

Summer Business Meeting  
July 18, 2008  
Student Services Building 375

Roll Call

Present:

Executive and Staff: Student Body President Mason, Executive Director Bixby, Secretary of Government Relations Clark, Secretary of Public Relations Rotz, Secretary of Student Fees Hoffman, Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello

Legislative: President of the Assembly Ruscitti, Vice President of the Assembly Krug, Secretary of the Assembly Spialek, Parliamentarian Lund, Senator Abdalla, Senator Mihovilovich, Senator Thornton, Senator Davis, Senator Miller, Senator Merth, Senator Preston, Senator Spiek, Senator Dumelle, Senator Hochhauser, Senator Long, Senator Sullivan, Senator Whittington, Senator Carnahan was appointed during the meeting.

Ex-Officios: ARH, ALAS, PRIDE

Absent: Student Body President Flaherty, Secretary of Diversity Affairs Cail, Senator Winzer, Senator Zeinz, BSU, APAC

I. Approval of Minutes

- A. Senator Spiek motions to approve minutes of April 30, 2008
- B. Senator Whittington seconds
- C. Motion passes unanimously

II. Executive Officer Reports

A. Student Body President Mason

- 1. Has attended several meetings this summer including ones with deans and someone from the theater department for a fine arts “pack the place.”
- 2. Met with campus dining to discuss sustainability. While there, President Mason and Vice President Flaherty enjoyed a six course meal.
- 3. Student Elections Commission has been established but is also behind in schedule.
- 4. President Mason would like to invite the Ex-Officios to the fall retreat and help provide them with what their roles are within the Association.
- 5. President Mason and Executive Director Bixby are planning on cleaning the office before the start of the academic year.
- 6. President Mason discussed getting flash drives for SGA. This would allow the operations manual to be accessed electronically.

7. President Mason plans on attending the Passages Welcome Picnic for freshmen the Thursday before school starts.

B. Student Body Vice President Flaherty

1. Preview is going very well. He has handed out several info cards and getting a good response regarding ELP applications.
2. He has booked the ELP info session for Aug. 20 from 4-5 p.m. in SSB 375.
3. The retreat lock-in for ELP is Sept. 12-13.
4. Some university committees still need to be filled. If you know of any students interested please let Vice President Flaherty know.
5. Vice President Flaherty still needs one more person to be an assistant ELP coordinator. So far he has only received responses from President of the Assembly Ruscitti and Senator Thornton.
6. Vice President Flaherty plans to revive the ELP program by having mentors that are not necessarily in SGA.

C. Student Body Executive Director Bixby

1. Executive Director Bixby is currently working on the fall retreat.
2. She plans on bringing back the banked hours. It will work by having 2 banked hours, and a request form must go through Executive Director Bixby and President of the Assembly Ruscitti every two weeks.
3. The form must be handed to President of the Assembly Ruscitti at least three days in advance.
4. Senators and staff must clock in for payment.
5. Executive Director Bixby sent around a sheet for members to put their sizes down for polo's and track jackets.

III. Assembly Officer Reports

A. President of the Assembly Ruscitti

1. Leadershape was a very positive experience. After attending the workshop, she would like to focus on diversity and school spirit (Leadershape visions).
2. President of the Assembly Ruscitti has people from Leadershape she would like to recommend to committees.
3. Operations Manuals need to be updated in terms of contacts and hierarchy.
4. Because this Association has people from different tickets, President of the Assembly Ruscitti suggested we develop a statement on where we, as an Association, stand on issues.
5. Diversity week will be held in the fall semester.

B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug

1. Senator Thornton emailed her with information on the smoking

Policy.

2. Vice President of the Assembly Krug informed senators that a constituent contact email will be sent out at the start of school. She will also discuss constituent contact at the fall retreat.

C. Secretary of the Assembly Spialek

1. Secretary Spialek is currently sitting on the Elections Commission. It has had a late start, but the commission has several suggestions based on benchmarking and discussion with students and administrators.
2. Secretary Spialek stressed if you will be absent, you must inform him.

IV. Advisor Report

A. Advisor Olshak

1. The ex-officio list-serv is up. We need to put the ex-officio members on it.
2. Advisor Olshak welcomed everyone back to campus.
3. There will be an updated version of the operations manual by the first business meeting.

V. Executive Staff Reports

A. Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello

1. Updated bios for the website.
2. Printed out a big poster of the entire SGA.
3. The website is still a work in progress. Bios need to be sent electronically.

