

Student Government Association  
Illinois State University  
Assembly Meeting  
August 20, 2008  
Circus Room

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

Legislative Branch Present: President of 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 Long, Senator Whittington, Senator Hochhauser, Senator Sullivan, Senator Dumelle

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

I. Approval of Minutes

1. Senator Abdalla moved to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2008 summer business meeting.
2. Executive Director Bixby seconded.
3. Minutes approved.

II. Executive Reports

A. Student Body President Mason

1. President Mason is drafting a letter for the Academic Senate in regards to evaluating academic advisors. If you are interested in helping, let him know.
2. President Mason hopes to establish a task force to address this issue.
3. Welcome back and thank you to all of those who attended the Passages event and the off-campus event with Michael Zajac.

B. Student Body Vice President Flaherty

1. Vice President Flaherty and President of the Assembly Ruscitti held a meeting earlier this evening for those interested in joining the Emerging Leader Program.
2. Vice President Flaherty hopes to revamp ELP. He wants to have mentors that are not just in SGA but are leaders across campus.
3. Vice President Flaherty is still in the process of filling a few committee positions.

C. Executive Director Bixby

1. Fall Retreat is this weekend.
2. Get excited.

3. Office hours have started this week.

### III. Officer of the Assembly Reports

#### A. President of the Assembly Ruscitti

1. One –on-ones start this week. Make an appointment with me, Vice President of the Assembly Krug, or Secretary Spialek through Outlook. You will have two weeks to get these done, if not is considered a half-absence.
2. President of the Assembly Ruscitti is working on the marketing dress code.
3. President of the Assembly Ruscitti is also working on an electronic alumni newsletter.
4. Attire is always business casual.
5. Caucus starts at 7. Committees start at 6.
6. We are looking for a graduate senator, so anyone that has any suggestions, or recommendations, please tell us.

#### B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug

1. Please schedule one-on-ones during office hours. Look on Outlook for my schedule.
2. Vice President Krug is currently working on the first constituent email; however, she is still filling out the list-serv.
3. Underrepresented senators will not be sending an email.

#### C. Spialek

1. Secretary Spialek addressed the absence policy for 2008-09. A copy was given to each senator and can be found in their folder.
2. Please complete and return the contact sheet that is in your folder so Secretary Spialek can update the contact sheet for 2008-09.

### IV. Advisor Report

- A. Ex-officios please email the name of your representative who will be attending the retreat to Advisor Olshak.
- B. The ex-officio list serv is now activated. Please subscribe to that list.
- C. If you are seeking documents, go through the shared folder.
- D. A new Operations Manual will be distributed electronically.
- E. The digital citizens project-about peer-to peer downloading is working on preventing subpoenas for illegal downloading. Peer to peer has been blocked in residence halls using Resnet on Aug. 11. 26 people received exceptions on Aug. 20. If an exception is granted, it must be treated responsibly.

### V. Cabinet Members Reports

#### A. Secretary of Government Relations Clark

1. There will be off-campus housing info sessions on Sept. 9, 10, 15, 17, 23, 24, and 25.
2. Secretary Clark said it is important off-campus senators attend at least one of these events because it directly relates to their constituents.

3. Secretary Clark asked that no more than three people sign up in each time slot.
4. Secretary Clark will be meeting with the BNCCC this upcoming week.
- B. Secretary of Public Relations Rotz
  1. Secretary Rotz finished the bulletin board in the Bone Student Center.
  2. Secretary Rotz is currently working on a communication survey to understand what are the best ways to share our message with the student body.
  3. Secretary Rotz is working on informing students about the possible keg registration policy.
- C. Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello
  1. Secretary Tortoriello is updating senator bios.
  2. If you need a picture taken, please see Secretary Tortoriello after the meeting.
- D. Secretary of Diversity Affairs Cail
  1. Secretary Cail is meeting with Diversity Advocacy.
  2. She would like to meet with the ex-officios once a month and have an open forum with them.
  3. Secretary Cail's main focus is Diversity Week.
  4. She is also working on the retention rate for minority students.

## VI. Committee

- A. Finance and Allocation (Senator Spiek)
  1. Approved \$500.00 for BSU Quad kick-off.
- B. Programs and Recognition Committee (Senator Davis)
  1. Redbird of semester and month will be tried out this semester.
  2. The committee plans to recognize athletics that do not get as much attention.
  3. Programs and Recognition would also like to have a fine arts pack the place.
  4. Please suggest any internal programs SGA members would like to participate in.
  5. Executive Director Bixby suggested rock climbing as an SGA social.
- C. Civic Engagement (Senator Preston)
  1. The committee is currently teaming up with Trust me...I'm a voter
  2. They are working on voter registration.
  3. President Mason asked about Election Night Live.
- D. Policies and Procedures (Senator Long)
  1. The committee is currently waiting to hear back about the SODC.

## VII. Ex-Officio

- A. APAC
  1. APAC will be hosting their Tour of Asia event.

2. Eleanor Kong room is torn down so they are currently looking for alternative locations.

B. ALAS

1. ALAS will be having a recruitment social on Sept. 4
2. Their next meeting will be Aug. 26.

C. ARH

1. Move-in went very well. Thank you to all of those who served as Curb Birds and helped.
2. Their next meeting will be Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Christa McCaullife Room.
3. Executive Director Bixby heard positive comments about move-in.

