

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2008

Executive Members Present: Student Body President Mason, Student Body Vice President Flaherty, Student Body Executive Director Bixby, Secretary of Government Relations Clark, Secretary of Public Relations Rotz, Secretary of Programming Zerfas, Secretary of Diversity Affairs Cail, Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello

Assembly Members Present: President of the Assembly Ruscitti, Vice President of the Assembly Krug, Secretary of the Assembly Spialek, Parliamentarian Lund, Senator Davis, Senator Miller, Senator Spiek, Senator Merth, Senator Preston, Senator Thornton, Senator Mihovilovich, Senator Carnahan, Senator Abdalla, Senator Hochhauser, Senator Dumelle, Senator Long, Senator Sullivan, Senator Whittington, Senator Winzer, Senator Leigh

Ex-Officios Present: APAC, ALAS, BSU, Pride, Student Trustee Bagnuolo

Ex-Officos Absent: ARH

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Senator Spiek moved to approve the minutes from the September 17 meeting.
 - B. Senator Dumelle seconded.
 - C. Motion passed unanimously
- III. Secretary of Government Relations
 - A. President of the Assembly Ruscitti moved to allow Secretary Clark to give his report so he can leave for his Jeopardy try-out.
 - B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug seconded.
 - C. Secretary Clark
 1. Secretary Clark attended the Washington D.C. conference this past week. A report about what was gained from the experience will be presented in the coming weeks.
 2. Voter Registration is going on at Milner Plaza from 12-2 each day. If you are interested in helping, let Secretary Clark know.
 3. Secretary Clark was disappointed with SGA's participation with the Housing Fair. This was an opportunity for SGA to really promote awareness about their current initiatives.
- IV. Executive Officers Report
 - A. President Mason

1. The flash drives were ordered several weeks ago, but there was a complication with fitting our logo on the drive. They should be completed tomorrow and shipped sometime soon.
2. To go along with the flash drives, the Executive Committee is continuing to work on the Operations Manual revisions. These should be done in time for the flash drives to get in.
3. President Mason has been continuing to work with Barnes and Noble and Red Alert on the shirt swap idea. We have decided to use the donation Barnes and Noble is giving us to design a new logo that can be placed on the apparel. Since it is now getting colder, we may be looking into purchasing sweaters or hoodies instead. This way, we can have the event in the fall if we need to.
4. President Mason, Senator Lund, Senator Thornton, and Senator Preston have continued to research and benchmark Night Operations at other schools throughout the country. We have reached out to the Association of Residence Halls to get some more information from them and to see what the next step will be.
5. President Mason is working on setting up the scholarship database that we promised during the election. President Mason is hoping to contact Financial Aid this week to see what things are already offered, and to see how SGA can team up with them from there.
6. President Mason is working on the contact list for SGA alumni. The list of people is complete, and President Mason will now be working on getting addresses and emails. President Mason hopes to have the first newsletter sent before the end of the semester or early next semester.
7. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Student Fitness and Kinesiology Recreation Building. This will be on Thursday, October, 16, 2008 at 2 p.m.
8. President Mason developed a survey to give out to students to find the best way to communicate with them about our events. Secretary of Public Relations Rotz will start handing them out at the Congressional debate tomorrow night.
9. President Mason spoke with Amy Gorczowski, the editor of the *Daily Vidette*. At the conference in D.C. this weekend, President Mason heard of an SGA that writes bi-weekly article that goes into their school newspaper. Gorczowski agrees to let me write a 500-word article about what SGA is working on once a month. This is going to be a great way for us to communicate with the student body on what we are trying to do for them.
10. Tonight IFC is up for approval as an ex-officio.
11. Senator Sullivan wanted to know if we could buy as many sweatshirts as t-shirts for the shirt swap.
12. Senator Sullivan asked if we have thought about long sleeves?
13. President Mason said we have not.

