

Assembly Meeting
November 14th, 2007
7:32PM-10:24PM

Before the meeting, Senator Decker presented RSO of the Month to Gamma Iota Sigma.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Present:

Executive and Staff: Executive and Staff: President Horstein, Vice President Martin, Chief of Staff Neville, Public Relations Director Rotz, Finance Director Osolin, Programs Director McKenna

Legislatures: Speaker Cassata, Deputy Speaker Graham, Secretary Mason, Senator Bixby, Senator Nippa, Senator Moore, Senator J. Krug, Senator Anders, Senator Cail, Senator Broderick, Senator Ruscitti, Senator Miller, Senator Campbell (left at 8:50pm), Senator T. Krug, Senator Decker, Senator Griswold, Senator Long

Ex-Officios: ALAS, ARH (left at 8:50pm), APAC, BSU, PRIDE

Student Trustee Ryan Cekander (left at 8:50pm)

Absent:

Executive and Staff:

Legislatures: Senator Thorgesen

Ex-Officios:

Approval of Minutes

- I) Senator Miller motions to approve the minutes.
 - a. Senator Broderick seconds.
 - b. Motion passes unanimously.

- II) Deputy Speaker Graham motions to reconsider the Canvassing the Campus Resolution.
 - a. Senator Griswold seconds.
 - b. Deputy Speaker Graham wants to look over the resolution because it states that Ex-Officios and Advisors must be in attendance at the event, too.
 - c. Motion passes unanimously.

- III) Senator Ruscitti presents Redbird of the Month to Trisha Berryhill for the month of September.
- IV) President Horstein motions to add Constitution Commission to Information Item F.
 - a. Senator Miller seconds.
 - b. Motion passes unanimously.
- V) Senator Miller motions to add Holiday Helper Resolution to Information Item G.
 - a. Senator Broderick seconds.
 - b. Senator Miller wants the money from Homecoming to go into this program.
 - c. Motion passes unanimously.
- VI) Senator Anders motions to add the amendment to the Legislative By-Laws to Information Item H.
 - a. Senator Griswold seconds.
 - b. Motion passes unanimously.
- VII) Chief of Staff Neville motions to add Technology Director Appointment to Information Item I.
 - a. Senator Miller seconds.
 - b. Motion passes unanimously.
- VIII) Senator Griswold motions to add Mock Presidential Debate to Action Item J.
 - a. Senator Broderick seconds.
 - b. Motion passes unanimously.
- IX) Senator Anders motions to add the Secretary Revision Resolution to Action Item K.
 - a. Senator Cail seconds.
 - b. Motion passes, with one nay.

Administrative Reports

- I) President Horstein's report:
 - a. He has begun interviewing for Off-Campus Senator positions.
 - i. He will be doing this until after Thanksgiving break.
 - ii. He has placed a follow-up email with Dean Wood from the College of Applied Science and Technology to see if he has found a student.
 - 1. If not, there are several promising candidates.
 - b. He is continuing meeting with property managers and getting face time with them to establish a good relationship.

