

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009

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

Assembly Members Present: President of the Assembly Spialek, Vice President of the Assembly Krug, Secretary of the Assembly Sullivan, Parliamentarian Lund, Senator Davis, Senator Miller, Senator Spiek, Senator Merth, Senator Preston, Senator Fettner, Senator Thornton, Senator Owens, Senator Carnahan, Senator Abdalla, Senator Hochhauser, Senator Dumelle, Senator Long, Senator Colaric, and Senator Leigh

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

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Long moves to approve; Leigh seconds
- B. Long moves to add "Rules Committee Update" as Information Item B; Flaherty seconds.
- C. Mason moves to add "IRHA" as Information Item C; Spiek seconds.

III. Executive Officers Report

A. President Mason

- 1. Chief Swan is coming to Academic Senate. Talk to friends so that you can bring questions from your constituents.
- 2. Speaking of Academic Senate, it looks like it will be a long meeting so plan accordingly for homework, or at least, do not do it during the meeting.
- 3. Code of Student Conduct has made it through a subcommittee with only a few minor changes. It will now go to Academic Senate Exec and will hopefully be passed by the end of our term.
- 4. Student Elections Committee has been formalized. Mason and Long are representing SGA. Candidate Information sessions are in two weeks so be looking for those. Facebook invitations have been sent out regarding the President and Trustee Debates; be sure to send to all of your ISU friends for a good turnout. Also, since campaigning will start soon, this is a formal announcement that the office and office materials cannot be used for the elections. Long and Mason will be enforcing this.
- 5. Textbook letter is moving. Representatives from Barnes & Noble will be coming to speak to the Academic Affairs Committee next week about it. They are trying to form a committee to better educate professors and departments about the benefits of turning in book requests early.
- 6. If the Collegiate Readership Program Referendum Resolution is passed tonight, the committee is ready to move forward with educating students about it. The pilot Program will begin after Spring Break. Powerpoint, information sessions, flyers, bulletin boards, and emails to Department Chairs are all going to be used as tools for educating the ISU community. Information session times are:
 - a) Thursday, March 19th, from 3-4 p.m. in the Spotlight Room
 - b) Tuesday, March 24th, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the BBC Activity Room
 - c) Wednesday March 25, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Founder's Suite
 - d) Monday, March 30th, from 7-8 p.m. in the Founder's Suite.

7. Start to be thinking about transition materials. We have until April 19th, but we will know after April 1st who will be in office next. Things that should be included are things you wish you would have known about the job, what strategies worked for you, and what could have been improved upon or done differently.
8. Questions:
 - a) Cail—Can you send out email about transition material so that everyone would do a formal report? (*Mason repeats what he had said about transition materials*)

B. Student Body Vice President Flaherty

1. Constitution Exam Letter will be sent to Academic Senate soon.
2. Complications with the sales representative for the T-shirt Swap. If it doesn't work out soon, then I will be pursuing a different vendor.

C. Student Body Executive Director Bixby

1. No Report

IV. Assembly Officer Reports

A. President of the Assembly Spialek

1. Committee Chairs will meet next week—Wednesday at 5:30.
2. Please start putting folder in one pile and wooden stands in another pile.
3. We still have some time left, so keep working hard. Even if you know you cannot get everything done for an initiative in 2 months, at least it starts a discussion of what needs to happen and how it could be pursued.
4. Homework. If you are doing homework during the meeting it is very disrespectful to the speakers giving reports as well as the constituents whose fee dollars are paying you. Therefore, put the homework away!

B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug

1. There wasn't going to be an email this week. If there are things that you would like in it, please let me know soon. If there is enough items, then we might send them out.

C. Secretary of the Assembly Sullivan

1. First off, I sent out an email today about make-up absences this weekend with ARH. Please talk to Amy if you would like to volunteer. You can also attend any other Ex-Officio event to make up an absence.
2. Next, I have been very disappointed with senators lately at Academic Senate. I know Ted talked about it a couple of weeks ago, but I feel that it needs to be addressed again. Because we are students that only serve a one year term on Academic Senate, we need to provide the best possible impression. This means that wearing jeans and doing homework does not reflect well on this particular Association and future Association to come. I understand that the faculty and staff do not always dress in nice clothes, but I do not see this as an excuse to go casual. Also, by dressing up, we look more professional than them. If you are capable of looking nice for this meeting, you should have no problem looking nice for that meeting.

V. Cabinet Members Reports

A. Secretary of Student Fees Cahanin

1. No Report

B. Secretary of Public Relations Dogic

1. Started working on Alumni Newsletter
2. Started Passing of the Gavel Invitations
3. Will start bulletin board once pictures can be put up.
4. Will start bulletin board in the Bone Student Center for Collegiate Readership.

C. Secretary of Programming Zervas

1. Pack the Place went great. We helped to set a Women's Basketball attendance record!
2. Hopefully one more Pack the Place this semester. I looking into gymnastics, softball, or baseball.

