

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
February 25, 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, and 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. Lund moves to approve minutes; Leigh seconds.

III. Executive Officers Report

A. President Mason

1. Collegiate Readership Program had a few changes. The *Chicago Tribune* increased its rate from \$0.35 to \$0.85 a newspaper. Therefore, the resolution coming to the floor night calls for a change from the *Tribune* to *New York Times*.
2. Leanna Bornder contacted me about an Athletics Committee that she is putting together and we need a few people to be on that. The first meeting is Monday, March 2nd at 7p.m. I will be there, but need two more people.
 - a) Colaric, Spialek, Zerfas volunteered.
3. I am also pursuing Leanne's recommendation to write a proposal to expand the student section in the Arena. I need a little bit more help on this.
 - a) Merth, Spiek, Preston, and Dumelle volunteered.
4. Barnes & Noble is having a lunch for the different departments on campus. This will be on Monday, March 16th at 12 p.m. in the Brown Ballroom. They would like at least 8 SGA Members to attend. This way, there would be one student to every table. Since we ran on textbooks, it would be very wise to attend this. I still need six more people to attend.
 - a) Davis, Abdalla, Leigh, Preston, and Krug volunteered.
5. Myself, the On-Campus Senators, and Vice President of ARH, Amy Vito, are meeting with Maureen Blair of University Housing early next week. If anyone has any concerns about Night Operations or security in the residence halls, please send an email to one of the On-Campus Senators.
6. If you are planning on running for Student Government for next year, the last Candidate Information Session will be this Friday from 2-3 p.m. in the SSB 375.
7. Questions:
 - a) Leigh—What if we have conflicts for all meetings? *I'll ask Elections Committee.*

B. Student Body Vice President Flaherty

1. 135 t-shirts have been ordered for the T-shirt Swap. They will be in next week. This event will take place at Springfest. I already talked to Kevin Casey and he was okay with us doing this at our table.
2. Questions:

- a) Abdalla—Alumni Association is interested in participating. *Mike mentioned that and it would be something for next year.*

C. Student Body Executive Director Bixby

1. I have been working on Passing of the Gavel.
2. Save the dates have been sent out. If you have a family member that did not receive one, please let me know.
3. Questions
 - a) Tortoriello—When is the next invite? *Next couple of weeks.*

IV. Assembly Officer Reports

A. President of the Assembly Spialek

1. Please remember to separate folders, nametags, and name plates tonight after the meeting.
2. Clarification of “Move to Previous Question” and “Call to Question”
3. Social Justice proposal moved from Provost office to Academic Affairs Committee in Academic Senate.
4. There is a new policy for meetings. It is in your folder, so please look over it.

B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug

1. I’m writing an email to be sent out next week, so be looking for that. If there is something that you would like to have in it, please let me know.
2. Questions:
 - a) Zerfas—I have something to put in. *Okay.*

C. Secretary of the Assembly Sullivan

1. Revised Attendance policy in folders, be sure to look over it.
2. Sending out minutes this Friday, please send me your reports by 2 p.m.!

V. Cabinet Members Reports

A. Secretary of Student Fees Cahanim

1. Working on report, it will be finished up this week or early next week.
2. Meeting with sustainability/ ecology tomorrow to discuss raise in student fees for sustainability in the future.

B. Secretary of Public Relations Dogic

1. Invitation for Passing of the Gavel are done, they just need to be printed.
2. Working on a press release for the new dress code policy.
3. Working on Alumni Newsletter.

C. Secretary of Programming Zerfas

1. Gymnastics Pack the Place resolution up for vote tonight.
2. Evita Pack the Place is April 7th at 7:30. Vouchers will be distributed throughout campus and redeemed at CPA box office. There are 208 tickets this time. Food will be handed out before the show starts in the CPA lobby.
3. Working on scheduling a softball or baseball event. I need to compare home game dates with the SGA and school calendar.
4. Questions
 - a) Tortoriello—What time is set up for Evita? *7:00 p.m.*

D. Secretary of Governmental Relations Yancey

1. Attended the Off-Campus Housing Fair meeting. We discussed the direction of future meetings as well as how the Fair will be different this year. The date is set for September 23 from 11-4 in the Brown Ballroom.
2. Nothing to report from the Normal Town Council Meeting.
3. At the Alcohol Task Force meeting, we discussed the plan that is already in place.
4. Working on publicity and details of the Candidate Forum. (resolution to follow.)

