

Student Government Association

September 17, 2008

Assembly Meeting Minutes

Old Main Room

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

Executive Members Absent: Student Body Vice President Flaherty

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, Mihovilovich, Senator Carnahan, Senator Abdalla, Senator Long, Senator Sullivan, Senator Hochhauser, Senator Dumelle, Senator Winzer

Legislative Members Absent: Senator Whittington

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

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Senator Preston presented a friendly amendment to include his name in the September 3 Assembly minutes as present.
 - B. Secretary Spialek accepted the amendment.
 - C. Executive Director Bixby approved the minutes as amended.
 - D. Senator Preston seconded.
 - E. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Executive Officer Reports
 - A. Student Body President Mason
 1. As you may have noticed the person on my left is not Advisor Olshak. Rick is out of town the rest of the week for a meeting in Ohio. In his place, we are glad to have Ed McKibbin, the Student Attorney over in Community Rights and Responsibilities next door.
 2. The flash drives have been ordered, and they should be here within the next couple of weeks. Rick has given the Executive Committee their assignments on which topics they will be revising. We hope to have these finished in time for the flash drive

arrival so the Operations Manual can be put on all of them. Tammy is working on a check-out sheet to make sure people turn them back in at the end of the year.

3. At the Fall Retreat, President Mason talked about having a shirt swap. This would be a day or week where we go out on the quad and swap someone's shirt from another college with an ISU shirt.
 - a. President Mason has talked to Ryan Cullen from Red Alert about this, and they will match SGA for up to \$500. Therefore, we can purchase a total of \$1,000 worth of shirts.
 - b. Cullen said the Alamo was not very approachable in working to lower the cost of shirts. Barnes and Noble likes the idea.
4. President Mason has been working on a system to evaluate academic advisors. After bringing the letter to the Academic Senate Executive Committee, Jonathan Rosenthal from the Provost Office asked to sit down and meet with President Mason. President Mason also met with Amelia Noel-Elkins from University College and Mark Vegter from the Academic Advisors Advisory Committee last Wednesday. They talked to President Mason about the types of surveys they had done to get more information between department chairs and academic advisors.
 - a. President Mason told them that I wanted a system for students to hold their advisors accountable. They agreed, and are now going to be working on a survey for students to express their feelings about their advisors and for the advisors to get information about the students.
5. Last week, the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) turned in their last signature to obtain Ex-Officio status. Therefore, they will come before the Assembly at our next meeting for approval. The by-laws state that every Ex-Officio application turned in must come before the Assembly.
 - a. President Mason will put IFC's application in his mailbox for senators to look over.
6. President Mason, Secretary of Government Relations Clark, President of the Assembly Ruscitti, Secretary of the Assembly Spialek, Senator Preston, and Advisor Olshak will be leaving for DC next Thursday, September 25. It will be difficult to reach us after Wednesday night of next week.
7. The Chicago Cubs could win their division and be sure that they will be going to the playoffs as early as this Thursday. While President Mason does not think any riots would happen if the Cubs won the division, Vice President Adams wanted to let us know that there will most likely be more information about this in the coming weeks.
8. On Monday night, the Critical Incident Response Team, CIRT, was activated. A student was found dead in his apartment. Vice President Flaherty and Senator Whittington are not here tonight. They went home this morning because they are both affected by this death. President Mason asked that everyone be mindful of their feelings when they return next week.

