

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
March 18, 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 Colaric, Senator Carnahan, Senator Abdalla, Senator Hochhauser, Senator Dumelle, Senator Long, Senator Owens

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

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Lund moves to approve; Preston seconds

III. Executive Officers Report

A. President Mason

1. CRP pilot has started in the residence halls and classroom buildings. The facebook group is up; invite friends. Email to faculty will be going out early next week and the Deans of Colleges are aware of this email and have agreed to help make sure it gets to the faculty. Information Sessions begin tomorrow. Also, Amy and ARH have agreed to help us put flyers in the residence hall mailboxes. [List of Information Sessions]
2. Yesterday Merth, Dumelle, and I met with Leanna Bordner in Athletics to discuss how funding for Athletics works. Our goal was to discuss what it could take to expand the student section in the arena. We will continue looking into this.
3. Meeting with Mr. Adams to discuss safety walk. I have a meeting with Michael Zajac and Ed McKibbin to discuss how we can continue to pursue this and get a positive response out of the Town.
4. Complaint from constituent about a lack of bike racks by the College of Business due to the construction. I contacted Chuck Scott, and that should be fixed very soon.
5. Meeting with President Bowman next week. If people have issues they would like me to raise to him, send me an email by next Tuesday.
6. Continue to think about transition. Two weeks from today the winners of the election will be announced and we will begin transitioning them.

B. Student Body Vice President Flaherty

1. T-shirts are in for T-shirt swap which will be taking place on April 18th.
2. Sent a letter to Academic Senate Executive Committee about reviewing the constitution exam requirements and whether it is necessary or not. Was met with mixed reviews but is being sent to the Academic Affairs Committee, so I will keep you posted as more information come to me.
3. Need Ten names to recommend to President Bowman who will pick two from the list to serve on the committee who will chose the new V.P. of finance and Planning.
4. Questions:
 - a) Bagnuolo—When is the start date? *For next semester.*
 - b) Sullivan—Does that person need to be available during the summer? *Yes.*

C. Student Body Executive Director Bixby

1. Still working on Passing of the Gavel. Awards have been ordered and some of the gifts are coming in.
2. You will be seeing a copy of the program soon.

IV. Assembly Officer Reports

A. President of the Assembly Spialek

1. One-on-ones are due today.
2. Working on transition materials for the next President of the Assembly

B. Vice President of the Assembly Krug

1. I have sent you the email. Please make sure it is out by Friday.
2. Wait for links too.
3. Questions:
 - a) Olshak—no attachments. Send email out with link on the website. *Don't send attachment.*
 - b) Tortoriello—send it to me ASAP
 - c) Krug—I thought that they were just too big last time. *Olshak—I have never had an attachment work.*

C. Secretary of the Assembly Sullivan

1. Reports please
2. Resolution corrections by next Friday.

V. Cabinet Members Reports

A. Secretary of Student Fees Cahanin

1. Finished up BRC Recommendation
2. Meeting scheduled with Steve Bragg and Steve Adams
3. Currently working on outing together a report to present to Wendy Baits for a sustainability fee.
4. Also looking at other school with similar populations and seeing how their student fees have been adjusted for sustainability fees.
5. Lastly, been looking into the projects they have been undertaking with the fees raised by this fee.
6. Questions:
 - a) Abdalla—Anything came from request for budget? *Bixby—It's public information; I'll send it to you.*

B. Secretary of Public Relations Dogic

1. Before Break: bulletin board for CRP.
2. Press release for candidate forum.
3. Alumni Newsletter will have a copy next meeting.

C. Secretary of Programming Zerfas

1. 1st Community Clean up took place this past weekend. Weekends are filling up very fast, if you know of an RSO interested they need to get their application in ASAP.
2. Pack the Place Gymnastics this Saturday, March 21st. One hour of attendance is required. Pre-game festivities start at 3 p.m. in the redbird Room. Free food and Pom's. Meet starts at 4 p.m. in Redbird Area.
3. Pack the House Evita. Resolution up for vote tonight.
4. Questions:
 - a) Krug—Time requirement? *1 hour.*
 - b) Abdalla—Pre-game festivities count? *Yes.*

D. Secretary of Governmental Relations Yancey

1. Normal Town Council Meeting. Unanimously passed the keg registration. Only change from current way of buying kegs, sign paper stating that it is illegal to sell alcohol to minors. Alcohol ordinance violation fine is being raised from \$250 to \$275.

