

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2008

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

Assembly Members Present: President of the Assembly Spialek, Vice President of the Assembly Krug, Secretary of the Assembly Sullivan, 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 Whittington

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

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Thornton moved to approve the minutes from the November 12 meeting; Merth seconded
- B. Motion passed unanimously

III. Executive Officers Report

A. President Mason

- 1. 15 interviews this week for the three new senator positions; they will be selected early next week; voted on at the Winter Retreat emergency meeting.
- 2. Collegiate Readership Program committee is benchmarking; they will meet next week to review and discuss a proposal; thank you to all seven who helped; Dr. Bowman approves of this program.
- 3. Safety walk report is being completed and then sent to Vice Presidents and notable Normal members including the mayor.
- 4. Will be working on a sustainability initiative involving cloth bags for students to use while shopping; will have SGA logo on them.
- 5. Working on two commencement speeches for December 13th.
- 6. Academic Senate Executive Committee formed a subcommittee to review Code of Student Conduct; if you have any issues, let him or Spialek know before next Thursday.
- 7. Letter composed with the help of Abdalla and Carnahan was discussed in Academic Senate Executive Committee and will be sent on to Academic Affairs Committee.
- 8. Letter to Senator Dick Durbin will be going out soon along with an ISU football helmet; the letter was about following up with Durbin's charge for textbook reform.
- 9. Please check SGA email a couple of times over break in case changes are made to Winter Retreat.
- 10. Questions:
 - a) Rotz—How many bags did we get? *Those are different bags.*
 - b) Krug—The ones we have in the office are the ones you are speaking of. *My bad. I'll make a resolution.*

B. Student Body Vice President Flaherty

- 1. Friday is the last ELP meeting in the SGA Office from 4-5.
- 2. Working on letter to send to Academic Senate Executive Committee about the Constitution exam.
- 3. Needs three SGA members to serve on the Student Elections Committee; they cannot plan on running next year; committee will be finalized before Christmas break
- 4. Has quote for T-shirt Swap 2009; it will be discussed as informational item.

5. Questions:

- a) Abdalla—Is the meeting to end the year or semester? *Year*. Is ELP always a semester? *No, just this year it is.*
- b) Long—Don't they do something in the spring? *Just a fund-raiser*. What will they do at this meeting? *Discuss where they will go from here.*

C. Student Body Executive Director Bixby

1. Clarify payroll in regards to banked hours: if you are wanting to use banked hours, you must ask to use them—it is not just a given that you need them. It also must be a good reason to use them. They are a privilege that can be taken away if they become abused. Those who needed banked hours and did not ask for them did receive them. This will be gone over in more detail at the Winter Retreat.
2. The Winter Retreat will be held in the Circus Room on Sunday January 11th from 12-5 p.m. You will be receiving more info via email.
3. Questions: no questions

IV. Assembly Officer Reports

A. President of the Assembly Spialek

1. Third Party Vender Commission has been formed and will start in January; anyone who still wants to join can.
2. Deadline for information items to be put on the 1/14/09 meeting must be turned into Executive Committee by the end of Winter Retreat.
3. Apologies to the Ex-Officios for not being on the agenda; you will still get the floor and the problem will be corrected by next meeting.
4. Congratulations to the November SGA Member of the month: Karalee Rotz.
5. Questions: no questions

B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug

1. There is probably not going to be a constituent contact email this week; if Exec. decides to advertise for a particular RSO, then there might be one.
2. Questions: no questions

C. Secretary of the Assembly Sullivan

1. Please send me your reports. If you speak regularly at meetings, you need to send me a report otherwise the minutes will read "No Report".
2. Proof of Absence; if you know you will be gone give me proof; helps with records and keeping everyone straight.
3. Questions: no questions

V. Cabinet Members Reports

A. Secretary of Student Fees Caharin

1. Met with Beth Bradford from Diversity Concerns; discussed financial reports from them
2. Emailed Wendy Bates about December meeting; too hard to get everyone together before break; Bates will email members from BRC about presentations for the January meeting
3. Working on report for Disability Concerns along with planning meeting in January.
4. Questions:
 - a) Bagnuolo—What was the date for the January meeting? *January 19*

B. Secretary of Public Relations Rotz

1. No Report

C. Secretary of Programming Zerfas

1. Spoke with Jeff Lopez, Director of Recreation Services to target some rec. sports as possible programs; received contact information for Ed DeRock, Overseas Sport Clubs Coordinator to get event dates.
2. If you have program ideas, let him know
3. Pack the place is coming along nicely for next semester.

