

Student Government Association

Assembly Meeting

October 15, 2008

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

Executive Members Absent: Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello

Legislative 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 Abdalla, Senator Carnahan, Senator Long, Senator Whittington, Senator Sullivan, Senator Dumelle, Senator Winzer, Senator Leigh

Legislative Members Absent: Senator Hochhauser

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes from the October 1, 2008 meeting.
- III. Executive Officer Reports
 - A. Student Body President Mason
 1. President Mason would like to wish Senator Carnahan a happy birthday.
 2. It is Homecoming Week. The most fun is to come as we get to Saturday.
 3. The flash drives have come in. Tammy is working on a sign-out sheet for them, and President Mason will then send an email to everyone to go next door and get your flash drive from Tammy. We will be placing the updated Operations Manual, the Constitution, and the by-laws on each flash drive.
 4. President Mason met with Jana Albrecht, the Director of the Financial Aid Office, about updating and improving the scholarship database. She is going to talk to her team of people and will be getting in contact with President Mason shortly.
 5. President Mason is meeting with President of the Assembly Ruscitti and Senator Davis next week to discuss what will be put in the SGA Alumni Newsletter, and how to format it. President Mason contacted the Alumni department, and they are going to provide the address and emails to the people on the list. President Mason hopes to have a resolution authorizing money to creating the newsletter by the next meeting.

6. Next week, President Mason is meeting with Senators Lund, Thornton, and Preston, along with ARH President Webber and Vice President Vito, to discuss our benchmarking results on different Night Operations systems. We will talk about how to proceed with reporting our results.
 7. President Mason and Senator Miller are meeting with Steven Klay and Jill Benson next week about making it mandatory for RSOs to come to Assembly Meetings in order to be eligible for receiving money from Fee Board.
 8. In light of two new ex-officio applications in our term so far, President Mason will be talking to Facilities about how much it would cost to rearrange the office a little. President Mason met with Senator Sullivan recently to come up with some new ideas to incorporate a new ex-officio office to the Association.
 9. President Mason asked Vice President Flaherty to look into different costs of shirts, long sleeved shirts, hoodies, etc. for the Shirt Swap. At this point, it looks like SGA will be doing this event next semester toward the end of our term.
 10. The people who went to D.C. will be meeting this Friday to put together the information we learned and collected. This will be presented by our next meeting on October 29.
 11. President Mason met with Michael Zajac, and will be meeting with him again next week about how the Off-Campus Housing Fair went and how to proceed for next year. Next year's Association might have to put in more work for this event if the Daily Vidette decides not to co-sponsor again. President Mason and Zajac will also be talking about student safety in light of all of the events that have happened on campus in the past weeks.
 12. Tomorrow is the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Recreation building. It is at 2 pm on the corner of University and Dry Grove. Thank you to the six people who volunteered to be in the SGA picture for this. If anyone does not want to go because they have class or another commitment at 3, the ceremony should only be 15-20 minutes, so feel free to stop by if you want.
 13. Next week President Mason is having separate meetings with President Bowman and Provost Everts. Vice President Adams is the following week. If anyone has any ideas or issues you would like me to discuss with them, send me an email.
 14. President Mason stressed that we are half way through our term, so now is the time to make sure you are working on your personal initiatives.
- B. Student Body Vice President Flaherty
1. Vice President Flaherty said he is still looking for a graduate student to serve on the University Service Selection Committee.
 2. For everyone that emailed Vice President Flaherty about the Bone Student Center Advisory Committee, Vice President Flaherty is waiting on Jim Carlson to get back to him with the specifics about the committee. Once Carlson gets in contact, Vice President Flaherty will let everyone know what is going on and who will serve on the committee.

3. Vice President Flaherty got prices from the vendor Barnes and Nobles uses and the quantities and prices are Long sleeve-115 (SM-20, MD-30, LG-30, 2xl-20, 3xl-15) at a price of \$999.35, t-shirts- 210 (SM-50, MD-55, LG-55, 2xl-50) at a price of \$979.90. Hooded sweatshirts-55 at a price of \$998.45. All designs only come with full chest logo.
 4. Vice President Flaherty attended the first DSAC meeting yesterday and we went over the basics of the new meal plan and problems that arouse and how they can be handled. With the new food concepts introduced like Fresh Bites, Red Bowl, and A. Jose; if you receive any constituent feedback regarding them please relay this information to Vice President Flaherty so he can present it at the next meeting.
 5. Senator Thornton and Carnahan still said they had not heard or met their ELP.
 6. Senator Winzer asked if she could get more information about the graduate student needed for an external committee.
 7. Vice President of the Assembly Krug told Vice President Flaherty to let her know if he would like information about the graduate senator needed on an external committee provided in the upcoming constituent contact email.
- C. Student Body Executive Director Bixby
1. Name tags have arrived, but some senators do not have them due to errors on the company's part.
 2. Over \$1,000 of promotional items have been ordered. They will be here by the second week in November.
 3. Payroll will be back to normal. Senators will start to get their full pay.
 4. Banked hours will start on Monday.
 5. If you are asked visibly intoxicated at any Homecoming events you will be asked to leave, and it will become a personnel issue.

