Student Senate Minutes  
Date: February 13th, 2008  
Time and Location: 6pm in Cartwright 339

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   a. 6pm

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Senate 2007-2008
Others: Bergman, Ludwig, O’Brien, Perket, Smith, Cikara, Ringgenberg, Knudson  
Guests: Joshua Hockett, Katie Vice, Chuck Thiel, Tabetha Maly, Calie Eck

III. Approval of Minutes  
   a. Hammen/Kohl-Riggs  
   b. approved

IV. Approval of Agenda  
   a. Hammen/Wallace  
      i. Create line item C. Hammen Polar Plunge  
      ii. Gamroth might not be here until 7pm.  
   b. Approved

V. Guest Speakers  
   a. Carmen Wilson, Faculty Senate  
      i. I am chair of the faculty senate. I want to say thank you to all members of committees. Student membership has been great. Thank you for attending.  
   b. Paula Knudson, Assistant Chancellor and Dean of Students, New Residence Hall Update  
      i. Want to give up date on status of Res Halls.  
      ii. We have two prongs going on right now.  
         1. What are we going to do with the beds going down in the summer of 09? Our first agenda is to get as much input as we can, to start looking at how this might play out. We are hopeful we will a couple hundred beds by 2010.  
         2. The other concern is having sufficient beds from 09-11. Next week we are meeting with area landlords. Maybe doing a short term rental agreement with the university. They are very excited about that prospect.  
            a. In essence the university would enter into the agreements with the landlords, not the students?  
               i. Yes  
            b. Our hope is that the housing would be very close to campus.  
               i. What would happen to students currently living there, would they be kicked out?  
                  1. We haven’t thought we will do about that yet.  
                     a. Even though you’re creating a solution, you are creating another problem by forcing other students to live farther away.  
                        i. Do you have another solution for us?  
               ii. Where should our priorities go? Right now if you are a student living on campus you get to stay on campus. We are going to engage you in the discussion.
1. UW Stevens Point has it were you are on your own when you are a junior. Could we do that here?
   a. I suspect we will get some juniors who think they should have the priority when it comes to that. It is also nice to have some upper classmen as role models on campus.

2. If we are having a crunch on space then maybe we have to say it’s time to move on. Maybe we could have the ones that want to stay as RAs.

3. The fact that 400 people will still be moving farther away from campus is still an issue. People will have a hard time finding housing.
   a. We will try to be as creative as we can with the space left.

iii. Discussion

1. Has there been any thought to taking away the restrictions for freshmen for some Halls?
   a. We are just kind of entering the conversation right now. With the single rooms accommodations is not the kind of experience we want for incoming freshman.
      i. Wouldn’t the housing off campus be the same?
         1. yes

2. UWL is very interested of looking towards getting new building on this campus. We are doing everything to work with DSF and UW system to try to push those through. We are optimistic. I can tell you we want to get those buildings here and get them as soon as possible.

3. The leadership in the dorms- in my experience the sophomores are perfect role models, I don’t think we need to go much higher than that. Also I agree we are going to have the displacement of students, but I think having juniors off campus will be better, they know La Crosse better. Also is there any way to get extra beds in rioter?
   a. We have talked about having certain halls that are for certain groups. Are juniors the group that should be off campus even if they want to stay?

4. Curios if you had any idea how this might be affecting room rates?
   a. I can’t answer that. A lot of that will depend on who ends up living there, the landlords, and those discussions are just beginning.
b. I am worried that students won't have that amount budgeted if it ends up being more than the res halls.
   i. I believe that first year students are in the need to be close to campus and to have a meal plan and know people.
5. Are the off campus housing staffed? What is the main goal?
   a. We haven’t looked at what staffing is going to mean. When I say staff I use it loosely. It could mean an assistant doing some programming, helping students.
6. Is this going to be a money market for res life? Or are you actually going to give them a deal?
   a. I can tell you that res life is not looking at this as a money maker. That is not at all the intent. Our intent is to try and accommodate those that want to live on campus as much as we can.
7. If we do try to force someone to live off campus it should be juniors only.
8. I learned from talking to the landlords that the majority of the people making the early agreements are females.
9. I also wanted to say welcome back and thank you for all your work

c. Hammen, Polar Plunge
   i. We will be hitting up Whitney and Cartwright from 11 to 2. I will send the sheets around. I will also send the sign up sheets for the plunge.
   ii. It’s March 1st.

