

Assembly Meeting  
September 19, 2007  
7:30PM- 8:45PM

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Approval of Minutes**

- I. Senator Miller motions to approve the minutes.
  - a. Senator Anders seconds.
  - b. Motion passes.

**Administrative Reports**

- I. President Horstein's report:
  - a. He attended the State of the Division of Student Affairs that morning.
    - i. Vice President Steve Adams paid a complement to the student leaders at ISU.
    - ii. President Horstein says that this includes everyone in SGA.
  - b. He is coordinating a meeting between all Greek councils to talk about a collaborative event to promote diversity within the Greek system.
    - i. They will also talk about ways Greeks can be an example for the rest of campus.
  - c. He interviewed a candidate for the last remaining seat of the Senate.
    - i. Speaker Cassata sat in and was also able to ask her some questions.
    - ii. He will be giving Senator Bixby the candidate's contact information and application to review and set up a second interview.
  - d. Senator Cail asks if he is referring to all Greeks.
    - i. He is referring to all Greek houses.
- II. Vice President Martin's report:
  - a. He thanks everyone that attended the Emerging Leader Program/Student Government dinner.
    - i. This weekend will be the Emerging Leader Program retreat in the Rec Building.
    - ii. There are currently 19 members in the program.
    - iii. Everyone should start to see them in the office soon.
      - A. They will be there to help the Senators.
  - b. Everyone should have received a memo from him in their folders.
    - i. He wants everyone to review it and let him know if there are any students interested in serving on the committees.
      - A. If so, forward him their names.

- B. This is his official announcement.
  - c. He is still looking for someone to serve on the Student Election Committee.
    - i. Only Senators Miller and Campbell have expressed interest so far.
  - d. He says that the benchmarking trip was a success.
    - i. He gathered more information than he has been expecting.
    - ii. He looks forward to giving the Association a presentation on their findings during October 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly Meeting's caucus.
  - e. He would like to applaud University Housing and Camping Dining Services for their hard work in completing West Campus.
    - i. Yesterday he, President Horstein, and Senators Graham and Nippa went attended the Opening Ceremony.
    - ii. He thinks that the facility is very impressive.
  - f. The SGA website still has a target date of going live October 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - i. He and President Horstein will be working on it next week.
  - g. He and President Horstein attended the Vice President for Student Affairs Address.
    - i. Steve Adams made several references to the new SF&KR Building, Educating Illinois, Bone Revitalization, Student Government leadership, Athletic Support, and upcoming renovations.
    - ii. The Student Affairs Division has many major projects going on and coming up.
    - iii. Mr. Adams also announced that President Bowman has extended his appointment beyond the two year mark into a third year and possibly more.
      - A. He thinks that SGA is fortunate to have an Administration so willing to listen to us and allow many of us to serve on these committees that will impact this campus greatly.
  - h. There has been confusion between Association members about the campus dining
    - i. He and Dave will be meeting with Monica and Sabrina on Friday to discuss.
    - ii. The Association will be kept up to date with all of the details.
- III. Chief of Staff Neville's report:
- a. SGA apparel is finally in.
    - i. She ordered very few extras in the hopes that we would fill our empty positions.
    - ii. She does have a few sizes left over.
    - iii. If someone's size does not fit, let her know so she can try to switch yours with one of the extras.

- iv. She wants everyone to wear their pullovers on Wednesdays that we have Assembly Meetings and to wear them to the meetings themselves.
  - v. This will help to spread SGA awareness throughout the campus.
  - vi. It is not mandatory, but a suggestion.
- b. She does not understand why she receives so many timecards for hours spent in the office.
  - i. If you are in the office, she asks that you swipe in.
  - ii. Otherwise, she has to manually enter all of these cards.
  - iii. If you do forget to swipe in, fill out the timecard, but try to keep this to a minimum.
  - iv. Everyone should be swiping in when they are in the office.
- c. This past week she has been monitoring the productivity level in the office.
  - i. If you seem to be unproductive in the office, such as talking about unrelated things for long periods of time, playing games, surfing the Internet, or doing homework, she may not give you your office hours.
  - ii. She can look to see who is clocked in.
  - iii. Almost everyone not doing something in the office is clocked in and getting paid.
  - iv. She will be contacting Speaker Cassata in the future to contact committee chairs for people with nothing to do.
- d. She is very excited with the applications for the Public Relations Director and Technology Director.
  - i. She has received an abundance of more than qualified applicants.
  - ii. Applications were due at 5 today, and she thanks everyone for spreading word about the openings.
  - iii. She also thinks that the constituent emails seem to be working seeing as how she receives several emails a day regarding the Technology Director position.
    - A. She wants Senators to not be discouraged if they think no one is reading their emails.
- e. She, Secretary Mason, and Deputy Speaker Graham had a leadership dinner last week with Vice President Adams and Dean Patterson.
  - i. It highlighted our involvement with other student organizations and Stephanie Epps of Alumni Relations.
  - ii. Alumni Relations is making great strides in advertising homecoming and spreading the red this year.
    - A. Downtown Bloomington will be planting red flowers in front of stores and employees will be asked to wear red on Fridays as well.