- i. After talking to Stepping Stone's manager, Derek Wilkinson, he realized that the Town of Normal will need to step in at some point.
- ii. The current trend in leasing is to lease for three semesters, including the summer semester.
 - 1. Students are locked into three semesters, regardless of what they want.
- iii. He called Wayne Karplus, the Deputy Corporation Council for the Town of Normal.
 - 1. He said that for the Town to step in, there would need to be a substantial amount of evidence showing there is a problem.
 - 2. He will be talking to Town councilmen to find out their perspective and see if they want to help.
- iv. He thinks that the off-campus housing survey is going to be the way to gather enough evidence to get help from the Town.
- c. Last Friday, he met with Speaker Cassata, Advisor Zompetti, Trustee Cekander, Dr. Longfellow, and Dean McGuire.
 - i. Dr. Longfellow is not budging.
 - ii. It is time for the Association to take action.
- d. He attended a community leader breakfast with Trustee Betty Kinser last Thursday.
 - i. He was able to meet with Mayor Koos and other township employees.
 - ii. His goal at events like this is to build bridges with the community.
 - 1. He always asks people if there are ways we can make outreach to the community, and he hands out his card.
 - 2. He will continue to display SGA as a group that really cares about our community.
- e. He is working with Michael Zajac, Harriet Steinbech, and Yvonne Pena on the off-campus community service project.
 - i. They are beginning to set a date for late April.
 - ii. He received a follow-up phone call from the Vice President of the Neighborhood Association of Normal about possibly working on cleaning up the exterior of the Township building.
- f. Nora Dukowitz will be dropping off new maps of Uptown Normal that we are free to use.
 - i. He informed her that we can use them for off-campus constituent events and as pieces to hand out throughout the year.
 - ii. She will be burning him a CD with the electronic copy to post on our website.
- g. He will be meeting with President Bowman the Tuesday after break to fill him in on the initiatives we will be pursuing in the near future.
 - i. If anyone has anything they would like him to bring up, let him know by November 25th.
- h. The Constitution Commission is moving forward at a great pace.

- i. Each member has submitted corrections to the current document.
 - ii. As a group, they settled on what worked and what did not.
- i. He realized that not many people may know what he does with his time in the office.
 - i. He goes over all of the ways in which he spends his time in the office.

II) Vice President Martin's report:

- a. Everyone should have received three memos from him in their folders.
- b. The SGA website has been up and running for two weeks now.
 - i. Upon returning from break, he will be getting reports with numbers on visitors, pages visited, etc.
 - ii. He has worked with IWSS and Public Relations Director Rotz, and SGA now has a statement in the iCampus "To Do List" section.
 - iii. The agreement now is that Public Relations Director Rotz will be writing a statement every two weeks which will be displayed for one week.
 - iv. If anyone has anything they would like posted, please be sure to forward that to her.
 - v. In addition, he has worked to keep the website updated until we have a Technology Director.
 - 1. If anyone sees anything that needs corrections or updating, please let him know.
- c. The first memo everyone should have received is the University / External Committee Updates.
 - i. This is a memo informing the Association of what is going on in these committees.
 - ii. Everyone should read over the memo to make sure they are informed.
 - iii. If anyone would like further details about any committee or topic, please do not hesitate to ask.
 - iv. Also, there is a list of names at the end of memo, who have not turned in any reports as of yet.
- d. The second memo everyone should have received is the update appointee list.
 - i. Everyone should note that the Student Elections Committee is on there pending approval of President Horstein, SGA, ARH, and BSU.
 - ii. He has been in contact with Black Student Union for over a month and half now trying to find out their representative, and he is still working on that.
 - iii. He hopes to have the final list to President Horstein to present to the Assembly by the next meeting.
- e. He reminds everyone of the "Standing Devil's Advocate Sessions," which are there for people's benefit.

- f. He would like to send his thanks and appreciation to Senator Griswold for a job well done for her event she has planned.
 - i. She has done a tremendous job planning and coordinating this event while following the procedures that are in place.
- g. Last week, he met with the planning team for the Emerging Leader Program.
 - i. They have reviewed the schedule for Spring Semester and have decided on the topic.
 - ii. The program is going well so far and the shirts should be rolling out soon, along with their own Operations Manual, logo, tagline and Constitution.
 - iii. The program will also be planning to do a community service project for that group.
- h. Also, he met with Senator Mason, Ruscitti and Nippa to discuss the special projects he announced.
 - i. Planning has gone underway for that and Senator Mason, Ruscitti and J. Krug are each a project coordinator for those projects.
 - ii. We will then meet again to discuss findings and he will be meeting with individuals on campus to talk about these issues.
- i. These upcoming weeks he has a lot of meetings scheduled and may be out of the office more because of this schedule.
 - i. He just wanted to let everyone be aware he may be out of the office more.
- j. In addition, he has been contacted by some members of the student body with questions to research.
 - i. Some of those include trees being cut down, and skate boarding on the Quad.
 - ii. When a student presents a concern like this, he tries to meet with them and then to meet with individuals on campus to discuss the issue and follow up with them.
- k. The RSO Catering Menu officially rolled out last week and he would like to thank Senator Cail for her hard work on that project.
 - i. The press release is on the SGA website.
- l. He and President Horstein have been working on the Campus Dining Meal Plan.
 - i. The four student leaders behind this have decided to plan a meeting with ARH and SGA to discuss the meal plan.
 - ii. This will be the main opportunity for the Association to attend to provide feedback.
 - iii. He and President Horstein request that everyone attend this event to voice any concerns after hearing the plans.
 - iv. If anyone is unable to attend, please let them know prior to the event so they can make proper arrangements for them.
 - v. The event will be on Sunday, December 2nd at 4 pm in the North Prairie Room.