D. Secretary of Governmental Relations Yancey

1. Working on getting to know people in town government.
2. Met with Geoff Fruin, assistant to the normal City Manager established a report, go to contact for the Town of Normal.
3. Working with civic Engagement Committee to get the Normal Mayoral and Town Council Debate set.
4. Normal Town-Wide Sustainability Committee: first meeting was last night, and got to know other members. We set the direction for the rest of the meetings.

E. Secretary of Diversity Cail

1. Diversity Week is March 26th-31st.
 - a) Guerilla Troupe will be performing on the 30th at 6 p.m. They will focus on diversity issues through acting. Place for that is TBA.
 - b) Cultural Career Networking Program is March 26th. We are working with the Career Center on a networking initiative that would connect students with area businesses that promote diversity and diverse employers. There will be food, round tables, and networking opportunities.
 - c) Diversity Dialogue. Working with Leadership and Service Unit and their Diversity Dialogue that is hosted every other week by Deandra Bass.
2. Resolution for this will come before the Assembly in a few weeks.
3. Questions
 - a) Abdalla—What were those dates? 26th-31st. *Guerrilla Troupe has set dates that we had to work around.*

F. Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello

1. Website has been updated.
2. New Ex-Officio events page
3. I can now use my laptop for the clickers
4. I put in a work order to get the phone in the Cabinet Office working. It's the line, not the phone.
5. Questions
 - a) Mason—Link for Student Elections on website? *Yes.*

VI. Advisor Report

A. No Report

VII. Committee Reports

A. Civic Engagement (Senator Lund)

1. Committee is participating in Counseling Services "Be Comfortable in Your Genes" Campaign. There will be a box in the SGA Office the week of the 2/22. Please bring old jeans and other clothing items to donate.
2. The candidate forum for Normal Mayoral and Town Council Debate will be on March 26th from 7-9 p.m. in the Prairie Room.
3. Questions:
 - a) Colaric—Lightly used jeans? *Yes.*

B. Finance and Allocation (Senator Spiek)

1. Fee Board is taking over life!!
2. Allocations
 - a) ISU Classical Guitar Society--\$0
 - b) Chinese Club--\$90 for International Fair
 - c) NAFDA--\$2400 for Dallas AAA Convention

C. Policies and Procedures (Senator Long)

1. No Report

D. Programs and Recognition (Senator Davis)

1. No RSO Application
2. We are planning an event, but keeping it top secret until we have further details and dates. We will explain at the next meeting.

VIII. Senator Coordinators

A. Off-Campus Senators (Senator Miller)

1. Constituent Contact event on Tuesday February 17th at the Career Center's Internship Fair. We will be passing out recycling surveys from 4-7.

B. On-Campus Senators (Senator Abdalla)

1. No Report

C. Underrepresented Senators (Senator Hochhauser)

1. Currently doing February contact event—RSO posters for the game.
2. Lund—Poster board? *On the coffee table by couches.*

D. Graduate Senators (Senator Leigh)

1. Working on GSA Constitution
2. Kept in contact with Stephanie Winzer
3. Constituent Contact on Sunday went well with a good turnout.
4. Next Constituent Contact event is set for Sunday, March 1
5. Assisting Secretary Cail with Diversity Week.
6. Emailed Ex-Officios to discuss concerns.
7. Questions
 - a) Abdalla—Have Ex-Officios been getting emails from Todd? (*Ex-Officios*) *I don't think I have.*

IX. Ex-Officio Reports

A. ALAS

1. 2/17 meeting at 7 p.m. in SSB 375
2. Chicago Public School Kids are coming to ISU to shadow ALAS from 10-2 on 2/18
3. 2/21-2/22 –participating in International Fair. Making “Flautas” and serving “Jaritos”, and corn
4. 3/17—Bowling with ALAS. Free pizza and bowling at 7 p.m.
5. End of March is our elections
6. 4/18—formal, but more details to come.
7. Questions:
 - a) Abdalla—21 and 22 of this month? *This month*
 - b) Leigh—What was about the kids? *Shadowing ALAS*

B. APAC

1. 2/24 is Filipino Night at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Cultural Building. There will be food and tinkling dancing.
2. We are participating in International Fair, we are serving milk tea from fusion brew.
3. I received senator Leigh's email.

C. ARH

1. Thanks to Senator Thornton for attending GA meeting.
2. Next GA meeting is 2/15 at 7 in the Escalante Room located in Vrooman.
3. IRHA this weekend. 175 delegates coming to campus. 10 people from ISU.
4. Charity Ball 3/27 from 7-10 in activity room of BBC Acardi Syndrome Foundation.
5. Relay for Life team. Inviting GA and exec to be on it.
6. Front page of website includes upcoming events. If SGA wanted to advertise on our page, just let us know.
7. South Campus is selling candy grams in residence halls for \$1.
8. Safety and Security presentation to GA. Asking about access points at this point.
9. Blood Drive-2/24 from 1-7 p.m. in Atkin-Colby Basement.

