

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2010

Executive Members Present: Student Body President Spialek, Vice President Fettner, Executive Director Krug, Secretary of Public Relations Brewer, Secretary of Student Fees Cahanin, Secretary of Programs Green, Secretary of Governmental Affairs Preston, Secretary of Diversity Affairs Hall, Secretary of Sustainability Moore

Assembly Members Present: President of the Assembly Carnahan, Vice President of the Assembly Hochhauser, Secretary of the Assembly McMahon, Senator Thornton, Senator Pankow, Senator Ruedig, Senator Palmer, Senator McGinty, Senator Monahan, Senator Owens, Senator Larson, Senator Marquis, Senator Yancey, Senator Kodman, Senator Rubashkin, Senator Volgman, Senator Colaric, Senator Mackey

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

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approved.

III. Executive Officer Reports

- a. Student Body President (M. Spialek)

- i. Report
- ii. Questions/Comments: none

- b. Student Body Vice President (E. Fettner)

- i. Before break the discount card task force went out to several local businesses to try to come in contact with the owners. I am just starting to hear back from a few local businesses that are looking to be a part of the program. Winter break put a small halt on the programs efforts. Now that we are back we are going to be in full drive looking to have all business who will participate locked in by the end of February, in order to have a spring launch. I would like to gather more support from the association to accomplish this goal. If you are interested in helping by calling/emailing business owners please let me know any new help will be greatly appreciated.

- ii. Questions/Comments: none

- c. Student Body Executive Director (J. Krug)

- i. Report
- ii. Questions/Comments:

IV. Assembly Officer Reports

- a. President of the Assembly (M. Carnahan)

- i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
- b. Vice President of the Assembly (A. Hochhauser)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Secretary of the Assembly (M. McMahon)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:

V. Cabinet Member Reports

- a. Secretary of Student Fees (D. Cahanin)
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
- c. Secretary of Public Relations (S. Brewer)
 - i. The Master Plan news release went out last week and will be covered in The Vidette on Thursday.
 - ii. I have also created a power point slide that I will be sending to the heads of each department with a request to forward the slide down to the faculty and staff. The professors will be asked to present this slide during their lecture in order to inform the student body of the Campus Caucus.
 - iii. I am creating a flyer for the Campus Caucus as well. This will be distributed the week of the Caucus.
 - iv. In the next few weeks I will be coming up with a format for the Alumni newsletter.
 - v. Also, in the next few weeks I will be working on creating a media journal comprised of all of the Vidette coverage we have received this year.
 - vi. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Secretary of Programs (E. Green)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
- e. Secretary of Governmental Relations (S. Preston)
 - i. Working with President Spialek and the Town of Normal to plan a campus-wide census initiative.
 - ii. Working with Normal Town Planner and Council members regarding apartment planning processes for students.
 - iii. Attended Council and County Board meetings.

- iv. Exploring new efforts to build relations between the student body and City of Bloomington alongside a number of Aldermen.
- v. Questions/Comments: none

f. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (R. Hall)

- i. Resolution to Cosponsor “NWC – The Race Show” will be presented today
- ii. Diversity Week meeting Friday at 2 pm in the SGA Conference Room.
- iii. Post Secret is now a ticketed (but still free event)
- iv. Soundtrack of a Revolution Documentary will be during Diversity Week
- v. Still seeking more Diversity Week lectures, workshops, events, etc
- vi. Questions/Comments: none

g. Secretary of Sustainability (D. Moore)

- i. Report
- ii. Questions/Comments:

VI. Advisor Report (R. Olshak)

- i. Report
- ii. Questions/Comments:

VII. Committee Chairperson Reports

a. Programs and Recognition (B. Thornton)

- i. Report
- ii. Questions/Comments:

b. Finance and Allocation (Z. Owens)

- i. Program hearing fund deadline closed. Underreps let your constituents know.
- ii. Questions/Comments: none

c. Policies and Procedures (A. Larson)

- i. No Report
- ii. Questions/Comments: none

d. Civic Engagement (E. Yancey)

- i. Report
- ii. Questions/Comments:

VIII. Senator Coordinator Reports

a. Off-Campus Senators (L. Ruedig)

- i. Report
- ii. Questions/Comments: none

b. On-Campus Senators (Z. Owens)

- i. No Report
- ii. Questions/Comments: none

- c. Underrepresented Senators (K. Colaric)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Graduate Senators (E. Yancey)
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

