

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
March 31, 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 McMahon, Senator Thornton, 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. Approved.

III. Executive Officer Reports

a. Student Body President (M. Spialek)

- i. This will be my last report to the assembly as student body president. By now you know that I believe that there is always a meaning behind what you say, and I couldn't have my last report be simply a report of what I have done since we previously met.
- ii. But on the topic of what I have done, looking at this year and my tenure as president, I would say that I have made many decisions: big and small, popular and unpopular. Whatever your stance was on my decisions, please realize I made these decisions because I believed wholeheartedly that they were for the betterment of the student body.
- iii. I know that the past few weeks have been stressful as one administration prepares to exit and a future administration fights to enter. Sides have been taken. There is no denying that. But as is the case in an election or a political process, people take a side and they make a choice. It is human nature not to be neutral.
- iv. The student body has also made a decision, and there are those in this room that will agree and there are those who will disagree. But just as I have asked you to respect the decisions that I have made sitting in this seat, I ask that you respect the decision the student body has made tonight. We will move forward in these last ten days, we will take strides to finish

strong, we will make progress as we have done throughout this year, and we will effectively transition a new batch of leaders to take action for excellence for the entire student body.

- v. Think of this transition as support not for one ticket or another. View this transition as support for the institution that is the Student Government Association. For while we all believe in different people, we find common cause in the purpose of a student governing body.
 - vi. I have poured my life into this job, and I don't want to see what we have all worked so hard for fall backward because we looked short term at petty politics instead of long term at students' interests.
 - vii. You also know that I am a communication major and as Senator Yancey tells her students and I will tell my COM 110 students next year, circular devices are important. So why not have one tonight?
 - viii. We conclude our last business meeting tonight. But before this conclusion came an introduction. That introduction was one year ago today on March 31...the night before our last day of campaigning. I had sent a message to the entire ticket. As I read it last night, those words took on a different meaning. They were no longer filled with the anticipation of a novice but rather a reflection of a veteran. Many new people have joined since this message was sent, and some have left. The message still rings true.
 - ix. It reads: "I just wanted to say that I can't believe we are almost done with campaigning. Regardless of when you became a part of our team, we are glad to have you, and I am proud to have shared this experience with you. Let's make progress. This is just the beginning."
 - x. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. What are you going to say now at passing of the gavel?- Krug
- b. Student Body Vice President (E. Fettner)
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
 - c. Student Body Executive Director (J. Krug)
 - i. Report
 - ii. 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. McMahan)
 - i. Make sure you have your reports into me by Friday or Monday.

- ii. Attendance will be taken throughout the next week.
- iii. Thank you for everything this year.
- iv. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Will Post Secret and other events for Diversity Week make up for absences?- Kelly
 - 2. Post Secret will not, but other events will.- McMahon
 - 3. Correction: Attendance will be accounted for Transition Day.- Olshak

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:
 - 1. Can we please not have the Green Day song for the slide show?- Kelly
 - 2. I can't make any promises.- Olson
- c. Secretary of Public Relations (S. Brewer)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Secretary of Programs (E. Green)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- e. Secretary of Governmental Relations (S. Preston)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- f. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (R. Hall)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Could we white board on Monday because of Easter?- Alana
 - 2. Yes, we will be advertising all week.- Hall
 - 3. This is an astonishing accomplishment for this week. I encourage everyone to check their calendars and go to an event.- Olshak
- g. Secretary of Sustainability (D. Moore)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. The bracelets were made out of 100% recycled materials.- Krug

VI. Advisor Report (R. Olshak)

- i. Report
- ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. What time is the transition retreat?- Thornton
 - 2. Whoever wins tonight, we will decide on a time for the retreat.- Spialek
 - 3. There will be food at transition.- Krug

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. Report
 - ii. 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:
 - 1. Are you looking into the members of SPIN?- Olshak
 - 2. Yes.- Ruedig
 - 3. What are they passing out?- Green
 - 4. She wasn't too specific, she just wanted some volunteers.- Ruedig
- b. On-Campus Senators (Z. Owens)
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- 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. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: n/a
- b. APAC
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Are you one of the new executive board members?- Rubashkin
 - 2. No.- APAC
 - 3. How can you RSVP?- Green
 - 4. Facebook.- APAC
- c. ARH
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- d. BSU
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. A lot of people loved the “Why We Hate Black Women” event and you should be proud.- Monahan
- e. Pride
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- f. Student Trustee Bagnuolo
 - i. Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

X. Information Items

Owens moves to make the Bill Authorizing the Establishment of a Permanent Calculator Program as info item b, Monahan seconds.