d. Gamroth
   i. UWL stadium- obvious got some money. Will be funded through the city with increase in hotel tax. The veteran memorial part of it will benefit the community.
   ii. Tomorrow we will be voting on snow and ice removal. Sidewalks have to be cleaned off by 24 hours. We took off the citations for held it off for another 24 hrs. Bliss road on Granddad’s Bluff- debate to leave it as it is or preserve it. Our tourists cannot get up there.
   iii. Resolution for creating a possible city administrative position. If this went into effect we would have an administrator while our city mayor would become part time and ceremonial. I feel on the county board we have an administrator and it works out great.
   iv. LHI- a big project going on by Piggy’s. they want to renegotiate their contract. There is some citizens because there is renegotiation.
   v. We are working on the one-way plan, where there would be side parking. Still trying to eliminate alternate side parking.
   vi. Flood Way- if there is damage to a house they cannot repair. We are trying to get those houses out.
   vii. County Budget- dealing with the fact of Salvation Army funding, it is religious but it is legal. I am setting up a committee that will look into it.
viii. We did hire the county administrator for another 4 yrs. He is saving us a lot of money. Savings in tax payer’s dollars.

ix. Did pass a 27 million dollar county jail expansion. Met with all the counties in the state and there are no jails that aren’t expanding. We have more mental illness people and the jails have to have a place for them. It was passed unanimously. We got something done. Gave a total of 1 million. No taxes raised for that.

x. La Crosse County is the 3rd lowest taxing county.
   1. We don’t have a city affairs director yet. Aaron is still going to the meetings.

xi. Going to create a university district. That will be looked at differently. We can recognize there are some problems.

xii. Primary is on Tuesday.

xiii. I am up for reelection. Contact me.

xiv. Future goals
   1. Still working on a club for minors.
   2. Alternate side parking
   3. Will be having a public intoxication ordinance talk.

xv. Discussion
   1. How much has that played a role since it passed?
      a. The point was to not get a disorderly conduct ticket, which is much worse. However it wasn’t used that way. I am a little mad about that. The fire chief says the education is working.
   2. You want the snow and ice removal to be taken care of, but you are giving them a grace period. Many landlords are not liable for that. Why aren’t we sticking to it?
      a. I agree, at first it was going to be 24 hour citation. We still had a lot of push pull with that. The hardest argument to fight is the city can’t clear out in 24 hours, why should the home owners have to?
   3. Is the student district going to be inclusive of Viterbo and WTTC or just UW?
      a. I don’t know yet.
   4. Where is the money coming from for the jail?
      a. It is coming from our levy.
         i. Why haven’t we fixed it?
            1. The city has to fix it. It is a city property issue.
   5. I’d like this to be a lot more strict with the clearance of ice and snow.
   6. I think not fixing Bliss Road would be horrible, it shouldn’t be an option.
   7. The icing situation is ridiculous around here. There is no excuse for how bad it is.
a. If we have the 24 hour citation, we only have a few staff members. We can say we want it but would we get them out?
   i. It shouldn’t be a money making thing, I know 3 people on crutches because of falling.
8. Some of the landlords do want to make the university district inclusive.
9. Some of our focus on the snow removal is the 24 hr thing. But I think we should shift focus to PR campaign to encourage people to do it.
10. Email if you have anymore questions or comments.

VI. Officer Reports
a. Fred
   i. Happy early Valentines day to everybody.
   ii. Help organize the rally for Bill Clinton tomorrow. We need help setting up and taking down. If you want to attend you should be there before 7:45.
   iii. Tuesday I had a meeting with the fire chief and we will start off a campaign. Looking to get stuff started after spring break. If you are interested let me know.

b. Bjorn
   i. We have a new Hope senator.
   ii. Fred and I interviewed 12 people. You all got the resolution.

c. Others
   i. Ryan
      1. We have finished the positions for restructuring. We are trying to get the bylaws ready to go. It will be a very quality and solid product. Thanks to Leg Affairs for helping.

   ii. Kyle
      1. The regents talked about the systems growth agenda. He will take a very active stance. Jose Vazquez is the new regent.
      2. The regents raised salaries for chancellors for the first time since 2006.

   iii. Jill
      1. Next Tuesday is the primary. I have a sign up sheet and I reserved some table at Whitney and the clock tower. I have non-partisan info.
      2. Next Saturday is the electoral action training. All about voter registration mobilization. There is a sign up sheet for that as well. You do get free lunch and tons of training.

   iv.