D. BSU

1. Their first official meeting will be next Tuesday, Aug. 26.
2. BSU week will run from Sept. 2 to Sept. 6 culminating with their kick-off jam on the quad.

E. QSC

1. QSC's first meeting will be Aug. 26
2. They will be hosting a picnic on the quad on Sept. 9. All are welcome to attend.

F. Student trustee (Trustee Bagnuolo)

1. Trustee Bagnuolo was appointed on July 25.
2. He encourages all SGA members to visit the alumni center.
3. Despite health problems the previous semester, Betty Kinser is back.
4. Bob Dobski was recently appointed a trustee.
5. The board approved a 6 million increase in the SFKR (Student Fitness Kinseiology and Recreation) project
6. Trustee Bagnuolo has been working on campus dining and would like to get your feedback.

VIII. Information Items

A. President's climate commitment (President Mason)

1. The goal is to reduce global emissions by 80% by 2050 at ISU.
2. President Mason met and worked with Sustainability Coordinator, Enid Cardinal.
3. Senator Abdalla wanted to know if the president's climate commitment is an actual document
4. Senator Carnahan wanted to know if that goal is realistic.
5. President Mason relayed Enid Cardinal's message that some universities will do this before 2050.
6. Secretary Rotz wanted to know if this will affect future construction.
7. President Mason said this resolution simply shows we are here to support President Bowman's decision.

8. Senator Winzer wanted to know if there is a way to track our progress on reducing carbon emissions.
  9. Senator Long moved to make this an action item.
  10. Senator Abdalla seconded.
  11. The President's Climate Commitment became Action Item A.
- B. Student Elections (President Mason)
1. Mason explained there are corrections that need to be made in terms of changing dates to 2009, and that Passing of the Gavel cannot be Apr. 12 because that is Easter Sunday.
  2. Olshak this resolution gives SGA the authority to set the date for elections rather than the commission.
  3. Secretary Spialek said the Election Code will state the Assembly has this power, and in doing so, will hold the Assembly accountable.
  4. Secretary Clark moved to make this into an action item.
  5. Senator Mihovilovich seconded.
  6. Resolution approving dates for Student Elections 2009 became Action Item B.
- C. Flash drives (President Mason)
1. Last year the Association spent \$1,000 for operations manuals.
  2. By putting operations manuals on flash drives the cost will be a one-time fee.
  3. Currently, the price would be \$600.00 for flash drives set by the exec committee.
  4. SGA would need to order 26 flash drives, but they come in bulk of 25, so they would most likely order 50.
  5. SGA will have extras.
  6. Senator Carnahan asked how much memory the flash drives could hold.
  7. President Mason said he was going to order 64 megabites.
  8. Parliamentarian Lund wants to know if this will allow Senators to hold their own SGA documents.
  9. President Mason said that primary focus for purchasing the flash drives is for the operations manual but senators can also put documents on there.
  10. Secretary Rotz suggested you should check how much you can store on a flash drive.
  11. Senator Whittington moved to make this into an action item.
  12. Vice President of the Assembly Krug seconded.
  13. Resolution authorizing the purchase of flash drives became Action Item C.
- D. Homecoming Co-Sponsorship (President Mason)
1. President Mason said corrections need to be made to this resolution and it is not ready to be brought to the floor for a vote.
  2. President Mason moved to postpone this resolution until the next business meeting.

3. Vice President of the Assembly Krug seconded.
4. Homecoming co-sponsorship is postponed until the next business meeting.

E. BSU Meet and Greet (President Mason)

1. SGA has a conflict with the date set for the Meet and Greet at the summer meeting.
2. The new date for the BSU Meet and Greet will be Sept. 10.
3. The money is already approved for the event.
4. President Mason moved to make this into an action item.
5. Senator Long seconded.
6. The rescheduling of the SGA/BSU Meet and Greet became Action Item D.

IX. Action Items

A. Action Item

1. Secretary Clark says it is hard to decide on this without how this commitment will affect ISU financially and socially. That is not listed on the resolution.
2. President Mason said resolutions are sent out a week in advance so if you have questions you can research.
3. Senator Long thinks we would get funding to do this based on a presentation at Academic Senate this past Spring.
4. Secretary Clark said a \$50,000 grant doesn't pay for a full upgrade
5. Senator Whittington said these extra increases will pay themselves off in five years.
6. Senator Winzer said we cannot control cost. This is just a resolution  
Saying we support Bowman.
7. Vice President Flaherty-said you have to pay up front to receive the benefits.
8. Vice President Flaherty said both parties said they supported sustainability when they ran for SGA.
9. Secretary Clark moved to previous question.
10. Senator Spiek seconded.
11. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Action Item B.

1. Senator Merth moved to approve Action Item B.
2. Vice President of the Assembly Krug seconded.
3. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Action Item C.

1. Vice President Flaherty moved to approve Action Item C.
2. Senator Davis seconded.
3. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Action Item D.

1. Senator Long moved to approve Action Item D.
2. Senator Preston seconded.
3. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment

1. Vice President Flaherty moved to adjourn.
2. Senator Abdalla seconded.
3. Motion passed unanimously.