

Assembly Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2009

Executive Members Present: Student Body President Mason, Student Body Vice President Flaherty, Executive Director Bixby, Secretary of Diversity Cail, Secretary of Governmental Relations Yancy, Secretary of Programming Zerfas, Secretary of Student Fees Cahanan, Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello, Secretary of Public Relations Dogic.

Legislative Members Present: President of the Assembly Spialek, Vice President of the Assembly Krug, Secretary of the Assembly Sullivan, Senator Preston, Senator Davis, Senator Miller, Senator Merth, Senator Spiek, Senator Fettner, Senator Abdalla, Senator Lund, Senator Thorton, Senator Carnahan, Senator Owens, Senator Long, Senator Hochhauser, Senator Dummelle, Senator Colaric, Senator Leigh.

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

Ex-Officios Present:

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Long motioned to approve, Miller seconded.

III. Executive Officer Reports

A. Mason

1. Some of the walls in the SGA office were removed. This is to improve communication between Ex-Officios and Senators and is also to help people find their way around the office a little bit more.
2. The Safety report was finished and was sent to Vice Presidents Adams and Bragg. Mayor Koos and the Assistant Corporate Attorney for the Town of Normal also received a copy.
3. People still need to get their flash drives from Tammy and return their bulky Operations Manuals.
4. The Collegiate Readership Program is going well. The committee will meet weekly on Fridays to discuss responses from benchmarking as well as consider ways to educate the ISU community about the program. The committee will present at a caucus so that you will be more prepared to answer questions about it should a constituent have one.
5. Posters from the Winter Retreat are in the office. These will help you come up with ideas if you are ever bored in the office. Please sign your name next to an initiative so that others know who to talk to.

6. We have a little over 75 more days until the end of our term. Please make sure to keep working on things so that you don't have to rush at the end.
7. Questions
 - a. No Questions

B. Flaherty

1. Sent new Senators email with committee they will be serving on for Academic Senate.
2. Finishing up letter to Academic Senate Exec. concerning getting rid of the Constitution Exam as a Graduation Requirement.
3. Hopefully will be able to finalize order for T-shirt Swap this Friday.
4. There are openings on the Athletic Council (2) and the Academic Advisor Advisory Board (1).
5. Questions
 - a. Mason—Academic Advisors was a committee that I was on, but I can no longer attend; they are Fridays at one o'clock every other week.
 - b. Zerfas—When was Athletic Council? Spiek—It was once a month at 7:30 a.m.

C. Bixby

1. Please be sure to sign up for Office Hours.
2. If you have not filled in your address for passing of the gavel invitations, please fill them in tonight. Passing of the Gavel save the dates will be sent out soon.
3. Questions
 - a. No Questions

IV. Assembly Officer Reports

A. Spialek

1. One on Ones due by 1/28 (which is two weeks). Meet with respective Officers
2. 3rd Party Vendor committee mtg. about where to go from here and getting together a list of schools to benchmark.
3. Welcome back and let's have a good semester.
4. Questions
 - a. No Questions

B. Krug

1. Constituent Email is almost finished. Once it is finished, please send it out by Friday evening. Instructions, again, will be attached, but please, PLEASE, contact me if you have questions or trouble doing it.

Also, be sure to “CC” me into the email. New Listserv lists are up in the office if you don’t know where to find it.

2. On Campus senators, please open your Outlook calendars to me so that I can make the appointments.
3. Questions
 - a. Rick—read instructions for emails, and run it by me.

C. Sullivan

1. My apologies to Senator Leigh who was not called during Roll Call, the problem will be corrected.
2. I sent a report form to everyone, please fill this out and return to me by Friday; it is when I do minutes.
3. This week I sent out minutes from the past two meetings as well as absence sheet.
4. Off campus senators, please open your Outlook calendars to me.
5. Ex-Officios, please fill out the report form and put your email at the bottom of the page so that I can contact you if there is a schedule change. Also, if you have events that you would like the Assembly to know about, email me and I will forward it on to everyone.
6. Questions
 - a. No Questions

V. Cabinet Member Reports

A. Cahanin

1. Working with F&A
2. Questions
 - a. No Questions

B. Dogic

1. Working on Save the Date cards for Passing of the Gavel
2. Will be updating the bulletin board on the second floor of the Bone next week.
3. Questions
 - a. No Questions

