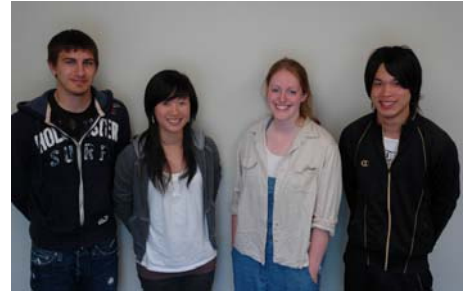




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## Press Release



**Paul Kornacker (president), Trang Phan (vice president), Sarah Shriver (secretary), Motoya Higashi (treasurer)**

MAY 14, 2009

### **UW-Richland students elect student government officers**

University of Wisconsin-Richland students recently elected the top officers who will represent the student body and provide leadership during the coming year.

Paul Kornacker, Marshfield, was elected president by a single vote in a close contest with Robin Lawver II, Avoca.

Trang Phan, an international student from Vietnam, was elected vice president in a close contest with Jamie Nelson, Westby.

Sarah Shriver, Poynette, was elected secretary and Motoya Higashi, an international student from Japan, was elected treasurer. Both Shriver and Higashi were running unopposed.

Also on the ballot was a referendum to determine whether UW-Richland students wanted to continue affiliation with United Council of UW Students. The referendum passed 90 – 28.

Just over 31 % of UW-Richland students turned out to vote in the elections held in late April. Because of the close count in the presidential contest, a recount was held in early May, with the same results.

The four newly elected officers will meet over the summer to attend to student government business and to plan early fall activities.

Student representatives are full voting members on the faculty/staff/student committees that govern the campus. An additional 12 representatives, including both freshmen and sophomores, will be chosen for Student Senate in elections to be held next fall. In addition to governance work, Student Senate sets the social calendar, plans and organizes an array of activities. Incoming freshmen and others interested in learning more about Student Senate can contact advisor Lisa Behling by e-mail at [lisa.behling@uwc.edu](mailto:lisa.behling@uwc.edu) or by calling (608) 647-6186, Extension 239. ###