

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
September 2, 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 McMahon, 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

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

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Senator Yancey moves to approve, Secretary Preston seconds.

III. Executive Officer Reports

a. Student Body President (M. Spialek)

- i. SGA has been busy these past few weeks, and you can tell that if you have picked up last Tuesday's Vidette, last Thursday's, and yesterday's paper. I want to give recognition and great deal of thanks to Secretary Brewer for her hard work in providing the Vidette with quality news releases.
- ii. I will be working with the Breaking the Seal campaign.
- iii. As I made clear at our first meeting, fully funding the MAP grant is the top priority of the Student Government Association. Since August 19th, I have been able to draft a letter for legislators that is now on our website. Petitions have been created, and currently, we are at a total of 1,141 signatures. This is great, but our minimum goal is 3,500 considering 3,500 students on our campus receive the MAP grant.
- iv. Secretary Preston and I have established a task force to look into what SGA's plan regarding the MAP grant will be for the next month and a half. We selected people in SGA whose specific roles pertain to this issue. I can say that we now have a plan or attack, and the respective task force members will share in their reports tonight what they will specifically be doing.
- v. My specific role will be to make outreach to various Student Government's across the state. As well, I have been working with the ISAC student commissioner and a member of the IBHE. We have already shared both our letter and our petition with schools across the state because it is our opinion that this is not a school vs. school competition.

Rather, our voice will be amplified if we work together. I have had very positive conversations with SIUC, EIU, and WIU. I will be contacting IWU, Heartland, and Lincoln College next week.

- vi. On a final note, I want to thank all of you for what you have done. I have never seen a Student Government this united behind an issue, and like I have said numerous times before, I am so proud to be working with you on behalf of the Student Body. I am calling on all of you to continue the great work.
- vii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. What schools have you talked to?- Marquis
 - 2. U of I has not responded about this issue. Eastern and Northern have responded. The conversations that we had with Southern schools insured that there was a real sense of co-sponsorships to be made for this issue.- Spialek
- b. Student Body Vice President (E. Fettner)
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. If you are still interested in being a ELP member can you still apply?- Ruedig
 - 2. Yes, you can.- Fettner
- c. Student Body Executive Director (J. Krug)
 - i. Update your office hours if you changed them.
 - ii. If you are going to miss your office hours, you only need to e-mail me.
 - iii. Please fill out time cards or use the clock-in at the office or the Bone.
 - iv. You will get paid for the hours unaccounted for.
 - v. Executive Staff must have 4 hours in office, Senators 3 hours in office.
 - vi. Apparel and Nametags will be in soon.
 - vii. I placed and updated budget list in your folders.
 - viii. Please fill out the retreat evaluation forms.
 - ix. I am looking into buying a new tent.
 - x. I am working on the Ex-Officio teambuilding resolution.
 - xi. I cleaned the storage closet and office, along with other senators and staff. Please try and keep it clean.
 - 1. Thank you to Ryan, Lauren, Alana, Andrew, Dorian, and Mike
 - xii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. When do you want the evaluations?- Green
 - 2. As soon as possible.- Krug
 - 3. For office hours senators have to do three, but what about outside hours?- Donnellen
 - 4. You must be in the office for three hours. If you have three hours a week for SGA or Academic Senate. The other two hours can be anywhere you would like to complete them.- Krug
 - 5. If our committee time is more than the 3 hours, do we get that counted for our hours?- Palmer
 - 6. No, it does not.- Krug
 - 7. Where do we get to wear the nametags?- Pankow

8. Events for constituents or at other SGA events.- Krug

IV. Assembly Officer Reports

a. President of the Assembly (M. Carnahan)

- i. Sorry to those who are missing name tags. I will have them for the next meeting.
- ii. The Ad-Hoc Committee has been meeting for 2 hours a week.
- iii. Next meeting, you will have a “cheat sheet” stapled inside of your folder.
- iv. After the meeting, please take all the papers out of your folders and either keep them or recycle them. Give me the folders with your name tag inside after the meeting.
- v. Clickers will be used today. This is to improve the way votes are recorded, especially when voting on resolutions.
- vi. Questions/Comments:
 1. Did it help you having the nametags in the folders?- Krug
 2. Yes it did. If people would like to help out before the meeting that would be great.- Carnahan

b. Vice President of the Assembly (A. Hochhauser)