14. Advisor Olshak: reminded not everyone was here during caucus so give a full report.
 15. Senator Merth: said she is partial to hoodies.
- B. Student Body Vice President Flaherty
1. On Thursday, Vice President Flaherty attended a Leaders Dinner. He met with the new Provost, Sheri Everts. Vice President Flaherty got to learn a lot about her. Provost Everts made it clear she is here for the students and is willing to help in any ways she can.
 2. ELP's community service project is called "Stop the Bop." UPB would also like to collaborate.
 3. External committee positions are opening. The committees include the Student Center Performing Arts Series Advisory Board and the University Awards Selection Committee.
 4. Let Vice President Flaherty know if your ELP has not contacted you.
- C. Student Body Executive Director Bixby
1. There have been problems with the swipe in-and-out machine.
 2. Senators and Cabinet members need to be meeting their office hours.
 3. All hours need to be accounted for. You will not be paid for the hours you do not do.
 4. There will be one more pay period with 6 hours subtracted from the senators' total hours.
 5. Secretary Tortoriello asked if on the swipe machine if there is a way to know how many hours we have.
 6. President of the Assembly Ruscitti said it is called time punch.
 7. Senator Preston asked for the status on name tags.
 8. Executive Director Bixby said once there is a Secretary of Student Fees, the order will be sent in.

V. Assembly Officer Reports

A. President of the Assembly Ruscitti

1. President of the Assembly Ruscitti apologizes that name tags and folders are not completed. They will be completed by next meeting.
2. President of the Assembly Ruscitti is working on setting up meetings pertaining to sustainability with Enid Cardinal, the sustainability coordinator, and the ISU Green Team.
3. The College of Business Dean Search Committee will be holding airport interviews on October 30 and 31.
4. The Senator of the Month is Andrea Davis. Congratulations!
5. The D.C. trip was successful. There will be a manual of what was learned and a PowerPoint presented by the end of October.
6. President of the Assembly Ruscitti is evaluating our signature programs.

7. If you are not doing anything in the office during office hours, clean.
- B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug
1. Vice President of the Assembly Krug sent emails out about upcoming events including Pack the House and the Congressional debate.
 2. Vice President of the Assembly Krug had to get Underrepresented Senators their RSO lists and knows that all of the names for the presidents will not be right.
 3. Vice President of the Assembly Krug is getting a lot of good constituent feedback.
 4. Vice President of the Assembly Krug updated the Operations Manual.
 5. Vice President of the Assembly Krug is starting to work on the next constituent contact email, although she does not know when it will be sent out considering students have received multiple emails in the past few weeks.
 6. Make sure what you send to Vice President of the Assembly Krug for information to go in the constituent email is correct because when she receives this information she is only looking for grammatical errors.
 7. Senator Winzer asked how often do senators send email.
 8. Vice President of the Assembly Krug said bi-weekly or monthly.
- C. Secretary of the Assembly Spialek
1. Thank you to everyone for letting me go on the ASGA conference trip to Washington D.C. It was a really valuable experience.
 2. If you are speaking at this meeting (Executive Officers, Assembly Officers, Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs, and Senator Coordinators), you need to fill out a report form. This can be on the report form document. It could be emailed. It could be given in person on loose leaf paper, but it must be completed.
 3. It is the first of the month which means work schedules for October are due by midnight tonight. If an event in October becomes mandatory, and you fail to give Secretary Spialek your work schedule, work will not be considered as “not present.”
 4. If senators do not complete their one-on-ones by Wednesday, October 8, it will be considered a half-absence.
 5. Secretary Spialek is excited to work with Secretary Cail about expanding diversity into the curriculum.

VI. Cabinet Members Reports

A. Secretary of Diversity Affairs Cail

1. At the last Recruitment and Retention meeting, there was discussion about a class that focuses on note taking and study skills.

2. Senator Sullivan asked if this class is required or optional.
3. Secretary Cail said it is optional.
4. Diversity Week will be November 10-15.
5. Monday November 10 will be APAC's event.
6. Tuesday, November 11 will be BSU's event.
7. Wednesday, November 12 will be Pride's event.
8. Thursday, November 13 will be ALAS's event.
9. Saturday, November 15 will be ARH's event.
10. On September 26, Secretary Cail met with Pam Cooper, the Assistant Director for Professional Practice with the Career Center. We looked to discuss a possible networking event that could be included in next semester's Diversity Week.

B. Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello

1. Secretary Tortoriello updated the initiatives on the website.
2. Secretary Tortoriello said the resolutions that are completed are posted on the website.
3. New pictures are updated.
4. Make sure names are correct on the ex-officio page
5. Secretary Tortoriello added a Facebook link to the website.
6. Secretary Tortoriello asked who has the SGA camera.
7. Senator Miller has it. President of the Assembly Ruscitti has the charger.

