recess.
  - 1. Senator Maginnis: Second.
- xxii. President VanSteenbergen: We'll do a voice vote for the amendments and the one fund in question.
- xxiii. The one fund and the amendments fail.
- xxiv. President VanSteenbergen: The issue will be discussed next week.

V. Announcements

VI. Open Forum

- i. Senator Maginnis: There is a stipulation in WRPN's budget that allocated money for honoraria which includes prizes for events.

- ii. Senator Johnson: We as Senators need to make certain that we're not encouraging groups to seek out loopholes in the constitution. If there is ever any question about an item, we need to uphold the constitution.
- iii. President VanSteenbergen: Thank you for your patience and cooperation, and more information will come next week about the CRU one-fund. Please do not submit a constitutional amendment to the agenda without speaking with the executive board.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Senator Fischer: Motion to adjourn.
  - i. Senator Enright: Move to second that motion.

VIII. 8:13 p.m.