- i. I handed out question cards for the campus caucus. If I gave you cards, could you please e-mail me responses to the questions by next Wednesday September 9th. If questions are repeated, you can send me one answer for multiple cards.
- ii. I will be handling the constituent contact for the MAP grant issue. I will be sending out talking points about the MAP grant tomorrow. Please use them whenever you are discussing the issue to students.
- iii. Whenever you are in the office and are not busy, please take petitions either out on the quad or into the Bone and try to get as many signatures as possible. It is really important that we be proactive about getting signatures and informing students about the issue.
- iv. Questions/Comments:
 1. I recommend that everyone bring the petitions to other organizations that you are in.- Fettner
 2. When do the petitions need to be turned in?- Donnellen
 3. Our goal for next Wednesday is 2000.- Hochhauser
 4. The Campus Caucus questions seemed vague, can we e-mail them to elaborate?- Owens
 5. Show me the questions after the meeting.- Hochhauser

c. Secretary of the Assembly (M. McMahan)

- i. If you did not sign in for Festival ISU please see me after the meeting or it will be counted as an absence.
- ii. If you are going to be absent, please contact me by telephone, in person, or email. Please no text messages or Facebook.
- iii. Questions/Comments: none

V. Cabinet Member Reports

- a. Secretary of Student Fees (D. Cahanin)
 - i. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Is there anything that University can do to help students not getting the MAP grant next semester?- BSU
 - 2. Right now the University has exhausted funds from helping students out who need financial aid. This is an area that I want to look into to see if the University has plans to help the students out.- Cahanin
- b. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
 - i. Today we will be using the clickers to vote on legislation.
 - ii. Clicker Test.
 - iii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Are you able to keep track of who voted?- Fettner
 - 2. Yes, I am saving the records and exporting them to an Excel file. - Olson
- c. Secretary of Public Relations (S. Brewer)
 - i. Today, I met with Deb Wylie and we became a registered member of the University Calendar. I will now be able to post our events on the calendar. This should be a great way for us to get our information out there. The Daily Vidette picks items off of this calendar to print in their calendar each day. So far, I have added our meetings through October 14th and the campus caucus.
 - ii. I have completed the new release for the campus caucus and sent Andrew at the Vidette a heads up that the release will be coming next week and we are hoping to have the article in the paper on Wednesday, September 16th, the day of the event.
 - iii. I also sent Jim Carlson, the Executive Director in the BSC, an email requesting approval to have a poster created by Mike Gross, at Signage Solutions regarding the caucus to display in the Bone the week before and the week of the caucus.
 - iv. I am also creating handouts, flyers, and chalking the quad for the week of the caucus. I will be placing my first round of chalk on Sunday, September 13th, if anyone would like to come along and help that would be great!
 - v. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Secretary of Programs (E. Green)
 - i. I met with Leanna Bordner about Pack the Arena, and we decided Volleyball would be the best sport to support for the fall. The October 9 Bradley game is the tentative date, but has yet to be confirmed.
 - ii. As I e-mailed you all earlier today, Pig Out with the Prez has been changed from September 25 to September 18 from 11:30am-1pm. SGA will need to staff a table during the event along with helping with set-up at 10:30am. I will have a sign up in a week or two asking for volunteers.
 - iii. Community Clean Up has begun. Applications can be found online. Please place them in my mailbox when they are dropped off in the office.
 - iv. I have met with Red Alert and UPB about co-sponsoring Homecoming events. I will also be meeting with the Steering Committee this Friday.

- v. Questions/Comments:
 1. There is not an updated website for the community cleanup.- BSU
 2. You are able to choose your date, just let us know.- Green
- e. Secretary of Governmental Relations (S. Preston)
 - i. Our MAP Taskforce met for the first time prior to committees and all members are working hard on their specific focuses on this important issue. Thanks to everyone who has already committed time and attention to our MAP Grant initiative.
 - ii. Lobby Day is set for Thursday, October 15th. Though this is during Homecoming week, it is the best time to travel to Springfield alongside other institutions and meet with legislators.
 - iii. At a recent Bloomington City Council Meeting, a Keg Registration ordinance was passed which exactly mirrored that in Normal. It is already in effect.
 - iv. Congresswoman Halvorson held an event regarding the prospect of bringing high-speed rail through Normal. Student Body President Spialek and I attended the event and it is likely that this service will come to our community, just not anytime real soon.
 - v. Questions/Comments:
 1. Is there going to be a transportation option for general students?- Thornton
 2. We have to look in our budget. They are more than welcome to come but until the resolution comes, we do not know.- Preston
 3. If need be, we will shift funds around.- Spialek
 4. Would it be possible to reallocate fees for the general students? - BSU
 5. We will certainly keep people updated.- Preston
 6. If funding is there to transport general students, how would you advertise?- BSU
 7. We would start an educational campaign and that would be our big push for anything related for the MAP grant. This will hopefully give a great deal of visibility.- Preston
 8. For lobby day, what is the time frame?- Thornton
 9. Most of the day. There would be options to be exempt from classes.- Preston
- f. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (R. Hall)
 - i. Questions/Comments:
 1. I will be sending out the talking points tomorrow.- Hochhauser
- g. Secretary of Sustainability (D. Moore)
 - i. Questions/Comments: none