- III) Chief of Staff Neville's report:
- a. She has been unable to answer emails since Saturday because she was at a wedding.
 - i. She apologizes for the lateness to her responses.
 - ii. If anyone was expecting to hear from her, there should be a response in the mailbox.
 - b. She is going to be planning a winter social/get-together before Christmas break.
 - c. She wanted to remind everyone to keep the office clean and pick up after themselves.
 - i. She does not want to result to making a chore list, but she may have to if people continue not cleaning up after themselves.
 - d. She is still interviewing people for the External Relations Director position.
 - i. If anyone has any questions about the applications, let her know.
 - ii. She would rather people talk to her about a candidate one-on-one instead of having people bring up problems during Assembly.
 - e. She reminds everyone that they can not go out and purchase items for an event they are having.
 - i. Several steps must first be taken.
 - ii. Feel free to ask her any questions.
 - f. Advisor Zompetti asks Chief of Staff Neville what "tax exempt" means.
 - i. Chief of Staff says that the University will not pay for anything that has taxes on it.
 1. She needs to discuss things that will be purchased with Advisor Zompetti ahead of time to get the "tax exempt" form.
- IV) Speaker Cassata's report:
- a. He reminds everyone that people should feel free to approach him.
 - b. He also reminds people to use the correct channels of communication.
- V) Deputy Speaker Graham's report:
- a. The constituent email went out.
 - i. If people have anything they want to be put in the email, send it to her by the Wednesday of Academic Senate week.
 - ii. This gives her enough time to look over it and properly add it in the email.
 - b. She needs the Constituent Contact reports forms.
 - i. Please send them to her as soon as possible.
 - c. Race to Your Space was yesterday, and it went very well.
 - i. She received over 200 surveys, and there was a lot of good feedback.
 - ii. The next step will be to analyze the surveys.
 - d. If anyone has an event with another RSO or group they are involved in, and want to get surveys, she can help.

- i. Senator Moore brought 30 surveys to his Chapter, and they all got filled out.
- e. She thanks everyone that came to the event.
- f. Senator Nippa asks if the results of the survey will be on the website.
 - i. Deputy Speaker Graham says that she is looking into that possibility.

VI) Secretary Mason's report:

- a. He goes over the list of people's absences up until this point:
 - i. Chief of Staff Neville has one excused absence.
 - ii. Speaker Cassata has one excused and one unexcused absence.
 - iii. Senator Anders has three excused absences.
 - iv. Senator Broderick has one unexcused absence.
 - v. Senator Bixby has two-and-a-half excused absences.
 - vi. Senator Cail has almost three excused absences.
 - vii. Senator Campbell has two-and-a-half excused absences.
 - viii. Senator Decker has two excused and two unexcused absences.
 - ix. Senator T. Krug has one excused and one unexcused absences.
 - x. Senator Long has one unexcused absence.
 - xi. Senator Moore has one unexcused absence.
 - xii. Senator Ruscitti has one-half excused absence.
 - xiii. Senator Thorgesen has one excused absence.
 - xiv. ALAS has two absences.
 - xv. PRIDE has one absence.
- b. Senator Miller asks if the made-up Race to Your Space absences are included in the list.
 - i. Secretary Mason says that people need to email him to let him know that they made up the absence.