E. Secretary of Diversity Cail

1. Diveristy Week is the week of March 30th. Unfortunately, we had to switch around some things because the Guerilla Troupe is unable to perform due to scheduling conflicts.
 - a) March 30th—Etiquette Dinner with 2 tables. (One for SGA and one for Ex-Officios)
 - b) March 31st—Diversity Dialogue
 - c) April 2nd—Career Center Networking Program
 2. I will be submitting a budget request; there is not much cost involved.
 3. There will be a resolution at the next meeting.
- F. Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello
1. Met again with the wireless planning committee. The day after I met with them the \$50,000 grant was taken away due to the current state of the economy. But the good news is that with the next fiscal year, because we are not receiving this grant, ISU is actually being awarded a much larger sum next fiscal year. We have decided that the deans of each college will be contacted and sent heat maps of wifi in their respective buildings, and will get back to us by April 1st. These are maps that show where every access point/planned access point exists on campus.
 2. Website. I am now enforcing a new way of submitting new items to be put up on the website. If you wish for anything new to be placed on the website, you must set up a meeting with me. Can be out of office. This will make the whole process both esier and faster for you and me. This way I can show you what we can and cannot do on the site, and it will look exactly how you want it. My overall goal is to help you all get your info out there faster. I want to reinforce that minor updates such as bio changes, or quick question can still be sent to me via email.
 3. Composite. Will be done by Friday. Would have been done today, but one member did not make it on by complete fault of me, and will be fixed by Friday.
 4. Questions:
 - a) Dummelle—Did you forget me? *No.*
 - b) Thornton—Can students get to chose on heat map? *No. Just the Deans of the Colleges.*

VI. Advisor Report

A. No Report

VII. Committee Reports

A. Civic Engagement (Senator Lund)

1. Be comfortable in your jeans campaign is still going on. Please drop off used jeans and other lightly used articles of clothing into the box in the office by Friday.
2. Questions:
 - a) Davis—Can we bring any kind of clothes? *Yes.*

B. Finance and Allocation (Senator Spiek)

1. Fee Board is wrapping up. Thanks to all of those who helped with that.
2. I will bring a report of all the RSOs that received money to the next meeting.

C. Policies and Procedures (Senator Long)

1. No Report

D. Programs and Recognition (Senator Davis)

1. We have a resolution coming to the floor tonight regarding what Programs and Recognition has been working on the past few weeks.

VIII. Senator Coordinators

A. Off-Campus Senators (Senator Miller)

1. We are looking to schedule the last constituent contact event.

2. Senator Krug and myself are preparing to draft a recycling report for the 2008-2009 school year.
- B. On-Campus Senators (Senator Abdalla)
1. We have continued our discussion about Night Operations and other issues affecting on-campus students. As Mason already mentioned, we have a meeting with ARH and Maurine Blair. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of us.
- C. Underrepresented Senators (Senator Hochhauser)
1. Underreps. just finished our February constituent contact event where we provided posters for RSOs to advertise in Redbird Arena. It was successful and we had even more participation than we did in the fall.
 2. I am hoping to plan a March event with all other Senator groups.
 3. Questions:
 - a) Lund—posters for one time use? Can we get them back? *Long—still lady's basketball game, then you may get them back.*
- D. Graduate Senators (Senator Leigh)
1. I have met with Ex-Officios and will be compiling a report of their concerns and giving it to the Executive Board soon.
 2. GSA is close to having a finalized constitution. Dr. Nance and Advisor Olshak are going to be looking over it.
 3. Our next contact event will be a social/meeting on March 22, 2009. Time and location is TBA. This will be with the CSPA program as well as graduate students in the school of Communication.
 4. Lastly, I have recruited a few graduate students to apply for LeaderShape through the Leadership and Service Office.

