

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
February 10, 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 McMahan, 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. STATE Your Art received over 200 submissions. Artists will be dropping off their work this week to the SGA office. We plan to hang the work sometime during the week of Founders Day.
- ii. Please attend the Al Bowman Rockstar event, Monday, February 15 at 7:30 in Horton Field House.
- iii. In your folders, you will find the vision for the last 60 days of our administration. These are campaign pledges that have not been accomplished. As well, there are some new initiatives that we will be pursuing including a Constitutional Review and Election process review.
- iv. Questions/Comments:
 1. Do you have any more numbers on STOP?-Rubashkin
 2. Not as of recently, but if you would like them I can email them to you.- Colaric

b. Student Body Vice President (E. Fettner)

- i. As President Spialek has mentioned the elections process review will be one of the last things we focus on in the last 60 days. President Spialek and I both agree that the elections review process needs to become top priority as a result we have to prioritize our own work load. President Spialek has asked me to head up the elections review process and as a result I will be delegating the discount card initiative to Senator Marquis.

- ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Student Body Executive Director (J. Krug)
 - i. Passing of Gavel Invites went out – Number of guests does not include you!
 - ii. March 26th Save the date for Medici
 - iii. Too many time cards
 - iv. Member of the Month
 - 1. Always has a positive attitude
 - v. Brought AMAZING food to the retreat!
 - vi. Chairing the Student Elections Committee
 - vii. LAUREN MACKKEY
 - viii. Questions/Comments: none

IV. Assembly Officer Reports

- a. President of the Assembly (M. Carnahan)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Vice President of the Assembly (A. Hochhauser)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Secretary of the Assembly (M. McMahon)
 - i. At our last assembly meeting two weeks ago, there was an emergency situation in regards to PRIDE. I am recording them as having an absence, but it will not formally account for an absence. If anyone objects to this, please let me know.
 - ii. I sent out an email earlier this week talking about the Founder's Day STATE Showcase on Thursday, February 18th from 11-5 in the Brown Ballroom. We need about 10-14 people to work the table, or at least one person every hour. I am not writing a resolution for this, and I don't see why it should be mandatory, but it is a great way for SGA to get out there and show our success and future goals. There are about 10 people that have excused absences to be made up, so if you would like to help out with this please let me know as soon as possible otherwise SGA will not be able to participate.
 - iii. I sent out an email earlier today asking everyone to email me their reports from now on. It is a lot easier to keep track of reports and I am more capable of portraying your report directly as you want it said, as opposed to having reports hand-written. Please have your reports emailed me by Friday morning.
 - iv. Also, if you have a bill or resolution that is passed tonight, please email the final draft of it by Friday morning.
 - v. Questions/Comments:

V. Cabinet Member Reports

- a. Secretary of Student Fees (D. Cahanin)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

- b. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

- c. Secretary of Public Relations (S. Brewer)
 - i. Currently, I am working on changing the program for the Passing of the Gavel Ceremony.
 - ii. I am also going to begin combining all of the media coverage we have gotten this year into a Media Journal for everyone in the association.
 - iii. I am hoping to meet with Mary in the next few weeks in order to create a format for the new Alumni Newsletter.
 - iv. Questions/Comments: none

- d. Secretary of Programs (E. Green)
 - i. Last week we passed a Resolution Authorizing SGA Participation in Founder's Day 2010. The event, which we are sponsoring with UPB, is Friday night from 7-9pm in the Brown Ballroom. There will be free food and giveaways. Improv Mafia will be performing. There will be a raffle and door prizes for the first 100.
 - ii. Leadership Revolution is Saturday. I hope to see many of you there.
 - iii. I will be taking an Association picture next Assembly meeting. I will send a reminder.
 - iv. I will be attending meetings for the Homecoming 2010 Steering Committee on Fridays. If you have any ideas for homecoming next year or would like to be involved, please let me know. This would be a good opportunity for those of you hoping to be a part of the Association next year.
 - v. Community Clean Up is booked for the semester. I will take registration forms and notify the organization, but please let them know when they drop their from off.
 - vi. I have mixed feelings about Winterfest. I appreciate those who came and worked the table. Unfortunately, I was let down at this event which forces me to make the rest of my programs mandatory. I will be bringing resolutions to the floor in the next few weeks, for Pack the Place and a Community Service event, and they will be mandatory.
 - vii. Questions/Comments:
 1. If you have signed up for something, but did not show up for it you, will be held accountable.- McMahan