C. Secretary of Programming Zerfas

1. RSO Community Clean-ups have begun.
2. The Homecoming Float is moving along. The trailer is secured. The garage is secured.
3. For the float, there will be a cannon theme with lots of red.
4. Decorating will begin the week of October 13.
5. Office decorating will focus mainly on the "Cage."
6. Secretary Zerfas is still looking for ideas for Office decorating so please pass them along.
7. A sign-up sheet is being passed around for Bell ringing on October 18 at the Homecoming game. Please meet at the stadium at 1:40.
8. Senator Winzer asked when we start decorating.
9. Secretary Zerfas said we start the week of homecoming.
10. Senator Merth asked if ringing the bell is mandatory.
11. Secretary Zerfas said it was not.
12. President Mason said please be there for ringing of the bell.
13. ELP members can go.

D. Secretary of Public Relations Rotz

1. Secretary Rotz is working on the vouchers and press release for Pack the House Dracula.
2. The bulletin board in the Bone is a Dracula theme. It is completed.

3. Pending the passing of a resolution for the mock debate, Secretary Rotz will assist the Civic Engagement Committee.
4. Secretary Rotz is working with Secretary Clark on keg registration.
5. Secretary Rotz is interested in putting together a communication job fair.
6. President of the Assembly Ruscitti said the flyers for the 11th Congressional Debate look great!

VII. Advisor Report

1. No Report

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Civic Engagement (Senator Preston)

1. The 11th Congressional Debate is tomorrow. It is at 6 p.m. in the Brown Ballroom.
2. Senator Preston encouraged everyone to attend. There are 20 seats in the front reserved for SGA.

B. Finance and Allocation (Senator Spiek)

1. Fee Board met.
2. Accafellaz requested funds for an album recording. Fee Board allocated \$0.
3. Redbird Renter's Union requested for general programs. Fee Board allocated \$309.
4. F.L.A.M.E. requested for "Take Back the Night." Fee Board allocated \$755.
5. Remind RSOs they must register with ISU to be considered an RSO.

C. Policies and Procedures (Senator Long)

1. Policies and Procedures began reviewing the ex-officio by-laws.

D. Programs and Recognition (Senator Davis)

1. Spanish Club will most likely be RSO of the Month.
2. Oct. 28th is Pack the House Dracula.
3. Thank you for electing me Senator of the Month
4. President Mason asked how many vouchers will be handed out.
5. Senator Davis said 400.
6. Secretary Rotz said they plan on giving people vouchers because we don't want people to throw tickets a way.
7. Senator Winzer asked if people will know they will have to rush and be the first to attend the event...that a voucher does not equal a ticket.
8. Senator Leigh asked what if a student can't go because they had a voucher but they were not one of the first 250?
9. Senator Davis said if there is high turnout we will purchase more tickets next time.

10. Vice President of the Assembly Krug said we are having the box office collect vouchers so we can count how many people did come so we can budget for more tickets next time
11. Senator Abdalla asked how many seats are in the theater.
12. Senator Davis said there are 450 seats.
13. Senator Thornton said this is really for people who normally wouldn't want to go. I don't think we will run out.

IX. Senator Coordinators

A. Off-Campus Senators (Senator Miller)

1. Thank you for allowing me to go to Washington D.C.
2. Off-Campus constituent contact event at the Rec Center went very well. We got some great feedback and ideas from students.
3. Thank you to all the senators that went to the Redbird Renter's Union Event on Wednesday. Your time was greatly appreciated.
4. Senator Miller will be making Facebook groups for the Dracula and off-campus recycling events by Friday. Invite your friends.

B. On-Campus Senators (Senator Abdalla)

1. The on-campus constituent contact event is Oct. 6. The theme is called Last Chance to Vote, and will be held at Tri-Towers.

C. Underrepresented Senators (Senator Whittington)

1. Senator Whittington said the Underreps finished Under the Lights.
2. Underreps will be meeting this week for the October event.
3. The event will be small due to Homecoming.

