

Assembly Meeting  
January 30, 2008  
7:57PM-9:10PM

**Call to Order**

**Roll**

**Present:** President Horstein, Vice President Martin, Chief of Staff Neville, External Relations Director Clark, Finance Director Osolin, Public Relations Director Rotz, Technology Director Tortoriello, Cassata, Deputy Speaker Graham, Secretary Mason, Senator J. Krug, Senator Moore, Senator Nippa, Senator Anders, Senator Bixby, Senator Broderick, Senator Candir, Senator Thorgesen, Senator Ruscitti, Senator Decker, Senator Griswold, Senator Menzies, APAC, ALAS, ARH, BSU, PRIDE,

**Not Present:** Senator Cail, Senator T. Krug, Senator Long, Trustee Cekander

**Approval of Minutes**

- I) Senator Ruscitti motions to approve the minutes.
  - a. Senator Moore seconds.
  - b. Motion passes unanimously.
  
- II) Vice President Martin motions to move into Executive Session.
  - a. Deputy Speaker Graham seconds.
  - b. Motion passes unanimously.

**Approval of Executive Session Minutes**

- I) Vice President Martin motions to exit Executive Session.
  - a. Senator Griswold seconds.
  - b. Motion passes unanimously.

**Administrative Reports**

- I) President Horstein's report:
  - a. He met with Dr. Bowman last Thursday.
    - i. They discussed the Constitution, especially letters J and K.
      - 1. He had to strike the sentence in the Constitution in order to make Dr. Bowman sign the Memorandum of Understanding.
    - ii. They also discussed the Chicago Landlord and Tenet Ordinance.
      - 1. There is a possibility of establishing a taskforce of administrators, students, town officials, and landlords.
    - iii. They discussed the student fee freeze.
      - 1. Utilities are currently being strained.
      - 2. He is meeting with Vice President Adams about this tomorrow.
  - b. He will be meeting with managers at First Site and College Station next week.
  - c. He interviewed a great Graduate Senator candidate last week, but she is unable to make the time commitment.

- i. He has the application of another well-qualified candidate, and he will interview them right away.
      - 1. He may have to call an emergency meeting before Academic Senate next week.
- d. He will be establishing the “agenda” for the garnering of ten-percent of the student body.
  - i. He is working with Public Relations Director Rotz to work out the marketing.
  - ii. IWSS is on-board in case we decide to go electronic.
  - iii. We have at least two weeks to get the signatures.
- e. He thanks Chief of Staff Neville for taking over Pack the Place.
  - i. We ran out of all the pizza and tickets, and it was very successful.

II) Vice President Martin’s report:

- a. He asks people to contact their ELP mentee if they have not yet done so.
  - i. It is important so partners can coordinate their office hour times.
- b. The theme for Homecoming 2008 will be “Fire It Up,” and it was approved by Dr. Ashby.
- c. He is continuing to work on his special projects.
  - i. He has decided to create a survey for Night Operations and he is in the process of having that survey revised.
    - 1. It will be going out to all on-campus students next week.
  - ii. He has also started a new project, and some Senators are already interested in helping out.
    - 1. It is a “Good Neighbor” program which will include a poster design contest and possibly a series of events to discuss being a good neighbor.
- d. He has started to research and compile a list of all Student Government members from the beginning.
  - i. He hopes to have a final list by Spring Break.
- e. ARH asks if he will send out the Night Operations survey through their listserv.
  - i. He will send it out through the listserv.
- f. Senator Nippa asks if he can have an update of the new meal plan.
  - i. Vice President Martin says that the carry-out and time blocks were changed from the last time.
  - ii. Public Relations Director Rotz says there was information about the new plan in the Daily Vidette last week.
- g. Vice President Martin says that the meal plan is a joint proposal between SGA and ARH, not just ARH.