VII) Finance Director Osolin's report:

- a. He had the BRC mid semester meeting last Wednesday.
 - i. The representatives for two of the departments have changed.
 - ii. Vice President Martin is now doing Student Counseling Services and Kay Uy is doing Child Care Center, in addition to Niteride.
- b. He and Vice President Martin are meeting with Brent Patterson and Wendy Bates on Friday to go over specific dates for the end of this semester and the beginning of second semester.
 - i. They will be discussing what will occur at the budget meeting in January.

VIII) Programs Director McKenna's report:

- a. She has the dates set for Community Clean Up for Spring 2008.
 - i. They will reopen the first day of classes next year.
- b. She selected the Pack the Place dates.
 - i. One will be for Women's Basketball on Thursday, February 21st.
 - ii. The Men's Basketball game will be on Sunday, January 27th.

- iii. She has received confirmation of these dates from Athletics, and will proceed from here.
- iv. She is exploring different themes and target audiences.
- c. Senator Nippa asks what people should do if they want to sign up for Community Clean Up.
 - i. Programs Director McKenna says she does not expect any more this semester, and others will have to wait until next semester.

IX) Public Relations Director Rotz's report:

- a. She wrote a press release last week about the newly available RSO Catering Menu, and it appeared in Friday's Daily Vidette.
- b. She sent out a flyer request form to everyone to fill out if they want help on flyers or other advertisements for their events or programs.
 - i. People should feel free to fill them out and give them to her.
- c. She is working on a design for the catering menu that will appear on the website.
- d. She is in contact with Campus Banner Services and ISU Marketing to get a table skirt made for the Association.
 - i. It will resemble the look of the new website.
 - ii. She is also in contact with the gazebo company to get a piece of the skirt for our gazebo replaced.
- e. She will be designing an advertisement for Communications Week.
 - i. It will be a full-color ad in their booklet that will be distributed during this week.
- f. She will be working with Secretary Mason to design flyers for the Fine Arts RSO Roundtable next semester.
- g. She will be updating the RSO, Redbird, and Senator of the Month flyers as the resolutions get passed.

X) Advisor Zompetti's report:

- a. No report.

XI) Advisor Olshak's report:

Committee Reports

D) Civic Engagement-Senator Nippa

- a. There will be a Readership pilot program this spring.
 - i. It will be with the New York Times Readership program.
 - ii. He will be meeting with their representatives soon.
- b. They are looking into community service projects, such as Adopt a Road and Pack the Place.
- c. There will be a Mock Presidential Debate on Thursday, November 29th at 7:30pm in the Old Main Room.

II) Finance and Allocation- Senator T. Krug

- a. They had a hearing from the Criminal Justice Association tonight.
 - i. It was a travel request, and they will find out about their allocation by the end of the week.
- b. They met with their BRC representative tonight to send out their request for FY '09.
 - i. This year was different for requesting student fees because Athletics were instructed to send their request through Rec Services instead of the Fee Board.
 - ii. The amount they have requested for the RSO Program Fund is \$205,000.
- c. Out of a total of \$55,000 rollover money, they have allocated \$16,731.
 - i. This leaves a remainder of \$38,269.
- d. The expenditure breakdown is as follows:
 - i. September 19, 2007 hearings:
 - 1. Student Environmental Action Coalition requested \$280, and they received \$280.
 - 2. PRSSA requested \$2,475, and they received \$1,375.
 - 3. Interdenominational Youth Choir requested \$6,600, and they received \$5,900.
 - ii. October 3rd, 2007 hearings:
 - 1. Pi Sigma Epsilon requested \$2,711, and they received \$1,156.
 - 2. Creative I.N.K. requested \$4,925, and they received \$2,047.
 - 3. International House Student Association requested \$2,541, and they received \$1,541.
 - iii. October 17th, 2007 hearings:
 - 1. Illinois State Swing Dancers requested \$2,180, and they received \$618.
 - 2. Black Diamonds Dance Troupe requested \$500, and they received \$500.
 - 3. Crescendo Music Therapy requested \$17,286, and they received \$3,314.
 - iv. October 31st, 2007 hearings:
 - 1. Illinois State Microfinance Group requested \$3,420, and they received \$210.
 - v. November 14th, 2007 hearings:
 - 1. They did not have a quorum, so no hearings were held.
- e. They may be losing four members on their board.
 - i. If anyone has any recommendations for students to serve on the Board, please let him know.

