

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2010

Executive Members Present: Student Body President Spialek, Vice President Fettner, Executive Director Krug, Secretary of Public Relations Brewer, Secretary of Information and Technology Olson, 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 Thornotn, Senator Pankow, Senator Ruedig, Senator Palmer, Senator Kelly, Senator McGinty, Senator Monahan, Senator Owens, Senator Larson, Senator Marquis, Senator Yancey, Senator Mason, Senator Kodman, Senator Rubashkin, Senator Volgman, Senator Mackey, Senator Colaric

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

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Spialek moves to approve, Preston seconds.
- b. Approved.

III. Executive Officer Reports

- a. Student Body President (M. Spialek)
 - i. Sense of the Senate
 - ii. Transition Folders
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Student Body Vice President (E. Fettner)
 - i. RSS Feed Bill
 - ii. External Diversty Committee
 - iii. Student Insurance
 - iv. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Student Body Executive Director (J. Krug)
 - i. I'm passing around the final guest list for passing of the gavel. If I have something written down that is wrong please change it and if you have a blank space next to your name please fill it in. Don't include yourself in the number.
 - ii. Member of the month for February
 1. This person often brings laughter to a room
 2. They work very hard on Wed and Fridays giving out money
 3. And they brought the calculator rental to ISU

- 4. Zach Owens!
- iii. Questions/Comments: none

IV. Assembly Officer Reports

- a. President of the Assembly (M. Carnahan)
 - i. Make sure all that all author's legislation is in folders
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Vice President of the Assembly (A. Hochhauser)
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Secretary of the Assembly (M. McMahon)
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

V. Cabinet Member Reports

- a. Secretary of Student Fees (D. Cahanin)
 - i. President Spialek and I are meeting with Vice Presidents Adams and Layzell for student fees.
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
 - i. CAR had 1,000 hits in one day after the Vidette article.
 - ii. No clickers
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Secretary of Public Relations (S. Brewer)
 - i. I am making the media journal, please don't move the papers.
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Secretary of Programs (E. Green)
 - i. We will not be building with Habitat for Humanity this semester.
 - ii. Pack the Place – Baseball is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be available at 4:30pm. The game is against University of Illinois and starts at 6pm.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none
- e. Secretary of Governmental Relations (S. Preston)
 - i. Working on the census with the Town of Normal
 - ii. All about Normal.
 - iii. Attending IBHE-SAC meeting.
 - iv. Questions/Comments: none
- f. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (R. Hall)
 - i. Finalized Diversity Week agenda.

ii. Questions/Comments:

g. Secretary of Sustainability (D. Moore)

- i. Presented Sustainability Fee Forum - about 30 showed which I feel is a good turnout for a 5pm meeting on St. Patrick's Day
- ii. Sustainability Pledge wrist bands have arrived and web site should be up the last week in march
- iii. Working on transition paperwork
- iv. Earth Hour is March 27 at 8:30 PM turn off all lights for one hour
- v. Presenting bill to amend Secretary of Sustainability job duties
- 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. Thornotn)

- i. The Programs and Recognition has selected a winner for RSO of the Month for the month of February. Young Americans for Liberty (YAL). We will hopefully be passing a resolution at the next Assembly meeting recognizing YAL.
- ii. Also, if you could all send me more ideas for "You Know You're in SGA if..." Please refrain from using names.
- iii. Questions/Comments: none

b. Finance and Allocation (Z. Owens)

- i. Sending results for program hearing funds.
- ii. Questions/Comments: none

c. Policies and Procedures (A. Larson)

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

d. Civic Engagement (S. Preston)

- i. Invisible Children huge success. We had over 400 people attend.
- ii. Bring it back to Normal.
- iii. Questions/Comments: none

VIII. Senator Coordinator Reports

a. Off-Campus Senators (L. Ruedig)

- i. I will continue to meet with Michael Zajak from the Office of Off-Campus non-traditional and parent services regarding next year's housing fair. The Off-Campus senators will also continue our work on the tenant's union

and will be sending out a constituent contact email to recruit for this cause in the near future.

- ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. On-Campus Senators (Z. Owens)
 - i. Group is compiling transition folder.
 - ii. Constituent contact event for new senators.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Underrepresented Senators (K. Colaric)
 - i. Planning last constituent contact events.
 - 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. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. What time?- Brewer
 - 2. 6 pm in the Circus Room.- APAC
- c. ARH
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
- d. BSU
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- e. Pride
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. What time is the drag show?- Colaric
 - 2. 7pm.- Pride
- f. Student Trustee Bagnuolo
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

X. Information Items

Secretary Hall moves to make the Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association to Cosponsor “Soundtrack for a Revolution” Documentary Screening as info item f, Fettner seconds.