IX. Ex-Officio Reports

- a. ALAS
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. APAC
 - i. First event Korean Night was very successful. We had over 50 participants.
 - ii. Second event of “Speed Dating” coming up 2/2/10 7 p.m.
 - iii. It will be a great chance to know our members individually
 - iv. Questions/Comments:
- c. ARH
 - i. We held our first blood drive of the semester on Tuesday, January 26th in Watterson Towers. We collected 83 units out of our 60 unit goal. Our next blood drive will be in March
 - ii. We have selected 8 students to attend the statewide Residence Hall conference, IRHA which will be in March at North Central College
 - iii. We have selected 8 RAs to attend a statewide RA conference, as well. This conference will be February 5-7th
 - iv. We are currently in the planning stages of our annual charity ball which will be held on March 27th from 7-10pm in the Old Main Room of the Bone Student Center
 - v. Questions/Comments:
- d. BSU
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - iii. Is the Heritage Ball Formal attire, and who is the current President of BSU?- McGinty
 - iv. Yes it is, and Lauren Neely.- BSU
 - v. Just to clarify, there is a sign-in going around right now.- Hall
- e. Pride
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- f. Student Trustee (G. Bagnuolo)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

X. Spialek moves to suspend normal business to Information Items, Owens seconds.

-Can Ex-Officio’s give reports?-Thornton

-Yes. - Spialek

XI. Information Items

-Krug moves to Sense of the Senate regarding the date of Passing of the Gavel as info item a.

-Krug moves the Budget as info item b.

-Spialek moves to make the appointment of a Grad Senator as info item c.

-Spialek moves to make the Resolution Suspending Legislative By-Laws Article 6, Section 1A as info item d.

- Monahan moves to make the Bill to Promote Academic Senate Transparency to Students through the Student Government Association Website as info e.

- Hall moves to make the Resolution Authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of “NWC – The Race Show” as info item f.

-Marquis Moves to make the Resolution Authorizing SGA Participation in Hidden Reggies as info item g.

Carnahan moves to make the Appointment of Civic Engagement Chair as info item h.

a. Sense of the Senate

i. The date change will be April 10th and the transition retreat will be on April 11th.

ii. Questions:

1. Is there a set time for Passing the Gavel?- Palmer
2. Yes, but you will receive an invitation soon.- Krug
3. Does everyone go to the transition?- Palmer
4. Usually cabinet members do not go.- Krug
5. Do you know if the retreat is after 3pm? - Thornton.
6. The transition retreat is really for the incoming students.- Spialek
7. That weekend is not negotiable, but the time can be. – Olshak

iii. Krug moves info item a to action item b, Marquis seconds.

b. Budget

i. I have an updated budget for you. The constituent contact event funding is over \$2,000 and co-sponsorship funding is over \$7,000. The signature event has funding that is over \$3,000.

ii. Questions: none

c. Graduate Senator Appointment

i. Ted Mason

1. Speech

ii. Questions:

1. If elected, will you be able to cope not having your own computer or will you sneak into Matt's office?- Bagnuolo
 2. Matt has a key so I don't think that will be a problem.- Mason
 3. Is there anything you want to accomplish this time around?- Rubashkin
 4. I want to revive the graduate student association. It is hard for everyone to come out and I want to find another way for graduate students to come together, perhaps by setting up a facebook group. I have thought about teaming up with Off-Campus Senators and working with the shoveling/salt issue with snow around apartments.- Mason
 5. If you could be an office supply what would you be and why?- Olshak
 6. I would be a paperclip, because I can hold an association together, but still be flexible.- Mason
- iii. Move to make action item c, Mackey seconds.
 - iv. Motion passed.
- d. Resolution Suspending Legislative By-Laws Article 6, Section 1A (M. Spialek)
- i. Questions/Comments:
 1. Why don't you make this a bill and permanently change bylaws?- Marquis
 2. It is a resolution because I don't think it's fair for future administrations and it is based on individuals. Also, specific lines in resolution are related to Alexandra.- Spialek
 3. Did your involvement in SGA impact your grades?- Mackey
 4. Not really, mostly the class and being president of my sorority. – Hochhauser
 5. Is there precedent for suspending bylaws?- Rubashkin
 6. There have been many situations over the years.- Olshak
 7. Did you approach the exec committee that you were struggling or did it have to come to their attention?- Hall
 8. I originally discussed it with Rick and Matt – Hochhauser
 9. Why did you give up President of sorority? - Colaric
 10. I didn't give it up, our term is over. - Hochhauser
 11. Can you pick up your GPA this semester?- Olson
 12. Definitely, I have always had A's and B's before - Hochhauser
 13. It was only one class. -Fettner
 - ii. Move to make info item d, action item d; Preston seconds.
 - iii. Motion passed.
- e. Bill to Promote Academic Senate Transparency to Students through the Student Government Association Website (L. Monahan)
- i. Questions/Comments:
 1. Would this just be linking to the Academic Senate website?- Mackey
 2. Yes.-Monahan