- e. Secretary of Governmental Relations (S. Preston)
 - i. Report

- ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Where is this forum going to be?- Mackey
 - 2. Hovey 308.- Preston
 - 3. You might want to change the name for STATE Your Place because Housing is using it.- Marquis
 - 4. I will change the name.-Preston

f. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (R. Hall)

- i. Report
- ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. When is Diversity Week?- Hall
 - 2. April 5th-9th.- Hall

g. Secretary of Sustainability (D. Moore)

- i. Attended RETECH in Washington DC last week
- ii. Met with Dan Layzell to discuss sustainability fee
- iii. Worked on and will bring to the table sustainability fee
- iv. Discussed with Enid Cardinal layout for sustainability web landing page
- v. Marketing has come up with logo for Sustainability ISU
- vi. 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. Report
- ii. Questions/Comments: none

b. Finance and Allocation (Z. Owens)

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

c. Policies and Procedures (A. Larson)

- i. Additions and further possible ideas related to the Bill up for on information items
- ii. Discussed amending Exec. By-laws for Secretaries of Governmental Relations and Programs to be Ex-Officio members of committees
- iii. Discussed adding section detailing job description for Sen. Groups, specifically Underrepresented Senators not receiving RSO of the month per the request of Sens. Thornton (P&R) and Colaric (UR Coordinator).
- iv. Assigned By-Law reviews to
 - A: Legislative: Senators, Hochhauser and Kodman
 - B: Executive: Senators, Mason and Larson
- v. Questions/Comments: none

- d. Civic Engagement (S. Preston)
 - i. Report
 - ii. 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. Con contact event planned for Feb 16th 3-4 pm in College of Business. There will be an interactive display as well as information slip with chocolate coins.
 - ii. Redbox, as well as Gbox (a service similar to Redbox except its video game rental kiosk) have returned contact to SGA and we are now in the first phase of contracts to bring these services to the Bone.
 - iii. Also On-Campus Senators are working with athletics to bring a “spirit cam” to one of the last men’s basketball games.
 - iv. Lastly Senator Marquis has some updates information regarding the floor plan for the office so I’ll turn it over to him.
 - v. David Marquis: Work will last at most 2 days beginning on Thursday of next week, February 18th. It will be done at night beginning at 4pm on that Thursday. Ex-officio offices will need to be packed up and ready to move before 4 pm on that Thursday. Senator office should be clean and packed up as well before 4 pm.
 - vi. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. I am assuming that we cannot be in the office during the reconfiguration?- Preston
 - 2. It will not be closed off, but I would suggest not being in the office. -Marquis
- 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. Second event was successful for us to get to talk to our members individually
 - ii. Chinese Night 2/16 7 PM SSB 314
 - iii. Will be putting together Chinese New Year with culture, language and FOOD!
 - iv. 2/20/10 Will be International Fair – 10 AM to 8 PM
 - v. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. The event is on the 17th?-Colaric
 - 2. It is the 16th.- APAC
 - 3. What is the room number?- Monahan
 - 4. SSB 314- APAC
- c. ARH
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. What is the date?- Mackey
 - 2. It will be March 27th at 7pm-ARH
- d. BSU
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- e. Pride
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- f. Student Trustee Bagnuolo
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

X. Information Items

President Spialek moves to make the appointment of an Off-Campus Senator as information item c, Senator Mackey seconds.