IV. Officers of the Assembly Reports

- A. President of the Assembly Ruscitti
1. One-on-Ones need to be completed by October 29 or they will be considered a half absence. One-on-One sheets are printed out and in the Assembly Officers' office.
 2. President of the Assembly Ruscitti is meeting with Geoff Fruin and Mark Hall of Public Works to discuss recycling concerns. These men have initiatives they would like us to work on on behalf of the student body. This includes finding the best places for recycling bins.
 3. President of the Assembly Ruscitti got educational literature for the October 25 event.
 4. Common Sense 101 posters are being distributed slowly by city inspectors.
 5. They will be narrowing down candidates in the COB Dean Search Committee meeting tomorrow.
 6. President of the Assembly Ruscitti is meeting with Doug Wiggs next week about Adopt-a-Street.
 7. Thank you to Senator Hochhauser for cleaning the office.

8. President of the Assembly will be studying abroad in Spain next semester; and therefore, will not be in SGA next semester.
- B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug
1. If senators have received any constituent email, Vice President of the Assembly Krug needs to get that information as soon as possible.
 2. The constituent email will be sent by Monday or Tuesday.
 3. If any person wants to be taken on the listserv and not receive emails from their senator, they must provide a first and last name and UID.
- C. Secretary of the Assembly Spialek
1. Please remember to send reports if you are a committee chair, senator coordinator, executive officer, cabinet member, or assembly officer.
 2. If you sponsor a piece of legislation, please send it to Secretary Spialek via email following the meeting.
 3. October 20 is the Mock debate, and for those that have an absence, this is an event that they could attend to erase this absence.
 4. If you are not here for roll call, it counts as a half absence.
- V. Cabinet Reports
- A. Secretary of Programming Zerfas
1. Thank you to everyone for all the help in decorating the office. Special thanks to those who put in extra hours. It could not have been done without you.
 2. Tomorrow night is the awards ceremony for office decorating.
 3. Secretary Zerfas passed around a sketch of what the float should look like.
 4. Meet at 9 Am in the SSB parking lot on Saturday for the parade.
 5. Vice President of the Assembly Krug asked if there are enough supplies to work on the float tonight.
 6. Secretary Zerfas said there were. Streamers need to get attached to the PVC pipe and repainting plywood.
 7. Vice President of the Assembly Krug said people are still coming in to check out our office because they heard a lot of positive comments about it.
 8. Senator Davis asked if we can make sure the shed is open all day for float building.
 9. Secretary Zerfas said he would look into it.
 10. Senator Abdalla asked Secretary Zerfas if he could email the winners of the office results.
 11. Vice President Flaherty asked if Secretary Zerfas could send directions on how to get to float building.
 12. President of the Assembly Ruscitti said the parade is mandatory.
- B. Secretary of Student Fees Cahanin
1. Secretary Cahanin met with former Secretary of Student Fees Scott Hoffman to go over the position.
 2. Secretary of Student Fees Cahanin is meeting with Wendy Bates tomorrow.
 3. Secretary of Student Fees Cahanin has the Budget Review Commission List and will be emailing representatives and hopefully scheduling a mid-semester meeting.

- C. Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello
 - 1. Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello was unable to attend the meeting, but Secretary of Government Relations Clark read his report.
 - 2. Secretary Tortoriello changed the Initiatives section of the website to include this Association's initiatives.
 - 3. Secretary Tortoriello has added the Dracula voucher and will be putting Washington DC pictures up soon.
- D. Secretary of Government Relations Clark
 - 1. Voter Registration is over on campus; however, you can still register to vote by going to the County Clerk's office.
 - 2. This will be Secretary Clark's last meeting. His resignation will be Friday, October 17.
- E. Secretary of Public Relations Rotz
 - 1. Secretary Rotz finished the vouchers for Dracula and asked Secretary Tortoriello to put them on our website so people can go and print them out on their own.
 - 2. Secretary Rotz sent a press release to the Vidette about Pack the House Dracula.
 - 3. Secretary Rotz wrote and sent a press release to the Vidette regarding the Mock Presidential debate and began making promotional print material for the event also.
 - 4. Secretary Rotz put the communication survey in the SGA pool shared drive for anyone who wants can print them out and hand them out at constituent contact events.
 - 5. Secretary Rotz looked into community calendars around the Bloomington-Normal area and found many that we can start adding events to. Most of them need to be submitted, so please let me know ahead of time if you want your event posted.
 - 6. President of the Assembly Ruscitti asked where to hand in completed surveys.
 - 7. Secretary Rotz said to put them in her mail box and Tammy will calculate the results.
 - 8. Secretary Spialek asked if we could ask classes to fill out the survey.
 - 9. Secretary Rotz said that is fine.
 - 10. BSU asked about who gets to post on the University calendar because sometimes they post incorrect information.
 - 11. Secretary Rotz said she is an author for the University calendar so BSU can send information to her.
- F. Secretary of Diversity Affairs Cail
 - 1. Secretary Cail discussed what days Ex-Officios will hold their events for Diversity Week in November.
 - 2. APAC will hold their event on the Monday of Diversity Week, BSU will hold their event on Tuesday, Pride on Wednesday, ALAS on Thursday, and ARH on Friday.
 - 3. University (Office of Affirmative Action) needs help with defining diversity and underrepresented. Secretary Cail will be having a meeting after Homecoming Week with whoever is interested in providing student feedback on who is included in the term underrepresented on campus.
 - 4. Vice President of the Assembly Krug asked when Transfigurations ends.
 - 5. Pride said it ends October 31.