III) Programs and Recognition- Senator Bixby

- a. They have been working hard to publicize all three of their programs.

- i. They put information in the constituent email and Reggie the Redbird sent out a Facebook message to all of his friends encouraging them to apply for Redbird of the Month.
 - ii. Senator J. Krug is working to raise awareness for Random Acts of Kindness and inform all of the RA's about the details.
 - b. They will be recognizing some of the Redbird and RSO's of the Month at the Assembly Meetings.
 - c. They are looking forward to bringing certificates to the appropriate places for the Homecoming Steering Committee and the Gala Committee.
 - d. They have been researching ordering a plaque for RSO of the Month.
 - e. They will be working with Programs Director McKenna on the Pack the Place events.
 - f. Advisor Olshak wants to know if the Committee will inform winners when they are going to be in the Daily Vidette.
 - i. Senator Bixby says they will be notifying people.
- IV) Policies and Procedures- Senator Moore
 - a. They are currently working on the Legislative Branch By-Laws.
 - i. He has assigned a section to each member to make the proper changes and question material.
 - ii. Their main focus has been the Absence Policy.
 - b. They hoped to be finished with the By-Laws in the next couple of weeks.

Senator Coordinator Reports

- I) On-Campus Senators- Senator J. Krug
 - a. They are planning their next on-campus constituent event that will be on November 29th.
- II) Off-Campus Senators- Senator Mike Thorgesen (read by Speaker Cassata)
 - a. The Off-Campus Survey is almost done.
 - i. They will be turning it into a PDA survey.
 - ii. It will have specific links online.
 - iii. All off-campus students, and possibly sophomores that have signed leases, will be able to reply.
 - b. Their next constituent contact event is Wednesday, November 28th at the Rec Center.
 - i. They want to have Gatorade and water for all the students that come.
 - ii. They will be sending an email to all off-campus students letting them know of the event and information on the housing survey.
 - c. He will be meeting with Jeff Lopez to see if they can include in the email something along the lines of "Meet your Senator, work out for free."
- III) Underrepresented Senators- Senator Long
 - a. Their meeting this week was canceled.

- b. She congratulates Senator Griswold on the Race to your Space event.
 - i. She is looking forward to hearing the results of all the feedback.
- c. The Roundtable is coming together nicely.
 - i. There has been a lot of positive feedback from RSO presidents.
 - ii. The tentative date and location is Tuesday, January 22nd, from 7-8:30pm in SSB 335.
 - iii. The hope to have a resolution for the next Assembly Meeting.

IV) Graduate Senators- Senator Miller

- a. They are looking into planning a graduate senator constituent contact event.
 - i. They should have more details by the end of the semester.
- b. They are also meeting with Graduate-specific RSOs.

Ex-Officio Member Reports & Updates

I) APAC

- a. They had a Sushi Night last week.
 - i. More than 40 people came.
- b. They will be working on collaborating more with the other RSOs.
- c. They talked about what they will be doing next semester.

II) ALAS

- a. They are continuing to do well.
- b. They had a Thanksgiving Pot-Luck.
 - i. Over 40 people came.
- c. Tomorrow they are having a Mechanical Bowl event in the Brown Ballroom from 6-9pm.