President Spialek moves to make the open letter to the assembly to info item d, Senator Volgman seconds.

Senator McGinty moves to make the Resolution Authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of “Invisible Children—Legacy Tour—“Screening as information item e, Senator Thornton seconds.

President Spialek moves to make the Resolution Authorizing the Sponsorship and Participation in the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee March Meeting as info item f, Secretary Cahanin seconds.

Senator Moore moves to make the Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of an Illinois State University Sustainability Fee as info item g, Senator Marquis seconds.

- a. Bill to Amend the Legislative Branch By-Laws: Committee Chair (Article 3, Section 3) (Larson)
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. Is there a reason why there is not a reason where you want it put the language?- Mackey
 - 2. It is under Section 3 and it will be added to the by-laws under that section.- Larson
- b. Resolution Authorizing Student Government Association's Sponsorship of "A Streetcar Named Desire" Event for the Black Student Union (BSU)
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. Were you able to get a special rate for the block?- Fettner
 - 2. I talked to CPA, and they were not able to give a special rate, but they will have reserved seating.-Hall
 - 3. Where is this coming from in the budget? Maybe this should be a line item.-Krug
 - ii. BSU moves info item b to action item b, Marquis seconds.
- c. Off Campus Appointment
 - i. Blair Kelly
 - ii. Speech
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. What do you want to work on for Off-Campus?- Monahan
 - 2. I would like to work on the Bill of Rights for the apartments.-Kelly
 - iv. Spialek moves to make info item c to action item c, Mackey seconds.
- d. Open Letter to the Assembly (M. Spialek)
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. Is there a reason why an Off-Campus Senator is not on the commission?- Rubashkin
 - 2. No.- Spialek
- e. Resolution Authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of "Invisible Children—Legacy Tour—" Screening (A. McGinty)
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. We have already done this, why are we doing this organization again, as opposed to another one?- Marquis
 - 2. I, personally, am very passionate about it and last semester it had a great turnout. There is a new student organization that is Invisible Children based, so it is something that students are passionate about, as well. It also has a different focus this time around.- McGinty
 - 3. Where is the \$200 going towards?- Mackey
 - 4. It will go towards having a large poster on the side of the Bone and the other money will go towards the other posters.- McGinty
 - 5. This will be a completely different video? - Volgman

6. Yes, this documentary is called “Go”.- McGinty
 - ii. McGinty moves info item e to action item d, Colaric seconds.
- f. Resolution Authorizing the Sponsorship and Participation in the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee March Meeting (M. Spialek)
 - i. Questions:
 1. What students sit on this committee?- Marquis
 2. There is a student, Robert Gibson, but we would want more SGA members apart of IBHE-SAC.-Spialek
 3. I, also, sit on the committee.- Preston
 - ii. Spialek moves info item f to action item e, Thornton seconds.
- g. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of an Illinois State University Sustainability Fee (D. Moore)
 - i. Questions:
 1. What amount of student fees already go to sustainability?- Hall
 2. This will go directly towards direct sustainability.- Moore
 3. How many votes are needed for approval?- Hall
 4. Just half.- Moore
 5. What does the .34 cents actually add up to?- Hall
 6. It would be about \$5, or \$100,000 total.- Moore
 7. Is there anything locks this fee in place?- Bagnuolo
 8. I will have to look more into it and another resolution would be needed.- Moore
 9. I think it would be become a part of student fees.- Cahanin
 10. Would all of this go towards sustainability?- Bagnuolo
 11. Yes.-Moore
 12. Why are we starting at .34 cents?- Marquis
 13. Most people said they would pay \$5.- Moore
 14. Is this a bill or resolution?- Marquis
 15. Resolution.- Moore
 16. What other schools have for sustainability?- Fettner
 17. U of I has about a \$7 fee and other schools have up to \$20 a semester.- Moore
 18. Is sustainable for cost or environment or both?- Larson
 19. It depends on the project.- Moore
 20. Is this sustainable for the costs towards student fees?- Larson
 21. If this is to educate students then yes, but if it is towards planted trees, etc., then you have to weigh the options.- Moore
 22. To apply for this you would have to say what you are giving back?- Fettner
 23. You have to justify what the cost is and what the project is. There has to be a payback amount.- Moore
 24. The fee board works the same way. – Carnahan
 25. On-Campus students are already paying for sustainability fees, so they would be paying for 2?- Mackey
 26. Yes.- Moore
 - ii. Moore moves info item g to action item f, McGinty seconds.

