

Student Government Association  
Assembly Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2009

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

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

Caucus Speaker: Vice President Dan Layzell

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Senator Owens moves to approve, Senator Colaric seconds.

III. Executive Officer Reports

- a. Student Body President (M. Spialek)
  - i. Thank you to VP of the Assembly Hochhauser for filling in for President of the Assembly Carnahan tonight.
  - ii. I understand that this has been a busy few weeks with the MAP grant and Homecoming, but we are so close to the finish line. So please, let's finish strong this week.
  - iii. If you are participating in Birds in the Burbs, please make sure you send out your first email to your pen pal by tomorrow.
  - iv. We have almost completed all of our campaign promises. It is time to challenge us in the last half of our term. In your folders, you will notice the fifth pillar will be college affordability. This deals with affordability on a large scale through state financial aid like the MAP grant, but also with affording day to day expenses like food and books. Continued lobbying for higher education as well as working with Financial Aid on FAFSA, the calculator rental, and the discount card will fall under this pillar.
  - v. Kudos to Preston on Lobby Day, Green on Homecoming, Pankow and Programs and Rec on Spack Staches, and Thornton and Hall for being on the first STOP Patrol.
  - vi. Questions/Comments:

1. We should directly e-mail the teacher for Birds in the Burbs.-  
Monahan
- b. Student Body Vice President (E. Fettner)
  - i. ELP
    1. We kicked off ELP and had 12 people arrive and it was a success. I would like to thank SB President Spialek, senator Monahan and a special thank you to Senators McMahon and Ruedig for helping out.
  - ii. Sustainability Committee
    1. My bill will be voted on tonight
  - iii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Student Body Executive Director (J. Krug)
  - i. Time Cards
    1. They are due at a certain time on Friday or Monday morning and everything you need to fill out is highlighted.
  - ii. I am a little disappointed in the office decorating. It is not done until the judging and we passed a resolution expressing that we would all contribute to 2.5 hours.
  - iii. Apparel
    1. Sorry it's not here yet!
  - iv. The tent is on its way.
  - v. I have placed phone books in different areas of the office.
  - vi. I sent an email explaining the Lobby Day attendance questions.
  - vii. I printed out an updated budget for what we have spent thus far.
  - viii. Please fill out the contact information sheet.
  - ix. If anyone wants to decorate the float today, let me know.
  - x. Everyone looks very nice tonight.
  - xi. I have forms for room requests. Please fill them out and give them to me if you need to request a room.
  - xii. Questions/Comments:
    1. The budget reflects what has been cleared in the system, not what has been allocated already.- Olshak
    2. I don't have everything that has been used for the credit-card.-  
Krug
    3. Does this pertain to the Fall Retreat and Summer meeting? -  
Marquis
    4. Yes.- Krug
    5. Do you know when we are going to get our ASGA username and password? -  
Owens
    6. I do not know, but I gave them the information. I am going to e-mail them asking them soon.- Krug

#### IV. Assembly Officer Reports

- a. President of the Assembly (M. Carnahan)
  - i. No Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments: none

- b. Vice President of the Assembly (A. Hochhauser)
  - i. Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments:
    - 1. If you want to bring the tent, would they be allowed to bring it?- Krug
    - 2. I will think about it.- Hochhauser
    - 3. Can we revise the blue cards?- Marquis
    - 4. Yes, but we have to think about if we would get them back. I have no problem making a sheet about our five pillars.- Hochhauser
    - 5. I did an hour last Monday, should I let you know or the Secretary know? - Owens.
    - 6. Me.- Hochhauser
- c. Secretary of the Assembly (M. McMahan)
  - i. Absence Policy Overview
    - 1. I put a sheet in everyone's folder reviewing the attendance policy. The policy was past at the end of last year's administration. Please look over it and ask me any questions.
  - ii. Float Building Consequences
    - 1. Make sure you sign in at the float building.
  - iii. Questions/Comments: none

#### V. Cabinet Member Reports

- a. Secretary of Student Fees (D. Cahanin)
  - i. See Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
  - i. No Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Secretary of Public Relations (S. Brewer)
  - i. I will be creating three large thank you posters to give to the Vidette, WZND, and TV-10 thanking them, from all of SGA, for their help covering the MAP Grant and informing the student body on what an important issue this is. I did not bring these posters to the meeting so I will have them in the office by Monday for everyone to sign.
  - ii. We will also be sending thank you cards to all of the legislators we are going to meet with tomorrow.
  - iii. After this busy week is settled and over, I will also be creating an informative flyer with general information about the student government, complete with our new image, "Making change, working for YOU". We do not want the student body to forget that we are here to serve them outside of the more popular issues, such as the MAP Grant.
  - iv. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Secretary of Programs (E. Green)
  - i. See Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments:
    - 1. What time do we have to be there on Saturday and where?- Palmer