III) ARH

- a. The first Cultural Dinner of the year was very successful, and she thanks everyone that attended.
- b. They had their last Blood Drive of the semester yesterday in the Rosa Parks Room, and it went very well with lots of donations.
- c. Room and Board Fee Review is done.
 - i. This week all of the presidents from the area governments and unities took back ideas from the Board Review to their general assemblies.
 - 1. This is to make sure that the representatives voting at ARH are accurately representing their constituents.
 - ii. The official vote is Sunday, November 25th at the ARH General Assembly Meeting in the Shawnee Room in West Campus.
- d. The Renovation Advisory Council had their last meeting yesterday, and they toured Hewett.
 - i. It was dusty, there were a lot of wires hanging down, and there were a lot of holes in the ground.

- ii. There are a lot of great things that Dave Nolan told them about.
 - iii. They are excited that this progress is successfully progressing.
- e. GLACURH, their regional conference, was this past weekend.
 - i. The delegates had a good time and learned a lot to bring back to campus.
- f. Stress relievers will come out closer to finals week from all the area governments and unities.
- g. There are several big programs happening in the beginning of December in each area of campus.
 - i. People should contact their government president if they are interested in helping out.

IV) BSU

- a. They had their general assembly last week.
- b. They are having a Thanksgiving Soul Food Event tomorrow.
- c. They are collaborating with other RSOs to make a “Black Calendar.”
- d. They are planning the Black Heritage Dinner.

V) PRIDE-

- a. They are having a Thanksgiving Dinner with the Family event.
 - i. It will be to talk about how to come out to people’s families.
- b. They are planning an Autumn Party.

VI) Student Trustee Cekander

Information Items

A) GALA Resolution

- a. Read by Senator Bixby.
- b. Senator Long motions to move it to Action Item B.
 - i. Senator Griswold seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously.

B) Redbird of the Month Resolution

- a. Read by Senator Decker.
- b. Senator Nippa motions to move it to Action Item C.
 - i. Senator Miller seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously.

C) SGA Calendar Resolution

- a. It will be postponed because they are waiting for the Student Elections Code to pass.

D) Benchmarking Trip Debrief

- a. President Horstein apologizes for not being ready to present the information; he was sick.

- b. President Horstein motions to postpone the Benchmarking Trip Debrief until November 28th, 2007.
 - i. Senator Miller seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously.

- E) Homecoming Recognition Resolution
 - a. Read by Senator Ruscitti.
 - b. Advisor Zompetti asks who they are trying to recognize.
 - c. Speaker Cassata admits that he handed out the wrong resolution.
 - d. Advisor Zompetti the resolution should be specific on who and what is being recognized.
 - e. Senator Ruscitti wanted to recognize the Homecoming Steering Committee.
 - f. Senator Nippa motions to postpone this Item until November 28th.
 - i. Senator T. Krug seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes, with one nay.

- F) Constitution Commission
 - a. President Horstein says SGA members are not allowed to serve on commissions.
 - b. President Horstein motions to move it to Action Item D.
 - i. Senator Ruscitti seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes, with one abstention.

- G) Holiday Helper Resolution
 - a. Read by Senator Miller.
 - b. Senator Nippa motions to move to Action Item E.
 - i. Senator Griswold seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously.

- H) Amendment to the Legislative By-Laws
 - a. Senator Anders goes over the changes made.
 - b. Advisor Zompetti asks if he is going to add a third section that they talked about to Letter "I."
 - i. She wants a section that will allow the Assembly to make an event mandatory.
 - ii. He will add the section.
 - c. Senator Miller asks if people attending Heartland classes will be excused.
 - i. Senator Anders says that only ISU classes should affect ISU students.
 - d. Advisor Zompetti wants the incorrect lettering changed.
 - i. He will make the necessary changes.
 - e. Secretary Mason asks what a person has to do to "present his/her case."
 - i. Senator Anders says that will be up to the discretion of the Secretary.
 - f. Deputy Speaker Graham motions to move to Action Item F.