2. Went to the sustainability meeting for the Town of Normal. Doing a lot of research for the committee. We're trying to find out what other communities similar to Normal having been doing in regards to sustainability.
3. Knocking down church on Fell and North to make room for CVS and other national retail.
4. Candidate forum. Next Thursday 7-9 in Prairie Room.
5. Questions:
 - a) Tortoriello—CVS open? *No, it was just mentioned.*
 - b) Abdalla—anything else? *No real details because nothing was finalized.*

E. Secretary of Diversity Cail

1. Diversity Week this week.

F. Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello

1. Clicker report actually worked and was included with the minutes where necessary. From now on you will be required to grab your designated clicker at the start of all meetings. Please write down the number.
2. To avoid problems, we will have one test slide during my report starting this meeting to insure accuracy.
3. Composite is done. I sent it out before break. I have received no issues from anyone, so I assume it looks good. Please look over it if you haven't done so already.

VI. Advisor Report

- A. Do not send out attachments in the email. They will bounce back.
- B. Be thinking of transition.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Civic Engagement (Senator Lund)

1. All encouraged to attend the Candidate Forum: Normal Town Council and Mayoral Debate. Next Thursday (3/27) from 7-9 p.m. in the Prairie room of the Bone.
2. Questions:
 - a) Abdalla—Bring it back to normal? *Not our event, assisting leadership and service unit.*
 - b) Long—Time of Candidate Forum? 7-9.

B. Finance and Allocation (Senator Spiek)

1. No Report

C. Policies and Procedures (Senator Long)

1. No Report

D. Programs and Recognition (Senator Davis)

1. Not doing Reggie Wars because there is not enough time. We will give all of the details to the next association.
2. Year End Party. We're generating ideas. Thinking the weekend of April 16th-ish.
3. Questions:
 - a) Yancey—Date of party? *4/16 or 4/17.*

VIII. Senator Coordinators

A. Off-Campus Senators (Senator Miller)

1. No Report

B. On-Campus Senators (Senator Abdalla)

1. Have a meeting with Maureen Blair tomorrow to discuss Residence Hall Security. ARH and Mason have also been invited.
2. On-Campus senators have continued to attend ARH meetings as well as area government meetings.
3. Been collecting constituent feedback. Look out for a final constituent contact event.

- a) Zerfas—How do you plan on fixing hair? *I Don't Know.*
- C. Underrepresented Senators (Senator Hochhauser)
 - a) No Report

IX. Ex-Officio Reports

A. ALAS

1. 3/19—"A Forgotten Injustice." Documentary given by Vincente Serrano. Documentary is about deportation of Mexican-American citizens in the 1930s being deported because of their heritage. Time: 7 p.m. in Schroeder 130.
2. 3/24—Nominations for new executive board.
3. 3/31—elections begin
4. 4/14—transition
5. 4/18—formal. "Black and White Affair with Red Carpet" (Like Latin Grammys). Door open at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7. Keynote speaker, performances, and annual papi chulo contest with an hour of dancing. Ends at 10 p.m. Taking RSVPs. Send name and total amount of people you are bringing to ddherna@ilstu.edu.

B. APAC

1. 3/24—Korean Night. At Diversisty Advocacy Building at 7:00p.m. Food, games, and language lessons.
2. Summer BBQ with Asian RSO's from UIUC, Illinois Wesleyan, UIC, and Northern Illinois University.
3. Questions:
 - a) Abdalla—When was the Korean Dinner? *3/24 at 7.*

C. ARH

1. 3/22—GA meeting: 7 p.m. in Shawnee room
2. 4/18—Passing of the Gavel: 3 p.m. in Old Main Room. Invitations coming soon.
3. Move-in is coming along. Curb Bird and Coordinator applications will be on the UHS Website soon. Teaming up with IFC and Pan.
4. 3/27—Charity Ball: 7 p.m. in Activity Room of BBC. Tickets are on sale.
5. Event Death by Chocolate is this Friday from 12-1 in Southside Dining center.
6. Applications for NACURH are available and due 3/25.
7. Earth Hour 2/28 from 8:30-9:30. Black Light Party in Rosa Parks Room and Shawnee Room.
8. Cultural Dinners Coming Up.
9. Sponsoring ISA's Indian Night-3/21 from 6-10 in Braden. Fashion and Food.

