

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2009

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

Ex-Officios Present: ALAS, APAC, ARH, Pride, BSU

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. President Spialek moves to approve, Senator Donnellen seconds.

III. Executive Officer Reports

a. Student Body President (M. Spialek)

- i. Art Initiative
- ii. Birds in the Burbs- It's still happening; I just have to wait on some details.
- iii. MAP Grant
 1. Schools on board- SIUC and E, and Western. Secretary Preston and I are going to Springfield to meet with these schools on Saturday to discuss plans.
 2. Been in contact with UIC and NIU. They are interested in Lobby Day, but again are coming into the process a bit later so they will not be meeting with us on Saturday.
 3. Heartland is also interested in participating in this day, so we will also be making outreach to them.
- iv. Special thanks to BSU for the meeting last night and for their efforts yesterday. They made a great significance in the amount of signatures we've received.
- v. This is a proud day for SGA, for those that receive MAP, but most importantly a proud day for ISU. In less than 3 weeks, we have collected over 3,600 signatures. But this is not enough. This is just the end of the first part of this process. Our new goal is 5,000- representing a quarter of our campus.
- vi. Questions/Comments: none

b. Student Body Vice President (E. Fettner)

- i. See Report
- ii. Questions/Comments:
 1. Is the ELP application online?-BSU
 2. Yes, you can find it online or I can give you some applications.- Fettner
 3. Can I have some as well?- Ruedig
 4. Yes.- Fettner
 5. What would the discount cards be used for?- Rubashkin
 6. It would be for a select number of students to use around the area at different businesses and it will advertise SGA efforts towards this.- Fettner
- c. Student Body Executive Director (J. Krug)
 - i. Bins for office and storage closet.
 - ii. Keep the office clean.
 - iii. I fixed the phones. Please check the messages when you come into the office.
 - iv. I will sign anything that has to do with money, as long as Rick signs it.
 - v. I found a can recycling bin next to the Pride office.
 - vi. Would anyone be opposed to paying \$3 for apparel, if so, see me after the meeting privately.
 - vii. Questions/Comments:
 1. Are we still taking applications for the last Off-Campus Senator spot?- Ruedig
 2. We do not have an Off-Campus Senator yet is because our e-mails have been very topic specific, and now we have announced the opening for this. So hopefully we will have a nominee by September 30th.- Spialek
 3. Do you have to sign for the funds being used for the OFC Housing Fair?- Thornton
 4. I know about the PIP Printing and the food, just keep letting me know what you are doing and how much it costs- Krug
 5. Are the Ex-Officio phones fixed?- Pride
 6. I do not have a key for your office and there is a reset fee. I can help you fix it.- Krug
 7. All the senators have filing cabinets, should we use the bins instead?- Colaric
 8. Yes, you can use them. They are under the mailboxes.- Krug

IV. Assembly Officer Reports

- a. President of the Assembly (M. Carnahan)
 - i. All meeting materials should be accurate (i.e.: nametags)
 - ii. Other people will speak about MAP, so I will omit that from my report.
 - iii. The signature program committee was supposed to report its findings today, but it won't happen because it isn't finished. We are evaluating many options and we will be prepared soon.
 - iv. Bring your folders and name tags to me when the meeting is finished.

- v. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Vice President of the Assembly (A. Hochhauser)
 - i. Thank you so much for those who helped me with the caucus, especially Sheree and the panel of speakers.
 - ii. Senators: I sent out an email yesterday to be sent out to your listservs. Thank you to those who sent it out already. If you haven't, please go back to the office immediately following the meeting and send it out.
 - iii. As for MAP, I have been collecting personal stories and we are going to start to put together some things with that.
 - iv. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Should we take out the details about the caucus in our e-mails?- Marquis
 - 2. Yes, and make sure you take out the first two days for the Lease Review, too- Alexandra
 - 3. Should we e-mail Rick?- Ruedig
 - 4. Yes- Olshak
- 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. I have been working with the MAP Grant to try to get more signatures and a Plan B booklet.
 - ii. I had a meeting with Wendy Bates and Brent Patterson about the Budget Review Process.
 - iii. I need to find out what SGA wants to see in a presentation.
 - 1. Some ideas were a presentation on taking a check to the university and dividing each fee out and showing us where that money goes.
 - iv. There is a new time line of events.
 - v. I will possibly post a PowerPoint about where our money goes on the SGA website.
 - vi. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Brent Patterson.- Olshak
 - 2. I was trying to pay my tuition the other day, and I find it funny that you cannot pay for it online or with a credit/debit card. I was wondering if you could talk to them about it. – Palmer
 - 3. I have a meeting with Wendy and I will bring it up.- Cahanin
 - 4. I have seen that the interest rates that students may have because they pay their tuition with credit cards. The University does not want to be responsible for the high interest rates.- Olshak
 - 5. Perhaps just working with debit?- Palmer
 - 6. I will bring it up on Friday.- Cahanin
 - 7. I had the same problem with paying for my tuition and there are high fees that are associated with paying online. My mom is not a