Vice President Fettner moves to make the Bill for the creation of the SGA External Diversity Committee, Student Diversity Committee as info item g, Krug seconds.

Senator Larson moves to make the Bill to Amend the Legislative Branch By-Laws: Establishment of Authorities, Powers and Responsibilities (Article 3, Section 6 A, B, C, D) as info item h, Mason seconds.

Secretary Moore moves to make the Bill for the amending SGA Secretary of Sustainability job duties as info item i, Colaric seconds.

a. Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution (Spialek)

i. Questions:

1. For next year, the new administration will follow this with the change in senator types.- Olshak
2. Can we make amendments to the constitution?- Rubashkin
3. That would have to wait.- Spialek
4. But can we make amendments?- Rubashkin
5. You can make amendment offers, but it needs 2/3 approval.- Olshak
6. Where does it say that it won't go in affect til 2011?- Mason
7. Those are in the legislative by-laws.- Spialek
8. What was the rationale to dropping a senator?- Mason
9. We have received input from current senators and commission and we wieghed many of the options. We will have the one RSO and the commission liked the idea of having 3 senators for the academic colleges. The senator would represent 2 colleges, that means 19 total senators. We don't think we should add a senator, just for the sake of having 20.- Spialek
10. What about representation in Academic Senate?- Mason
11. You are always gaurunteed 20 spots and the Vice President would assume that last position.- Spialek
12. Why is there only one RSO senator? I feel like it would be harder.- Colaric
13. A lot of the rationale came from senators from this year.- Spialek
14. I also received feedback from one-on-ones.- Olshak

b. Bill to Amend the Legislative Branch By-Laws (Spialek)

i. Questions:

1. Why do individual senators not have a jobs description?- Marquis
2. It would be a pretty big oversight on what the Student Government Association does.- Olshak

3. I feel like with the Academic Senators, are the students supposed to go to their off-campus or academic senator, will they be confused? - Bagnuolo
4. There is always a possibility that someone would contact both senators. If it is an academic issue, you can contact both. - Spialek
5. Yes, you can contact both. The best example was during the Horstein administration with the business casual dress code in the Marketing department. The more senators that hear, the more it will mobilize SGA. - Olshak
6. My only concern is does that take away the responsibility from current senators? - Bagnuolo
7. I do not think so. That was the opinion of the commission. - Spialek
8. Will the Academic Senators have to belong to one of the colleges? - Ruedig
9. Not necessarily. - Spialek
10. Will the academic senators send out constituent emails? - Colaric
11. Because underreps are appointed, they do not send out the emails. But because the academic senators will be elected, hopefully that will be in effect. - Spialek
12. Do we have to appoint someone if we have a closed meeting? - Bagnuolo
13. That is not a bad point, and that would probably be me. If you have language, I would appreciate seeing it. - Olshak
14. Why wouldn't the Academic Senators be from that certain college? - Marquis
15. This will come up again in two years, so if it does not work it will most likely be discussed. Technically, no matter what, the senator will have to represent a college they are not in. - Spialek
16. Will only Watterson North only vote for Watterson North? - Mason
17. It will be at-large. We felt that there was no need to restrict it. - Olshak
18. How will you make sure that 3 people cannot represent Watterson North? - Mason
19. You will have different people running for the one position per building. - Olshak
20. Would you require someone to live in for 2 years? - Preston
21. It would start in the fall. - Olshak

c. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws (Spialek)

i. Questions:

1. My bill is more broad, while this is specific? - Dorian
2. If passed those changes will be made. - Spialek
3. Will there be a change in the attendance because we will be required for caucus? - Bagnuolo
4. There would be attendance taken before the meeting either by roll-call or silently by the secretary. - McMahan

- d. Bill to Amend to Ex-Officio By-Laws (Spialek)
 - i. Questions: none

- e. Bill to Create a Student Government Association Scholarship (McMahon)
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. Where would the target audience be to raise the money? Would the donation come from students or alumni?- Hall
 - 2. It would be more targeted to alumni. We could accept student donations, but not through student fees.- McMahon
 - 3. Would we do the fundraising?- Colaric
 - 4. Yes.- McMahon

- f. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association to Cosponsor “Soundtrack for a Revolution” Documentary Screening (Hall)
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. Why can’t we sponsor this on our own, because do not have an event that is solely ours?- Marquis
 - 2. I am trying to get as much support from a variety of places to show university-wide support. It did not occur to me because we already used a great deal of money for Post Secret.- Hall
 - ii. Move to make action item j, McGinty seconds.