VII. RHAC Report
a. We want to have intramural volleyball team Thursday night 7:30 would be the earliest.

VIII. Advisor Reports

Senate 2007-2008
a. We are working very hard with everybody with calls for campaigns coming in. the goal is that it will not cost anything to the university because we will be charging everything back to the campaigns.

b. Quorum called

IX. Committee Reports

a. Parking appeals
   i. Met Tuesday morning. We went through over 50 appeals.

b. Undergrad curriculum committee
   i. Met yesterday. The education dep is bringing new proposals and I will bring you a list. There are also new nutrition programs and art.

c. Joint Planning and Budget
   i. We made a motion to create an executive committee. We have been asked to be the oversight committee for growth quality and access so the exec committee was good. It got really heated but it was awesome.
   ii. Paula speaks up all the time and fights for us.

d. Pepsi money
   i. Went into our own groups and crunch numbers. Matt was elected chair.

e. Student Services and Buildings
   i. Met with a Business 230 class and will be sending out a survey. Will be working closely with the group. Also have one shots to go over.

X. New Business

a. Approval of Student Senators Spring 2008
   i. Hammen/Fuhrmann
   ii. Discussion
      1. Call to question
         a. Objection
      2. Maybe we should discuss it a little bit. Can you tell me how many applications you got for each position?
         a. 5 for at large and 4 for CBH.
      3. what are the requirements used to select each of these candidates?
         a. Looking for students that would best represent their demographic.
         b. Out of everyone that applied there was only one person that had senate experience. Their past experience, gauging their interest.
      4. Was their any discussion to extend the deadline when there was only one person applying?
         a. We did extend the deadline, talked to professors and advertised.
      5. I don’t think it should matter whether there is one applicant for a position. There was already an extension and we are already in the fourth week.
      6. We did extend it and these are the people that applied. They are here, they want to work, let them to do their job.
7. The whole issue of suspending the rules is a mute point. You would want them to abstain from the vote, but they could still vote. Because we suspended the rules, if this failed you would be denying them the position of senator for the rest of the semester.

8. I don’t see why we shouldn’t approve these people. The only argument is we would need an extra week to dig up some stuff against these people.

9. These people went through an interview. Most of us didn’t go through interviews. Fred and Bjorn wouldn’t steer us wrong.

10. I’m not saying don’t vote for this tonight. It seems like the rules get suspended on a monthly basis. You didn’t get to go back to your constituents. You trust Fred and Bjorn, but we have not seen their faces before and some of them didn’t say much when they stood up. Budgets are a huge issue, they could abstain. Give it time; there are reasons why things stay on the table for two weeks. Give them a chance to get to know things and for you to get to know them.

11. Call to question
   a. Two abstentions
   b. Passes.

XI. Discussion
   a. Approval of Student Senators Spring 2008
      i. Hammen/Kahl
      ii. Fred and I have advertised for the open positions, went through interviews, and have them listed on the resolution.
         1. Katie Vice- I have been interested on the building projects and what is going on in the community.
         2. Tabitha- I got sucked into res life, now that I am not in there I want to do something a little bigger
         3. Chuck- trying to do something bigger
         4. Joshua- I was president of the fitness club where I did my under grad. Want to get involved and make sure my voice is heard as well.
         5. Calie- excited to get involved again.
      iii. I think all of them are very qualified.
      iv. Discussion
         1. Motion to suspend the rules to put line item A into new business.
            a. Hammen/Bayer
               i. I think we can trust our president and vp to make these decisions. We have to look at the budget in discussion. I’d like to have them included in the discussion so they can vote next week.
            b. Division.
i. 18:6:1, passes