C. Yancey

1. Still familiarizing myself with the duties of my position
2. Meeting with Tyler Clark next week to get his contacts within the community
3. Questions
 - a. No Questions

D. Zerfas

1. Working on Pack the Place for the Feb. 7th Women’s Basketball Game.

2. We will be given tickets and not have to pay for them. It is a promotional thing that Athletics is doing because it is National Challenge.
3. Looking into getting “Terrible Towels” made for Pack the Place, but I still need to get an estimate.
4. Resolution to be finalized at the next Assembly
5. Soon to start planning for next “Pack the house”, the show still undecided.
6. Questions
 - a. Merth—Ballet
 - b. Abdalla—My vote is for Aveda.
 - c. Bixby—I second
 - d. Leigh—Mandatory?? *No, Highly Recommended.*
 - e. Abdalla—What Pack the Place are we doing? *Women’s Basketball. It is Pack the Place National Challenge.*

E. Cail

1. No Report

F. Tortoriello

1. Pictures are today.
2. You can check your email
3. Wireless expansion committee meeting Jan. 27th. Let me know places you get bad cell/wifi reception.
4. Questions
 - a. Yancy—My name is spelled wrong on the website. I should have sent carrier pigeon.
 - b. Spialek—Are we using clickers? *No*

VI. Advisor Report

- A. No report

VII. Committee Reports

A. Civic Engagement

1. We are making progress on our Town of Normal Campaign which will involve a political aspect and community service. I’ll let you know more details as they are available.
2. Questions
 - a. No Questions

B. F&A

1. No Report

C. Policies and Procedures

1. Student Elections Code as info item. Will talk about that later.
2. Questions
 - a. Tortoriello—Link is under resources section of website.

D. Programs and Recognition

1. Working on RSO Applications
2. Collaborating on a community service project with Civic Engagement.
3. Still working on a 5K run. We hope that this will become an SGA “Signature” Program.
4. Questions
 - a. No Questions

VIII. Senator Coordinator Reports

A. Off-Campus

1. Working on Constituent Contact events.
2. Questions

B. On-Campus

1. No Report

C. Underrepresented

1. January Constituent contact event is the 26th from 10-3 in the Bone. We will be handing out information for RSOs and advertising for our February event.
2. Questions
 - a. No Questions

D. Grad.

1. Unfortunately, Stephanie Winzer will not be continuing in SGA this semester.
2. Working on the continuation of reactivating the Graduate Student Association (GSA).
3. We have appointed officers with Lisa Floyd serving as the President.
4. My hope is to find innovating ways to get members.
5. Meeting with Dr. Nance this Friday about GSA.
6. Working on getting Grad. Students to attend basketball games, like Pack the Place, and a service project/fundraiser that will directly affect a less fortunate Grad. Student.
7. Questions
 - a. No Questions

IX. Ex-Officio Reports

A. ALAS

1. Exec. Members still need to be reimbursed for Diversity Week; we turned in receipts in November.
2. First Meeting is Jan. 20th in SSB 375 at 7:00 p.m.

3. Recruitment Social is Jan 27th in SSB 375 at 7 p.m. There will be free food and drinks.
4. Meeting Feb. 3rd.
5. Feb. 10th meeting/V-day social. We will be making cards and decorating cookies for loved ones.
6. Feb. 17th from 7-9 is the bowling social. We will get to know everyone; there is free food and drinks.
7. Feb. 24th meeting
8. April 18th is our formal.
9. Questions
 - a. No Questions

B. APAC

1. New Executive Board Members training.
2. This semester there will be a Korean Night, Chinese Night, and Tast of Asia.
3. Jan 29th is the Asian RSO video game competition with Smash Brothers, Rock Band, Singstar, and Halo 2. If you are good at any of these, come on out.
4. Questions
 - a. No Questions

C. ARH

1. No Report

D. BSU

1. First Meeting of this semester happened last night.
2. Working on BSU week Feb. 3rd-7th.
 - a. Feb. 3rd is Dance Like No One's Watching—it will be African Dance class in Cook Hall.
 - b. Feb. 4th is Black History Trivia Game—Winner gets 2 free Black Heritage Ball tickets.
 - c. Feb. 5th is Scholarship workshop in the Circus Room
 - d. Feb. 6th is Finishing touches—finishing last minute decorations for Black Heritage Ball.
 - e. Feb. 7th is the Black Heritage Ball. Doors open at 6 and dinner is at 7. The program is at 8:30. Students can purchase tickets at Ticketmaster from January 20th-Feb.6th for \$15.
3. Questions
 - a. Leigh—Can you repeat the events? *4th is Trivia Game and 5th is Scholarship workshop*
 - b. Tortoriello—Logo on SGA website was not up to date and it has been taken care of.