III) Chief of Staff Neville’s report:

- a. SGA currently has \$22,802.75 left in the budget.
  - i. She is not going over every specific line item, but instead only reporting on the most recent activities.
    - 1. If people have questions on specific line items, they can ask her.
  - ii. Pack the Place spent \$236 out of \$4,000 allocated.
    - 1. SGA will be fined an additional \$450 for failure to cancel room reservations, but she has not received the bill for this yet.
      - a. This cost was cut down from an original \$900 due to some coaxing.
  - iii. Winterfest spent \$224 out of an allocated \$225.

- iv. The Winter Retreat spent \$392 out of an allocated \$400.
- v. General Contact Events spent \$533 out of an allocated \$1,000.
- vi. There is still \$4,000 allocated in the Ex-Officio co-sponsorship line item.
  - 1. She is willing to meet with any Ex-Officio that would be interested in using this money.
- b. She reminds people that there is a significant amount of money left over in the budget.
  - i. She encourages people to use this money.
  - ii. People should submit a budget request to her for any idea they have, and she will take it to the Executive Committee.
- c. The Programs Director position is currently vacant.
  - i. She is seeking qualified candidates for the position.
  - ii. People should let her know if they have a good candidate in mind.
  - iii. She is looking to hire someone quickly, but still looking for a qualified applicant.

IX) Speaker Cassata's report:

- a. No report.

X) Deputy Speaker Graham's report:

- a. She wants to know where the parking surveys went and if anyone has seen them.
- b. There is a proposal going to Academic Senate for an alcohol ban in all residence halls.
  - i. She is getting feedback and has a meeting with Advisor Olshak tomorrow as to how to handle the situation.
- c. She will be sending out an email tomorrow or Friday filling in everyone on if the emails continue to be in favor of maintaining our current policy.
  - i. She will let everyone know the plan of action we will take for the Academic Senate meeting.
- d. Vice President Martin asks if Policies and Procedures have reviewed the policy.
  - i. Deputy Speaker says that the proposal all went right to Academic Senate.
- e. Senator Nippa wants to know if it will go to Academics Committee.
  - i. President Horstein says that the proposal will not go to any committee right now, not before the next Academic Senate Executive Committee.

XI) Secretary Mason's report:

- a. He wants people that went to Pack the Place to make up an absence to email that to him so he has it on record.
  - i. Otherwise, he does not know that the absence was made up.
  - ii. People should email him about any absences made up.

XII) Finance Director Osolin's report:

- a. The BRC had its big meeting on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - i. It lasted approximately 6 hours.
  - ii. They went through the main initiatives of each department and main savings, ranked each area as they saw it, and came up with a top five list of initiatives and savings.
- b. He and Vice President Martin are waiting for responses from members of the BRC on their ranking of the one-time initiatives.
  - i. For example, a new truck, or other items that are only paid for one time rather than continuously.

XIII) External Relation Director Clark's report:

- a. Election Night Live will be held February 5, 2008.
  - i. People should review the resolution for more information.
- b. He is meeting with Geoff Fruin to discuss upcoming issues that may affect students.
  - i. They are working on positive relationships and rapport established between the two offices.
- c. It is the 2008 Farmers Market Season, and they need performers of all types.

XIV) Public Relations Director Rotz's report:

- a. She has completed the vouchers for Pack the Place, wrote a press release for the new meal plan proposal information session, and wrote a press release for all those who were recognized last semester, although she is still waiting for November's.
- b. Things she is currently working on:
  - a. Making flyers for Election Night Live.
  - b. Writing a press release for Election Night Live.
  - c. Working on petitions for signatures and ways to promote it.
  - d. Writing a blurb on iCampus about signatures.
  - e. Changing the bulletin board, which will now promote the next Pack the Place.

XV) Technology Director Tortoriello report:

- a. He has updated the website.
- b. He is working on a composite of everyone for a poster.

XVI) Advisor Olshak's report:

- a. No report.

XVII) Advisor Zompetti's report:

- a. No report.