Kodman moves to make the Resolution Authorizing SGA Co-Sponsorship of “Birds in the Burbs” as info item c, Preston seconds

- a. Resolution Recognizing Young Americans for Liberty as RSO of the Month-February 2010 (Thornton)
 - i. Questions: none
 - ii. Move to make info item a, action item i, Cahanin seconds.
- b. Bill Authorizing the Establishment of a Permanent Calculator Program (Owens)
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. If they don't return the calculators, will they be charged retail price?- Owens
 - 2. They will be charged more.- Owens

3. How much will you increase the number of calculators?- Colaric
 4. I am keeping this open to the next association, but I am recommending 2 more.- Owens
 - ii. Move to make emergency legislation.
 - iii. Move to make info item b, action item j, Hochhauser seconds.
- c. Resolution Authorizing SGA Co-Sponsorship of “Birds in the Burbs” Burbs (Kodman)
- i. Questions: none
 - ii. Move to make info item c, action item k, Mackey seconds.

XI. Action Items

- a. Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution (Spialek)
- i. Move to approve.
 - ii. Debate:
 1. Add Senator Larson to sponsor to all bills.- Spialek
 2. Friendly Amendment Line 20 to change it to the 2011-2012 administration.- Mason
 3. It can go into effect next administration.- Spialek
 4. I thought you said it was only 2011-2012?- Mason
 5. That is more in the legislative by-laws.- Spialek
 6. Withdraw.- Mason
 7. Friendly Amendment to have 20 senators and have 2 RSO Senators.- Mason
 8. I do not approve because the commission does not approve.- Spialek
 9. I will make it hostile.- Mason
 - a. I think it is important for there to be 20 senators and it gives the students more representation. We should have senators represent on Academic Senate. One RSO Senator may be lost with working with all of those RSOs. It gives them more credibility. – Larson
 - b. I would like to know the opinion of the underrepresented senators.- McGinty
 - c. I think there should be two.- Rubashkin
 - d. I think two should be better.- Kodman
 - e. I think there should be one. I think part of the problem is that it is an ambiguous position. Having one will make it less ambiguous.- Volgman
 - f. I think that having two senators won't make harder to work with the student involvement senator. I want two senators to make this position better.- Colaric
 - g. I am okay with having one RSO Senator. I think it is weird that we do not have the Vice President as a Senator on Academic Senator.- Mackey

- h. I feel like cutting this back to one will give a lot of work on people's shoulders. I think it is more fair to RSO constituencies to have 2 senators.- Bagnuolo
 - i. I was an Underrepresented Senator last year, and I struggled with finding work to do with the RSOs. I understand why people wanting the 20 senators, so I do agree having the 20 senators.- Hochhauser
 - j. P of I- The Vice President would be on the Academic Senate?- Mackey
 - 1. Yes- Spialek
 - k. I think one person is adequate to address the needs of the RSOs.- Fettner
 - l. It would be very difficult to have a constituent contact by yourself.- Palmer
 - m. I don't think that there are 300 constituents. It ends up being 1,000's of students.- Mason
 - n. I think that the Vice President would have the same voice as a Senator on Academic Senate.- Mackey
 - o. I feel like cutting it down to two is an arbitrary number.- Volgman
 - p. Not having another RSO senator is giving one less Senator from participating in SGA.- Krug
 - q. If there was one RSO senator last year, I would not have been able to work on the STOP initiative.- Colaric
 - r. I understand the RSO argument. This is about keeping the 20 senators. There was a lot of talk during the constitutional committee.- Larson
 - s. I see no reason to cut down the people allowed to participate in SGA.- Rubashkin
 - t. Call to question.- Marquis
 - u. Vote: passes
- iii. Vote
 - iv. Bill passes with 95% Y and 5% N
- b. Bill to Amend the Legislative Branch By-Laws (Spialek)
 - i. Move to approve, Kelly seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 - 1. I love that on-campus students will be represented by someone who lives in the same building.- Mackey
 - 2. I disagree with Senator Mackey. I don't think that they need to live in their area.- Owens
 - 3. That issue is not up for debate.- Olshak
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Bill passes 95% Y 5% N
 - c. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws (Spialek)
 - i. Move to approve, Colaric seconds.
 - ii. Debate