B. Secretary of Public Relations Rotz

1. Going to work on the bulletin board in the Bone and outside of the SGA office.
2. Secretary Rotz is planning to create a survey to decide what are the best resources to communicate with students.

C. Secretary of Student Fees Hoffman

1. No report. He was in Europe.

D. Secretary of Government Relations Clark

1. Worked on the housing fair.
2. Has met with Michael Zajac about the keg registration policy.

E. Secretary of Diversity Affairs Cail

1. Contacted the ex-officios and the Office of Diversity Advocacy and the Office of Affirmative Action.

## VI. Committee Reports

### A. Civic Engagement (Senator Preston)

1. Has worked with ADP.
2. The Mock Debate is set for Mon. Oct. 20. He wants the Debate Team, communication professors, and college republicans and college democrats.
3. Voter Registration will be big this year.

### B. Finance and Allocations (Senator Spiek)

1. Senator Spiek still needs general students for fee board.
2. Three programs requested funds.
3. Apparel requested \$2,500 and was recommend decrease to \$2000, fall retreat requested \$2000 and was approved, pig out with the prez requested \$2000 and was approved

### C. Policies and Procedures (Senator Long was not present and deferred to Senator Sullivan)

1. Spoke with Ann Neuman, working on the new Code of Student Conduct to make sure all organizations are held to the same standard.
2. The committee would like to know your input based on your involvement in other organizations.

### D. Programs and Recognition (Senator Davis)

1. Senator Davis plans to revamp the committee
2. The committee plans to keep Redbird of the Semester.
3. In regards to RSO of the semester, Programs and Recognition plans to eliminate the application process.
4. The committee plans to have more Pack the Places, but not reserve them just for athletics.
5. Planning events for SGA to do together
6. Homecoming will be the first event the committee will be working on
7. Senator Sullivan wanted to know if there will be different standards for nominating.
8. Vice President Krug will be bringing a resolution regarding the RSO of the Month nominating process to the floors so concerns will be brought up then.
9. President Mason wanted to know if they would only use a resolution.
10. Vice President of the Assembly Krug said they plan to just use a resolution because we do not want the next Association to implement it if it does not work.
11. Executive Director Bixby said she does not want it to look like the Association was just picking people because we favor them.
12. Senator Davis said her committee is willing to take suggestions.

13. Advisor Olshak said it makes sense to do both- to take applications from the outside but also to pick
14. Vice President of the Assembly Krug said the matter will go to the whole Assembly and assured the winners will not be “just our friends.”

## VII. Ex-Officio reports

### A. ALAS

1. Sat Sept 14 from 12-4, ALAS will host the “The Welcoming” performances. The event will include face painters.
2. Last year’s event was a great success, but they are still looking for somebody to cater the event.
3. ALAS wants to contact the local high schools, and provide outreach or have a shadow day with minority students.

### B. ARH

1. ARH is currently working on move-in. The move-in map is approved and printed.
2. ARH is very close to winning the bid for Illinois Residence Hall Association.

### C. PRIDE

1. PRIDE plans on brining in an artist who takes pictures of transgendered people in October.
2. PRIDE also plans on having frequent STD and AIDS testing throughout the year.
3. PRIDE is changing their name because they believe it does not specifically explain their organization.

## VIII. Information Items

### A. Senator appointment (Mason)

1. President Mason would like to appoint Mike Carnahan as an on-campus Senator.
2. Mason motioned to make it into action item A.
3. Senator Mihovilovich seconded.
4. Motion passed unanimously.

### B. ASGA speeches (Mason)

1. President Mason motioned to make this into Action Item B.
2. Vice President of the Assembly Krug seconded.
3. Motion passed unanimously.

### C. Senator Coordinators (Officers of the Assembly)

1. Pick someone that is good at mobilizing the senators together, start thinking about that. Let us know if you have questions and who you choose.

#### D. Fall Retreat (Bixby)

1. The retreat will be from Friday, August 22 to Sunday, August 24. We will leave around 4 and arrive at approximately 4 on Sunday.
2. The retreat will be a great way to get to know each other, how to write resolutions, and understand leadership styles
3. Senator Merth wants to know when we leave because she has clinicals in Springfield.
4. Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello wants to know if there are specific times for the retreat.
5. Senator Sullivan wants to know where it will be held.
6. Senator Spiek motioned to make this an Action Item C.
7. Senator Merth seconded.
8. Motion passed unanimously.