- VIII. Programs Director McKenna's report:
- a. We have our parade entry secure.
    - i. We also have storage space secured.
  - b. SGA will be participating in the decorating.
    - i. Anyone who is interested should let her now.
  - c. We still need a truck and a hitch pin to get the hay rack and on the day of the parade.
    - i. If anyone has either of these, let her know asap.
  - d. There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss float ideas.
  - e. There will be a meeting on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss decorating.
  - f. Speaker Cassata reminds everyone that it is a mandatory event.
  - g. Programs Director McKenna says that if you are signed up for the first shift, you should meet in the office.
  - h. Senator Cail asks what she should do if she has class the entire time.
    - i. Programs Director needs to send an email to Secretary Mason.
  - i. Programs Director McKenna says that Pig out with the Prez will be a constituent contact event.
    - i. We will be getting feedback about apartment and parking issues.
  - j. She also needs people to stay after to clean up.
  - k. Programs Director McKenna also has sign up sheets for campus crawls to hand out information.
  - l. She also wants everyone to wear their polos and nametags at this event.
  - m. Senator Ruscitti asks if the Association will pay for the gas for the truck.
    - i. Programs Director McKenna says they will.
  - n. Senator Griswold asks if the truck owner gets to drive to drive the truck.
    - i. The owner will drive for liability reasons.
  - o. Senator Nippa asks about the parade itself.
    - i. Programs Director McKenna says the parade itself is required.
  - p. Chief of Staff Neville says the bell ringing is just volunteering, and is not office hours.
- IX. Finance Director Osolin's report:
- a. He had a BRC orientation today.
    - i. He had 7 members show up.
  - b. He is also meeting with 3 other people tomorrow.
  - c. He is still looking for a Special Education major for the BRC.
  - d. Speaker Cassata asks about the time commitment.
    - i. Finance Director Osolin says the person will probably only have to attend one meeting.

- X. Advisor Zompetti's report:
  - a. Senator Miller asks if she gets paid for July.
    - i. Zompetti says they are getting paid, but in a different way.
  - b. Senator Miller asks why it is taking so long to get paid.
    - i. Zompetti says it is because their paperwork got mixed up.
  - c. Senator Throgesen asks if they need to be in there the entire office hour time.
    - i. Zompetti says that whatever time you put down, she expects you to be in the office.
    - ii. martin says that everyone should add there office hours in their Outlook, so people can see when you will be there.
      - A. Cassata says to make their office hours free so people can schedule meetings during that time.
- XI. Advisor Olshak's report:
  - a. No report.

## **Committee Reports**

- I. Civic Engagement- Senator Nippa
  - a. He will be submitting a resolution to the Executive Committee regarding Habitat for Humanity soon.
  - b. The Political Engagement Project and American Diversity Project will have its first meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. The committee members are still doing research and benchmarking on other schools with the Collegiate Readership Program.
  - d. He has some good ideas in regards to Active Diversity.
    - i. People should let him know if they want to help.
  - e. He is looking at Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> for the Voter Education Week.
    - i. Senator Dick Durbin will also be speaking about campaign reform during that week.
  - f. He is meeting with the New York Times Collegiate Readership Program representative tomorrow.
- II. Finance and Allocation- Senator Tom Krug
  - a. They had their first Fee Board meeting tonight, and it went well.
- III. Programs and Recognition- Senator Bixby
  - a. They have been working on writing the resolution for recognizing Gamma Iota Sigma as RSO of the Month.