IX. Ex-Officio Reports

A. ALAS

1. Meeting at SSB 314 at 7 p.m. to talk about elections and about the specifics for running for a position.
2. Bowling with ALAS. March 17th from 7-9 p.m. There is free pizza and bowling. It is a better way to get to know new students as well as talk to students about running for positions.
3. March 19th—“A Forgotten Injustice” This is a documentary from the “Telemundo” Spanish television station’s Vicente Serrano. It is about Mexican-American citizens were kicked out of the U.S. because they have Mexican ancestry. This is still in the process of being finalized.
4. Upcoming events: 3/24—nominations for positions, 3/31—elections begins, 4/7—elections end, 4/14—transition, 4/18—formal.

B. APAC

1. March 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Multicultural Building is Asian RSO Video Game Competition.
2. Upcoming events: 3/23—Korean Night, 4/7—Chinese Night, 4/19—Cultural Dinner.

C. ARH

1. Many thanks to Lund and Carnahan for attending our meetings.
2. Next General Assembly meeting is Sunday, March 1st in the Christa McAuliffe Room in South Campus.
3. IRHA went great. Thanks to all of those who volunteered. Lauren Mackey won the position of Alumni Relations Officer on the State Executive Board. ISU delegation won two state awards and also had two top ten programs.
4. ISRAA conference for RAs was last weekend. They won four awards—best banner, 2 top 5 programs, Most Outstanding Program.

5. Renovations Advisory Council met yesterday to talk about Watterson Dining phasing this summer.
6. Waiting to hear results from our Blood Drive Yesterday.
7. First Move in meeting was held today to discuss traffic flow.
8. IRHA receipts soon to SGA next week.
9. Upcoming events:
 - a) Charity Ball March 27th from 7-10 p.m. in the Activity Room of the BBC.
 - b) Reviewing the Large School of the Year bid for Nationals. We would like to have several people look at it, so if you are good at proofreading, please take a look at it.
 - c) South Unity: Int'l dinner Friday, February 27th at 7 p.m. after Dining Center closes.
 - d) West Unity: Mardi Gras Program and Heritage Thursday, February 26th at 7:30 in Linkins Basement
 - e) Safety and Security Meeting
 - f) Elections for all positions besides President and Vice President will take place on April 19th at 7 p.m.

D. BSU

1. Currently planning March programs. 3/3—Women's Health Check; 3/17—Women's Appreciation Meeting.
2. BSU is participating in Relay for Life on April 24th.
3. We will have an informational session for executive board vacancies on March 3rd.

E. Pride

1. Realized that we had never saved SSB 375 for our meetings, and there have been some scheduling conflicts, so we are now looking for a new space for our meetings.
2. Drag workshop
3. Planning the Drag Show
4. Questions:
 - a) Sullivan—When is the drag show? *April 4th*.

F. Student Trustee Bagnuolo

1. Board of Trustees meeting this past Friday:
 - a) There is a new student insurance contract with Aetna, it is the same company and same price.
 - b) Changing from Waugh Food service to US Foods.
 - c) Open Discussion time—orienting the Board with Academic Senate.
 - d) Attended dedication for Visor Center. This will house Minority Student Academic Center and the UCLA. It will also have classrooms and potential RSO meeting emergency space.
2. Questions
 - a) Miller—Will the change in dining services have impact on sustainability? *I don't know.*

G. Mason moved to add CRP as info item A; Krug seconded

H. Davis moved to add Reggie Wars as info item B; Leigh seconded.

I. Zerfas moved to add Pack the Place: Gymnastics as info item C; Thornton seconded.

J. Lund moved to add Candidate Forum as info item D; Mason seconded.

X. Information Items

- A. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Participation in Bring it Back to Normal. Volunteer event for students to work around the Normal area. Students will volunteer for 4 hours to complete jobs for local residents and non-profit organizations. Working through Leadership and Service Unit. Mandatory for Civic Engagement Committee and highly recommended for other SGA Members.