D. Graduate Senators (Senator Winzer)

1. The graduate student meet and greet went good. There was low attendance but it is a start.
2. Senator Winzer is trying to restart GSA.
3. Senator Winzer is looking at why grads have to pay higher for rec services.

X. Ex-Officio Reports

A. ALAS

1. There will be Mexican hot chocolate on the quad.
2. There will be salsa dancing October 16.
3. November 13 will be the taste of ALAS.

B. APAC

1. APAC will be holding the first RSO Asian competition.
2. APAC is working on the Asian talent showcase.
3. APAC will be having a tea tasting week (Monday November10).

C. BSU

1. BSU is having an event for students to learn how to get involved in service organizations.

2. BSU will be holding Fall Fest on October 30 at the Boys and Girls Club.
3. Nov. 11th, BSU will host Real Talk. It is an event about issues male and females go through. It will be co-sponsored with ISU Black STAAR.

D. Pride

1. There is a portrayal of gays in the media meeting tonight.
2. Next week is national coming out day.
3. Pride would like to provide tips for people who want to come out.
4. In two weeks, Pride will host ally night. It is a dinner for our straight allies.
5. Sex toy night is coming up.
6. President of the Assembly Ruscitti wanted to know when sex toy night is.
7. Senator Sullivan wanted to know when ally night is.
8. Ally night is during the Assembly meeting.

E. Student Trustee Bagnuolo

1. Student trustee Bagnuolo will be starting his trustee in residence next month.

XI. Information Items

A. Budget

1. Executive Director Bixby said she was sorry the wrong budget was printed out.
2. Secretary Spialek moved to make the budget Action Item A.
3. Senator Lund seconded.
4. The budget became Action item A.

B. Mock Debate

1. Senator Preston moved to make this Action Item B.
2. Senator Lund seconded.
3. The Mock debate became Action Item B.

C. IFC

1. Jose Cardona and Jimmy Smart are here
2. President of the Assembly Ruscitti moved to make IFC Action Item C.
3. Senator Spiek seconded.
4. IFC became Action Item C.

XII. Action Items

A. Action Item A

1. Senator Lund moved to enter debate.
2. Senator Preston seconded.

3. Secretary Spialek said he thinks \$5,000 for Passing of the Gavel could be better spent benefitting the student body.
4. Executive Director Bixby said she thinks that \$5000 is allocated to the event because it is a professional event.
5. Senator Preston said we spend around \$43000 for us and only \$24000 for our constituents.
6. Senator Dumelle thought Passing was very motivational.
7. Secretary Spialek said he would be outraged as a student to know my fee dollars are used for this.
8. President of the Assembly Ruscitti said cut alcohol from the event.
9. Vice President of the Assembly Krug said Passing may be spent on us, but it is helping us benefit the student body. I encourage you to vote yes.
10. Student Trustee Bagnuolo said it was a cash bar. It is worthwhile. You could be more frugal on gifts.
11. Executive Director Bixby said you should vote yes
12. President Mason said we could vote yes and then cut.
13. Senator Long moved to previous question.
14. President of the Assembly Ruscitti seconded.
15. President of the Assembly Ruscitti moved to approve Action Item A.
16. Senator Lund seconded.
17. The budget passed unanimously.

B. Action Item B

1. Senator Hochhauser said the Mock debate is only for mandatory for Civic Engagement.
2. Senator Lund moved to approve Action Item B.
3. Senator Davis seconded.
4. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Action Item C

1. SGA questioned IFC about ex-officio status.
2. Vice President Flaherty moved to debate.
3. President of the Assembly Ruscitti seconded.
4. President Mason encouraged Ex-officios to speak up and let us know what you think.
5. Senator Hochhauser said she does not believe IFC has not shown a clear underrepresented student representation.
6. President of the Assembly Ruscitti said IFC is not utilizing their underrepresented senator. President of the Assembly Ruscitti encouraged everyone to vote no.
7. Secretary Rotz said there has been a failure in their PR and marketing members. Internal changes need to be made before they pursue IFC status again.