- i. Senator Miller seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously.
- I) Technology Director Appointment
 - a. Chief of Staff Neville believes that the person is a qualified candidate.
 - i. He knows the program he will be using.
 - b. Deputy Speaker Graham asks if the Technology Director will still be putting in 12 hours.
 - i. Chief of Staff Neville says that he will probably be doing 8 hours.
 - c. Senator Nippa motions to move to Action Item G.
 - i. Senator Broderick seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously.
- J) Mock Presidential Debate Resolution
 - a. Read by Senator Griswold.
 - b. Deputy Speaker Graham asks what is being resolved.
 - i. Senator Nippa says that the correct formatting issues will be made.
 - c. Senator Nippa motions to move to Action Item H.
 - i. Senator Ruscitti seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously.
- K) Secretary to Correct Previous Absences Resolution
 - a. Read by Senator Anders.
 - b. Senator Miller motions to move to Action Item I.
 - i. Senator Ruscitti seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes, with two nays.

Action Items

- A) Student Elections Code- was postponed.
- B) Homecoming Recognition Resolution
 - a. Senator Ruscitti motions to approve.
 - i. Senator Griswold seconds.
 - b. Senator Nippa offers a friendly amendment to not use abbreviations and change punctuation.
 - i. Senator Bixby accepts the friendly amendment.
 - c. Motion passes unanimously.
- C) RSO of the Month Resolution
 - a. Senator Ruscitti motions to approve.
 - i. Senator Bixby seconds.
 - b. Senator Bixby says that the correct grammatical errors will be fixed.
 - c. Speaker Cassata says that he is sorry for the wrong copy being used.
 - d. Speaker Cassata motions to postpone this until November 28th.
 - i. Senator Miller seconds.

- ii. Motions passes, with one nay.

D) Constitution Commission

- a. President Horstein motions to approve membership to the Constitution Commission by suspending Article 3, Section 3, Article A, of the Executive By-Laws.
 - i. Senator Ruscitti seconds.
- b. Senator Ruscitti motions to move to previous question.
 - i. Deputy Speaker Graham seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously.
- c. Motion passes unanimously.

E) Holiday Helper Resolution

- a. Senator Miller motions to approve.
 - i. Senator Long seconds.
- b. Senator Ruscitti thinks that \$300 is too much.
 - i. Senator Miller says that they want to give each child \$40.
 - 1. Then they can support 7 children.
- c. Senator Broderick wants people to consider the purpose of this program.
- d. Vice President Martin suggests that Programs Director McKenna use some of her leftover money on pizza instead of this \$300.
- e. Senator Miller says that we should be model citizens and help the community.
- f. Chief of Staff Neville says that this is our only opportunity to donate.
- g. Senator Nippa moves to previous question.
 - i. Motion passes unanimously.
- h. Motion passes unanimously.

F) Amendment to Legislative By-Laws

- a. Senator Ruscitti motions to approve.
 - i. Senator Cail seconds.
- b. Senator Miller offers a friendly amendment to include all collegiate courses being excused.
 - i. Advisor Zompetti offers a friendly amendment to the amendment to say “an accredited institution” should be excused.
 - 1. Senator Anders accepts.
- c. Deputy Speaker Graham offers a friendly amendment to add “other academic obligations” to what is excused.
 - i. Senator Anders denies.
- d. Senator Cail says that they went forward with this legislation because Policy and Procedures did not fix it.
 - i. Advisor Zompetti says the Executive Committee did not think the absences would be discussed at this meeting.
- e. Senator T. Krug says that people can vote down mandatory events if they want.
 - i. He thinks it is easy to make up events.

- f. Vice President Martin thinks that this will help the Secretary know what is excused and unexcused.
- g. Senator Miller says that some people should be excused.
 - i. Advisor Zompetti says that this is more specific.
 - 1. The Executive Committee should also be able to decide absences.
 - a. Senator Anders accepts.
- h. Speaker Cassata move to previous question.
 - i. Senator Ruscitti seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes, with two nays.
- i. Motion passes 11-3-2.