student so she is not worried about interest fees, but the fee is very high.- Krug

8. The school is just passing on the fee from the companies.- Moore

- b. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
 - i. See Report.
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Secretary of Public Relations (S. Brewer)
 - i. Everyone hopefully saw some of the advertising for the campus. I have been placing flyers around campus, writing reminders on whiteboards, and chalking the quad.
 - ii. The sign standards have been up all day in the Bone, and were supposed to be up all day yesterday as well. For some reason they were not, I will be talking to the scheduling office to see if we are going to be reimbursed for the first day. It was only about \$12 all together, but every little bit counts.
 - iii. I plan changing the photos on the bulletin board outside of the SGA office to photos of the new association (us) by next week.
 - iv. Alana has been emailing me on a project she is going to need help with. I will be tracking her down to get going on that.
 - v. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Secretary of Programs (E. Green)
 - i. Just a reminder that Pig Out with the Prez is this Friday from 11:30am-1pm.
 - ii. I met with Mark Newton, the Director of Athletics, for Pack the Arena today. We will not be Packing the Arena October 9 as previously discussed due to some scheduling conflicts. We are looking into dates in November.
 - iii. The Honor's Student Organization will be doing Community Clean Up this weekend. Please continue to put applications in my box.
 - iv. I will be meeting with the Homecoming Steering Committee again this Friday at 2pm in SSB 314. We will be co-sponsoring Monday night's Kick Off: Battle of the Bands with UPB and Friday night's Torchlight Tip-Off with Red Alert. The resolution will be at the next meeting.
 - v. There will be a resolution regarding homecoming participation and whether we will be building a float or having a mobile unit in the parade next meeting."
 - vi. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Can we make sure that if we are on a mobile unit, we make sure that we are visible to the students and that school spirit is represented?- Krug
 - 2. By Monday I would want to know what our mobile unit is, but if there is nothing creative available, then we will build a float.- Green
 - 3. I think that we should build a float because it really brings out our concept of school pride.- Ruedig
 - 4. If we are thinking about building a float, we do have left over things and it does not always take a long time.- Krug

5. How much would a float cost compared to a mobile unit? - Rubashkin
 6. I do not know yet. - Green
 7. We have 1200 allocated to Homecoming. - Krug
 8. When would we be able to start construction? - Mackey
 9. It would not happen until that week. - Green
 10. I would be excited to do a mobile unite and it is not worth the money or time for that week. - Hochhauser
 11. No matter what the vote is, you are required to do a certain amount of hours and the resolution will be presented soon. - Green
- vii. The Mobile Unit was decided.
- e. Secretary of Governmental Relations (S. Preston)
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 1. If your offer for lobby day open to ex-officios? - BSU
 2. Yes, we would love ex-officio representation. - Preston
 3. Are you thinking that we are going to take a bus or getting there by ourselves? - Volgman
 4. No, we will be traveling together. - Preston
- f. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (R. Hall)
 - i. Met with ex-officios and Diversity Advocacy this past week to begin strategizing and planning Diversity Week for the second semester
 - ii. Attending Diversity Retreat on September 18th and 19th.
 - iii. BSU's Quad Jam is Saturday, September 26th
 - iv. Continuing to work with the MAP Grant Task force.
 - v. Questions/Comments: none
 - g. Secretary of Sustainability (D. Moore)
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

VI. Advisor Report (R. Olshak)

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

VII. Committee Chairperson Reports

- a. Programs and Recognition (B. Thornton)
 - i. Senator Pankow is currently looking for the best prices for mustaches to be used for "Spack Stashes" which is going to be premiered at the Homecoming game. Everyone in the zoo will receive mustaches that look like Coach Spack's. We're hoping to build school pride, promote a good time, and welcome to coach into the ISU community.
 - ii. We will have the RSO of the Month applications and advertisements out for the month of September. We can then move forward with planning our end of the year Recognition Ceremony.
 - iii. I will be motioning a Resolution to the floor a little bit later regarding School Pride.