E. Pride

1. Today is “Queer Game” night and the first meeting of the semester.
2. Next Wednesday is Family Focus Night. We have lesbian couple coming to talk about the finer aspects of being a gay couple with children
3. Two weeks from now is a focus group run by Mark Vegter, not sure what he is talking about since I am here and not at that meeting.
4. Questions
 - a. No Questions

F. Student Trustee

1. Hope everyone had a good week
2. Congrats to new senators and secretaries.
3. Questions
 - a. Pride—How was you break? *GOOD!*

X. Information Items

A. Student Elections Code. Senator Long brought the Assembly up to speed as far as the changes to the proposed Code. The bill needs to be on the website for two weeks before being approved. At the next meeting it will go to the floor.

1. Questions:
 - a. Abdalla—Will we be receiving an updated copy? *It will be in the constituent email.*
 - b. Preston—Has a committee been established? Who is on it?
Flarhity—explains who is on it.
 - c. Bagnuolo—is there a copy with the visable changes?
[strikethroughs] *It is online*
2. Lund moved to action item. Flaherty seconded.

B. Black Heritage Ball. SGA will be purchasing a table for the Ball. Eight people will be able to attend at the cost of \$120. It will be held Feb 7th. Contact Mason if you would like to go.

1. Questions:
 - a. Leigh—Is that by email? *Yes*
2. Krug moved to action item. Abdalla seconded.

C. Roland S. Martin. SGA will be co-sponsoring an event with the Association of Residence Halls for the cost of \$1,500. Martin will be speaking about diversity issues and will educate students to be more globally competitive and culturally diverse.

1. Questions:
 - a. Leigh—Are we going to have members from SGA go to that? *You can purchase tickets from campus dinner.*
 - b. Thorton—What time is that? *5-8 p.m. on Feb. 2nd*

- c. Leigh—That’s not bad, but shouldn’t they give us tickets? *They didn’t offer it.*
 - d. Abdalla—I can ask the board on it.
 - 2. Krug moves to action Item. Flaherty seconds
- D. Winterfest. It is being organized by Campus Involvement Ambassadors. Each member will be required to attend at least one hour at the event on Feb. 4th from 12-4 p.m.
 - 1. Questions
 - a. No Questions
 - 2. Lund moves to action item. Preston seconds.
- E. RSO of month (October)—Nurses’ Association. They are being recognized for their Donate for Life Campaign during the month of October. Changes made to Line 53—“2008” to “2009”
 - 1. Questions
 - a. No Questions
 - 2. Lund moves to action item. Thorton.
- F. RSO of month (October)—Political Science Club. They are being recognized for their involvement with Election Night Live and their ability to register many students before the election.
 - 1. Questions
 - a. No Questions
 - 2. Krug moves to action item. Carnahan seconds.

XI. Action Item

- A. Heritage Ball
 - 1. Lund moves to pass. Long seconds.
 - 2. No Debate
 - 3. Vote. Passes unanimously
- B. Roland S. Martin
 - 1. Mason moves to pass resolution. Krug seconds.
 - 2. No Debate
 - 3. Vote. Passes unanimously
- C. Winterfest
 - 1. Preston moves to pass resolution. Merth seconds
 - 2. No Debate
 - 3. Vote. Passes unanimously.
- D. RSO October—Nurses’ Association
 - 1. Thorton moves to pass resolution. Yancy seconds
 - 2. Debate
 - a. Flaherty—“Secretary of Programs” to “Programming”.
 - b. Mason—Line 29, 33, 44 to change period to semicolon.

3. Vote. Passes unanimously
- E. RSO November—Political Science Club
 1. Carnahan moves to pass. Merth seconds.
 2. Debate
 - a. Davis—“Secretary of Programs” to “Programming”
 - b. Abdalla—line 43 is not an independent clause
 - c. Flaherty—line 43....47...needs to be semicolon
 3. Vote. Passes unanimously.
- XII. Passing the gavel
- XIII. Adjournment
 - A. Spiek moves to adjourn. Bagnuolo seconds.