## Committee Reports

I) Civic Engagement- Senator Nippa

- a. Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7pm in Moulton 208 Mayor Koos is coming to speak.
- b. Election Night Live sounds exciting.
- c. A voter education event will hopefully be built around Senator Durbin.
- d. Diversity Week is February 25-28, and it will be with several Ex-Officios.
- e. They are working on a voter registration for Preview and/or Passages.
- f. They are speaking at the Leadership Revolution/Freshman Convocation.
- g. They turned on a proposal to the American Democracy Project.
- h. Advisor Zompetti asks him to let Tammy know when voter registration starts and ends because people have been calling looking for more information.
- i. External Relations Director Clark says that there is information about voter registration on the SGA website.

II) Finance and Allocation- Senator T. Krug- read by Senator Anders

- a. They had four hearings at tonight's meeting: International House, Absolute Deviation Dance Troupe, Graduate Association of School Psychologists, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.
  - i. International House requested \$4,550 and received \$3,725.
  - ii. Absolute Deviation Dance Troupe requested \$1,960 and received \$1,260.
  - iii. Graduate Association of School Psychologists requested \$1,216 and received \$1,216.
  - iv. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated requested \$2,196 and received \$184.
- b. The board will begin hearings for ISU program fund on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, and will continue throughout the month of February.
- c. They began the semester with \$33,979.16.
  - i. At their hearing tonight, they allocated \$6,385.
  - ii. They have a remaining balance of \$21,162.16 for the remainder of the semester.
- d. Chief of Staff Neville asks what the Dance Troupe wanted.
  - i. Senator Anders said that wanted to have a talent show.

### III) Programs and Recognition- Senator Bixby

- a. She and Senator Ruscitti met with Advisor Olshak this week to go over details of the committee and to brainstorm new ideas for the programs they already have.
  - i. People will see these changes in the near future.

### IX) Policies and Procedures- Senator Moore

- a. He had a meeting with Advisor Olshak to discuss the Advisor By-laws.
  - a. He received some good feedback.
  - b. The committee will review Advisor Olshak's advice.
- b. They hope to have the Legislative and Advisor By-laws on the next agenda.
- c. They forwarded the Ex-Officio By-laws to the Ex-Officios for their thoughts.
  - a. They should have feedback by the end of the week.
- d. BSU asks him to email her about Ex-Officio By-laws also, not just their president.

## Senator Coordinator Reports

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

- a. They are having a constituent contact event on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm in Schroeder by room 130.
  - i. They will have the parking surveys there.
    - 1. Since the surveys affect off campus student as well, they were hoping the Off-Campus Senators would help with this event.
      - a. People should let her know if they are interested in helping, and she will add them to her schedule.
- b. Vice President Martin asks what the status of the parking surveys is.
  - i. Deputy Speaker Graham says that they have about 500 surveys filled out.
    - 1. There are problems with getting support from some administrators.

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

- a. They are planning on sending out their housing survey one more time this semester.
  - i. Currently, there are 484 total responses, with 384 totally complete.

- ii. The general consensus of the surveys is average.
        - 1. They also have 136 comments made by students about property managers that they have divided up and are beginning to read.
    - b. They are planning a constituent contact event, possibly at the Rec Center, with date TBA.
    - c. Senator Ruscitti asks about what is happening with the Renter's Union.
      - i. He says that Senator Broderick is advertising for the new RSO.
      - ii. Senator Broderick says that their first meeting is tomorrow, at 8pm in SSB 375, and everyone with problems should come.
- III) Underrepresented Senators- Senator Long- read by Secretary Mason
  - a. They are working on a newsletter to go out bi-weekly.
    - i. They want the first issue to go out in 2 weeks.
  - b. Students for Sensible Drug Policy contacted them about a Good Samaritan policy.
    - i. They have begun to benchmark for this.