2. At 9 am, but I am not quite sure where. - Green
  3. If we want to ring the bell, do we have to stay at the game?- McGinty
  4. Yes, you get your ticket to ring the bell.- Green
  5. I encourage anyone that is going to ring the bell to stay on the field. – Spialek
  6. If you were planning on going to the game with a friend, but have been planning on ringing the bell ask Liz if there are tickets left.- Krug
  7. If someone could find some scrap construction paper to make a mustache for Reggie to wear, that would be great.- Bagnuolo
- e. Secretary of Governmental Relations (S. Preston)
- i. Lobby Day is tomorrow. We are all pretty excited and everything is ready to go.
  - ii. Questions/Comments:
    1. Should we wear our nametags?- Larson
    2. It is personal preference, but we have to go through metal detectors.- Preston
- f. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (R. Hall)
- i. Working with Honors Freshman Office with the Social Justice Component. We will have 200 surveys on the student experience with the social justice component to start compiling and reviewing by this Wednesday.
  - ii. Will be holding a resolution writing workshop for ex-officios
  - iii. Working with UPB on a big diversity week event (April 5<sup>th</sup>-April 9<sup>th</sup>)
  - iv. Questions/Comments:
    1. Who is the speaker?- Marquis
    2. I cannot tell yet, because we haven't finalized the contracts.- Hall
- g. Secretary of Sustainability (D. Moore)
- i. See Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments: none

## VI. Advisor Report (R. Olshak)

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

## VII. Committee Chairperson Reports

- a. Programs and Recognition (B. Thornton)
- i. Senator Thornton refers the announcements to Senator Ruedig.
  - ii. We discussed the upcoming spack staches that will be distributed at homecoming. We would like programs and recognition to meet at the office at 12:30 and everyone else wanting to help pass them out at 1pm at the gates. We would like to have as many people as we can passing them out and ringing the bell so please come!
  - iii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Finance and Allocation (Z. Owens)

- i. Fee board received fund requests from Redbird Ringers, which was granted partial funding, and University Gaming Association, which was denied funding for a LAN party.
    - ii. There is still one position open on the RSO fee board for a general student member, if you know anyone interested please e-mail student body vice president Fettner.
    - iii. Questions/Comments: none
  - c. Policies and Procedures (A. Larson)
    - i. No Report
    - ii. Questions/Comments: none
  - d. Civic Engagement (E. Yancey)
    - i. See Report
    - ii. Questions/Comments:
      1. For future reference, what defines civic engagement?- Harris
      2. Anything related to political issues and service projects.- Yancey
      3. It is trying to get your community involved.- Colaric
      4. It is how the University defines civic engagement through Educating Illinois.- Spialek

#### VIII. Senator Coordinator Reports

- a. Off-Campus Senators (L. Ruedig)
  - i. The Off-Campus Senators have scheduled our first constituent contact event for this coming Tuesday, October 20th from 10am-1pm at Schroeder plaza. The event will be focused on off-campus safety. We will have information regarding the S.T.O.P program, information from ISU PD, information from parking and transportation, and our own SGA Off-Campus safety flyer that we have created. We will also have safety candy, lifesavers, because the information you will gain could save your life!
  - ii. We will have a second constituent contact event outside of the pub II on Wednesday November 11, 2009. We will be providing wallet-sized night ride schedules for the constituents as well as pizza.
  - iii. We would like our third event to be a tailgate at a home football game. If we are not able to organize it for the remaining 2 home games, we will organize an event before a basketball game next semester.
  - iv. Questions/Comments:
    1. Thank you Off-Campus Senators for doing the Night Ride Constituent Contact Event because it helps benefit one of our platforms.- Spialek
- b. On-Campus Senators (Z. Owens)
  - i. Senator Larson approached campus dining and athletics about having a meet and greet in a dining center with the football team. On-campus senators will be meeting with Athletics and dining services next Thursday for details.
  - ii. Constituent contact will be next week in East Campus. The On-campus Senators will be handing out breakfast as well as campus caucus cards.
  - iii. Questions/Comments: none

- c. Underrepresented Senators (K. Colaric)
  - i. See Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Graduate Senators (E. Yancey)
  - i. See Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments: none

#### IX. Ex-Officio Reports

- a. ALAS
  - i. Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. APAC
  - i. See Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. ARH
  - i. Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments:
    1. Are you going to mention the school of the year celebration?- Mackey
    2. Yes, that is Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm in the Escalante Room.- Webber
    3. What day is the fee board review?- Marquis
    4. It is Wednesday.- Webber
- d. BSU
  - i. See Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments:
    1. Can you remind us what fall fest is? And do you need volunteers?- Ruedig
    2. It is October 29<sup>th</sup> and we are going to the Boys and Girls Club to volunteer to do activities with the kids.- BSU
- e. Pride
  - i. See Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments:
    1. What is the date and time of Ally Night? - Colaric
    2. It is next Wednesday at 7pm in SSB 335- Pride
- f. Student Trustee (G. Bagnuolo)
  - i. Report
  - ii. Questions/Comments: none