b. Campus Activities Board Spring Concert Facility Request
   i. Hammen/Wallace
      1. Tried to include everything that needed to be in there. I was put in an uncomfortable situation because this is a request to use the REC for the may 1st concert. It has already been confirmed through the REC and her agency. It didn’t come through senate because we sent them a bunch of dates we wanted to use the REC for, they came back to us with their date, we didn’t confirm it until last week. All of the times got jumbled, the days didn’t work out and it was already approved.
      2. the reason why it has to be in the REC is because the amount of people it can hold.
   3. Discussion
      a. How are the sound issues going to work?
         i. We are doing it long ways. We will bring in a $10,000 stage. We will close down the track to hang their speaker system.
         ii. The REC will just be down on the 1st.
      b. It will only be down for a day and Colby is a pretty big name artist.
      c. Is it going to assigned seating or general admission?
         i. There are no chairs. There will probably going to be a long line.
      d. The only other time it will be closed is April 14th and 15th for the basketball tournaments.
      e. Everything inside the gates will be closed all day, everything outside will be open until 5pm.
   f. Motion to close discussion.
      i. Hammen/Bayer
      ii. Discussion closed.

c. Resolution Supporting the Proposed Collegiate Readership Trial Period
   i. Hammen/Kohl-Riggs
      1. I think we should open the discussion.
      2. we didn’t see why this would be a bad thing. We didn’t specify where we should put the bins because we don’t know how many we can get. We chose the three papers, local, state, and national.
   3. Discussion
      a. I would rather the Wisconsin State Journal. I think we should get the paper from the capital.
      b. Do you have the stands available?
         i. They will provide the stands for free. They are covering everything.
      c. I don’t believe you can get the Journal Sentinel, they don’t want to participate.
d. I know that everything is provided. There aren’t any extra costs.

e. I was thinking here, Whitney and the library is where everyone goes.

f. Those would be the three I would pick too, but if we can I would put them in every hall.

g. I think it’s a great idea; we should have had it a long time ago.

h. Motion to close discussion
   i. Kohl-Riggs/Eick
   ii. Discussion closed.

d. 08-09 Allocable SUFAC Fees
   i. Rome/Kahl
   ii. We didn’t do an education on this document yet. This is what we went through and approved. There are different types of accounts.
      1. Student fees are money from student seg fees. The amount they are getting this year is this year. The 08-09 is what apportionment thinks they should be getting.
      2. Program revenue- everyone except for athletics can budget with revenue projection.
      3. We not only approve how much money we will give them, but also their overall spending authority. I will be focusing on column C, 2008-09 amounts in student fee support.
   iii. Everyone handed in their budget requests, we went through them. Started with all the groups that asked for a zero percent increase. Then we looked at those that were asking for anything under 3%. Then we looked at the 7 accounts that were asking for anything more.
      1. Apportionment Administration- it used to be $400 that apportionment got. We tried to go paperless and went down to $200 last year, but it isn’t working. That’s why it has an increase.
      2. Stadium- students contribute an increasing amount every year, we didn’t make that decision. This year it will be $8.
      3. Jazz Ensemble- asking for 29% increase for the cost of music. They have been asking for the last couple of yrs and not been getting them. We decided it was prudent. Also travel costs.
      4. Orchestra- got a new director a couple of yrs ago. Every yr he has asked for a budget increase. He has done an excellent job of outlining exactly what he wants to do. He thinks after this yr they will be sustainable. One thing they are sacrificing is performing in a real concert hall. They are being reasonable.
      5. Scholarship Reception went down.
      6. SAC-C- asked for a 20% increase. There is an extra club sport next yr and travel cost has increased. We support that increase.
      7. Grad Student Org- had requested $9,420 that would have been 100% increase. We all feel they are under funded, but the
question was raised that should this funding come from students? We would like to give them more money for travel but we didn’t think it was appropriate to higher a grad assistant.

8. Org Grants- doing a lot of good things.
9. CAB- asked for 6.17% increase. They do a good job, their programming is very important.
10. Athletics- we approved that.

iv. There were 2 stipulations for our approval

1. Marching Band- majority of increase was for travel to Winona for games. Important that I stress we do want to give them that money, but it shouldn’t come out of their long term budget. So we removed the $7680 out of their budget. We approved it contingent that we will continue to fund any group that will need funding for travel to Winona, including students.
   a. The committee noticed they didn’t take the money out of their long term budget for the future, that’s why we red flagged it.