3. Would you want this on a separate page?- Olson
 4. Yes.-Monahan
 5. Was there a reason that it wasn't brought up at the last meeting?- Rubashkin
 6. Grammatical errors.
 - ii. Motion passed.
- f. Resolution Authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of "NWC – The Race Show" (R. Hall)
- i. Questions/Comments:
 1. The more organizations that fund it means the cheaper it is for students or is it free?- Monahan
 2. It is free.- Hall
 3. Does Finance and Allocation need to approve this?- Owens
 4. Yes.- Olshak
 5. I mistakenly forgot to submit this.-Carnahan
 6. Finance and Allocation approves.-Owens
 7. Where did \$500 come from?- Bagnuolo
 8. That was ARH's request.- Hall
 - ii. Move to make info item f, action item f; seconds.
 - iii. Motion passed.
- g. Resolution Authorizing SGA Participation in Hidden Reggies (D. Marquis)
- i. Questions/Comments:
 1. This is a single tile we are doing right now?- Mackey
 2. Yes, but this one tile will be a template tile that can be used at a cheaper price.- Marquis
 3. Will there be another funding request?- Mackey
 4. This is a pilot, but most likely it will come as a bill later. – Marquis
 5. Is this a small tile or a floor tile?- Green
 6. It is about the size of a wall tile that will take up about 4 small tiles.- Marquis
 7. Where in Schroeder will this be hidden?- Rubashkin
 8. It will be on the first floor of Schroeder, but nothing is completely set just yet.- Marquis
 9. Point of Clarification: Will this be in a different spot in every building?- Monahan
 10. This will be very similar to Hidden Mickey's in Disney World. Perhaps we will use different mediums.- Marquis
 11. Who is painting this tile and who is deciding on what version?- BSU
 12. We are going to commission a Grad Student from the School of Art and it will still be expensive. Basically they will come up with a design and we will have it approved by Marketing. – Marquis
 13. What will be the estimate on the overall project?- Rubashkin

14. Because this will be a signature program, it will vary from year to year. It is a long-range project.- Marquis
 15. Will this say SGA anywhere?- Pankow
 16. Probably not, but it is not set in stone.- Marquis
 17. How do you plan on informing students?- Fettner
 18. We would have an event and we want to talk to the tour guides on campus to have them pointing out the Reggies. We will also use our website and have a list.- Marquis
 19. Is it for sure going to be this tile? Do we have a say?- McGinty
 20. Yes, if you want to. The tile that we are using may not be the same as it is on the paper.- Marquis
- ii. Move to make info item g, action item g; Mackey seconds.
 - iii. Motion passed.

h. Appointment of Civic Engagement (M. Carnahan)

- i. Questions/Comments:
 1. Is it possible to nominate anyone?- Owens
 2. Yes.- Carnahan
 3. I nominate Senator McGinty- Owens
 4. No thank you.- Larson
 5. Can a cabinet member serve as a committee chair?- Larson
 6. Yes.- Carnahan
- ii. Move to make info item h, action item h; seconds.
- iii. Motion passed.

XII. Action Items

- a. Bill to Establish an Official SGA Alumni Newsletter and Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Executive Cabinet Members Authorities, Powers and Responsibilities (Article 2, Section 3B) (M. McMahon)
 - i. McMahon moves to approve, Colaric seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 1. Friendly Amendment: Change mailed to sent in line - Bagnuolo
 2. I approve.- McMahon
 - iii. Vote to move out of debate, motion passed.
 - iv. Bill passes with unanimously.
- b. Sense of the Senate
 - i. Krug moves to approve, Cahanin seconds.
 - ii. Debate: none
 - iii. Sense of the Senate passes unanimously.
- c. Graduate Senator Appointment
 - i. Spialek moves to approve, Mackey seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 - iii. Ted Mason is now a Graduate Senator

- d. Resolution Suspending Legislative By-Laws Article 6, Section 1A (M. Spialek)
 - i. Spialek moves to approve, seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 - 1. I really think she'll be able to pull it together.- Ruedig
 - 2. I've been on other RSO exec boards and have had to suspend bylaws before, and I haven't had good experiences, but I am confident in Alexandra. We will be better served keeping her in her position rather than replacing her. - Bagnuolo
 - 3. She only had one bad class, I don't think anyone couldn't relate. Mistakes happen; she's done a lot for our association. - Mackey
 - 4. This was only one class not an entire semester.- Green
 - iii. Resolution passes 16 Y, 2 N, 1 A.

