

Student Government Association
Illinois State University
Assembly Meeting
September 3, 2008
Circus Room

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

Executive Branch Absent: Secretary of Student Fees Hoffman

Legislative Branch 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 Thornton, Senator Mihovilovich, Senator Abdalla, Senator Carnahan, Senator Long, Senator Hochhauser, Senator Whittington, Senator Sullivan, Senator Dumelle

Legislative Branch Absent: Senator Winzer

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

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Senator Whittington moved to approve the minutes from Aug. 20, 2008.
 - B. Senator Miller seconded.
 - C. Motion passed unanimously.
- II. Executive Reports
 - A. Student Body President Mason
 1. Student Body President Mason is happy to see people in the office.
 2. President Bowman will be delivering the State of the University Address on September 16 at 2 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts. It is encouraged that you attend. You can use your office hours for this event.
 3. The BSU kick-off is September 6, from 1-4 on the quad. However, we will need help to set-up and take down.
 4. The BSU/SGA Meet and Greet this Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the office.
 5. SGA is co-sponsoring Pig Out with the Prez this Friday. Senator Thornton is sending around a sign-up sheet.
 6. Student Body President Mason, Senator Thornton, Senator Lund, and Senator Preston are benchmarking security in residence halls.
 7. Student Body President and Senator Davis met with Dr. Poole in the School Theatre to discuss a program involving fine arts.
 8. Flash drives for the Operations Manual are almost in.
 9. Common Sense 101 posters are in. The Town of Normal is willing to post them around the community.

10. Executive Director Bixby has received several applications for Secretary of Programming.
11. Student Body President Mason has received one graduate senator application. He is hoping to receive more.
12. There will not be an Academic Senate meeting next week, but there will be committee meetings.

B. Student Body Vice President Flaherty

1. Student Body Vice President Flaherty has selected the ELP members. He received some late applications, but there will probably be around 18-20 members.
2. The social for ELP will be on Friday, September 5 from 4-5 pm in the SGA office. It is not mandatory, but if you would like to be a mentor, you should go.
3. Student Body Vice President Flaherty is still working on scheduling meeting times for ELP members.
4. Student Body Vice President Flaherty is still filling a few more external committee spots. Please let him know if you or someone you know would be interested in joining the committee.
5. Senator Spiek wanted to know if open spots on the committees are open to general students. Student Body Vice President Flaherty said they are.

C. Student Body Executive Director Bixby

1. There were a few payroll issues with the Executive and Assembly Officers.
2. Executive Director Bixby will be meeting with Nathan Rudge this week to discuss those issues.
3. All SGA members need to remember to clock-in and out. Until then, there will be no banked hours.
4. Executive Director Bixby has received several applications for Secretary of Programming. They are all great applicants. Please provide input.
5. If you fill out a timecard, you need to get those to Executive Director Bixby the week those recorded hours were.

III. Officers of the Assembly Reports

A. President of the Assembly Ruscitti

1. Do not move your name tags in meetings. They were placed there for a reason.
2. President of the Assembly Ruscitti has one more one-on-one to complete.
3. The dress code meeting with President Bowman went very well today. The issue is being sent to the Academic Affairs committee.
4. President of the Assembly Ruscitti is planning to meet with the senator coordinators this week.
5. President of the Assembly Ruscitti now has the SGA alumni list thanks to the help of Student Body Vice President Flaherty.
6. President of the Assembly Ruscitti is going to hold senators accountable.
7. Parliamentarian Lund is the senator of the month. Congratulations!

B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug

1. Vice President Krug will be in the office Wednesday night before the Academic Senate committee meetings. She will help anyone who has questions with constituent contact at that time.
- C. Secretary of the Assembly Spialek
1. Today was the deadline to turn in work schedules for the month of September. Any work schedule turned in after today will not count towards a “not present.”
 2. Secretary Spialek emailed those who have absences and provided potential ways to make-up the absence.
 3. ALAS asked if they can make up events.
 4. Secretary Spialek said ex-officios cannot make up absences.
- IV. Cabinet Reports
- A. Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello
1. He has received almost everyone’s bios. He will not update senator’s profiles until he has received everyone’s bios.
 2. Contact Secretary Tortoriello if you have questions with your email.
 3. The Fall Retreat photos are updated and uploaded onto the Facebook Fan page.
 4. Senator Mihovilovich is receiving Secretary Spialek’s emails.
 5. Secretary Tortoriello said that matter needs to be taken to CATS. You can email them at student affairsIT@ilstu.edu.
- B. Secretary of Public Relations Rotz
1. Secretary Rotz redid the bulletin board outside the SGA office. It has pictures from the Fall Retreat on it.
 2. Secretary Rotz is currently working on compiling questions for the communication survey.
 3. Secretary Rotz is passing around three options for the Civic Engagement logo she worked on. Please offer suggestions and tally which one is your favorite.
 4. Secretary Rotz is meeting with Senator Davis on promoting Pack –the-House Dracula.
- C. Secretary of Government Relations Clark
1. The Housing Fair is proceeding smoothly. Please sign-up appropriately this time.
 2. Secretary Clark is setting up Congressional appointments for the Washington D.C. trip.
 3. Meet with Secretary Clark if you are interested in joining a task force about the potential keg registration policy.
- D. Secretary of Diversity Affairs Cail
1. Secretary Cail has met with all ex-officios except for one.
 2. Secretary Cail is meeting with all ex-officios on September 8 from 6 to 7. It will either be in the Founder Suite or the Spotlight Room.
 3. Secretary Cail will be meeting with the Recruitment and Retention Committee.
- V. Advisor Reports
- A. Advisor Olshak