- iv. In other news, if you have NOT signed up for the Off-Campus Housing Fair, please do so ASAP. It is Wednesday, September 23 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm in the Brown Ballroom. I have a signup sheet and I will leave it in the senator office underneath the office hour sheet. Recall that it is mandatory for on and off-campus senators and a select few others as well. However, since we are co-sponsoring, everyone is encouraged to come. Additionally, the Dean of Students Office will have tables set up on the Quad this Tuesday from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. They will be handing out stuff promoting the fair and the off-campus database. I've placed a sign-up sheet for that in the office as well.
- v. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Do we have some poster board for SGA support for the Cross Country?- Spialek
 - 2. We have something together in the office.- Thornton
 - 3. For the CC Meet, how long will it be?- Donnellan
 - 4. It will be done no later than 6pm- Thornton
- b. Finance and Allocation (Z. Owens)
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Did you approve a Pack the House?- Brandon
 - 2. Yes- Zach
 - 3. Who should we contact about recommendations?- BSU
 - 4. You can e-mail SGA VP about recommendations.- Owens
- c. Policies and Procedures (A. Larson)
 - i. I will present four bills tonight.
 - ii. We are working on ex-officio by-laws.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Civic Engagement (E. Yancey)
 - i. Senator McGinty is working very hard on bringing an Invisible Children event to life.
 - 1. Resolution will be out next meeting.
 - ii. We have begun talking about putting on an RSO Civic Engagement showcase (similar to Festival ISU).
 - 1. More details to follow.
 - iii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Do you have a tentative date for the RSO showcase?- Thornton
 - 2. Yes, the same date as the Invisible Children event.- Yancey
 - 3. There are 2 RSO showcases in October.- Thornton
 - 4. This is specifically for Civic Engagement within RSO's.- Yancey

VIII. Senator Coordinator Reports

- a. Off-Campus Senators (L. Ruedig)
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. On-Campus Senators (Z. Owens)
 - i. See Report

- ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Underrepresented Senators (K. Colaric)
 - i. We are planning a constituent contact event.
 - 1. Combing Underrepresented Senators and the Civic Engagement Committee.
 - 2. RSO festival (similar to Fest ISU) that will focus on how RSO's are engaged and involved in the general community.
 - 3. Hoping to make this happen in the beginning of November.
 - 4. Underrepresented Senators will be meeting next Tuesday at 5 pm in the office to discuss the event further.
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Graduate Senators (E. Yancey)
 - i. Senator Donnellen and is nearly finished with our list of night grad classes.
 - ii. We have begun planning our first constituent contact event which will most likely be the 1st weekend in November.
 - 1. It will be informing grad students of resources on campus they may be unaware of.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none

IX. Ex-Officio Reports

- a. ALAS
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. What time is the bowling social at?- Mackey
 - 2. It is at 7 pm.- ALAS
- b. APAC
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. ARH
 - i. Government and Unity Retreat
 - 1. September 11th and 12th, 2009
 - a. Thanks to SGA senators for attending and we are looking forward to meeting with you soon.
 - b. We will actually be meeting next Wed, September 23rd at 3pm.
 - ii. Room and Board Fee Review
 - 1. Committee formed annually to look at increases to fees for Room and Board.
 - 2. Will be formed within the next few weeks, On-Campus Senators are invited to join.
 - 3. We will be working to shortening the process this year.
 - 4. We will be utilizing Governments and Unities to do something similar to a SWOT analysis in order to generate ideas for the Room and Board Fee Review Process.
 - 5. Dates:

- a. SWOT Analysis- September 27th
 - b. Present ideas to GA- October 25th
 - c. Vote for changes- November 1st
- iii. ARH website
 - 1. You will be seeing some changes, as we are reformatting our website.
- iv. GLACURH 2009- Regional Conference
 - 1. November 13th-15th, 2009 at Central Michigan University
 - 2. Networking and Programming
 - 3. Applications can be picked up in the ARH Office in Watterson, or email isuarhicc@gmail.com
- v. Sustainability
 - 1. Funding request for Sustainability passed for 5 (on-campus students) to attend the “Greening the Campus” Conference.
 - 2. September 20th-23rd, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN.
 - 3. Discuss sustainability issues, network with other schools, programming, etc.
 - 4. Will be attending this upcoming Sunday, we will report on what happened next SGA meeting.
 - 5. Local Foods Dinner- Thursday, September 17th, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the Linkins Dining Center
- vi. House calls happened this week. Hopefully you were able to talk with your RHC and administrator and get a cool whistle/light/compass.
- vii. Pig Out with the Prez
 - 1. Friday, September 18th at 11:30 on the Quad.
- viii. Elections
 - 1. We are looking to fill our Programming Chair at our next upcoming meeting.
- ix. Next few meetings:
 - 1. September 20th - Escalante Conference Room
 - 2. September 27th - Rosa Parks Conference Room
 - 3. October 4th - Christa McAuliffe Conference Room
- x. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Why isn't the dining services website making you log-in?- Monahan
 - 2. I am not quite sure, you can see me after the meeting.- Webber
 - 3. When in the Local Foods dinner?- Marquis
 - 4. 5:30 pm in Linkins- Webber
 - 5. What is ARH's website?- Fettner
 - 6. www.arh.ilstu.edu- Webber
- d. BSU
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. What time is Quad Jam?- Marquis
 - 2. It will be 12 pm-4 pm.- BSU
- e. Pride

- i. See Report
- ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Are you the new liaison?- Krug
 - 2. Our liaison resigned, so Ashley Parks and myself will be alternating.- Pride
- f. Student Trustee (G. Bagnuolo)
 - i. No Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: n/a

X. Information Items

- Senator Thornton moves to make the Resolution Authorizing SGA participation in Pack the House Equus as Info Item f, Ruedig seconds.
- Motion Passes.

- a. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Authorities, Powers and Responsibilities (Article 1, Section2) (A. Larson)
 - i. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Executive Cabinet Members Authorities, Powers and Responsibilities (Article 2, Section3) (A. Larson)
 - i. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Authorities, Powers and Responsibilities Secretary of Governmental Relations (Article 2, Section3-A) (A. Larson)
 - i. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. This is more for the first two... Have you compared for consistency in the constitution?- Olshak
 - 2. Yes I have, and it only verifies for the President to bring legislation.- Larson
 - 3. If we amend bylaws do we have to amend the constitution?- Krug
 - 4. No.- Olshak
- d. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Authorities, Powers and Responsibilities Secretary of Public Relations (Article 2, Section3-B) (A. Larson)
 - i. Questions/Comments: none
- e. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association to host the “Without a MAP” Letter Writing Campaign at “Late Night at the Bone” (R. Hall)
 - i. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Have you thought about offering the option of writing out a letter?- McGinty
 - 2. I think that is a great idea and I think we can still work that in- Hall
 - 3. Will we provide information about who their legislator is?- Marquis
 - 4. Yes, we will.- Hall
 - 5. For the record, if people are asking you currently, the website is il.ga.gov for information on their legislators- Spialek

- ii. Secretary Hall move to make info item e, to action item b, Senator Pankow seconds.
 - 1. Motion passed.
- f. Resolution Authorizing SGA participation in Pack the House Equus (B. Thornton)
 - i. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. It is Thursday?- Mackey
 - 2. I will make an amendment later.- Thornton
 - ii. Senator Thornton moves to make info item f, action item c; Senator Mackey seconds.
 - 1. Motion passes.

