

UWRF Student Senate Executive Board Meeting Minutes

For 12/16/2008

Exec Board: Cindy Bendix, Casie Kelley, Tyler Halverson, Sara Deick, Matt Dale, Nikki Shonoiki (absent), Ben Casper, Dusty Pfundheller, Lauren Evans

Also present: Craig Witte

1. SAAS Director position

- Patrick Okan
 - He is a freshman senator that has done a lot in only a couple months
 - He has never missed a meeting, he is qualified, and he is dedicated
- Kayla Godes
 - She has been interested for a while
 - She joined SAAS last year and has been on the committee since
 - She was an applicant, and it is surprising she is not already on Senate
- Director Dale moved to appoint Patrick Okan to the SAAS director position (Director Pfundheller seconded)
- **Motion passed

2. Diversity and Women's Initiatives Director position

- Alexis Pineda
 - He gets things done
 - He is very motivated and dedicated
 - Will he be able to be open and make connections [at conferences]?
 - This is Diversity and Women's Initiatives...it is not necessary for both to be females
- Director Dale moved to appoint Alexis Pineda to the Diversity and Women's Initiatives director position (Director Halverson seconded)
- **Motion passed

3. Vice President position

- Ben Casper
 - Ben stands up for students' rights
 - He has been Ethics/Parliamentarian Chair so he would be able to run a meeting without much prompting if necessary
- Director Dale moved to appoint Ben Casper to the Vice President position (Vice President Kelley seconded)
- **Motion passed

4. Ethics/Parliamentarian position

- Craig Witte read his cover letter aloud (it is attached to this document)
- Director Halverson moved to appoint Craig Witte to the Ethics/Parliamentarian Chair position (Director Pfundheller)
- **Motion passed

- Retreat date for Exec Board was changed to January 17-18
- January 28th is our Welcome Back Week. Mocktails will be roughly \$900 (which will accommodate 1000 students)

Adjournment 8:05pm

**Read 13-16 of bylaws for the next meeting

Next Meeting

TO BE DETERMINED [Thursdays]. WILL BE NOTIFIED.

President Bendix,

I would like to apply for the Ethics and Parliamentarian Chair position. I feel like my vast array of experiences and all around awesomeness make me by far the most qualified individual that could possibly fill this position. In my opinion the duties of an ethics chair are three fold. Firstly, the chair must be able to effectively run meetings of the Ethics Committee. I am no stranger to running Senate committees. I have previously chaired the Legislative Affairs committee as well as served as Interim Ethics Chair. From these previous positions I have gained valuable experience that when coupled with my insight, drive, and soothing baritone voice make me an excellent chair of any committee.

Secondly, the chair must be able to be an effective resource for questions on the bylaws, parliamentary procedure, and all things ethical. Being on Senate for two and a half years, I am currently the longest serving senator on Senate, as well as the longest serving member of the ethics committee. Needless to say I am very knowledgeable on the above subjects, and will be able to promptly answer any such questions in a manner that would make even my most hardened of critics nod their head in approval. I also feel that because of my sound judgment and impeccable character, I will be viewed as a moral light post illuminating the path of righteousness for our more morally deficient senators.

Finally, the chair must be able to provide useful insight into the direction that Senate should take during Executive Board meetings. The knowledge that I have accumulated over the years is hardly limited to matters ethical. During my tenure I have served on a myriad of committees absorbing knowledge, like an intellectually curious sponge, wherever I go. From this I have obtained an understanding of student government that is just short of omniscience. This knowledge working in tandem with my ability to never be wrong, will no doubt be useful in plotting the course of this senate and senates to come.

I believe that by this point I have thoroughly demonstrated how fully qualified I am for this position, but there is one more perk. This is my ability to talk with Tyler Halverson without hurting him. This may sound silly, but this is a trait that is becoming scarce among people on this campus. This trait is also one that will prove to be quite useful due to the inevitable multitude of ethics complaints that will be filed against him in the coming semester.

Well that's it. I feel as though I have laid out my case quite convincingly, so I will end here. I trust in your ability to make the right choice.

Sincerely,
Craig P. Witte