- b. They have also been working on the Random Acts of Kindness Program by making the applications and developing the program further.
  - c. The committee is going to be contacting the Daily Vidette to set up an add for the programs every week and researching other ways they are going to be recognizing winners for all three of their projects.
- IV. Policies and Procedures- Senator Moore
- a. They added a new section to the Elections Code.
    - i. Electronic campaigning is now addressed and is currently being reviewed by Speaker Cassata and the Executive Committee.
  - b. The committee will be continuing to update and amend certain parts of the Student Elections Code and the by-laws.

### **Ex-Officio Member Reports & Updates**

- I. Asian Pacific American Coalition (APAC)
  - a. They had their first general assembly meeting yesterday.
    - i. Talked about current events in Asia.
  - b. Planned their next meeting, which will be held in two weeks.
- II. Association of Latin American Students (ALAS)
  - a. Had their flag day on the quad last week.
  - b. Had Bienvenidos.
    - i. Lots of people and speakers turned out.
- III. Association of Residence Halls (ARH)
  - a. They had their government and unity retreat this past weekend.
    - i. It went well.
  - b. West Campus opened yesterday.
    - i. People took tours of the new Commons area in the basement.
    - ii. Everything looks great.
    - iii. She thanks President Horstein, Vice President Martin, Chief of Staff Neville, and Senators Nippa and Graham for attending the Open House.
      - 1. It was nice to have SGA support there.
  - c. They are co-sponsoring Pig out with the Prez this Friday.
    - i. They will be out on the quad from 11am-2pm.
  - d. Next week is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Week.
    - i. They are having a speaker on Monday in the Walker Large Lounge from 7-9pm.
      - 1. Judy Ashby is the Executive Director for Lifesavers Training Corp.
      - 2. Lifesavers is a peer-support, suicide, and crisis-prevention program.

- ii. They are hosting free bowling and billiards in the BBC this Friday from 8-midnight.
- IV. Black Student Union (BSU)
  - a. They had an exec board meeting, and are planning their October events.
    - i. They are co-sponsoring an event with ALAS on October 8th.
    - ii. They are co-sponsoring another event with PRDIE on October 7th.
    - iii. They are planning a Boys and Girls Club of America Halloween event October 29<sup>th</sup>.
      - 1. They do not have a location yet.
- V. People Realizing Individuality and Diversity through Education (PRIDE)
  - a. They handed out over a thousand t-shirts today on the quad.
    - i. They hope everyone wears them on Friday.
  - b. She wants to know if SGA might be willing to do a co-sponsorship to get more t-shirts for next semester.
  - c. She wants people to ask personal questions after the meetings so it can end sooner.
- VI. Student Trustee Cekander
  - a. No report.

### **Information Items**

- A. Senator Bixby motions to add the Resolution Recognizing Gamma Iota Sigma as RSO of the Month to Information Items.
  - a. Senator Ruscitti seconds.
  - b. Senator Bixby says Gamma Iota Sigma is very professional and worked very hard on getting new recruitments.
- B. Ewing Manor Proposal- Vice President Martin
  - a. Senator Miller asks if the date is set and if there is a time because it is at the same time as Homecoming.
    - i. Vice President Martin says the date is finalized because the next weekend is Family Weekend and then Thanksgiving break.
    - ii. He thinks it will be mid-afternoon so Greeks can still have their chapter meetings.
  - b. Vice President Martin motions to move this into Action Item A.
    - i. Senator Moore seconds.
    - ii. Motion passes.
- C. Off-Campus Housing Survey- President Horstein



- a. He wants the Senators to take on this project instead of the Executive Officers.
- b. He says that Deputy Speaker Graham can bring the issues to the Executive Board.
- c. If the Senators do not want to do this, an Executive Staff member will receive it.
- d. Senator Nippa asks what the Senators will have to do.
  - i. President Horstein says they need a survey of leasing issues and apartment concerns from off-campus students.
    - 1. This will include what they feel about where they live and the conditions.
- e. Senator Miller asks what will be done with the information.
  - i. President Horstein says the information collected will let us know what action needs to be taken, but we need quantitative feedback.
- f. Senator Anders asks if there is anything that can be done with only eleven days to the re-sign date.
  - i. President Horstein says this would be for next year.
- g. Deputy Speaker Graham motions to move this into Action Item B.
  - i. Senator Anders seconds.
  - ii. Motion passes.