G) Technology Director Appointment

- a. Senator Miller motions to approve.
 - i. Senator Ruscitti seconds.
- b. Speaker Cassata thinks that he is qualified.
- c. Senator Ruscitti moves to previous question.
 - i. Senator Broderick seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously.
- d. Technology Director is approved unanimously.
- e. He is sworn into office.

H) Mock Presidential Debate

- a. Senator Ruscitti motions to approve.
 - i. Senator Long seconds.
- b. Senator Nippa offers a friendly amendment to change the grammatical errors.
 - i. Senator Griswold accepts.
- c. Speaker Cassata moves to previous question.
 - i. Senator Miller seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously.
- d. Motion passes unanimously.

I) Secretary to Correct Previous Absences Resolution

- a. Senator Anders motions to approve.
 - i. Senator Broderick seconds.
- b. Senator Long does not believe previous absences should be fixed.
- c. Senator Cail says that not everyone can make up absences.
- d. Senator J. Krug does not think it is fair to make up absences now.
- e. Programs Director McKenna asks if the hours will be banked.
 - i. Speaker Cassata says yes.
- f. Senator Anders asks if there a lot of opportunities to make up absences.
 - i. Secretary Mason says he tries to allow as many opportunities as he can, and people can approach him when they want to make one up.
- g. Speaker Cassata moves to previous question.
 - i. Senator Decker seconds.

- ii. Motion passes 11-5-3.
- h. Motion passes 8-6-1.

J) Canvassing the Campus Resolution.

- a. Deputy Speaker wants to make the events mandatory for the Legislative and Executive Branches.
- b. Vice President Martin does not believe that the Executive Branch should be required to attend.
 - i. It is not the purpose of the Executive Staff to make constituent contact.
 - ii. He offers a friendly amendment to delete Executive Branch from those required to attend.
 - 1. Deputy Speaker Graham denies.
- c. Vice President Martin motions to make the friendly amendment hostile.
 - i. Senator Anders seconds.
 - ii. Speaker Cassata agrees with Vice President Martin.
 - iii. Deputy Speaker Graham says that we need to increase our visibility.
 - 1. Executive Staff also represents the Student Body.
 - iv. Senator Cail says the Executive Staff does not have constituents.
 - v. Senator J. Krug says this will help us to increase our visibility.
 - vi. Speaker Cassata moves to previous question.
 - 1. Senator Miller seconds.
 - 2. President Horstein objects.
 - 3. Motion passes with one nay.
 - vii. Hostile amendment passes 9-5-1.
- d. Speaker Cassata does not want this to be mandatory when there are other required constituent contact events.
- e. Senator Nippa says we may not have enough people to staff the table now.
- f. Senator Decker says Underrepresented Senators will not be able to reach their constituents sitting at a booth.
- g. Senator Broderick likes specific group constituent events.
- h. Deputy Speaker Graham wants to use these events for surveys, too.
 - i. The last event was beneficial.
 - ii. We should vote for what our constituents want.
- i. Senator J. Krug says people do not know what SGA is.
 - i. This is for awareness.
- j. Advisor Zompetti says that the Advisors think the purpose of this event is confusing.
 - i. The event is not bad, however.
- k. Cassata moves to previous question.
 - i. Senator Decker seconds.
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously.
- j. Motion fails.

Passing the Gavel

- I) Senator Anders is fundraising for his fraternity.
- II) Chief of Staff Neville says the laptop is at the front desk now.
- III) Vice President Martin says he needs two people on the Student Elections Committee.
- IV) President Horstein to vote how people's constituents would want them to.
- V) Public Relations Director Rotz says she will spend more time on SGA visibility.
 - a. People should approach her with ideas.
- VI) Senator Miller says to contact her if anyone wants to help buy gifts.

Adjournment