#### X. Information Items

- a. The Resolution Authorizing Co-Sponsorship of “Invisible Children” Screening (A. McGinty)
  - i. Questions/Comments:
    1. What is the legislation?- Harris

2. It calls the Obama Administration to arrest Joseph Conney and to provide funds for the recovery of N. Uganda.- McGinty
  3. Does the money include advertising? - Marquis
  4. Yes, it is basically for advertising, flyers, etc. We are also giving the Roadies McAllister's for dinner. We split it up down the middle with UPB for all the advertising we can get. Hopefully we can have a table on the quad and white board classrooms- McGinty
  5. How late will the event be? - Fettner
  6. I would say 7-8 and then a question/answer session.- McGinty
- ii. Move to make info item a, action item c; McMahan seconds.
  - iii. Motion passed.
- b. Resolution Encouraging Full Funding for the Monetary Awards Program (M. Spialek)
- i. Questions/Comments:
    1. Will we have this and the academic senate one to present at Lobby Day? - Marquis
    2. No, just the resolution.- Spialek
  - ii. Move to make info item b, action item d; Cahanin seconds.
  - iii. Motion passed.

#### XI. Action Items

- a. Bill to Amend Ex-Officio By-Laws (Article 4-B) (J. Rubashkin)
  - i. Rubashkin moves to approve, Larson seconds.
  - ii. Debate:
    1. Friendly Amendment- Line 32, Secretary of the Assembly to change ex-officios bylaws.- Rubashkin
  - iii. Vote to move out of debate, motion passed.
  - iv. Bill passed unanimously
  
- b. Bill for the Creation of the SGA External Committee, Student Sustainability Committee (E. Fettner)
  - i. Fettner moves to approve, Marquis seconds.
  - ii. Debate:
    1. I propose the following friendly amendments: to section II, B.- Moore
    2. I accept.- Fettner
    3. Section II, D- to served with SSC. - Moore
    4. I accept.- Fettner
    5. Section II, E Formation will be formed by 3<sup>rd</sup> SGA or Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, or whatever is the later date.- Moore
    6. I accept.- Fettner
    7. Section C- Change the meeting times to a minimum of once per month.- Moore
    8. I accept.- Fettner
    9. Friendly to Line 12 for comma usage.- Preston

10. I accept.- Fettner
  11. Friendly Amendment to Line 10 and 11 to Illinois State University President Al Bowman.- Marquis
  12. I accept.- Fettner
  - iii. Vote to move out of debate, motion passed.
  - iv. Vote
  - v. Bill passes unanimously.
- c. The Resolution Authorizing Co-Sponsorship of “Invisible Children” Screening (A. McGinty)
- i. McGinty moves to approve, Owens seconds.
  - ii. Debate:
    1. Friendly Amendments- At the top, 2009-2010 and seeing as there is more than 2 weeks’ notice, I would like Line 25- the entire SGA association would be required- Krug
    2. I accept both.- McGinty
    3. Friendly Amendment- Line change to a semi-colon.- Preston
    4. I accept.- McGinty
    5. Friendly Amendment- Line 44 change to 2009- Rubashkin
    6. I accept.- McGinty
    7. Friendly amendment- to make on campus senators exempt- Owens
    8. Accept- McGinty
    9. I am worried about making it required because this other programs on this day.- Mackey
    10. There have been a lot more things required in the past. I suggest we leave this as mandatory.- Krug
    11. Friendly Amendment- Change back to original wording only certain groups.- McGinty
    12. I encourage everyone to go whether or not it is required.- McMahan
    13. Could I bring a cousin, like is it open?- Donnellan
    14. Yes.- McGinty
    15. Friendly Amendment to keep the resolution to make it as it originally was. – Jackie
    16. I agree with Jackie, but I this is an event vs. event conflict- Spialek
    17. Saying that one event is more important than the other. The On-Campus Senator event would not require other people on SGA.- Spialek
    18. Call to Question- Spialek
    19. Krug Objects
    20. We have had a great turn out and nothing is required. As long as we are throwing events out there. If we force people to go, they won’t want to go. - Green
    21. Call to Previous Question.- Rubashkin
  - iii. Vote to move out of debate, motion passed.
  - iv. Vote



- v. Bill Passes unanimously.
- d. Resolution Encouraging Full Funding for the Monetary Awards Program (M. Spialek)
  - i. Spialek moves to approve, Preston seconds.
  - ii. Debate:
    - 1. Friendly Amendment- Change line 43 to 2008-2009 and put Alexandra Hochhauser acting as President of the Assembly.- Spialek
  - iii. Vote to move out of debate, motion passed.
  - iv. Vote.
  - v. Bill Passes unanimously.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Spialek moves to adjourn, Donnellen seconds.