2. Student Association- the majority of the increase was to fund increase pay for board of directors. The committee felt if we approve the budget with those numbers we don’t have line item control over where that money would be spent. There is no control if one person wanted to take all the money. We wanted to make sure that no single item was exceeded. Stipulated that those numbers were the maximums allowed.

v. Ended up with $923,111 and have a few scenarios. We felt it was right not to use any of the money from the reserve, especially since we might be using it for travel. It comes to $102.91 per student. We recommend scenario one. If SA feels differently we could use reserve money but I don’t recommend that.

   e. Discussion

   i. Motion to limit discussion until 8:30 tonight
      1. Allen/Rome
      2. I have faith in the apportionment committee. If you have questions you can send them to Fuhrmann.
      3. Apportionment spent a lot of time on this, we had a lot of good conversations, especially with Larry in the room. There were no issues where we didn’t want to give people money.

   ii. Discussion is limited.

   f. Discussion

   i. I have a problem with the board of directors pay, raising the fees on students to pay directors for something the senators should be doing. I hope we can come to some kind of conclusion with this document so that we don’t have to raise the fees on students for this issue.

   ii. There are positions were people get into it by choice, but they don’t have time for other jobs, like the president and vp. Directors do have a
lot of work, but I think a lot of their time could be cut down. We do need them to organize us, but we are here too.

iii. I do think that not enough emphasis is placed on the senators helping the directors or the directors recruiting the senators. I think the senators could be doing a lot more. I think it would dramatically decrease the work load. I think the secretary shouldn’t be paid that much

iv. In talking with other UW schools, they are having trouble motivating students to go into those positions. By giving a salary are we diminishing what they are doing? We don’t have authority over the single line items, and the reality is whoever is in charge of that budget can do what they want with that money. Have to keep that in mind.

1. Who is in control?
   a. President and CFO.

v. I look at it in another way. The argument for giving these were that these people don’t have time to work and take on another job. I don’t do any of the things I do because I want to get paid. We see each other one time a week, we need to have senators working with these positions. It really surprised me that board of directors get paid. If you look around, other schools are not paying their directors.

vi. Great points brought up. How this got started is because directors are taking on a lot more responsibilities. If anyone looked at those sign ups, some of those didn’t have any names on it. I would rather not get paid as a director and say that I didn’t get paid for that work, but you can’t expect them to have another job. We still have good descriptions. If you are not going to approve this budget then you are taking a major step to being a dedicated senator, signing up for things, helping directors. Directors are always at the senate meetings, some positions are more of an administration thing. That is what holds the org together. Outside of meetings, the secretary doesn’t have any other responsibilities. I encourage you to take this step.

vii. These are the maximums that they could get paid.

viii. Could you explain how the directors log their hours? Are they paid hourly?

1. This year it was stipend, next year it would be $6.50 an hour. We used the timesheets to figure out how much they would be working.

ix. Is that going to be written somewhere? To make sure it stays that way?

1. one thing with the restructuring is creating by laws, pay will be on a monthly basis.

2. it would have to go to senate to approve.

x. If we were doing an increase we do have to hold them to their hours. It wasn’t actually an increase.

xi. It’s not up to apportionment to decide what this system is going to be. We don’t set it up. We can’t tell any other org how to spend their money. We can strongly recommend it. I think we have gotten a good
idea, I think the secretary should be paid more than what she is paid now.

xii. I’d like to say that this yr senators have been awesome with going ot committees. Past yrs this wasn’t the case. I hope we can have this in the future. Some people want to be involved in senate but don’t have the time. I would love a world were we could all be super involved.

xiii. I think that we have to have this conversation in a new light. If senators could be more involved in the process then you could be checking you calendar. This yr I was looking forward to working with a particular director, but I haven’t once been asked for help. I did help without being asked, but I think that speaks a lot too. If we are doing this whole thing of an hourly system, what if a director uses up all there hours, then they wouldn’t have to keep working. When you take on these positions you need to know you have to balance it with work.

xiv. Why is it senate that has directors being paid? Can other orgs asked ot get paid? If you were on CAB and put in 30 hours a week could they get paid?
   1. It’s up to any org as to how they structure any money they receive. It’s up to them how they use their funding. You aren’t doing it to get some sort of paycheck but obviously it does help.

xv. We are getting out of order because the main issue is the amount of money in the budget, we should stay focused on the number and is it appropriate? We have to focus on the budget, they are the ones that will determine the hourly thing. We need to focus on the budget.

