

Assembly Meeting  
March 19, 2008  
7:32PM-9:05PM

**Call to Order**

**Present:** President Horstein, Vice President Martin, External Relations Director Clark, Finance Director Osolin, Programs Director Hyde, Public Relations Director Clark, Technology Director Tortoriello, Speaker Cassata, Deputy Speaker Graham, Secretary Mason, Senator J. Krug, Senator Moore, Senator Nippa, Senator Anders, Senator Bixby, Senator Candir, Senator Thorgesen, Senator Ruscitti, Senator A. Mason, Senator Ray, Senator Decker, Senator Griswold, Senator T. Krug, Senator Long, Senator Menzies, BSU, ALAS, ARH, APAC, PRIDE

**Not Present:** Chief of Staff Neville, Senator Cail, Trustee Cekander

**Roll Call**

- I) Deputy Speaker Graham motions to add Coordinator Reports to the agenda.
  - a. Speaker Cassata seconds.
  - b. Motion passes unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

- I) Senator Decker motions to approve the minutes.
  - a. Deputy Speaker Graham seconds.
  - b. Motion passes unanimously.

**Administrative Reports**

- I) President Horstein's report:
  - a. He is looking at a Designated Driver program at Illinois State University.
    - i. A student talked to him about designing this program.
    - ii. The student has been advising him about the steps that will be needed to move forward with this initiative.
      1. He will be requesting a proposal to be sent to the current administration or the next one.
  - b. People really need to get a move on getting the signatures for the Constitution.
    - i. He estimates that we still need to get between 1,000-1,,200 signatures.
    - ii. He scheduled an event with Dr. Bowman to take place on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
      1. He still needs to reserve.
  - c. He was supposed to meet about off-campus housing yesterday.
    - i. He thinks that this is better for him, though, so he can plan more for the meeting.
    - ii. The meeting will be rescheduled in the near future.
  - d. Redbird Renter's Union
    - i. He met with Marlisa before break.
      1. He gave her all of the paperwork to apply for Ex-Officio status.
  - e. State of the Student Body Address

- i. This will be held before or after the Constitution signing.
  - ii. He would like for people to come to both events.
- f. He has begun the preliminary work on creating a new Transition Manual.
- g. The “Meet the Chiefs” program will still be happening on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. He is still waiting for a room reservation.
- h. He is proud of everyone running in the Student Leader Elections for next year.
  - i. He would like everyone to keep up the current integrity.

II) Vice President Martin’s report:

- a. Common Sense 101
  - i. He has been working with Public Relations Director Rotz to finalize the poster designs.
  - ii. He met with Geoff Furin with the Town of Normal.
    - 1. He will be working with him to contact all of the property managers.
  - iii. The Mayor, City Manager, and NAN President have received a letter with the resolution.
  - iv. The Town is very impressed already.
    - 1. They are hoping to financially contribute if future Associations wishes to continue the program.
- b. He worked on SGA history again yesterday.
  - i. He has through the 1950s done, and he will continue to work on this.
  - ii. He thinks it is very interesting so far.
- c. The Emerging Leader Program will be doing a community service project April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.
  - i. He would love to have Association members come out to this.
  - ii. People should let him know if they are able to help out.
- d. The composites are finally done and are hanging up in the office.
- e. He has been working with SCERB to do the Code of Student Conduct.
  - i. Senator Anders and himself presented it to Policies and Procedures today.
    - 1. They hope it will be forwarded to the Assembly for the next meeting for a vote.
    - 2. If the meantime, it will be going out for constituent contact.
- f. The diversity bill is taking some time but will be on the next meeting’s agenda and will be also going out for constituent contact.

III) Chief of Staff Neville’s report (read by Secretary Mason):

- a. He is sending around a sheet for Chief of Staff Neville.
  - i. People should put a tentative estimate of how many people they are planning on bringing to Passing of the Gavel.
  - ii. It is not a person’s final count, but she would like a rough estimate for her to plan the program.
  - iii. Once people receive invitations in the mail, they will need to provide a full report.
- b. If people are interested in helping her mock awards for our end of the year dinner, they should contact her.
  - i. She would like three or four senators to help her think of funny awards for each member of the association.

- ii. The tentative date for our end of the year informal awards gathering is Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Please email her if anyone has any great award ideas for anyone in the association.

IV) Speaker Cassata' report:

- a. He and Deputy Speaker Graham are going to be making an RSO Bill with Senators Long and Griswold.

V) Deputy Speaker Graham's report:

- a. The last E-Update will be going out in two weeks.
  - i. She knows that Senator Bixby wants to have Redbird/RSO of the Month in it.
  - ii. If anyone else wants something to go in the update, let her know.
  - iii. She also will write an end-of-the-term email to the student body during our last week in office for everyone to send out.
- b. There will be a meeting for the constituent coordinators next week to evaluate the effectiveness of the position.
  - i. Since it was created this year, we may want to make it a permanent position.
- c. She also wanted to remind everyone that the office is not the place to be discussing elections, campaigning, or anything else similar.
  - i. She also reminds everyone running to do all of their office hours.