9. Due to this incident that occurred on Monday night, Vice President Flaherty will not be attending the DC trip due to missing an entire week of school. This leaves a position open. Both the executive and legislative branches can run to go. This vote will be taken at the end of the evening.
- B. Student Body Vice President Flaherty
 1. No Report
 - C. Student Body Executive Director Bixby
 1. Due to not having a Secretary of Programming, Executive Director Bixby has been working on the community clean-ups.
 2. The interviews are done for the Secretary of Programming. The potential Secretary of Programming is Brian Zerfas.
 3. Payroll is fixed. Paychecks will be different to balance out the mistakes made. Ed McKibbin will be discussing these changes.
- IV. Assembly Officer Reports
- A. President of the Assembly Ruscitti
 1. One-on-One's start again this week. Make an appointment with me, Vice President of the Assembly Krug, or Secretary Spialek through Outlook.
 - a. Senators will have two weeks to complete these one-on-ones. This means senator have until Oct. 1 to complete them.
 - b. If you do not complete the one-on-ones by that time, it will be considered a half-absence.
 2. The resolution for the of-campus/sustainability event has been started. Vice President of the Assembly Krug has made surveys, and I have evaluated them.
 3. President of the Assembly Ruscitti is continuing to work on the marketing dress code.
 4. Please keep the office clean.
 5. Off-campus senators, if you have not attended an off-campus housing information session, I suggest you do so.
 6. Thank you Ed McKibbin for stepping in.
 7. President of the Assembly Ruscitti will be meeting with the senator coordinators in the next three weeks.
 8. The ELP retreat on Friday was a success.
 - B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug
 1. Senators need to send constituent emails by tonight at 10.
 2. Print constituent emails and put them in Vice President of the Assembly Krug's mailbox after your conversation with your senator is over.
 3. Underrepresented senators do not have to send emails.
 4. Senators need to learn how to accept or deny meeting requests on Outlook.
 5. Vice President of the Assembly Krug will be running ELP on Thursday. All are welcomed to attend. It is at 4 PM in the office.
 6. Constituent contact events must be approved before sending invitations to people for that event.

7. Vice President of the Assembly Krug edited the off-campus recycling survey after she took the survey herself.
- C. Secretary of the Assembly Spialek
1. Executive officers, assembly officers, cabinet members, committee chairs, and senator coordinators should send me their report within 24 hours of the assembly meeting. The report can be typed on a report form or it could be handwritten or sent via email.
- V. Advisor Report
- A. Due to Rick being out of town, he will try to respond back once those who have not sent their emails do.
 - B. At the summer meeting, senators should have only gotten paid for 8 hours rather than 20 hours. It will be deducted over the next two paychecks.
- VI. Cabinet Reports
- A. Secretary Cail
1. On September 5, Secretary Cail attended the first recruitment and retention committee meeting. The final report is due April 15 to President Bowman, and meetings are every other Friday.
 2. On September 8, Secretary Cail had a meeting with the ex-officios. The ex-officios shared their goals and plans for the semester and discussed Diversity week.
 3. Diversity Week will be Nov.10-14. The week will hopefully conclude with a speaker or dinner. Ex-officios need to provide their events by September 29.
 4. Secretary Cail met with Diversity Advocacy to go over the role of Secretary of Diversity Affairs.
- B. Secretary of Public Relations Rotz
1. Secretary Rotz designed a flyer and poster for the 11th Congressional Debate.
 2. Secretary Rotz is also working on promoting Pack the House.
 3. Secretary Rotz plans on writing a press release for the Mock Presidential Debate.
 4. Secretary Rotz discussed the communication channels to go through when needing her assistance. Secretary Rotz used what Parliamentarian Lund did as an example.
- C. Secretary of Government Relations Clark
1. Secretary Clark finished planning the D.C. trip.
 2. There will be voter registration from September 27 to October 7 from 12-2 by Milner Plaza.
 3. The Bloomington-Normal Campus Community Coalition meeting is tomorrow. All are welcomed to attend.
- D. Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello
1. If senators, cabinet members, or executive officers would like their picture retaken, it can be done after the meeting.
 2. The bios for the website are updated.
 3. Ex-Officios need their pictures taken too.
 4. There is a specific computer in the office that has Photoshop. If Secretary Rotz or Secretary Tortoriello are in the office, please do not use this computer.
 5. If you are having problems with the listserv, let Secretary Tortoriello know.
 6. If you send an attachment, check to make sure you have actually attached the attachment.