xvi. Point of info
   1. Is this increase just because of the salaries?
      a. There are decreases in other parts of the budgets to make sure.
      b. Everyone was stipend at $900 this year, except for secretary because that has always been an hourly position. We did cut on other things like phone lines that weren’t being used.
      c. You can see the budget after the meeting. Email me if you want a copy.

xvii. Isn’t that how the intramurals pay their refs?
   1. Yes.
   2. There are other budgets that pay hourly.

xviii. I want to say for the rest of the budget, the way they set it up is perfect and I can see everything clearly. I like the idea of what’s happening with the travel for the stadium. I don’t think it’s fair for them to pay for their own travel.

xix. I agree that this is something will come up in later discussion, but I would like to see this money that we are getting paid go to another org that needs it. RHAC has sub committees for gender issues that everyone is a part of.
xx. Point of info
   1. some of the RHAC positions get paid

xxi. Larry brought a great point that we are going to sit here and criticize it just because we are so close to it. In facility maintenance, I want to say since there is not going to be a facility to maintain we would like to use that money for travel for students and family to the games. I think it’s a great idea. I don’t think it’s a good idea to charge students to ride, since we are already chagrining them for a new stadium.

xxii. I think the rest of the budget is beautiful. Once we get that specific budget I encourage senators to look at it. It is the underlying issues.

xxiii. I think if anyone else has any input on the pay thing email the directors. We need to approve the overall amount. I’d like to direct people to think about if we are doing the right thing with the other budgets. We are thinking to use money out of the reserve. Ask yourself if you are okay with the amount of money from the scenario or would you like to use from the reserve? We are decreasing seg fees by $1.39.

xxiv. What is orchestra doing with the money? It seems they just keep coming back for more and more.
   1. the primary increase was to bring in an artistic personality for the year and to give the students a chance to participate with someone great. Last year that they had the best oboe player in the world. They also have some travel costs increasing. Music and supplies are becoming more expensive. After this year they predict the budget will stabilize. After this yr it will probably only be inflationary increases.
      a. Have you thought of putting that into a document? Also Apportionment does a great job.

xxv. Are there special fees for that program if you are music major?
   1. they put money into it.
   2. We all pay to rent our textbooks. They use music for their class. Without that they can’t do anything. As far as I know they don’t pay fees for music, but they do have fees to pay for their instruments and upkeep.

xxvi. You shouldn’t decrease the seg fee cost. When they increase tuition then you should decrease the seg fees. the least we could do for the incoming freshmen is decrease the fees for when they come inot this disaster.

xxvii. Motion to close discussion
   1. Hammen/Wallace
   2. Discussion is closed.

XII. Announcements
   a. Talent show- April 28th.
   b. All the new senators deserve a round of applause. We are usually not this hostile.
c. GA this weekend. It is a 3 day GA. You can talk to Natalie. We are deciding our budget priorities that we will forward to the board of regents. A lot will be happening.
d. Applications are out for VanGaurd in first floor of Graff. Due Monday.
   i. We have requests to use the REC center, we have people going off campus because we don’t have buildings to use. I asked why if we are building the stadium, why we don’t have a concert hall. They said because students haven’t been pushing it. As soon as you start getting some student power behind that that is when action starts taking place.
e. I have posters for presidential primary dates. They will be in the office. Don’t steal them until after Tuesday. They are stamped, I need help hanging them.
f. BSU is having free food and entertainment on Saturday, can get tickets in Cartwright.
g. All new senators stay after meeting.
h. Green is sexy calendar 2008. People doing environmentally friendly things in the buff.
i. Friday night is sledding thing sponsored by RHAC and OIE. Also Los Vegas in Valhala.
j. I did a survey on the concert hall concept, let me know if you are interested.
k. Leg Affairs is in charge of dealing with the constitution, if you have any suggestions email us. Meetings Tuesdays at 6pm.
l. Every Monday LASO is showing a movie. They are documentaries and discussion afterwards.
m. Think about EAT for next weekend. Will be a good time a preparation for 08.
n. A lot of campaigning is going on, wonder if there is a place where we can go to see what’s going on.
   i. Chancellor is emailing people. Check you email.

XIII. Adjournment
a. Allen/Bayer
b. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.