- iii. Motion passes with 1 nay.

XI. Action Items

- a. Bill to Promote Academic Senate Transparency to Students through the Student Government Association Web site (Monahan)
 - i. Move to approve, Mackey seconds.
 - ii. Debate: none
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Passes unanimously
- b. Resolution Authorizing Student Government Association's Sponsorship of "A Streetcar Named Desire" Event for the Black Student Union (BSU)
 - i. Move to approve, Krug seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 - 1. Friendly Amendment to line 30, to add that SGA approves the \$300- Mason
 - 2. I accept. – BSU
 - 3. Friendly Amendment to line 35 to add Matt Spialek and Mike Carnahan and Mary McMahon. – Thornton
 - 4. I accept.- BSU
 - 5. Friendly Amendment to lines 24 and 26 for semi-colons.- Rubashkin
 - 6. I approve.- BSU
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Passes with 18 Y and 1 N
- c. Off Campus Appointment—Blair Kelly
 - i. Move to appoint, Kodman seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 - 1. When I read the applications, I feel as if the other applicant had more qualifications. She is also a senior, so I don't know if she will be able to pursue things.- Monahan
 - 2. If Blair is not appointed, I will not appoint someone else. Someone should not be voted against because they are a senior- Spialek
 - 3. I may be a little worried if she will have the time because she is President of an RSO. Do not be swayed by the fact that if someone is not voted in then no one will be appointed.- Krug
 - 4. I think she is incredibly ambitious and I think the fact that she is a senior is irrelevant.- Mackey
 - 5. I second everything that Senator Mackey has said. She is really excited to be a part of the association. – McGinty
 - 6. I am also worried about her not being able to balance everything, but I don't think she should be punished for being involved.- Colaric
 - 7. Blair is really confident and this is the second time she has applied. I move to approve.- Owens
 - iii. Vote: 15 Y, 1 A, and 2 N
 - iv. Blair Kelly is the new Off-Campus Senator

- v. Oath of Office
- d. Resolution Authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of “Invisible Children—Legacy Tour—“ Screening (A. McGinty) 20 members
 - i. Move to approve, Krug seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 1. Friendly Amendment to add Senator Rubashkin and names at the bottom. Also, Line 29 to Where as UPB awareness requested the co-sponsorship for the use of \$205.- McGinty
 2. This is a great opportunity that Civic Engagement is bringing to ISU and if we have the funds I don't see why not.- Bagnuolo
 3. I went to the last one, but I am having a hard time saying that I want to sponsor this.- Mackey
 4. I disagree with Senator Mackey. This issue is huge and I agree with Trustee Bagnuolo. Considering 200 people showed up to the last one. There is even an RSO for Invisible Children. A lot of people have showed interest in this. It would be a shame to shut down someone from Uganda to speak at ISU.- Colaric
 5. I agree with Senator Colaric and Trustee Bagnuolo.-Mason
 6. Why is this in front of the assembly to begin with if it is under \$500?- Marquis
 7. It will be using SGA's name, logo, and image.- Spialek
 8. It will also be required for civic engagement to attend.- Carnahan
 9. I think this in an important issue, but is this something SGA should be a part of?- Marquis
 10. As student leaders it is our responsibility to encourage civic engagement. I think it is important to work with RSO's to bring this to campus.- Hall
 11. I agree with Secretary Hall. This is something that students are passionate about and we should sponsor this. It may not be civic engagement in our direct community, but it is civic engagement globally, which is equally as important. - McMahan
 12. I have had personal experience going to Kenya over the summer. I think this is an important issue and it should constantly be in people's minds.- Kelly
 13. I agree and disagree with Secretary McMahan. I think it is great that student should be civically engaged, but I do not think that student fee dollars should be used.- Volgman
 14. I agree with Senator Kelly. It is not a political stance, it is a humanitarian stance.- Fettner
 15. I want to clarify that this is through the UPB, and not a new RSO. I think that student fee dollars can be used elsewhere, but it is a co-sponsorship funding request. Most of the co-sponsorship has been from UPB. I encourage you to vote yes. – Spialek
 16. This is with the Awareness Committee with UPB. This opens up doors for our constituents to become more engaged with.- Bagnuolo

