

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
October 28, 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

Assembly Members Present: President of the Assembly Carnahan, 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 Donnellan, 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. The student art initiative, which will now be called STATE Your Art, is progressing. Senator Marquis and I met with University Marketing to go over the logistics of the project, and Secretary Hall will be joining us for a walk through of potential locations next Friday. By November 11, we should have a resolution for the State Your Art program.
- ii. I met with Jana Albrecht, director of Financial Aid, on how we as a student government can continue to address college affordability. She provided me with pages and pages of legislation both at the state and federal level that addresses financial assistance for students. She also explained Financial Aid would like to be able to have better communication with the student body in addressing the importance of filing your FAFSA forms early, how to manage refund checks, and how to essentially understand the financial aid you are receiving. With all of this in mind, I am asking for your help and will be sending additional information about what to do next in the coming days. In my opinion, I believe that the issues we are working on need the opinions and input of general students. As a result, a commission or bill for an external committee will be created to address what Jana is asking for our help on.

iii. Questions/Comments: none

b. Student Body Vice President (E. Fettner)

- i. Report

- ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Student Body Executive Director (J. Krug)
 - i. The tent is here and you are welcome to use it. It has an easy set up. We will need to get a new cart to haul it.
 - ii. Apparel is here and in your mailboxes. If you don't like the way something fits, feel free to exchange with someone else who is having the same problem.
 - iii. I am still getting emails about clocking in and out. I can't have that open during TimePro and don't want to print out or rewrite, so please just write a note or timecard explaining the time in and time out.
 - iv. If you put a bill in my office, please write on there what is was used for.
 - v. Rick is the chief fiscal agent, not me. I still have to sign, but not in that spot.
 - vi. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Do you have an update on the apparel?- Colaric
 - 2. It is in our mailbox.- Krug
 - 3. I put a bill in your mailbox from PIP today.- Hochhauser

IV. Assembly Officer Reports

- a. President of the Assembly (M. Carnahan)
 - i. I have a resolution from Senator Owens that passed through the Signature Program Committee.
 - ii. Matt and I are working on a Sense of the Senate Resolution. It will refine the text-book Ad-Committee of the Senate Proposal.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Vice President of the Assembly (A. Hochhauser)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. How many hours do we need to day?- Green
 - 2. I believe there is three.- Hochhauser
 - 3. Can they use the tent?- Krug
 - 4. It depends on how many people for the event.- Hochhauser
- c. Secretary of the Assembly (M. McMahon)
 - i. Report
 - ii. 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 have already spoken with a few people at the Vidette regarding the news release regarding the new sustainability committee. I will be sending that

out by Friday morning. We will hopefully be in the paper within the next two weeks.

- ii. I also sent over the news release regarding the Invisible Children event, which will definitely be in the paper next week.
- iii. Pass the handouts with our 5 pillars on it when you are canvassing the campus! They are on the table in the office.
- iv. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Secretary of Programs (E. Green)
 - i. Thanks again to everyone for participating in Homecoming festivities!
 - ii. Community Clean-Up is booked for the semester. I will still take applications and hold them for next semester, but please inform people when they drop off their application.
 - iii. Care Package letters went out also. There have been quite a few questions - send them my way."
 - iv. Questions/Comments: none
- e. Secretary of Governmental Relations (S. Preston)
 - i. Lobby Day was a huge success! Thanks again to everyone who participated and devoted so much effort to MAP Grant reinstatement these past months.
 - ii. The Governor has decided on the source of MAP funding. Institutions will no longer be reimbursed by the state for Veterans education. This will cost Illinois State roughly \$3 million this spring.
 - iii. I am working with Senator Yancey and the American Democracy Project to host some excited government-related events and initiatives in coming months.
 - iv. Questions/Comments: none
- f. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (R. Hall)
 - i. This past week I have been working with the Honors Freshmen Seminar in evaluating the pre and post-surveys about the two week trial Social Justice component. I will have the results in the form of an information item at our next assembly meeting.
 - ii. I will be presenting a resolution at our next assembly for the first planned Diversity Week event, a co-sponsorship with University Program Board. (Diversity Week is April 5th-April 9th).
 - iii. "Get Pinned" will be a program for World AIDS day Co-sponsored between SGA and the Ex-Officios on December 1st, 2009. Stay tuned for more information.
 - iv. Questions/Comments: none
- g. Secretary of Sustainability (D. Moore)
 - i. No 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. The members of the Program and Recognition committee are in the works of planning a lock-in in the office.
 1. The tentative date will be after winter break on Friday, January 22nd.
 2. More details to come.
 - ii. As for internal programming ideas, Secretary of the Assembly McMahon knows someone who does yoga lessons. There has been talk about ice skating, too.
 - iii. Questions/Comments:
 1. What are you supposed to be?- Harris
 2. A black cat.- Thornton
- b. Finance and Allocation (Z. Owens)
 - i. Two organizations submitted budget requests for fee board.
 1. Youth for Service's event on the benefits of yoga and meditation was partially funded and the Mental Illness Awareness Coalition's program to bring speakers for the mental health education was fully funded.
 - ii. Approved the budget request for the calculator rental program.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Policies and Procedures (A. Larson)
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Civic Engagement (E. Yancey)
 - i. Alana- Invisible Children.
 1. White boarding at 9pm on Thursday.
 2. Passing around a sign-in sheet
 - ii. ADP meeting
 1. Going through re-branding, attempting to be more student friendly.
 2. Poster Opening program- "thoughts on Democracy"
 3. Civic engagement minor, waiting to be approved by the UCC
 - a. Most courses are IDS
 - b. 21 hours, POL 101, capstone service learning project required.
 - c. Likely to available y Fall 2010
 4. Trust Me I'm Eng@ged campaign- social media contest (students demonstrate civic engagement through social media)
 - a. Kicking it off at the Normal Theater Nov. 9th, at the documentary, Save Pontiac Prison.
 5. Need a student for the Political Engagement Project.
 - iii. Service Project
 1. Meeting with Harriet Steinbach next week to set up a possible service project.
 - iv. Questions/Comments: none