IX) Graduate Senators- None

### Ex-Officio Member Reports & Updates

- I) Asian Pacific American Coalition (APAC)
  - a. Last Tuesday was their recruitment meeting.
    - i. No one left hungry due to the surplus of food that was provided.
    - ii. They introduced everyone and shared ideas and insights on different events and socials.
  - b. Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> is their annual Valentine's Day general assembly meeting.
    - i. It is at 7pm in the Eleanor Kong Room, above Chatters.
    - ii. They will be showing a short film called *Yellow Fever*.
      - 1. It discussed the stereotype of Asian girls being attracted to white males and not Asian males.
    - iii. They will also be having a 4 corners discussion about relationships.
    - iv. Afterwards, they will be making Valentine's Day cards.
      - 1. All the supplies will be provided.
    - v. Drinks and cookies will also be provided.
    - vi. Everyone is welcome.
- II) Association of Latin American Students (ALAS)
  - a. Last Thursday was their first meeting, and it went very well with a lot of new members.
  - b. Tomorrow is their recruitment day from 7-9pm.
- III) Association of Residence Halls (ARH)
  - a. They had their first general assembly meeting last Sunday, and it went well.
    - i. The next general assembly meeting is canceled due to the Super Bowl.
  - b. Their annual Charity Ball, "Under the Venetian Moon: A Masquerade Ball," is February 1<sup>st</sup> from 8-10pm in the Brown Ballroom.
    - i. Tickets will be available to purchase at the ARH office and/or at area government and unity meetings soon.

- c. Their first blood drive of the semester was Monday, and they had 58 donors, which is really good.
  - i. Their next drive will be in Central Campus in February.
- d. Meal Plan Forums will be help:
  - i. East Campus on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Manchester lobby.
  - ii. South Campus on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm in the basement of Atkin/Colby.
  - iii. Watterson on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Rosa Parks Room.
  - iv. West Campus on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm in the Shawnee Room.
- e. Watterson Unity's Cultural Dinner, "The Evolution of Hip Hop and Poetry among the African American Culture," is Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. It will be from 5-7pm in the Prairie Room of the Bone Student Center.
  - ii. Tickets are on sale in all dining centers.
  - iii. Look for flyers in the residence halls, or email her at [uhmagibbs@exchange.ilstu.edu](mailto:uhmagibbs@exchange.ilstu.edu) for more information.
- f. Each area of campus will be having focus groups with the Watterson dining consultant.
  - i. The focus groups happened yesterday and today.

#### IV) Black Student Union (BSU)

- a. They had their recruitment meeting last Thursday.
  - i. There is interest from people who want to run for their president next year.
- b. They are playing a movie in Schroeder next week.
- c. Their meeting after that is a Valentine's Day meeting.
- d. Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> is their annual Heritage Ball.

#### V) People Realizing Individuality and Diversity through Education (PRIDE)

- a. They had their politics night earlier.
- b. They sent out surveys to people to see how PRIDE is benefitting people.
- c. Next week they are having a focus group to see what people want.

#### VI) Student Trustee Cekander

- a. Not present.

### Information Items

- 1) External Relations Director Clark motions to add Resolution authorizing Election Night Live.
    - a. Senator Anders seconds.
    - b. Motion passes unanimously.
  - 2) Senator Bixby motions to add Redbird of the Month Resolution to Information Item B.
    - a. Senator Decker seconds.
    - b. Motion passes unanimously.
  - 3) Senator Anders motions to add voting on the Student Elections Committee to Action Item B.
    - a. Deputy Speaker Graham seconds.
    - b. Motion passes unanimously.
- A) Elections Night Live.

- a. External Relations Director explains the event.
  - i. There will be a raffle, prizes, fake caucus, and more.
- b. Senator Decker motions to move to Action Item C.
  - i. Senator Anders seconds.
  - ii. Motion passes unanimously.