17. Geno made a great point that it directly effects students in more ways than one.- McGinty
 18. I think this is a great program, and with regards to what Marquis has said out of everyone I would be most to disagree and I don't.- Larson
- iii. Vote
 - iv. Resolution passes with 18 Y and 2 N
- e. Resolution Authorizing the Sponsorship and Participation in the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee March Meeting (M. Spialek) 20 votes
- i. Move to approve, Cahanin seconds.
 - ii. Debate
 1. If you want to help with it, would you be required? - Kelly
 2. No.- Spialek
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Passes with 19 Y and 1 N
- f. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of an Illinois State University Sustainability Fee (D. Moore) 20 votes
- i. Move to approve, Cahanin seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 1. I am a little more confused on why we are going through this not through the fee route. It seems like it will be student fees and it will be structures that faculty can use. I am concerned on whether or not you will be able to advertise this fund enough. I am unsure about this and there is already a fee in University Housing. Students may be confused that they already pay a fee. I also don't know why this has been brought up so fast when we cannot talk to our constituents about this.- Hall
 2. This has to be approved through the students.- Olshak
 3. I am in support of this. By passing this, you are able to give the student body the ability to care. You are putting the decision in their hands. I think it would be inappropriate to add anything else to the info on the ballot.- Bagnuolo
 4. My only concern is that on-campus students will be paying twice. I understand it, but they will be paying more money. \$100,000 is a lot to start an initiative with.- Mackey
 5. We are extremely behind on sustainability practices on campus, so it is not a whole lot of money to be used.- Monahan
 6. It is not an arbitrary number, because it was calculated from the surveys. Considering other student fees, .34 cents is very low. I am pretty sure that the sustainability fee only goes towards the residence halls.- Krug
 7. This is something that Secretary Moore is doing to fulfill his by-law duties. Last year this position was created and there is a line item that they will create a sustainability fee. There does need to be education for this and there is plenty of money in the forum

section. I completely agree with Student Trustee Bagnuolo, you can vote against it but this is putting the decision in the hands of students.- Spialek

8. This position was created with a line item to create a student fee. Secretary Moore went through the proper steps to reach this point. Students will be able to vote on this. As senators, we are representatives of the students. I think we should vote in order of the constituents.- Mason
9. I think that we should vote for the minority, as well. My concern is the student fee that would be added and it is not very clear to how we are going to be using the money in a sustainable way. –Kelly
10. I strongly agree with Trustee Bagnuolo and President Spialek. I call to question.- Hochhauser
11. I object.- Fettner
12. Illinois State was ranked 88th out of 100 in the state of Illinois for sustainable practices. We do not have an LEAD certified buildings.- Fettner
13. I agree with Senator Kelly. Move to previous question. -Colaric
14. I second.- Palmer

iii. Vote

iv. Passes with 18 Y and 2 N

XII. Adjournment

- a. Monahan moves to adjourn, Bagnuolo seconds.