1. Questions: none
 2. Lund moves to action item A; Flaherty seconds.
- B. Resolution Authorizing the Change of *Chicago Tribune* to *NY Times* of the Referendum. *Tribune* to *NY Times* due to the change in cost for the *Chicago Tribune*. Once the program is fully implemented, there would be a total 1,880 papers with the *NY Times* as compared to 1,400 papers with the *Chicago Tribune*.
1. Questions:
 - a) Olshak—Clarification, Mason did not decide this, the Executive Committee did.
 - b) Abdalla—1,880 fully implemented? *Yes. Next Year? 470 newspapers.*
 - c) Preston—What was the price for Chicago Sun Times? *28 cents, but Exec. decided that Times was more valuable.*
 - d) Abdalla—Curious, best case scenario, are we locked in at this price? *No, it is subject to what the newspapers decided.*
 - e) Long—any other Chicago paper? *All paper participates, except Wall Street Journal. What were some of the qualifiers? Wanted Tribune, but Suns was not read as much as the Times.*
 - f) Zerfas—POI—it was discussed in the CRP committee that Times would be better academically than the *Sun Times*.
 - g) Abdalla—Is it a fear that we will go through these changes? *It's a yearly contract, so it doesn't have to continue if prices are raised.*
 - h) Preston—Price quotes are steady for a year? Or can it change mid-year? *Once contract is signed, that's the price that stays. Are we paying the same price in the beginning years as when fully implemented? Yes—it's the same.*
 - i) Hochhauser—move to previous question
 2. Bagnuolo—Clarification—This just mean that you would be changing the papers, if this doesn't pass, would we be stuck with the higher price of the Tribune? *Yes.*
 3. Owens—When did they increase the price? *Very recently with in the last week and a half.*
 4. Abdalla—If this doesn't pass, do we go back to the last resolution? *Nevermind.*
 5. Preston—Either way, this is going to referendum? *Yes.*
 6. Mason moves to make action item B; Flaherty seconds.
- C. Reggie Wars. Programs and Recognition created this in hopes of it becoming a SGA signature program. Teams would register and participate in multiple challenges. Proceeds would go to Smile Train. All SGA members must work this event. Change line 25 to \$25 registration fee instead of \$20.
1. Quesitons;
 - a) Davis—asks to explain more. She does.
 - b) Spiek—Is there a drawing to win something? *We have to get sponsorships first before we can specifically say what awards would be.*
 - c) Leigh—Is there an exact time? *12:30-4:30. Set-up to take down would total about 6 hours.*
 2. Krug moves to action item C; Davis seconds.
- D. Gymnastics Pack the Place. Pre-game festivities start at 3:30 in Red Bird Room. Conference Championships Start at 4. Students will be given vouchers and then redeemed for tickets at the door; SGA will cover half of the \$1 ticket. This is Mandatory for all Members. Event should be 1 ½ hours.
1. Quesitons:
 - a) Abdalla—How many more pack the places? *This and Evita. Looking into Softball and/or baseball event. Money in budget to do more.*
 - b) Tortoriello—Mandatory for next Association? *It would have to be a bill.*
 2. Zerfas moves to action item D; Merth seconds.

- E. Candidate Forum. Lund defers to Yancey. We will be working with League of Women Voters. It is Thursday, March 26 from 7-9 p.m. in Prairie Room. 250 people are expected to attend. Mandatory for Civic Engagement and highly recommended for the rest of the Association.
1. Quesitons:
 2. Lund moves to action item E; Carnahan seconds.