D. BSU

1. No Report

E. Pride

1. Drag Show
2. Questions:
 - a) Krug—Tickets on sale? *On sale on the week leading up to the drag show.*

F. Student Trustee Bagnuolo

1. No Report

Sullivan motioned Legislative Bylaws as information item B; Cail seconded

Mason motioned Transition Retreat as Info Item C; Krug seconded

Zerfas motioned Pack the Place Evita as Info Item D; Thornton seconded

Davis motioned Reggie wars cancelation as Info Item E; Bixby seconded

Cail motioned Diversity Week as Info Item F; Bixby seconded

Mason motioned ELP Bill as Info Item G; Thornton seconded

X. Information Items

- A. Co-Sponsorship of BlackSTARR Black Awareness Conference. \$2630 approved \$1000. Annual conference. Traveling exhibit.

1. Mason moves to action item A; Flaherty
- B. Bylaws. Revised attendance policy will require a bill to change the legislative bylaws. 2 unexcused absences that will not be able to be made up and as many excused absences can be made up as possible.
 1. Questions:
 - a) Abdalla—Gray area—Part A. 3 unexcused? *What if it read “more than 2...”* Okay.
 - b) Long—absence process. To be completely removed there is another process.
 - c) Bagnuolo—F two roll calls? *Roll Call and Passing of the Gavel.*
- C. Transition Retreat. Saturday 4/4. Everyone must be there.
 1. Questions:
 - a) Bagnuolo—Elections Committee let new ticket know? *Not their responsibility. It is the responsibility of those who are coming in to notify members.* Independent runners? *Advisor will let them know.*
 - b) Abdalla—Put it in the Constituent Email? *The Student Body doesn’t need to know this.*
 - c) Bixby—It has been this way all along and it hasn’t been a problem in the past.
 - d) Mason—Everyone who was elected lasted year knew and it worked out.
 - e) Thornton—SSB? *SSB 375*
 2. Mason moves to action item B; Flaherty seconds.
- D. Evita. Pack the Place. 4/7. Mandatory for everyone to attend.
 1. Zerfas moves to action item C; Krug seconds.
- E. Reggie Wars Cancellation. Did not have enough time to plan it thoroughly. Details will go to next association.
 1. Davis Moves to action item D; Preston seconds
- F. Diversity Week. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
 1. Abdalla Moves to action item E; Long seconds.
- G. BILL for ELP. The awards for ELP were not made official by bill. This bill would make only one award instead of three different ones.
 1. Questions:
 - a) Abdalla—Wasn’t that the Kevin M. Martin Award? *Yes. The winners from last year will still have their names on the plaque, but now it will just be more centralized.*

XI. Action Items

- A. Black STARR.
 1. Mason moves to approve; Lund seconds
 2. Debate:
 - a) Bagnuolo—Worthwhile program how did they tap our money twice? Spiek—technically they didn’t dip twice. Both are student fee dollars, but two different funds.
 3. Flaherty calls to questions.
 4. Passes Unanimously
- B. Transition Retreat.
 1. Mason moves to approve; Flaherty seconds
 2. Debate:
 - a) Preston—Friendly Amendment: Line 11-“help” to “helped”
 - b) Lund—with the change it may affect attendance policy.
 - a. Mason—absence, but if you have a concern, talk to the Secretary of the Assembly.
 - b. Bixby—You also wouldn’t get paid.
 3. Passes 94% and 6%

C. Evita

1. Zerfas moves to approve; Thornton seconds
2. Debate:
 - a) Flaherty—Friendly Amendment: Line 34 “Student”
3. Passes Unanimously

D. Reggie Wars Cancelled

1. Davis moves to approve; Krug seconds
2. Passes Unanimously

E. Diversity Week

1. Cail moves to approve; Spialek seconds
2. Debate:
 - a) Mason—Friendly Amendment: Line 1 and Line 38 (take out date)
3. Passes Unanimously

XII. Passing of the Gavel

XIII. Adjournment

Preston moves to adjourn; Owens seconds.