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Student Senate Meeting Minutes for the 2008-2009 Academic Year

**RICKY STALEY**  
*PRESIDENT*

**NICK CIBULA**  
*STUDENT SPEAKER*

**KERVIN BLANKE**  
*VICE PRESIDENT*

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The regular bi-weekly meeting of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Student Senate was called to order at: 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2008.

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Roll Call – *See Final Page*

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The Pledge of Allegiance

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**Reports:**

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Presidential Report:

*Ricky Staley*

Hi everyone! I just want to welcome everyone back and hope you're excited for another year of work. We're busy and were getting a late a start but we would like to hit the ground running.

Immediately after this meeting we will have our Senate retreat. Everyone is required to stay for a little bit. We will compensate you with pizza and soda.

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Good Times Programming Report: No Report

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Vice Presidential Report:

*Kervin Blanke*

Orgsmorg is this Wednesday. We need some people to sign up for this. If you're looking for the New York Times, we will have that next week. Look for it!

RHAA Report:

*No Report*

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Academic Affairs Report:

*Josh Vanden Busch*

*No Report*

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Senate Speaker Report:

*Nick Cibula*

Athletics Report:

*Jeff Sonntag*  
*No Report*

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Student Resources Report:  
*Shan Ragonyi*  
*No Report*

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Health and Safety Report:  
*Joel Diny*  
*No Report*

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Segregated University Fee Allocation  
Committee Report:  
*Tania Galligan*  
*No Report*

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Environmental Affairs Report:  
*Position Vacant*  
*No Report*

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University Governance Report:  
*Jamie Froh*  
Election! Vote November 4<sup>th</sup> in the  
Alumni A and B Rooms.

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Union and Dining Report:  
*Brad Fischer*  
*No Report*

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Equality and Diversity Report:  
*Vacant*  
*No Report*

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New Business:  
Student Court Chief Justice  
Ryan Mach:

Please visit our website at  
[www.uwgb.edu/studgov](http://www.uwgb.edu/studgov)

We also have court cases currently  
scheduled on the docket. Also, if you

have any questions we do have a list of resources. The website to reference is listed above. We are going to talk a little bit about the court case that we just released the opinion for. The case *SGA Executive v. SUFAC (SC2008(3))* has been decided and was in regard to honorariums. The issue was very complex. There was no clear legislative language to simply decide the manner. Basically what happened was Sara (former SGA President) performed evaluations to decide the amount of the honorarium that each SGA Executive member would receive. These were conducted based on attendance at meetings and what they had done throughout the semester and the year. After the honorariums were completed she forwarded them to the Organization Finance Office (hereby known as OFO) to distribute the honorariums according to the Presidents determination. OFO refused to adjust the honorariums on the basis that SUFAC had only allocated a certain amount of money to be distributed to Executive members for their honorariums. SUFAC received the adjusted honorariums from OFO and adjusted them again. Sara believed that the final adjustments made by SUFAC were not fair. The Court then heard the case. It wasn't a SUFAC appeal; it was based on the SGA Constitution and what the SGA Constitution says. At the end of the day, the SUFAC Chair had argued that SUFAC had sole responsibility to issue segregated fee money. We came to the conclusion that honorariums should be adjusted and assigned by the student senate, not by SUFAC. That was the opinion of the court. The Senate is the sole representational body of this University.

Senator Nominations:

Joe: Hi this is my third year going into senate if I get approved. Last year I was speaker of senate which is Nick's current position. Hi, I'm Ryan Birdsall. I was a Senator last year. I want to come back. Hi, I'm Nick Vlies, I was also a senator. Nick Cibula entertained questions. Tania Galligan: do you have the time commitments for senate? Joel Diny: What is one thing you would like to see happen in SGA this year? Andy Locke motions to package the approval of senators. Sheila s calls the question. Nick Cibula: any discussion? Matt Kehl calls the question. Nick entertains a motion to approve the package. Joel motions to approve package Andy Locke seconded, called the question by Brianna Markowski. **Motion passes 7-0-2**

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Announcements  
None

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Adjournment:  
5:45 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted By:

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