



AGENDA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE
of Tuesday, October 27th, 2009, 7:00pm
Willow River Room of the University Center

- I. CALL TO ORDER:
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
- III. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- V. OPEN FORUM
- VI. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS:
 - A. STUDENT SENATE DIRECTOR REPORTS:
 - 1. SHARED GOVERNANCE DIRECTOR- Beth DeLong
 - 2. STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ACADEMIC SERVICES DIRECTOR- Kayla Godes
 - 3. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES DIRECTOR- Alex Nelson
 - 4. DIVERSITY INITIATIVES DIRECTOR- Brent Hopkins
 - 5. WOMEN AND GENDER INITIATIVES DIRECTOR- Lee Monson
 - 6. PARLIAMENTARIAN/ ETHICS CHAIR- Katy Van Putten
 - B. ALLOCABLE FEE APROPRIATIONS BOARD CHAIR- Tyler Halverson
 - C. FACILITIES AND FEES BOARD CHAIR- Patrick Okan
 - D. STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT SENATE ADVISOR – Paul Shepherd
 - E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Daniel Scott
 - F. PRESIDENT REPORT- Joshua Brock
- VII. OTHER COMMITTEES/ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

SS-09-10-019

Whereas, there are multiple interpretations of a very integral portion of the Student Senate By-laws;
Therefore, be it resolved, that the Student Senate By-laws be revised as follows:

ARTICLE I. Membership

Section E

The Facilities and Fees Board Chair and the Allocable Fee Appropriation Board Chair are appointed by the Student Senate President subject to the approval of the Student Senate. Both positions will be voting members *and officers* of the Student Association Student Senate.

ARTICLE V. General Officer Duties

Section A.

Officers of the Student Association Student Senate shall be the: President, Vice President, Shared Governance Director, Student Affairs and Academic Services Director, Legislative Affairs Director, Diversity Initiatives Director, Women and Gender Initiatives Director, ~~and~~ Parliamentarian & Ethics Chair, *Allocable Fee Appropriation Board Chair, and Facilities and Fees Board Chair.*

Section D.

The Student Association Student Senate President's line of succession for absence in office and passing the gavel at Student Association Student Senate meetings will be:

- 1. Vice President
- 2. Shared Governance Director
- 3. Student Affairs and Academic Services Director

4. Legislative Affairs Director
5. Diversity Initiatives Director
6. Women and Gender Initiatives Director
7. Parliamentarian & Ethics Chair
8. *Allocable Fee Appropriation Board Chair*
9. *Facilities and Fees Board Chair*
10. Other non-officer Student Senators based on longevity as a Student Senator.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that these changes take effect immediately.

Therefore, be it finally resolved, that passage of these revisions of the by-laws shall have effect only on incidents that result after the passage of such revisions, and that incidents which occurred before revision shall be bound and governed by the by-laws as previously written (September 23rd, 2009 version).

Moved by Chair Okan

Seconded by

Pending Executive Committee Approval

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

SS-09-10-024

Whereas, a meal plan is required for students living on campus their first two years;

Whereas, the current dining options offered by Sodexo have little to no vegetarian options;

Whereas, there are students who are required to have meal plans who are vegetarian;

Whereas, these students are forced to pay for a meal plan they may not be able to utilize;

Therefore, be it resolved that Student Senate task the Dining Services Advisory Committee (DSAC) of the Facilities and Fees Board with researching implementing a vegetarian option;

Therefore, be it further resolved that DSAC report back to Student Senate with progress on this issue.

Moved by: President Brock

Seconded by: Director Nelson

SS-09-10-025

Introduction Only

Whereas, any allocation of money from the Shared Governance Account is an important decision,

Whereas, this important decision may require time to consider all aspects of the benefits and the costs of what is to be funded,

Whereas, enacting an “introductory only” status to the request would be a practice that will provide more time to consider the request, and so long as the funding request is submitted in a timely manner, carry no adverse consequences,

Whereas, without this precedent in place and assuming that the agenda comes out two full days before the meeting, the maximum amount of time to consider the request before a vote is two full days, which may leave those members with an inadequate amount of time to fully consider the benefits and costs of the request,

Whereas, it is acknowledged that sometimes this introductory status is not always obtainable due to various reasons, and an “escape” clause should be included,

Therefore, be it resolved that the following By-Law changes be implemented immediately:

ARTICLE V. Finance

Section A. Shared Governance Account

1. The Shared Governance Account has been established to provide financial support for the administrative office and functions of the Student Association.

2. Monies collected and deposited into the Shared Governance Account will be budgeted within the following areas; advertising, consumable supplies, equipment, food, general miscellaneous, photocopying, postage, printing, recognition, staff salary, stipends, telephone, training, and travel. Other budget lines may be added as needed.

3. *Any request for funding through the Shared Governance Account will require an "introductory-only" status for one week before being voted on. If the circumstances for whatever reason do not allow for this introductory status, Senate may, by a 2/3 majority vote, hear and vote on the motion.*

Moved By: Senator Harshman

Seconded By: Director Godes

Pending Executive Board Approval

I. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

II. ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting for the semester of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center.