- g. Bill for the creation of the SGA External Diversity Committee, Student Diversity Committee (Fettner)
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. This from the Constitution Commission. This shows that cultural ex-officios will have a vote some how.- Olshak
 - 2. Do you think that there should not be an even number of members for voting purposes?- Palmer
 - 3. We can add one external member, I will bring something to the floor.- Fettner
 - 4. Why is the Secretary of Diversity a non-voting member?- Bagnuolo
 - 5. Because he is the chair.- Fettner
 - 6. Couldn’t he be the tie breaker?- Bagnuolo
 - 7. Then he will be the tie breaker.- Fettner
 - 8. What will they be voting on?- BSU
 - 9. There is no specifics; it is whatever they want to bring to the floor.- Fettner
 - 10. We are already using a committee format.- Hall
 - 11. Are you creating resolutions or voting on ideas?- Colaric
 - 12. They would be able to bring resolutions to the floor.- Fettner
 - 13. This would also further their role in the administration.- Olshak

- h. Bill to Amend the Legislative Branch By-Laws: Establishment of Authorities, Powers and Responsibilities (Article 3, Section 6 A,B,C, D) (Larson)
 - i. Questions:

1. Can you please talk about how there would be affective changes if there is just one RSO senator?- Olshak
 2. I would be willing to write a letter of reccommedation to change that wording.- Larson
 3. Are you willing ot put that entire program on one senator?- Olshak
 4. Yes.- Larson
 5. Would you be willing to make the changes now?- Carnahan
 6. Yes, absolutely.- Larson
 7. There would then be no voting process for the RSO of the Month then?- Monahan
 8. I don't see a problem, but I understand the concern. We could probably change that if you feel like it would be misguided.- Larson
- i. Bill for the amending SGA Secretary of Sustainability job duties. (Moore)
 - i. Questions: none

XI. Action Items

- a. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Executive Cabinet Members Authorities, Powers and Responsibilities (Article 2, Section 3E) (Marquis)
 - i. Move to approve, Cahanin seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 1. Shouldn't Olson being taken out?- Monahan
 2. It says Olson now, because he will launch it. The next line does not have his name- Marquis
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Bill passes unanimously.
- b. Bill to Approve Student Elections Committee Recommendations to Amend the Student Elections Code (Carnahan)
 - i. Move to approve, Mason seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 1. In Section 1 D, I would recommend that it would be 2 weeks in advance instead of 1 week, so they are more prepared.- Palmer
 2. I do not see the need to release the format.- Carnahan
 3. Point of Information: This will be an up or down vote.- Olshak
 4. I definitely think this will be a huge change, but I think it will be more than helpful to try something new. It is worth making the change.- Bagnuolo
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Bill unanimously.
- c. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Authorities, Powers and Responsibilities Secretary of Programming (Article 2, Section 3-D) (Larson)
 - i. Move to approve, Yancey seconds.
 - ii. Debate: none
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Bill Passes unanimously.

- d. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Authorities, Powers and Responsibilities Secretary of Governmental Relations (Article 2, Section 3-A) (Larson)
 - i. Move to approve, Mason seconds.
 - ii. Debate: none
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Bill Passes unanimously.
- e. Bill to Amend the Legislative Branch By-Laws: Compensation (Article 2, Section 5) (Larson)
 - i. Move to approve, Kelly seconds.
 - ii. Debate
 1. I really disagree with a majority of this bill. I feel like there is a significant difference in how we serve as an RSO and a department. I feel like we represent our constituents well. We make our decisions during our meetings. We not your average RSO because we meet 3 hours weekly.- Mackey
 2. Please except my constituent feedback by saying that you do a great amount of work during your meetings. This is the time you are an RSO, but when you cross the street you are a department? This payment was fought for years ago. I know affordability is a problem right now, but this is not a solution.- Bagnuolo
 3. I have been in the SGA for almost 2 years now, and never once has a vote on legislation been preemptive with comments in the student newspaper. I am dissapointed for someone to say that if this bill does not pass, it will show the mind-set of the SGA. I feel like that is a generalization. Our mind-set was also about open communication, not self-centeredness. I will not let a resolution or a bill or any legislation during election season have this be the defining moment of our “mind-set”. This is an issue on values. Two weeks ago, I supported this and I respected that my Vice President and Executive Director disagreed. I feel like it has been a political motive and it has tainted all 3 of these bills. I remove myself from sponsor.- Spialek
 4. I am not sure what the motives are. This will not save the school \$10,000, it will just reallocated it. These bills were created out of no where.- Fettner
 5. I have talked to someone about how they think it is so wrong that we get paid. There is a level of compensation is fine, but I know that my constituents do not. I am voting to approve.- Kelly
 6. I also remove myself from sponsor, but I still encourage people to approve this bill. SGA has a role on the student fees commission. When talking to my constituents, they did not know we get paid and when they find out they aren’t happy.- Owens
 7. I don’t agree with this because we are still getting paid but by less amounts. For some reason, someone decided to make an arbitrary decision that we are an RSO in our meetings. I would much rather