- e. Resolution Authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of "NWC – The Race Show" (R. Hall)
 - i. Hall moves to approve, McGinty seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 - 1. In the future, you should ask for more money.- Olshak
 - 2. I went to this program and I really enjoyed it.- Hochhauser
 - 3. Amendment line 38 to add FA approved and change 500 Dollars to \$500- Hall
 - 4. BSU will be putting this on our events and I say you should vote to support.- BSU
 - iii. Resolution passes unanimously

- f. Resolution Authorizing SGA Participation in Hidden Reggies (D. Marquis)
 - i. Marquis moves to approve, Cahanin seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 - 1. It seems like a lot of money, but I think this a really great idea and will help with school pride.- Colaric
 - 2. We do have \$3000 left, so I encourage you to vote yes.- Thornton
 - 3. I do not know if I support this, I think if you want to do a program like this, I would go at it a little harder and faster. You have a ton of money left over to fund this. I feel like it is underwhelming. It would be a better program if this was all over.- Bagnuolo
 - 4. I kind of agree and disagree with Geno. This is not about later, it is about right now. I think there is no point to shoot the idea down right now. – Krug
 - 5. I am not in favor of the Hidden Reggies Resolution.- Rubashkin
 - 6. I am very proud of Senator Marquis. The \$500 is worth it. I think it is a great tradition to start.- Mackey
 - 7. I agree with Geno, I think this is a cool idea. I still feel left to wonder if there are better options as opposed to just this one thing. If this is supposed to be a signature program, I feel like this could be lost.- McGinty

8. I disagree that this will disappear. The incoming people will have an idea to work with. –Thornton
 9. I hear what Geno is saying, and I think that the big reveal will be a little too much.- Green
 10. I agree with Senator Thornton. I think this is a good idea and it is ran well.- Volgman
 11. I understand the idea of trying to make this bigger and getting financial support with co-sponsorship, but the Ad-Hoc Committee was just for a SGA program.- Spialek
 12. I believe the big unveiling is just an idea. I support this 100%.- Fettner
 13. I have loved this since the beginning, but I would like to see another resolution because there is a great deal of money that can be used towards this.- McMahon
 14. I would like to call to question- Larson
- iii. Resolution passes with 17 yays, 2 nays.

g. Civic Engagement Committee Chair Election

- i. Move to table, Owens, Larson seconds
 1. The person that Senator Owens kindly declined.-Mackey
 2. As a member of civic engagement, we would really like someone to be appointment. So I am for approval.- McGinty
 3. We do not have much time left in this association.- Hall
 4. I agree.- Rubashkin
 5. I would not post-pone it.- Krug
 6. I feel like we should look more into it- Larson
 7. I would also encourage to post-pone it because the communication does not seem very clear.- Thornton
 8. It does not say anything in the by-laws. Scott contributes so much and has so many resources. I cannot think of a better person to fit this position. People are getting caught up in who in what position should hold this.- Colaric
 9. There is only one inference to committee chairperson. The President of the Assembly is supposed to appoint a Senator.- Olshak
 10. I completely agree with any senator that wants to table this. I fully respect the decision. Based on what the other committee members said they are in favor of Secretary Preston. This was not some motive on the executive branch. - Spialek
 11. I believe that we passed a bill saying that the Secretary of Governmental Relations that he is on that committee. - Marquis
 12. As the legislation stands, it is interpreted it is. –Larson
 13. I think someone from the committee should set up.-Owens
 14. This is a matter of how the executive and legislative branch are separated.- Larson

15. The people that are on the committee are very much in favor of the position to be filled. - Mackey
 16. I definitely agree that someone should be from the assembly. If this is the only option, then it should be approved. – Bagnuolo
 17. I am torn because I do believe that someone from the assembly should be the committee chair, but we do need to fill the position. I call to previous question. - McMahan
 - a. No objections
 - b. Vote to post-pone, Nays are in favor
- ii. Debate
1. I would like to clarify that people who are senators were going to run, but we discussed it and others wanted it more. – McGinty
 2. Scott will not have any more legislative power than he does right now. He will not have a ridiculous ability to do more than he does now. I don't really see the issue.- Krug
 3. I offered my name, but I thought Secretary Preston would do a great job.- Rubashkin
 4. I urge you to vote no on this appointment. - Thornton
 5. I know some of you feel one way and others feel another way, so we need something to fix this. Call to question. - Fettner
 6. Object.- Larson
 7. Move to previous question. – Mackey
- iii. Votes: 12 yays, 6 nays, 1 abstention
- iv. Scott Preston is now the committee chair for Civic Engagement Committee.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Bagnuolo moves to approve, Preston seconds.