XI. Action Items

- a. Bill Authorizing SGA to Participate in the Canvassing the Campus (A. Hochhauser)
 - i. Hochhauser moves to approve, Yancey seconds.
 - ii. Debate:
 - 1. I think this is a great idea and I think 2 hours would be reasonable.- Mackey
 - 2. I would like to applaud Senator Hochhauser on her efforts, because if you see the history of Canvassing the Campus it was not successful. I think this deals greatly with transparency and I encourage you to vote yes.- Spialek
 - 3. My only concern is having 2 hours a time, people might have some issues. People may have to go more times but less time each time. – Krug
 - 4. I would like to make change line 25 to 6 hrs instead of 2 hours at least 3 times a semester- Marquis
 - 5. Point of Clarification- If this amended does it have to be delayed again?- Preston
 - 6. No.- Carnahan
 - 7. I approve the friendly amendment.- Hochhauser
 - 8. Will this we going on all day, with the days we pick. What are the hours of the day?- Palmer
 - 9. This will not be as structured as everyone thinks it may be.- Hochhauser
 - 10. Point of Information- If this is passed tonight will it be 3 this semester and 6 next semester?- Larson
 - 11. My goal will be 6 this semester, but I will be flexible.- Hochhauser
 - 12. Will this be counted as out of office hours?- Monahan
 - 13. Yes.- Hochhauser
 - 14. Are we just going out there just ask them questions?- Donnellan
 - 15. Yes, more face to face contact.- Hochhauser

16. I like the friendly amendment and I highly recommend this. Point of information: If this occurs during your office hours, just e-mail me.- Krug
 17. I am a little wary for the 6 hours; I think we should strive for more consistency. I think forcing us to be out there will be more effective to getting out there. I encourage to set some consistency to make sure we are out there.- Fettner
 18. Friendly amendment: Change lines 25 and 26 “to attend at least one hour 5 at least times”.- Krug
 19. I do not except.- Hochhauser
 20. Friendly amendment- 6 hrs per semester with a maximum of 2 hrs per an event. No more than 2 hours and you will have to go to at least 3 events. - Hochhauser.
 21. Will you be paying particular attention to ex-officio events?- BSU
 22. Yes, I am interested and I have no problem with that.- Hochhauser
 23. Define event.- Moore
 24. It is not technically events, more of you contacting and proactively doing so face to face with your constituents.- Hochhauser
 25. Great deals of discussion have been questions, they should have been asked when this was an info item. I believe we are getting too into the details. I encourage you to vote yes.- Spialek
 26. We are accountable to our constituents.- Owens
 27. I call to question.- Owens
 28. I object.- Marquis
 29. Why is it only limited to the legislative branch and the cabinet, but not the rest of the executive branch?- Rubashkin
 30. You can suggest a friendly amendment?- Hochhauser
 31. Friendly amendment- Line 26 to include the whole executive branch.- Rubashkin
 32. I accept.- Hochhauser
 33. Move to previous question. - Colaric, Second by Palmer.
- iii. Vote to move out of debate, motion passed.
 - iv. Clicker vote: Bill passed
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association to host the “Without a MAP” Letter Writing Campaign at “Late Night at the Bone” (R. Hall)
 - i. Debate:
 1. Move to approve. - Hall, Second by Cahanin.
 2. Friendly amendment to add lines 33-37.- Hall
 3. The purpose of the petitions were to provide paper to the legislators.- Olshak
 4. Are you planning on sending these to the representatives, because that will require money for postage?- Krug
 5. We would have the letters with us on lobby day.- Hall
 6. This would be more effective if the students sent the letters.- Fettner

7. Friendly amendment to repeal the friendly amendment just made- Krug
8. Point of Clarification?- Hall
9. I want to delete what you just added about us bring the letters to Springfield.-Krug
10. I approve.- Hall
11. Point of Information- If they don't go to the event, can they still send e-mails?- Monahan
12. Yes, but if they are not their it may be difficult.- Hall
13. Call to question.- Mackey
- ii. Clicker vote
- iii. Resolution passes
- c. Resolution Authorizing SGA participation in Pack the House Equus (B. Thornton)
 - i. Debate
 1. Move to approve- Thornton, Second by Mackey.
 2. Friendly amendment to line 42; change it to Thursday, October 1st Add lines 24 "Where as Finance and Allocation has approved the funding". -Thornton
 3. Call to question- Mackey
 4. Clicker vote.
 5. Resolution Passes.
 - a. 1 nay, 1 abstention

XII. Adjournment

- a. Marquis moves to adjourn, Senator Donnellen seconds.