8. Vice President of the Assembly Krug said every RSO has an underrepresented senator. That should not be an issue because our ex-officios also have an underrepresented senator.
9. Vice President of the Assembly Krug said IFC wants to take a step in the right direction.
10. Senator Thornton said he would have liked to have seen them make an effort to reach out to the student body.
11. Senator Dumelle said IFC made the assumption their underrepresented senator was not greek. Anyone greek knows your representation as a greek does not rest in IFC. Senator Dumelle said it was a poor presentation.
12. Senator Abdalla moved to previous question.
13. Senator Spiek seconded.
14. Motion failed.
15. Senator Leigh said we must also look to NPHC and sororities.
16. Senator Leigh said people that are even greek say we shouldn't do this.
17. Student Trustee Bagnuolo said he is extremely disappointed in the presentation. IFC is trying to move out of the greek community and provide a better image.
18. Student Trustee Bagnuolo said it is not fair to compare them to ALAS or BSU. They are like ARH by representing several RSOs.
19. Student Trustee Bagnuolo said having them have a seat could benefit you. Look at the pull they have in elections when they decide to support a cause.
20. APAC said you should be legitimate before you try to be in SGA. IFC should not use SGA to become legitimate. IFC had asked APAC what an ex-officio was a few moments ago.
21. BSU said IFC should have familiarized themselves with ex-officio position. There are other ways to project themselves besides being inclusive.
22. Senator Carnahan said IFC did not show a clearly defined student need.
23. President of the Assembly Ruscitti said if they were serious, they would have turned in one signature in less than six months.
24. Senator Long said they don't need office space, computer lab access, or funding.
25. Senator Long said they could still co-sponsor events with ex-officios.
26. President Mason asked if IFC has ever contacted Senator Dumelle.
27. President Mason asked is there a way to have an ex-officio from all 3 (IFC, NPHC, PHC).
28. Vice President Flaherty said hitting the wall is not an excuse. They could create a position to constantly be in contact with the underrepresented senator rather than neglect them.

29. Senator Miller said it is a bold move. As a greek, there are a lot of assumptions going on. This is a great way for them to get outreach.
30. Senator Miller said give IFC a chance.
31. Senator Miller disagreed with Flaherty's question about what do you think people think of you? That question is not fair. They could ask the same of us.
32. Student Trustee Bagnuolo said he has seen the organization grow. Their presentation was poor because it was his idea. He wished he could have presented.
33. Student Trustee Bagnuolo said it took a long time for IFC to get the last signature because they were advised by former Vice President Martin.
34. Student Trustee Bagnuolo said this is about bringing their voice to SGA and bring back information to IFC.
35. Vice President of the Assembly Krug said please explain reasons for abstaining.
36. Advisor Olshak said there needs to be a direct conflict of interest for abstaining.
37. Senator Abdalla said IFC had potential but was disappointed. Many from greek organizations spoke to him about the RSO code of conduct but he has heard little since. The message has not been passed down.
38. Senator Leigh said we have prejudged them. Let us see how committed they are with other SGA initiatives.
39. Advisor Olshak said there can be no probationary status. They either are accepted or denied.
40. Advisor Olshak said they need to be provided a rationale as to why they didn't get it.
41. Secretary Cail said they need to utilize the underrepresented senator.
42. Secretary Cail moved to previous question.
43. Senator Sullivan seconded.
44. Motion passed.
45. Vote was taken.
46. President of the Assembly Ruscitti called division of the house.
47. A roll call vote was taken.
48. 12 senators (President of the Assembly Ruscitti, Secretary Spialek, Senator Preston, Senator Spiek, Senator Thornton, Senator Mihovilovich, Senator Abdalla, Senator Carnahan, Senator Long, Senator Hochhauser, Senator Dumelle, and Senator Leigh) voted against IFC receiving ex-officio status.
49. 8 senators (Vice President of the Assembly Krug, Senator Davis, Senator Miller, Senator Merth, Senator Lund, Senator Whittington, Senator Sullivan, and Senator Winzer) voted for IFC receiving ex-officio status.

50. Advisor Olshak said SGA must provide a rationale for why IFC did not receive ex-officio status.
51. President of the Assembly Ruscitti referenced Article II, Section 1. SGA did not find they have a clear representation. Please utilize underrepresented senators. We encourage you to co-sponsor events with us. We also ask you become more familiar with SGA.

XIII. Passing of the Gavel

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Senator Whittington moved to adjourn.
- B. Senator Preston seconded.
- C. Motion passed unanimously.