VI) Secretary Mason's report:

- a. He thanks everyone that came out to the Diversity Week events.
  - i. Please remember to email me if you went to one and you want an absence made up.

VII) Finance Director Osolin's report:

- a. The Student Fees Budget is complete.

VIII) External Relations Director Clark's report:

- a. No report.

IX) Programs Director Hyde's report:

- a. She is planning Pack the Place for baseball.
  - i. It is April 11<sup>th</sup>, with a Jimmy Buffet night theme.
  - ii. The gates will be opening at 5pm, so there will be a Jimmy Buffet-themed contest at about 4:30pm.
- b. She is planning the SGA Mock Awards event for April 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. She thinks it will be held in the Pub II, and people should let her know if they have any other suggestions for locations.

X) Public Relations Director Rotz's report:

- a. She has been working on the posters for the Common Sense 101 campaign.
- b. She designed a half page ad that will be appearing in the Daily Vidette about SGA and the Constitution.
- c. She will be sending out a press release about the implementation of the campaign once all the materials are complete.

- d. She will also be working with Senator Griswold on the RSO newsletter that is going out this month.
- e. She will be working with External Relations Director Clark on the “Know Your Rights Project.”
- f. Lastly, she is making the program for Passing of the Gavel.
- g. Advisor Zompetti says that there are a lot of events planned for around the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. She suggests having an SGA Week during that time.
  - ii. It is also SGA Transition Week.

XI) Technology Director Tortoriello’s report:

- a. The clickers finally work.
  - i. He has the new clickers list.

XII) Advisor Olshak’s report:

- a. He reminds everyone that transition worksheets must be completed and turned in to Ali by April 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. This is available in the Operations Manuals.
    - 1. They will still be sent out electronically this week for convenience.
- b. The Transition Retreat is on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. More details will be emailed as the date nears.
- c. He reminds everyone that no SGA resources, including space, are to be used for the purpose of campaigning.

XIII) Advisor Zompetti’s report:

- a. She wants to remind people on the different tickets running, they should tell their groups about transitioning.
- b. Advisor Olshak will be emailing all Executive Branches running about transitioning.

**Committee Reports**

I) Civic Engagement- Senator Nippa

- a. People should be looking for an email from Senator Menzies about an Adopt the Street day.
  - i. He would like people to make it a priority to attend.
- b. Senator Griswold is investigating the possibility of doing another mock presidential debate with Dr. Joe Zompetti and the ISU Forensics Union.
- c. He lets everyone know that Presidential candidate Ralph Nadar is coming to ISU on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Brown Ballroom.

II) Finance and Allocation- Senator T. Krug

- a. Tonight they had five hearings for the opportunity fund.
  - i. They heard from the Korean Student Association, National Agricultural Marketing Association, Chinese Club (twice), and the Forensics Union.
- b. The balance before tonight’s meetings was \$15,150.16.
  - i. Tonight at their hearing, they allocated \$4,559.
  - ii. They have a remaining balance of \$10,591.16 for the remainder of the year.
- c. The Program Fund Hearings are now complete.

- i. The letters to each RSO will go out next week.
  - d. At their hearing tonight:
    - i. The Korean Student Association requested \$360, and they received \$0.
    - ii. The National Agricultural Marketing Association requested \$2,712, and they received \$1,382.
    - iii. The Chinese Club Restaurant Excursion requested \$124, and they received \$0.
    - iv. The Chinese Club Calligraphy requested \$73, and they received \$73.
    - v. The Forensics Union requested \$9,125, and they received \$2,700.
  - e. They had two changes in allocation requests:
    - i. Black Starr was approved.
    - ii. Colleges Against Cancer was denied.

### III) Programs and Recognition- Senator Bixby

- a. They discussed how the year went
  - i. They are putting together documentation for next year's committee chair.
- b. They will be reading the Daily Vidette to look for events they can help support.
- c. Senator Decker is working on recognizing this year's basketball team.
- d. Let her know if there any other events people would like to see.

### IV) Policies and Procedures- Senator Moore

- a. They finished the Ex-Officio By-Laws.
  - i. They plan on presenting them at the next meeting.
- b. They were assigned two additional documents tonight, the Student Code of Conduct and the RSO Code of Conduct.
  - i. He will have his committee approve them in the next couple of weeks and send them out for approval when finished.

## Coordinator Reports

### I) On-Campus Senators- Senator J. Krug

- a. They had their first On-Campus Senator meeting in a few weeks due to scheduling conflicts.
  - i. It was a productive meeting.
- b. Their next constituent contact event will be Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4pm in the Fell Lobby.
  - i. They will be having a table to discuss campus safety issues.
  - ii. The goal is to see what students are concerned about and what they would like to see on campus.