VI. Committee Chair Reports

A. Civic Engagement (Senator Preston)

1. The Congressional debate was a huge success with over 600 people in attendance.
2. Over 2,000 people have been registered on campus thanks to SGA, the Voter Coordination Committee, and Trust Me...I'm a Voter.
3. The Mock Presidential Debate is October 20 from 7-9 in the Brown Ballroom. Senators Spialek and Abdalla will be co-moderating the event.
4. The committee is thinking about after the November 4 election. The committee is interested in focusing on civic engagement in the community including community service, a mayoral debate, and a "Pig Out with the Mayor" event.
5. The committee is also looking into a "Crisis Management Plan" to see how to keep students in line on election day due to the anticipated high turnout.
6. Senator Sullivan asked where to go for early voting.
7. President of the Assembly Ruscitti asked when voter registration cards came in.
8. Secretary of Public Relations Rotz said she called the County Clerk. They are so backed up, you may not receive your card, but do not worry.

B. Finance and Allocation (Senator Spiek)

1. Fee Board Allocations for October 15: Habitat for Humanity received \$1,816 for Executive Training Conference, Deaf Redbirds Association received \$1,100 for their trip, Sigma Alpha Iota received \$115 for their Orchestra and Choral concert on October 26, and ISU Running Club received \$682 for the National Championships in Pennsylvania.
2. The Fee Board website through the Dean of Students website will be updated over the next month or two.

C. Policies and Procedures (Senator Long)

1. In the next to assembly meetings, you will be seeing some activity from the committee. The committee will hopefully bring our amendments to the ex-officio by-laws as well as a resolution in support of the student organization procedures guide.
2. The Policies and Procedures is currently reviewing the role and duties of the Secretary of the Assembly.

D. Programs and Recognition (Senator Davis)

1. Senator Davis said tell your RSOs to apply for RSO of the Month.
2. The Homecoming parade is mandatory. Meet in the SSB parking lot at 9 am.
3. Ringing of the Bell is at 1:30. Meet at the Northwest gate. Tickets will be handed out there.
4. Join the Facebook event for Dracula.
5. The Programs and Recognition Committee will be handing out vouchers for Pack the House at Milner Plaza on Monday from 12-3.
6. Senator Lund asked how many tickets had been sold for Dracula.
7. Senator Davis said SGA is not selling tickets. We are handing out vouchers.

8. President of the Assembly Ruscitti asked if Senator Davis was in charge of the quad clean-up.
9. Secretary Zerfas said he is in charge of that.
10. President of the Assembly Ruscitti asked if Secretary Zerfas would talk to her afterwards.

VII. Senator Coordinator Reports

A. Off-Campus Senators (Senator Miller)

1. Off-Campus Senators met on Monday to finalize details for the Off-Campus Recycling event on October 25.

B. On-Campus Senators (Senator Abdalla)

1. Senators Thornton and Mihovilovich designed on-campus t-shirts.
2. On-Campus senators registered over 60 people at their Tri-Towers event.
3. The East Campus event is November 7.
4. Senators Thornton and Mihovilovich are working on smoking concerns. See them for a survey.
5. Senator Lund got a piano in one of the residence halls tuned.
6. Join the On-Campus Senator Facebook group.
7. Happy birthday to our fellow on-campus senator, Senator Carnahan.
8. On-Campus Senators would like to congratulate President Mason, Trustee Bagnuolo, and Secretary Clark for being on court.
9. ARH asked if the on-campus senators contacted the Hewett Manchester Student Association about the East Campus event.