4. Questions:

- a) Abdalla—Are we planning any more Pack the Houses? *I would like to. I was looking into holiday, but it was too soon.*
- b) Long—Look into the musical in the Spring; *I will talk to you afterwards*

D. Secretary of Public Relations Cail

- 1. Compiling report from Diversity Week for both her year-end report and special report for Jonathon Rosenthal.
- 2. Working on plans for next semester over break
- 3. Questions: no questions

E. Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello

- 1. No report

VI. Advisor Report

- 1. No Report

VII. Committee Reports

A. Civic Engagement (Senator Lund)

- 1. Senator Preston and I met with Geoff Frain to discuss Town of Normal Campaign for next semester; will be working on it next semester.
- 2. Questions: no questions

B. Finance and Allocation (Senator Spiek)

- 1. Report for Fee Board
 - a) Students for Christ—Travel to New Orleans: \$0
 - b) Intervarsity Christian Fellowship—Metamorphosis 2009: \$0
 - c) Iota Phi Theta Fraternity—Conclave in Miami, FL: \$400
 - d) ISU Show Choir—Thursday/Saturday Holiday Performance: \$137
- 2. Questions:
 - a) Cail—How much is left in the opportunity fund? *\$2,500*
 - b) Lund—Why allocate to a group for a conference? How does it affect the whole Student Body? *It was a split decision, but they had a plan to come back with ideas to come back to campus with.*
 - c) Cail—Greek organizations have to go to conferences; it is a requirement.
 - d) Thornton—We are performing tomorrow and Saturday at a nursing home and at night for RSO showcase.

C. Policies and Procedures (Senator Long)

- 1. No Report
- 2. Questions:
 - a) Mason—When will the Student Elections Code be done? *Could it go back the week we get back?* (Mason) Yes.

D. Programs and Recognition (Senator Davis)

- 1. Winter Party will be Saturday December 6th from 4-7 p.m.; bring a White Elephant Gift.
- 2. Have received several RSO of the month applications
- 3. Questions:
 - a) Bixby—good job on getting applications!!

VIII. Senator Coordinators

A. Off-Campus Senators (Senator Miller)

- 1. Constituent Contact event-Sunday December 7th from 6:45-7:45; Milner Library handing out highlighters and surveys during a study break.
- 2. Questions: no questions

B. On-Campus Senators (Senator Abdalla)

- 1. Constituent Contact Event in Watterson Towers; handing out candy canes in the elevators

- 2. Congratulations to ARH for the GLACURH Award
 - 3. Questions: no questions
 - C. Underrepresented Senators (Senator Whittington)
 - 1. In the middle of event-food drive; it will end December 5th; winners receive \$80 worth of banners.
 - 2. Questions:
 - a) Mason—new coordinator? *No idea; I'll get back to you.*
 - D. Graduate Senators
 - 1. No report
- IX. Ex-Officio Reports
- A. ALAS
 - 1. No Report
 - B. APAC
 - 1. No Report
 - C. ARH
 - 1. No Report
 - D. BSU
 - 1. No report
 - E. Pride
 - 1. No Report
 - F. Student Trustee Bagnuolo
 - 1. Serving on President Bowman's Diversity committee; will be asking for help/input as the group moves forward.
 - 2. Will be producing a report to the Board of Trustees from a student perspective; if there are any accomplishments or anything you would like in there, just let him know.
 - 3. Questions: no questions
- X. Information Items
- A. Davis—Moves to add info item “RSO of the Month”; Miller seconded.
 - 1. Passes unanimously
 - 2. Added as info item E
 - B. Info Item A
 - 1. Erin Yancey gives qualifications, goals, etc.
 - 2. Questions: no questions
 - 3. Spialek moves to make action item; Lund seconds
 - 4. Passes to action item A
 - C. Info Item B
 - 1. Resolution calls for \$1,000 to be allocated to purchase shirts to raise school spirit
 - 2. Questions: no questions
 - 3. Long motions to make action item; Merth seconds
 - 4. Passes to action item B
 - D. Info Item C
 - 1. Student Trustee has different situation when it comes to attendance and the by-laws have been amended to reflect that.
 - 2. Questions: no questions
 - 3. Preston moves to make action item; Carnahan seconds
 - 4. Passes to action item C
 - E. Info Item D
 - 1. We are lucky to have two Springfests in our term; April 18th-the day before passing of the gavel; we are giving money to UPB (it has been approved).
 - 2. Questions:

- a) Abdalla—What if there is an internal split after the elections? *I don't think it will be an issue...we can be professional*
- b) Abdalla—Do you know the band that will be playing? Defer to Lund. *I am not at liberty to say.*

3. Bagnuolo moves to make info item; Mason seconds
4. Passes to action item D

F. Info Item E

1. RSO of the month nomination for Student Nurses' Association
2. Questions:
 - a) Mason—There are several grammatical errors, and it seems rushed. Moves to postpone until January 14th meeting; Lund seconds.
3. Division vote: *Y8 N7 AI*
4. Item is postponed until January 14th meeting

XI. Action Items

A. Action Item A (Secretary of Government Relations)

1. Bixby—She is the best one for this position. She is a Political Science and Public Relations position.
2. Bixby motions to debate; Merth seconds
3. Debate:
 - a) Krug—worked with Yancey; encourages all to vote yes
4. Motion passes unanimously.
5. Erin Yancey is selected as Secretary of Government Relations.

B. Action Item B (Shirt Swap 2009)

1. Mason motioned for debate; Bagnuolo seconded
2. Debate
3. Motion passes unanimously

C. Action Item C (Ex-Officio Bylaws)

1. Hochhauser motioned for debate; Whittington seconded
2. Debate
3. Motion passes unanimously

D. Action Item D (Springfest)

1. Lund motioned for debate; Spiek seconded
2. Debate
3. Motion passes unanimously

XII. Passing of the Gavel

XIII. Adjournment

- A. Bixby moves to adjourn; Whittington seconded.
- B. Motion passed unanimously.