B) Redbird of the Month

- a. Senator Ruscitti goes over the resolution.
- b. Senator Broderick motions to add to Action Item D.
  - i. Senator Anders seconds.
  - ii. Motion passes unanimously.

**Action Items**

1) Constitution

- a. Senator Ruscitti motions to approve.
  - i. Senator Decker seconds.
  - ii. Motion passes unanimously.
- b. President Horstein explains that the changes had to be made to win the support of Dr. Bowman.
- c. Senator J. Krug thinks that this will not change what we want, it is exactly how it currently is.
  - i. President Horstein says that this is what Dr. Bowman needs to sign it.
    - 1. This is his best attempt.
- d. Senator Thorgesen thinks that getting our Constitution supported is more important than fighting a department.
- e. Senator Decker wants it say "the right to have equal representation in the development of a dress code."
  - i. President Horstein accepts the amendment.
- f. Vice President Martin asks what the Memorandum of Understanding is supposed to do.
- g. Senator Ruscitti says we need to look at the big picture, and this is a good document.
  - i. It is more than just the dress code.
- h. President Horstein says that Dr. Bowman would not want to go against his own faculty.
- i. Advisor Olshak says that letter J is the only part directed at a department.
- j. Senator J. Krug agrees with Senator Decker.
- k. Senator Decker says that signing the Constitution now, but not being happy with it, does not help us later.
- l. President Horstein says that Dr. Bowman wants to make sure SGA cannot overrule a department.
- m. External Relations Director Clark asks if we can get exactly what Dr. Bowman wants, and why he does not like the current language.
  - i. President Horstein says that Dr. Bowman does not have to answer any more than he already has.
- n. Chief of Staff Neville does not like the current language of the Constitution.
  - i. She likes Senator Decker's amendment.
- o. Advisor Zompetti says that the Memorandum of Understanding will allow SGA to go straight to the Board of Trustees.
  - i. We need to think about the cost-benefit analysis.



- ii. The benefit of changing the language could be better than just eliminating the dress code.
      - 1. Without the Memorandum of Understanding, SGA will not be able to battle everything that they want.
  - p. Vice President Martin says to think about what people's constituents would want.
    - i. People should vote on what their constituents want.
  - q. Speaker Cassata thinks Senator Decker's addition is good.
    - i. There is no chance of Dr. Bowman signing without the addition.
  - r. Speaker Cassata moves to previous question.
    - i. Senator J. Krug seconds.
    - ii. Motion passes unanimously.
  - s. Motions passes with one nay from Senator Nippa and two abstentions from Senator Broderick and Anders.
- 2) Elections Committee Voting
  - a. Senator Anders says that the Assembly has to approve the Student Elections Committee.
    - i. Senator Anders is the Chair, Sabrina Stout is the Vice President, and Senator Griswold is the Secretary.
  - b. Deputy Speaker Graham motions to approve.
    - i. Senator Bixby seconds.
    - ii. Motion passes unanimously.
- 3) SGA Election Night Live
  - a. External Relations Director Clark explains the event.
  - b. Senator Ruscitti motions to approve.
    - i. Senator Moore seconds.
  - c. Senator Ruscitti asks if it is mandatory.
    - i. It is not.
  - d. Motion passes unanimously.
- 4) Redbird of the Month
  - a. Senator J. Krug motions to approve.
    - i. Senator Anders seconds.
  - b. Senator Ruscitti explains why Jeremy Tackett deserves the award.
  - c. Deputy Speaker Graham wants to know how the Normal community was recommended.
    - i. She will add "and sent letters
  - d. Vice President Martin asks why it is only for an impact in the residence halls.
    - i. Senator Ruscitti says it is for any Redbird who made a difference.
  - e. Motion passes unanimously.

### **Passing the Gavel**

- I) Senator Decker says that ISU plays Drake on Saturday.
- II) Senator Bixby thanks the Programs and Recognitions Committee and Advisor Olshak for working together.

### **Adjournment**