1. The list serv will be operational by the end of the week.
2. SGA will be meeting in the Old Main Room for both assembly meetings in November.
3. Please sign-up if you haven't for the ex-officio list serv.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Civic Engagement (Senator Preston)

1. There will be a voter documentary held in CVA 147 next Tuesday.
2. The Mock Presidential Debate will be held October 20. Senator Abdalla is the moderator.
3. The 11th Congressional Debate will be held October 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Brown Ballroom.

B. Finance and Allocation (Senator Spiek)

1. Finance and Allocation approved the Homecoming co-sponsorship.
2. Senator Spiek has a copy of an operational budget.

C. Policies and Procedures (Senator Long)

1. The committee now has the right document (The Student Organization Discipline Code).
2. Senator Long met with Suzette Zompetti this week.

D. Programs and Recognition (Senator Davis)

1. The RSO of the month is almost up and running.
2. The committee is planning on decorating the office for Homecoming.
3. The date for the Pack the House Dracula is tentative, but it will most likely be October 28 at 7:30.
4. Rock climbing is not possible for an internal event due to price and the size of the group.
5. Student Trustee Bagnuolo wanted to know where the committee is putting food for Pack the House.
6. Senator Davis said the food would be outside the CPA.
7. Senator Abdalla wanted to know if senators receive tickets for homecoming.
8. Senator Davis said we do.

VII. Coordinator Reports

A. Off-Campus Senators (Senator Miller)

1. Off-Campus Senators will have their first constituent contact event September 22 at the Rec Center from 5-8. Off-Campus Senators will be required to attend for one hour.
2. The senators will be meeting Monday at 7.
3. Our second constituent contact event will be October 25. We will be tailgating at the football game. Set up is at 10:30 and our topic will be off-campus recycling.

B. On-Campus Recycling (Senator Abdalla)

1. On-Campus Senators will be having an event on Tuesday, Sept. 9th
2. These senators had a preliminary meeting with Arlene Hosea of campus dining.
3. The theme is called "Tell us your concerns."
4. They will also have post-meeting with Arlene Hosea.

5. Senator Abdalla created an on-campus Facebook group. There are over 150 members.
- C. Underrepresented Senators (Senator Whittington)
1. Their first event, Under the Lights, is running smoothly.
 2. The 9th RSOs can make posters.
 3. These posters will then be put up at the September 20 football game.
- VIII. Ex-Officio Reports
- A. ALAS
1. This month is Latino Heritage Month.
 2. Sigma Lambda Beta is having an event September 15 and 16. Please come out and support them.
- B. APAC
1. APAC had their first meeting last Tuesday. 35-40 people attended.
 2. APAC's goal this year is to unite all Asian RSOs on campus.
 3. APAC is thinking a way to do this would be to have a talent show open to all Asian RSOs.
- C. ARH
1. ARH will have their meeting Sunday, 7 pm in the Rosa Parks Conference Room in Watterson.
 2. Their area government retreat is approaching. On-campus senators are welcome to attend.
 3. The Room and Board Review Process is starting soon.
- D. BSU
1. Kick-off week is this week.
 2. They are co-sponsoring an open mic night tomorrow.
 3. The Kick-off event will be this Saturday from 11-3 on the quad.
- E. Pride
1. Pride changed their name back to PRIDE rather than Queer/Straight Coalition because some members did not like the new name.
 2. Pride is having a meeting tonight to introduce the Speaker's bureau.
 3. Pride will be having a picnic on the quad at 2 on Sunday.
- F. Student Trustee Bagnuolo
1. Trustee Bagnuolo will be representing the Board at Pig Out with the Prez and at the State of the University Address.
 2. Trustee Bagnuolo will soon know where he will be the trustee in residence.
- IX. Information Items
- A. Parliamentarian Lund wanted to make Pig Out with the Prez Information Item B.
1. President Mason moved to make Pig Out with the Prez as Information Item B.
 2. Senator Merth seconded.
 3. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Information Item A (Homecoming Co-Sponsorship)
1. Senator Long moved to make Homecoming Co-Sponsorship into Action Item A.
 2. Senator Miller seconded.
 3. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Information Item B (Pig Out with the Prez)

1. Parliamentarian Lund said we should post the posters for Pig Out with the Prez,
2. She has already covered Edwards and Felmley. Please take one and hang it somewhere besides these buildings.
3. Remember, we are co-sponsoring this event.
4. The event is tomorrow.

X. Action Items

A. Action Item A

1. Vice President Flaherty moved to enter debate.
2. Senator Whittington seconded.
3. There was no debate.
4. Vice President Flaherty moved to approve Action Item A (Homecoming co-sponsorship).
5. Senator Whittington seconded.
6. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

1. Senator Merth moved to adjourn.
2. Senator Preston seconded.