D. RSO of the Month proposal- Senator Bixby

- a. She wants to recognize the RSO Gamma Iota Sigma in the Daily Vidette and to give them a nameplate and plaque.
- b. Senator Tom Krug motions to move this into Action Item C.
  - i. Senator Ruscitti seconds.
  - ii. Motion passes.

**Action Items**

- b. Ewing Manor Event
  - i. Senator Ruscitti motions to approve.
    - 1. Senator Anders seconds.
  - ii. Deputy Speaker Graham says that the details had not been presented to us, and they are not good.
    - 1. She says that the Association has already met with the administrators.
  - iii. Vice President Martin says that the administrators at this event would be different than the ones we just met with.
    - 1. This would be instead of inviting them to attend a caucus.
  - iv. Senator Thorgesen asks if this is considered an open agenda, more like a social event.
    - 1. Vice President Martin says the administrators will be speaking, and there will be some food.

2. Senator Thorgesen asks if we will be getting something out of attending.
    - a. Vice President Martin says that we will be learning from their speeches.
  - v. Senator Nippa says that ELP should not be brought to into consideration while discussing this resolution.
    1. He thinks it is inexpensive.
  - vi. Senator Tom Krug asks what line item the event would come out of.
    1. Vice President Martin says the Executive Officer events.
  - vii. Deputy Speaker Graham says the dinner is not necessary, we can invite them to caucus and save the \$500.
    1. Vice President Martin says he would remove the required attendance policy.
  - viii. Senator Miller is unsure of the purpose of going to listen to people for only a minute at a time.
    1. She does not think it is the best use of time, especially for the ELP members.
    2. Vice President Martin says it is also a mix and mingle because we can talk to the administrators and bring SGA awareness to them.
  - ix. Senator Thorgesen says he does not know how it would beneficial to be with an administrator that does not know him or what he does.
  - x. Senator Nippa says he does not think there is another way to bring about all these people into this setting.
    1. He thinks it is a good idea for ELP because many of them run for SGA in the future.
    2. He wants more face time with officials.
  - xi. Deputy Speaker Graham thinks this can be done in a more effective way.
    1. Not all ELP members need to meet with the administrators.
    2. Something like Pig out with the Prez would allow even more students to get involved.
  - xii. Senator Cail wants to postpone voting to see how many people will come.
    1. If not many people show up, it is not worth spending \$500.
  - xiii. Senator Cail motions to move to previous question.
    1. Senator Anders seconds.
    2. Motion passes with three votes of no.
  - xiv. Motion to pass the resolution authorizing Ewing Manor Event fails with 10 votes of yes, 8 votes of no, and 1 abstention.
- c. Off-Campus Housing Survey- President Horstein

- i. The Off-Campus Senators will take on this project.
    - ii. Senator Broderick motions to approve this item.
      1. Senator Rucitti seconds.
      2. Motion passes.
    - iii. President Horstein will forward on this information soon.
  - d. RSO of the Month
    - i. Senator Miller motions to approve the resolution.
      1. Senator Long seconds.
      2. Motion passes.

### **Passing of the Gavel**

- I. President Horstein says that if anyone wants to talk to him about his performance, he encourages people to talk to him directly.
- II. Advisor Olshak says there are information sessions for off-campus and on-campus students who are in the apartment business.
  - a. These sessions will include many issues.
  - b. They are on September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>.
- III. Advisor Olshak says that people will be talking to people about running for next year.
  - a. He wants everyone to know that they can discuss these future positions with him.
  - b. Set up a meeting with him or email him.
- IV. Senator Cail wants people to say things in debate if they actually have to say something.
  - a. Not to just vote to get out early.
- V. Speaker Cassata wants to remind everyone that the Association is paid to be at the Assembly Meetings until 9pm, so people should not want to get out early.

### **Adjournment**

- I. Senator Miller motions to adjourn.
  - a. Senator Anders seconds.
  - b. Meeting adjourned.