- iii. Vote
- iv. Bill passes 95% Y and 5% N
- d. Bill to Amend to Ex-Officio By-Laws (Spialek)
 - i. Move to approve, Mackey seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 1. Friendly Amendment to Article 3 section B: to the Secretary of the Assembly to notify the ex-officios of emergency meetings.- Bagnuolo
 2. I think that it is inherent.- Spialek
 3. I don't, because I wasn't contacted.- Bagnuolo
 4. It does not conflict with the Constitution.- Olshak
 5. I accept.- Spialek
 6. This is a step in the right direction.- Hall
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Bill passes unanimously 19 Y 1 A
- e. Bill to Create a Student Government Association Scholarship (McMahon)
 - i. Move to approve, Hochhauser seconds.
 - ii. Debate
 1. I like the idea of SGA giving educational access, but my only concern we could be adding on a function of SGA that we have never seen before. I don't want us to become a fundraising agency.- Hall
 2. I disagree with everything Secretary Hall said, except for his support. No one said we cannot fundraise for a student.- Colaric
 3. The point of this is not to make SGA a fundraising body. Having something new being introduced to Student Government will be beneficial to the student body. We came into this association wanting to make progress, and I feel that bringing a scholarship fund available to the student body is the progress we have been striving for.- McMahon
 4. I disagree with Secretary Hall. There is a lot of work going into fundraising, but it does make a lot of difference in students lives.- Marquis
 5. I work for the Telecom center. Fundraising is a big job. I don't bake sales will be a sufficient way to raise the money. There are a lot of endowments in the school that need support. Maybe look into them instead.- Kelly
 6. I agree with Secretary Hall with fundraising.- Volgman
 7. I would like to see an initial contact with Alumni and I don't see why we cannot try something new.- Fettner
 8. There will be a next SGA in charge of this. There may even be a secretary of development. We really need to friend-raise with this. – Olshak
 9. Telecom makes about 1 million dollars a month; SGA would not work to that decree. I encourage everyone to vote yes.- Owens
 10. I think this is a great idea for SGA to pursue.- Rubashkin

11. If someone gave me \$200 for books, I would be happy. I feel like this is a really good idea.- Krug
12. Call to question.- Mackey
13. I object.- McMahan
14. I agree with Executive Director Krug. Whether it is \$200, \$2,000, or even \$20,000, any amount of money can make a difference in a student's life. How much money an association wants to raise is completely up to them.- McMahan
15. Call to question.- McMahan
16. Object.- BSU
17. I move to question.- Mackey
 - a. 18 Y 2N Hochhauser and Owens
- iii. Vote
- iv. Bill passes 90% Y and 10% N
- f. Bill for the Creation of the SGA External Diversity Committee (Fettner)
 - i. Move to approve, Preston seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 1. Chair will only vote in case of a tie.- Fettner
 2. This is excellent and we have pretty much done a committee format all year.- Hall
 3. I definitely think you should vote yes for this bill.- BSU
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Bill passes unanimously.
- g. Bill to Amend the Legislative Branch By-Laws (Article 3, Section 6:A, B, C, D) (Larson)
 - i. Move to approve, Cahanin seconds.
 - ii. Debate
 1. I think this bill is terrific. It is a great deal that has been overlooked by past administrations- Marquis
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Bill passes unanimously. 19 Y 1 A
- h. Bill for the Amending of the SGA Secretary of Sustainability Job Duties (Moore)
 - i. Move to approve, Colaric seconds.
 - ii. Debate
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Bill passes unanimously.
- i. Resolution Recognizing Young Americans for Liberty as RSO of the Month-February 2010 (Thornton)
 - i. Move to approve, Colaric seconds.
 - ii. Debate
 1. I am totally stoked the guy showed up.- Mackey
 2. They do a lot of work.- Larson
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Resolution passes unanimously.
- j. Bill Authorizing the Establishment of a Permanent Calculator Program (Owens)
 - i. Move to approve, Cahanin seconds.

- ii. Debate
 - 1. I am voting yes for this initiative. I think this is something great that Senator Owens has started.- Kelly
- iii. Vote
- iv. Resolution passes unanimously.
- k. Resolution Authorizing SGA Co-Sponsorship of “Birds in the Burbs” Burbs (Kodman)
 - i. Move to approve, Preston seconds.
 - ii. Debate
 - 1. I am excited that our last piece of legislation is coming from Senator Kodman.- Preston
 - iii. Vote
 - iv. Resolution passes unanimously. 95% Y 5% N

XII. Adjournment

- a. Bagnuolo moves to adjourn, Spialek seconds.