VIII. Senator Coordinator Reports

- a. Off-Campus Senators (L. Ruedig)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. On-Campus Senators (Z. Owens)
 - i. We had a successful constituent contact event on October 26th. We provided breakfast as well as getting some campus concerns.
 - ii. We are brainstorming ideas for the next event.
 - iii. Questions/Comments:
 1. I need the invoice from your event.- Krug
 2. We will give that to you.- Owens
- c. Underrepresented Senators (K. Colaric)
 - i. STOP:
 1. STOP is off to a great start. I have heard great things about STOP from students and faculty alike.
 2. Lieutenant Woodruff told me that STOP is already more successful than STOP has ever been in the past even though it has only been a week since its start.
 3. I had meetings on Monday and Tuesday to establish an Executive Committee.
 4. STOP's General Assembly voted on the candidates and I will be reporting the results tomorrow.
 5. I plan on getting together with the new Executive Committee and Lieutenant Woodruff next week to start discussing plans for the future and addressing any issues that exist.
 - ii. Underrepresented Senator Constituent Contact
 1. The plan to host a constituent contact event collaboratively with the Civic Engagement Committee has fallen through because of a general lack of interest.
 2. Therefore, the Underrepresented Senators will be meeting next week to discuss an alternative plan so that we may host an event as soon as possible.
 - iii. Questions/Comments:
 1. Who is the President of STOP?- Rubashkin
 2. His name is Tom, but I don't know his last name. I will e-mail you his name.- Colaric
- d. Graduate Senators (E. Yancey)
 - i. Working on publicizing and getting students to attend our constituent contact event.
 - ii. We have only had a total of 7 responses.
 - iii. 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. School of the Year Celebration
 - 1. It went well, thanks to those who came out!
 - ii. Room and Board Free Review
 - 1. Voting is happening in Government and Unity GA's this week.
 - 2. Final vote will happen this Sunday.
 - 3. Voting items include Operations increase to Showtime.
 - iii. Changing TV Channels
 - 1. We can change up to 3 channels. (2 if Showtime is passed)
 - iv. New Web Site
 - 1. November 1st is the launch date
 - v. Set up a meeting with the On-Campus Senators
 - 1. Talk about safety and security
 - vi. Questions/Comments: none
- d. BSU
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- e. Pride
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- f. Student Trustee (G. Bagnuolo)
 - i. Straight-forward business at the last Board of Trustees meeting
 - ii. Board of Trustees retreat is November 5-6
 - iii. We are putting together a master plan with different Board of Trustee goals and we are looking to receive updates from the different Vice Presidents.
 - iv. Questions/Comments: none

X. Information Items

- Owens moves to make the Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of a Pilot Calculator Rental Program for Spring 2010 as info item b, Marquis Seconds.

- Approved.

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of the Second Campus Caucus (A. Hochhauser)
 - i. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Even though it's about affordability, they can ask about other things ?- Marquis
 - 2. Yes.- Hochhauser
 - ii. Move to make info item a, action item b; Marquis seconds.
 - iii. Motion passed.

- b. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of a Pilot Calculator Rental Program for Spring 2010 (Z. Owens)
 - i. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. In Line 31 and 32, how many calculators are going to be rentable?-
Donnellan
 - 2. They want to see 3-5 calculators to stay in the building, but we allow all calculators for rental the first two weeks of Spring semester. If this does not work we will change it for the fall.-
Owens
 - ii. Move to make info item b, action item b; Colaric seconds.
 - iii. Motion passed.

XI. Action Items

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of the Second Campus Caucus (A. Hochhauser)
 - i. Hochhauser moves to approve, Spialek seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 - 1. Friendly amendment line 40, it should say 2nd campus caucus-
Rubashkin
 - 2. I accept.- Hochhauser
 - 3. Will having it November 11th be enough time?- Palmer
 - 4. Yes, I still have a great deal of questions from last time. -
Hochhauser
 - iii. Vote to move out of debate, motion passed.
 - iv. Bill passed unanimously

- b. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of a Pilot Calculator Rental Program for Spring 2010 (Z. Owens)
 - i. Owens moves to approve, Larson seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 - 1. I like the 2 weeks idea, but I recommend only lending out a maximum of 10 and keeping 5 within the library throughout the semester.- Palmer
 - 2. I agree with Senator Palmer.- Donnellan
 - iii. Vote to move out of debate, motion passed.
 - iv. Vote
 - v. Bill passes unanimously.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Hochhauser moves to adjourn, Donnellan seconds