#### E. Festival ISU (Ruscitti)

1. The budget has already been approved
2. Festival ISU will be a great way to get our name out there to the student body.
3. At Festival ISU, SGA will be informing people about keg registration.
4. ELP cards will also be handed out.
5. Secretary of Government Relations motioned to make this into Action Item D.
6. Senator Long seconded.
7. Motion passed unanimously.

#### F. Apparel ( Bixby)

1. This year's apparel will include grey polo's.
2. When choosing a size for the track jackets, choose a larger size.
3. Senator Thornton motioned to make this Action Item E.
4. Senator Preston seconded.
5. Motion passed unanimously.

#### G. Pig out with the Prez (Mason)

1. Finance and Allocations already approved the budget.
2. It will be a great event to team up with other student leaders on campus.
3. Senator Spiek motioned to make this into Action Item F.
4. Senator Sullivan seconded.
5. Motion passed unanimously.

#### H. BSU Meet and Greet (Mason)

1. Mason spoke with them at their transition retreat.
2. The date is August 26 right before our Academic Senate meeting. It is not mandatory.
3. Senator Long motioned to make this into Action Item G.
4. Senator Merth seconded.
5. Motion passed unanimously.

- I. Off-Campus Housing Fair (Clark)
  1. All the information is in the resolution.
  2. Senator Mihovilovich motioned to make this into Action Item H.
  3. Senator Preston seconded.
  4. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Action Items

- A. Senator Appointment (A)
  1. Mike Carnahan spoke about why he would like to be an on-campus senator.
  2. President Mason motioned to appoint Carnahan as an on-campus senator.
  3. Senator Spiek seconded.
  4. Motion passed unanimously.
  5. Carnahan was sworn in.
- B. ASGA conference speeches (B)
  1. Vice President of the Assembly Krug, Senator Preston, Secretary Spialek, and Senator Spiek run for the two senator spots for the conference. They could each present a speech no longer than two minutes.
  2. Vice President of the Assembly Krug spoke.
  3. Senator Preston spoke.
  4. Secretary Spialek spoke.
  5. Senator Spiek spoke.
  6. All SGA members voted.
  7. Secretary Spialek won the first seat, but there was a tie between Senators Preston and Spiek.
  8. SGA voted between Preston and Spiek.
- C. Fall retreat resolution (C)
  1. Executive Director Bixby motioned to approve the fall retreat.
  2. Senator Whittington seconded.
  3. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Festival ISU resolution (D)
  1. Vice President of the Assembly Krug motioned to approve Action Item D.
  2. Senator Abdalla seconded.
  3. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Apparel resolution (E)
  1. Secretary of Government Relations Clark does not understand why we are using student fee dollars to buy clothing for us.
  2. Senator Spiek said fee board has given money for apparel for other organizations

3. Executive Director Bixby explained having the apparel is part of the job.
4. President Mason explained it is a visibility issue.
5. Vice President of the Assembly Krug said people will come talk to you if they know you are in SGA.
6. Senator Mihovilovich said she wouldn't have problem paying for the polo as a way of compromising.
7. Secretary Spialek said we should be careful when using other's money. We should use the "political process" to be public servants, not to get clothing.
8. Senator Preston said voting against this shows a lack of confidence in Finance and Allocations.
9. Senator Merth motioned to approve Action Item E.
10. Senator Whittington seconded.
11. 15 voted in favor. 2 (Mihovilovich and Spialek) voted in opposition.
12. Motion passed.

F. Pig Out with the Prez resolution (F)

1. Senator Preston made a friendly amendment to remove the word "administration" from the resolution.
2. President Mason accepted the amendment.
3. President Mason motioned to approve Action Item F.
4. President of the Assembly Ruscitti seconded.
5. Motion passed unanimously.

G. BSU Meet and Greet (G)

1. Senator Thornton wanted to know where the event will be held.
2. President Mason motioned to approve Action Item G.
3. President of the Assembly Ruscitti seconded.
4. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Housing Fair (H)

1. Secretary of Government Relations Clark motioned to approve Action Item H.
2. Vice President of the Assembly Krug seconded.
3. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment

1. Senator Merth motioned for adjournment.
2. Senator Abdalla seconded.
3. Motion passed unanimously.