7. Secretary of Information Technology needs resolutions from Secretary Spialek.
8. Senator Winzer asked if graduate students are also receiving constituent emails from Off-Campus Senators.
9. Vice President of the Assembly Krug said she would be speaking to CATS about it.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Civic Engagement (Senator Preston)

1. The Congressional Debate is set for October 2.
2. We still need a moderator for the October 20 Mock Presidential Debate.
3. The Civic Engagement Committee has been deputized. If you need to change your address or would like to register to vote in this district, speak with anyone on the committee.
4. Senator Hochhauser asked if there would be registration at the mock presidential debate.
5. Senator Preston said there would not be because the last day to register is October 7.
6. Secretary Rotz asked if she needed to write a press release for the Congressional Debate.
7. Senator Preston said no because ISU Media Relations is writing it. Secretary Rotz may want to write one catering to the Vidette if she has time.
8. Senator Winzer asked if there would be registration at the Congressional Debate.
9. Senator Preston said there would be registration.

B. Finance and Allocation (Senator Spiek)

1. Senator Spiek said he had no report.
2. Senator Davis asked if her committee's (Programs and Recognition) request was approved.
3. Senator Spiek said the request was approved.
4. President of the Assembly explained to Senator Spiek to next time provide what RSOs came to Fee Board and if they were given funding.

C. Policies and Procedures (Senator Long)

1. No Report

D. Programs and Recognition (Senator Davis)

1. Programs and Recognition has received nominations for RSO of the Month.
2. If you have any float ideas for Homecoming please let Senator Davis know.
3. Hopefully, the Dracula Pack the House Resolution will be passed tonight.
4. President Mason told Senator Davis she may have a Secretary of Programming that could help her after tonight.
5. Student Trustee Bagnuolo said to contact ISU Farms for trailers.

VIII. Senator Coordinator Reports

A. Off-Campus Senators (Senator Miller)

1. Monday, September 22, Off-Campus Senators will be holding their first constituent contact event at the Rec Center.
2. Senator Miller is passing a sign-up sheet around for the constituent contact event on September 24: "Test your Knowledge on Renter's Rights!"

B. On-Campus Senators (Senator Abdalla)

1. On-Campus Senators had a follow-up meeting with Arlene Hosea in dining.

2. There was a fire drill at their first constituent contact event.
 3. The On-Campus Senator's second constituent contact event will be October 6 in Tri Towers and will involve voter registration.
- C. Underrepresented Senators (Senator Whittington)
1. Senator Sullivan gave a report.
 2. The "Under the Lights" event went well. Several RSOs came to make signs which will be hung up at the September 20 game.
- D. Graduate Senators (Senator Winzer)
1. The graduate student meet-and-greet will be Wednesday, September 24 from 3-5 in the Founders Suite.
- IX. Ex-Officios
- A. ALAS
1. No Report
- B. APAC
1. APAC's cultural series "A Walk through Asia" has been approved.
 2. President of the Assembly Ruscitti wanted to know when the Philippines themed day would be.
 3. It will not be until next semester.
 4. For the talent show APAC is planning, they are trying to get one of the crews from America's Best Dance Crew to come.
- C. ARH
1. Room and Board Fee Review process will be starting soon.
 2. ARH would like to thank Senator Thornton for attending the ARH Retreat.
- D. BSU
1. Thank you to SGA for coming to the quad jam two weeks ago.
 2. The BSU Meet and Greet was last Wednesday.
 3. Last night, BSU had an event called "Can you hear my silent cries?" The event was about suicide and depression in the Black Community.
 4. BSU's next event is September 30.
- E. Pride
1. Pride's outdoor games night is tonight.
 2. Next week, Pride will have their craft night. They plan to make posters about marriage rights.
 3. Pride Week will be in October. The week will include a presentation by a transgendered person.
- F. Student Trustee Bagnuolo
1. Student Trustee Bagnuolo attended the State of the University Address. Read the transcript if you could not attend.
 2. Student Trustee Bagnuolo will be doing his trustee in residence with Mennonite College of Nursing on November 14.
- X. Information Items
- A. Graduate Senator Appointment
1. President Mason moved to make graduate senator appointments Information Item I.
 2. Senator Merth seconded.
 3. Graduate Senator Appointments became Information Item I.
- B. Secretary of Programming Appointment