XI. Action Items

A. Bring it back to Normal.

1. Lund moves to authorize; Long seconds
2. Debate:
3. Vote: passes.

B. CRP—NY Times.

1. Mason moves to authorize; Dumelle seconds
2. Debate:
 - a) Mason—Worthwhile resolution
 - b) Bagnuolo—Encourage to change to *Chicago Sun Times* than *NYTimes*.
 - c) Merth—Vote no to *NY Times*, because it does not represent everyone
 - d) Long—I don't agree. People can sign up online for free.
 - e) Hochhauser—vote yes. *NY Times* is high quality and would benefit more than *Sun Times*. *Tribune* has filed bankruptcy.
 - f) Carnahan—We are giving students opportunity to decide what they want.
 - g) Cahanin—There is another newspaper that offers other viewpoint. Vote yes. This is read worldwide.
 - h) Preston—pass
 - i) Leigh—Focus on big picture, not what newspaper, but give students a voice. Vote yes.
 - j) Dumelle—*NY Times* gives academic benefit. *Journal* and *NY Times* are used for class.
 - k) Long—If we are going to present this to students, could we give two options? *Not enough time*.
 - l) Abdalla—Move to postpone until the March 18th. Retract motion.
 - m) Bixby moves to previous question; Carnahan seconds.
3. Flaherty—POI—you can get back the other resolution
4. Vote: passes.*NY Times*.

C. Reggie Wars

1. Krug moves to approve; Miller seconds
2. Debate:
 - a) Bagnuolo—friendly amendment—“Reggie Wars” to “Reggie Games”
 - b) Mason—POI—One person makes this decision, not committee.
 - c) Zerfas—POI—not professional since we have already started contacting people on campus about this.
 - d) Mason—First person on resolution—which is Fettner
 - e) Fettner—Does not accept friendly amendment.
 - f) Bagnuolo—Hostile Amendment
 - a. Debate: Changing name.
 - i. Davis—Idea from Dorm Wars came from Sig. Eps.
 - ii. Bixby—People are sensitive to the term war.
 - iii. Abdalla—Vote yes. There is power in words. Less professional to not change.
 - iv. Thornton—vote no. Future Associations can change name.
 - v. Cail—Change name. They are all games. People are sensitive.

- vi. Bagnuolo—agree with Abdalla. Just explain to people that have already been contacted.
 - vii. Krug—We chose name Wars to be more of a competition. Games seem more childish. Tug of Games. Vote no.
 - viii. Leigh—Vote no. It brings competition. Reggie challenge, Reggie tournament.
 - ix. Long—Games...Olympic route. Move to previous questions
 - 1. Lund seconds.
 - 2. Vote: Division: passes.
 - x. Vote: on hostile amendment: Fails: Reggie Wars.
 - g) Abdalla—Friendly amendment—How much time is required? *4 hours*.
 - h) Flaherty—All members of committee the whole time. SGA members only 2 hours.
 - i) Krug—POI—committee is already going to be there. 4 hours was supposed to be for the rest of the Association.
 - j) Fettner—accept: 2 hours.
 - k) Davis—We have no idea how long this is going to take. We don't want people to leave in the middle of the event.
 - l) Lund—suggest that this resolution be passed without time limits. Another resolution be brought specifically about time.
 - a. Fettner—Accept: keep resolution as is without time limits.
 - m) Krug—pass.
 - n) Lund moves to previous questions; Cahnanin.
 - a. Vote: passes.
3. Vote on resolution: passes.

D. Gymnastics.

- 1. Cahnanin moves to approve; Merth seconds
- 2. Debate:
 - a) Zerfas: Pack The Place. Go Redbirds.
 - b) Flaherty: Line 16 remove 00 to 3:30. Line 3 “A”, Line 1 “Secretary of Programming”.
- 3. Vote: passes.

E. Candidate Forum.

- 1. Yancey moves to approve; Lund seconds
- 2. Debate:
 - a) Abdalla—vote yes.
 - b) Preston—Line 16 “NEILSEN” Lund—accepts.
- 3. Vote: passes.

XII. Passing of the Gavel

XIII. Adjournment

- A. Spialek moves to adjourn; Bagnuolo.