- get paid for this than our office hours. This does not make sense to me, we should either get paid or not get paid.- McGinty
8. I asked to be removed as a sponsor weeks ago, but it is not.- Monahan
 9. I will fix that.- Carnahan
 10. This is not a bill for external purposes. It was crafted out of intentions of the student fees process. I believe that a majority of constituents they agree with this.- Larson
 11. Right now we receive 70 dollars a week, and with this we would have 40 a week. We have to make sure that the members of our association can afford to be here. Some people here could be working other jobs and we should make sure that they can be here.- Marquis
 12. Based on my constituents, I would have to agree with Senator Owens and Larson. People do not understand why we are doing this. I, also, do not understand why I do not have statistics and constituent feedback? I can tell you what I heard, I want a sheet in hand with student feedback.- Colaric
 13. I sent out an email with all the bills and did not have constituent feedback.- Hochhauser
 14. I did not know I got paid when I first joined SGA. I don't know if I could still be here, because it really helps financially that I do get paid. When I have told people I get paid, they usually say that is "That's awesome". Many student governments don't get paid, but a lot of them get cars. I urge you to vote no.- Krug
 15. I feel like it is a priveledge to be here, I would not be able to be here if I was not paid.- Mason
 16. I keep hearing that we need to give the money back to the students, well we are the students. We have no guarantee that this money would directly affect students.- Brewer
 17. At first I supported it, and the more I thought about it, you guys do a lot of work. We don't put in half the effort that you do. I feel like you guys should get paid for what you do. This is where I see you guys actually doing work. -BSU
 18. I see that you guys put a lot of effort in for these meetings, especially in front of the Xerox machine (laughs). I feel like important issues may be rushed through in the future if people aren't being compensated for it. This money might not actually benefit the students.- Pride
 19. \$10,000 is less than 1%. We should do things more like lobbying for the MAP Grant. The time we spent collaborating with other schools, there was a lot done.- Fettner
 20. Point of Information: How many people have spoke?- Mackey
 - a. You were the last person.-Carnahan
 21. Move to vote- Mackey
 - a. Approved

- iii. Vote
 - 1. Move to roll call vote- McMahon
 - iv. Bill does not pass. 3 Y 16 N
 - f. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Compensation (Article 2, Section 4) (Larson)
 - i. Move to remove action item f
 - g. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Compensation (Article 1, Section 3) (Larson)
 - i. Move to remove action item g
 - h. Bill Authorizing SGA Development and Posting of a Blog and iCampus RSS Feed (Fettner)
 - i. Move to approve, Cahanin second.
 - ii. Debate:
 - 1. I really dig this.- Colaric
 - 2. I urge you to vote yes for this. It will promote transparency.- Olson
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Bill Passes with 1 Nay
 - i. Bill to amend the SGA External Committee, Student Sustainability Committee (Moore)
 - i. Move to approve, Hochhauser second.
 - ii. Debate
 - 1. Cross out lines 24 and 25 and add in “Faculty Advisors will be appointed by Secretary of Sustainability and their appointment will be voted on by the sustainability committee and majority vote is needed to approve appointment.”-Moore
 - 2. On lines 21, I feel like that language is not for bylaws. Friendly Amendment to remove that portion.- Hall
 - 3. Denied. I know it is not beneficial language, but I want them to have to live up to this.- Moore
 - 4. Friendly amendment to remove what Secretary Hall suggested. I feel like it is an opinion- Mackey
 - 5. I approve.- Moore
 - 6. Language: “but their participation will be taken into account.”- Olshak
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Bill Passes unanimously.
 - j. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association to Cosponsor “Soundtrack for a Revolution” Documentary Screening
 - i. Move to approve, Preston second.
 - ii. Debate
 - 1. Line 30; Remove in the Prairie Room. It will not be in the Bone, it will probably be in Capen. –Hall
 - 2. Is it absolutely scheduled at 1pm?- Alana
 - 3. It conflicts with the Snoop Dog and LMFAO concert.- Hall

4. Friendly Amendment: 45-47 to add the two numbers together.-
Bagnuolo
 5. To ensure that appropriate funds for that maximum number.- Hall
 6. If that funding falls through, we don't want to have to refund it.-
Bagnuolo
 7. I approve- Hall
 8. Language: "shall allot no more than 900 to the program."- Olshak
- iii. Vote
 - iv. Resolution Passes unanimously.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Bagnuolo moves to adjourn, Hochhauser seconds.