C. Underrepresented Senators (Senator Whittington)

1. The Underrepresented senators have switched our RSO event from Homecoming to a Halloween theme for a number of reasons with printing.
2. The Underrepresented senators will be giving personalized cards to the RSOs in their mailboxes, but they will have a spooky theme wishing them a Happy Halloween.
3. Underrepresented Senators will be meeting next week.

D. Graduate Senators (Senator Winzer)

1. No Report provided

VIII. Ex-Officio Reports

A. ALAS

1. The Mexican hot chocolate event is October 21 in DeGarmo.
2. ALAS's Diversity Week event will be Taste of Latin America.
3. ALAS will be holding a pot luck on November 18.
4. Senator Abdalla asked if he had to bring anything to the potluck.
5. ALAS said no.

B. APAC

1. APAC will have an East meets West cultural show, which will include a fusion of Asian and modern cultures.
2. APAC had a general assembly meeting yesterday.

C. ARH

1. Room and Board Fee Review is in the process.
2. The Dream Dorm Do-Over is underway.

D. BSU

1. BSU held their general assembly meeting last night. They looked into community service around town.
2. BSU will be marching in the parade and will be attending the Diversity Tailgate.
3. BSU will be holding a meeting October 28 to inform students about voting.
4. October 30 will be Fall Fest from 4-7 at the Boys and Girls Club.

E. Pride

1. Tonight is ally Night.
2. Next week is Politics Night. They will be getting information about candidates' stances on gay marriage.
3. Scott Turner Schofield will be coming in a few weeks to discuss his role as a transgendered person. It is called Debutante Balls.
4. Two weeks from today is Sex Toy night.

F. Student Trustee Bagnuolo

1. The Board of Trustee meeting is October 24 at 9 am in the Bone. Everyone is welcome to attend.
2. All Board of Trustee meetings are posted in the Bone.
3. The Board of Trustee retreat is in November.
4. Student Trustee Bagnuolo's trustee in residence next month is with Mennonite College of Nursing.

IX. Information Items

A. Senator Preston moved to make Spanish Club as September's RSO of the Month Action Item A.

1. Senator Miller Seconded.
2. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug moved to make the Off-Campus recycling event Action Item B.

1. Senator Sullivan seconded.
2. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Action Items

A. Action Item A (Spanish Club)

1. Senator Miller wanted to omit "and" in line 46 and remove the space in line 23.
2. President Mason made a friendly to include everyone on the committee as sponsor.
3. Senator Long made a friendly amendment to include Secretary Tortoriello's name because President Mason and Secretary Rotz's names are mentioned.
4. Senator Spiek moved to approve the resolution.
5. Senator Merth seconded.
6. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Action Item B (Off-Campus recycling Event)

1. In Line 10, Ruscitti made friendly amendment to add 1:30 pm.

2. Line 23, was changed to 433 dollars.
3. Line 31, "for one hour" was added.
4. Secretary Spialek made a friendly amendment to add Senator Preston to the sponsor list.
5. Senator Lund said this is being passed with less than two weeks notice of the event. Senator Lund also asked why all senators have to attend an event about off-campus recycling. Senator Lund made a friendly amendment to make this event mandatory for off-campus senators and highly recommended for the rest of the Association.
6. President of the Assembly Ruscitti did not accept.
7. Senator Lund made it a hostile amendment.
8. Student Trustee Bagnuolo wanted to call it Redbird Football Field in Line 11 and 14.
9. Senator Merth moved into debate.
10. Vice President Flaherty seconded.
11. Senator Merth said we ran on sustainability.
12. Secretary Cail said if it is less than two weeks before the event it should not be mandatory.
13. Senator Abdalla said we ran on other things that were not mandatory. Senator Abdalla urged everyone to vote against this resolution.
14. Vice President Flaherty said we need to be consistent with what we make mandatory.
15. Senator Thornton said it is not appropriate for on-campus constituents.
16. Student Trustee Bagnuolo said it is not applicable to on-campus senators or cabinet members.
17. Senator Merth said on-campus sophomores could have signed a lease for next year. As a result this would affect them.
18. President of the Assembly Ruscitti said recycling is an environmental issue, and the environment affects everyone.
19. Vice President Flaherty called to question.
20. Senator Whittington seconded.
21. Vote was taken. 12 to stay in debate. 7 to leave debate. It did not pass.
22. Secretary Spialek said we are going to set a precedent tonight.
23. Senator Leigh said we need to follow with voting trends.
24. Senator Davis said eight people is enough to put on a two hour event.
25. Student Trustee Bagnuolo called to question.
26. Vice President Flaherty seconded.
27. 16 voted in favor of the hostile amendment. Senators Merth and Miller and President of the Assembly Ruscitti voted against the resolution.
28. Senator Winzer called to question.
29. Vice President Flaherty seconded.
30. Resolution passed unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

- A. President of the Assembly Ruscitti moved to adjourn.

- B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug seconded.
- C. Motion passed unanimously.