### II) Off-Campus Senators- Senator Thorgesen

- a. They are looking into the Off-Campus Housing Fair.

### III) Underrepresented Senators- Senator Long

- a. They March edition of the SGA Spectator is going out Friday.

### IV) Graduate Senators- Senator A. Mason

- a. They had their first constituent contact this week, and they have received a lot of responses.

- i. Many people are excited about the Graduate Research Symposium.

### **Ex-Officio Member Reports& Updates**

- I) Asian Pacific American Coalition (APAC)
  - a. They are writing down all Korean words they can think of starting with "L."
  - b. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, they are hosting their first annual Tea Event.
    - i. In the Eleanor Kong Room at 6:30pm.
    - ii. He is getting First Flush Tea.
- II) Association of Latin American Students (ALAS)
  - a. He thanks the SGA people that went to their Diversity Week event yesterday.
  - b. Their next meeting is March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in SSB 375.
  - c. They have an ALAS Formal on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
    - i. People should RSVP by April 5<sup>th</sup> if they would like to come.
    - ii. There will be food and dancing.
- III) Association of Residence Halls (ARH)
  - a. The next Blood Drive is March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 1-7pm in the Walker Large Lounge.
  - b. Their Passing of the Gavel is April 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30pm in the Old Main Room of the Bone Student Center.
    - i. She reminds all On-Campus Senators and Executive Officers to RSVP to Sabrina Stout as soon as possible.
  - c. The annual area Kick-Outs are being planned.
    - i. She will bring the dates to the next Assembly Meeting.
- IV) Black Student Union (BSU)
  - a. Tomorrow is their Diversity Week event.
    - i. They are discussing issues effecting black women.
    - ii. In SSB 346 from 6-8pm.
- V) People Realizing Individuality and Diversity through Education (PRIDE)
  - a. Their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Drive Show.
    - i. It is in the Brown Ballroom and doors are open at 7pm.
    - ii. There is a Facebook group with more information.
- VI) Student Trustee Cekander
  - a. Not present, no report given.

### **Information Items**

- A) SGA Spectator New Letter- Senator Long
  - a. They want to have Underrepresented Senators send out a newsletter instead of an email to their RSO constituents.
  - b. It will be more specific toward their RSOs.
  - c. Vice President Martin wants line 35 to add "as funding is available."
  - d. External Relations Director Clark wants to make sure \$50 a month is enough for the Bill.

- i. A better newsletter could need more money.
  - e. Senator Nippa asks if the Underrepresented Senators come up with the content of the newsletter.
    - i. She says they collaborate with the Student Involvement Center.
  - f. Advisor Zompetti says they may want to clarify how many academic months need the money.
  - g. It will be sent out for constituent feedback.
- B) Parking Spot Giveaway Program- Senator Graham and Vice President Martin
  - a. He has changed line 28 to says “has representation” instead of “sits.”
  - b. This will be for next year’s Association.
  - c. There is going to be more parking issues next year.
  - d. Senator Graham used the results from her surveys to create this Bill.
  - e. She reads the last three “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED” lines.
    - i. This is included in the documentation.
  - f. Senator Nippa would like Maggie Nelson’s title to be added to the Bill.
    - i. Vice President Martin says they will add it to lines 31 and 47.
  - g. It will be sent out for constituent feedback.
- C) Budget Review Commission- Finance Director Osolin
  - a. This has been approved by Vice President Adams.
    - i. It has been approved by President Horstein.
  - b. He goes over many of the changes made.
    - i. There will be a new GA position in the Student Involvement Center.
    - ii. There will be safety fencing put in outside of the baseball stadium.
  - c. It will be sent out for constituent feedback.
  - d. Vice President Martin says that there is a lot more information going to Diversity Advocacy next year.
  - e. Advisor Zompetti wants to know if grammatical errors will be fixed.
    - i. Vice President Martin will look for errors.

## **Action Items**

## **Consent Agenda**

- A) Night Operations Recommendation- Vice President Martin
  - a. He says he received 790 responses to his survey, and that is what this recommendation is being based on.
    - i. It is not going into effect, it is just a recommendation.
  - b. Deputy Speaker Graham wants to know if Vice President Adams has seen the recommendation yet.
    - i. Vice President Martin says Vice President Adams knows about the content.
  - c. There are no objections.

## **Passing of the Gavel**

- I) Senator J. Krug says the On-Campus Senator event is April 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm.
- II) Vice President Martin says that there is a Senator of the Month, but it will be presented next week.

- III) President Horstein wants people to turn in their Constitution signatures.
- IV) Advisors Olshak and Zompetti wish people running for elections good luck.
- V) Senator Long reminds everyone of the basketball game tonight.
- VI) Senator Griswold thinks Diversity Week is going well, and wants people to go to BSU's event tomorrow.

**Adjournment**