1. President Mason moved to make Secretary of Programming appointment Information Item J.
 2. Senator Merth seconded.
 3. Secretary of Programming appointment became Information Item J.
- C. Washington D.C. Representative Appointment
1. President Mason moved to make D.C. Representative Appointment Information Item K.
 2. Senator Spiek seconded.
 3. D.C. Representative became Information Item K.
- D. Budget
1. Executive Director Bixby said the budget has gone through a lot of revisions.
 2. There is money reserved for the time that future SGAs may be able to move into the Bone Student Center.
 3. Student Trustee Bagnuolo asked if SGA was in the red.
 4. Executive Director Bixby did not think SGA was in the red.
 5. President of the Assembly Ruscitti said were not, but next time remember () means the numbers are negative.
 6. President of the Assembly Ruscitti moved to postpone this.
 7. Parliamentarian Lund seconded.
- E. Homecoming
1. Parliamentarian Lund moved to make Homecoming Participation Action Item A.
 2. Senator Winzer seconded.
 3. Homecoming Participation became Action Item A.
- F. Fine Arts Pack the Place
1. President of the Assembly Ruscitti moved to make this Action Item B.
 2. Senator Preston seconded.
 3. Fine Arts Pack the Place became Action Item B.
- G. Congressional Debate
1. President of the Assembly Ruscitti moved to make this Action Item C.
 2. Senator Sullivan seconded.
 3. 11th Congressional Debate became Action Item C.
- H. Mock Debate
1. Senator Preston moved to postpone the Mock Presidential Debate.
 2. President of the Assembly Ruscitti seconded.
 3. The Mock Presidential Debate resolution was postponed.
- I. Graduate Senator Appointment
1. President of the Assembly Ruscitti moved to make Graduate Senator Appointment Action Item D.
 2. President Mason seconded.
 3. Graduate Senator Appointment became Action Item D.
- J. Secretary of Programming Appointment
1. President of the Assembly Ruscitti moved to make Secretary of Programming Appointment Action Item E.
 2. Senator Merth seconded.
 3. Secretary of Programming Appointment became Action Item E.

XI. Action Items

A. Homecoming

1. Senator Dumelle moved to debate.
2. Senator Merth seconded.
3. Senator Winzer said the dates need to be changed to the 18th.
4. Senator Sullivan had a question about hours.
5. Executive Director Bixby said one hour in the office decorating can count as an office hour. The other four are extra hours outside of regular hours.
6. Secretary Rotz asked if the pep rally was mandatory.
7. Senator Davis said it was not.
8. Senator Carnahan moved to end debate.
9. Senator Merth seconded.
10. Action Item A passed.

B. Pack the House

1. Senator Davis said line 33 needs to be changed to “mandatory.”
2. Senator Abdalla proposed a friendly amendment to make it highly recommended.
3. Senator Davis did not accept Senator Abdalla’s amendment.
4. Vice President of the Assembly Krug said we ran on this issue.
5. Senator Abdalla said he is very busy.
6. Secretary Spialek said that other senators could have been sitting in your spot. Being busy is no excuse.
7. Senators Lund, Abdalla, and Long voted in favor of amending the resolution to highly recommended. The other fifteen senators voted against Adballa’s amendment.

C. Congressional debate

1. Parliamentarian Lund moved to approve Action Item C.
2. Long seconded.
3. Action Item C passed unanimously.

D. Graduate Senator Appointment

1. President Mason moved to appoint Todd Malcolm Leigh as a graduate senator.

2. Vice President of the Assembly Krug seconded.
3. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Todd Malcolm Leigh took the oath.

E. Secretary of Programming

1. President Mason moved to appoint Brian Zerfas as Secretary of Programming.
2. Senator Long seconded.
3. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Brian Zerfas took the oath.

F. Washington D.C. Representatives

1. President Mason moved to open the floor for nominations.
2. President of the Assembly Ruscitti seconded.
3. Senators Miller, Leigh, and Davis and Secretary Rotz were nominated.
4. President of the Assembly Ruscitti moved to close the floor for nominations.
5. Senator Preston seconded.
6. President Mason moved to take a five minute recess.
7. Senator Spiek seconded.
8. Senators Miller, Leigh, and Davis and Secretary Rotz spoke.
9. Senator Miller will be the D.C. Representative.

XII. Adjournment

1. Parliamentarian Lund moved to adjournment.
2. Senator Preston seconded.
3. Motion passed unanimously.