10. Questions:

- a) Preston—When is the Charity Ball? *March 27th from 7-10*
- b) Abdalla—Is ECO week run through ARH? *This year it was not. Can I talk to you about it? Yes.*
- c) Leigh—I emailed a woman about March 27 I haven't heard back. *She has received your email and will making a decision soon. Can I give blood if I have tattoos? Do you know the timeline concerning tattoos? (Merth) One Year.*
- d) ALAS—What time for the Blood Drive again? *1-7 p.m.*
- e) Abdalla—Would it be possible to get vegetarian pasta? *I'll check it out.*

D. BSU

1. Thanks to those who attended the Black Heritage Ball. It was a success.
2. Currently working on the rest of the semester's events. I will keep you posted.
 - a) March: Women's Appreciation Meeting is 3/27
 - b) Our own Passing of the Gavel is 4/23
 - c) End of the Year BBQ 5/2
3. Questions
 - a) Sullivan—Can we recommend women for your event? *Email me and I will forward it on to the right people.*

E. Pride

1. Body Image night was tonight. Talking about body image in the media.
2. Big gay conference is this weekend in Bloomington, IN.
3. Next Wednesday is condom and crafts night. Condom critters (balloon animals with expired condoms) and HIV testing.

F. Student Trustee Bagnuolo

1. BSC Revitalization task force is doing focus groups of students, faculty/ staff, alumni, community members.
2. Disability Concerns will be meeting at 8 a.m.
3. Board Meeting at 9 a.m.
 - a) Renewal of Student Health Insurance.
 - b) Increasing by 2.2 million for the Stevenson/Turner Life Project.
 - c) Naming a couple of places.
 - d) Changing food service from Waugh Foods to U.S. Foods.
 - e) Banking service provider to Commerce back
4. Dedication/Reception for the Visor Center.
5. Attended meeting for University Diversity Communication today. I will give more feedback as I receive more.
6. I received Senator Leigh's email
7. Questions
 - a) Leigh—Is that the same committee that Bowman said they would go out and recruit? *No research social and cultural research about campus life and extracurricular activities. To improve recruitment. How were you and Johari Huggins chosen? I don't know how she was chosen, but since I am a Student Trustee, I think that's how.*
 - b) ALAS—How are you going to find out info? *I don't know. This was our first meeting; I don't even know what committee I'm on. I was planning on coming to see you.*

X. Information Items

A. Collegiate Readership Program Referendum. Responses were positive. Language went through Adams and Wendy Bates. This resolution is to approve for referendum to be put to the Student Body.

1. Lund moves to Action Item A; Preston seconds

B. Rules Committee Update. Milner Library External Committee. Rules committee from Academic Senate wants to change representation from 5 to 2 students due to lack of interest. SGA representatives felt that there should be 5 just so there is equal representation. Joe Solberg asked me to ask you.

1. Abdalla—I would be interested in serving
2. Bagnuolo—I didn't understand what you said about 5-2 students. *Meetings aren't consistent and so it is hard to get a consistent number of students and that is why they want to lower the requirement for students.*
3. Lund—Take back to them to keep at 5 so that there is no limits and the opportunity for equal representation.
4. Abdalla—I will let my constituents know about the committee.

C. IRHA Conference Co-sponsorship budget. The money would cover printing and bus rentals. They are asking for a small portion. We ran on co-sponsoring events with ARH.

1. Preston—Is there any specific reason why we just got this? *Miscommunication, Julie, Shannon and Amy came to me and explained the situation. How much more money is left? There is enough. I believe it is around \$3,000 after this.*
2. Lund moves to make Action Item B; Long seconds.

XI. Action Items

A. CRP

1. Preston moves to approve; Flaherty seconds.
2. Debate
 - a) Lund—Vote yes so that we can give constituents a full say.
 - b) Bagnuolo—Is there a way to put in the referendum to say how many papers there would be in the program? *Mason—When fully implemented there would be 1,000 papers. I don't know how you would phrase it.*
 - c) ARH—When Thornton presented it to us, it was positively received. They were excited about it.
 - d) Thornton—vote yes. They liked that it is eco-friendly.
 - e) Cail—This is the ultimate way for students to represent themselves. Vote in favor.
 - a. Cail called to question; Flaherty seconds
 - b. Leigh nay
 - f) Vote: passes; Leigh, Spialek, Davis abstained.
 - g) Point Of Information—Leigh—I thought I could object to it.
 - a. Long clarifies difference between “Call to question” and “Move to previous question”

B. IRHA

1. Mason moves to approve; Thornton seconds
2. Debate
 - a) Thornton—Vote yes, they worked hard and the money is going to go to good use. This creates school spirit, which is something that we ran on.
3. Vote: passes.

XII. Passing of the Gavel

XIII. Adjournment

A. Spialek moves to adjourn; Bagnuolo seconds.