VI. Advisor Report (R. Olshak)

- i. Questions/Comments: none

VII. Committee Chairperson Reports

- a. Programs and Recognition (B. Thornton)

- i. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. We are playing Western for homecoming? - Krug
 - 2. No, I don't believe. - Thronton
 - 3. Think of ideas that can go with "Rock the Red". - Krug
 - 4. Did your committee have a conversation about the Faculty/Staff member of the month? - Bagnuolo
 - 5. Not yet, sorry. - Thronton
- b. Finance and Allocation (Z. Owens)
 - i. Orientation for fee board was held tonight for new and returning members. The Vice Chair and Secretary were elected by fee board members. Following orientation we heard the first hearing of the academic year.
 - ii. The National Association of Black Accountants had a travel request to attend a conference in Indianapolis. Fee Board approved a partial allocation for \$765.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Policies and Procedures (A. Larson)
 - i. The Policy and Procedures Committee met before the Assembly Meeting and we continued to discuss possible revisions and recommendations to the Executive Branch By-Laws. In the near future P&P plans on having Bills to amend the By-Laws appear before the Assembly.
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Civic Engagement (E. Yancey)
 - i. We are taking over the petitions for MAP and taking the lead in getting signatures.
 - ii. Alana is working diligently on Invisible Children. The resolution for this is in the works.
 - iii. Meeting with Jen of the American Democracy Project to see what they're working on getting involved with MAP.
 - 1. Possibly working on the Social Issues Fair.
 - iv. Drafting Extra Credit Project for Com 110 classes to write letters about MAP.
 - v. Questions/Comments: none

VIII. Senator Coordinator Reports

- a. Off-Campus Senators (L. Reudig)
 - i. The off campus senators will be meeting at 9am on September 3rd in the office to discuss a constituent contact event to be held within the next month.
 - ii. They will also be meeting with Michael Zajak next week to discuss Off-Campus and nontraditional student services' involvement in this event.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. On-Campus Senators (Z. Owens)
 - i. Senators Monahan and Larson, along with President Spialek met with Dwayne Sackman about moving forward with the Student Health Advisory Board and alcohol-related issues. The same senators and senator

McMahon spoke to counseling services about establishing an RSO to get rid of the stigma surrounding seeking counseling.

- ii. I met with Angie and Christina Kubiak about their video rental service and the possibility of a redbox.
- iii. Finally, the OC Senators are looking forward to meeting ARH next Wednesday to discuss goals and initiatives.
- iv. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Underrepresented Senators (K. Colaric)
 - i. No report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: n/a
- d. Graduate Senators (E. Yancey)
 - i. Kelly and I working on creating a list of grad classes, locations, and times so that we can properly publicize our events.
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

IX. Ex-Officio Reports

- a. ALAS
 - i. Our first meeting was Tuesday September 1st. We had a great turn out and are very excited for this year.
 - ii. Our second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 8th at 7:00 pm in the Student Services Building room 314.
 - iii. Bienvendios is coming up on Saturday September 12th from 12-4:00pm on the Quad. There will be free food, cultural performances, DJ, face painting and piñatas. Hope to see you all there!
 - iv. Questions/Comments: none
- b. APAC
 - i. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Where is the event on the 15th?- McGinty
 - 2. It should be in SSB.- APAC
- c. ARH
 - i. Government and Unity Retreat
 - 1. September 11th-12th, 2009
 - 2. Opportunity for the Area Governments and Unities around campus to interact and train for the upcoming year.
 - 3. Indoor Water Park and amusement park.
 - 4. The On-Campus Senators are invited to join.
 - a. Bring back your swimsuit after Labor Day!
 - ii. Room and Board Fee Review
 - 1. Committee formed annually to look at increase to fees for Room and Board.
 - 2. Will be formed within the next few weeks, On-Campus Senators are invited to join.
 - iii. Move-In
 - 1. If you have any feedback, please email Amy Vito at uhamvito@exchange.ilstu.edu
 - iv. ARH Website

1. You will be seeing some changes, as we are reformatting our website.
- v. GLACURH 2009 – Regional Conference
 1. November 13th-25th, 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
- vi. Breaking the Seal
 1. Tuesday, September 8th, 2009 from 7-9 pm at the Brown Ballroom in the BSC.
 2. Be there!
- vii. Sustainability
 1. Funding request for Sustainability passed for 4 (on-campus students) to attend “Greening of the Campus” Conference.
 2. September 20th-23rd, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN.
 3. Discuss sustainability issues, network with other schools, programming, etc.
 4. Applications can be picked up in the ARH Office in Watterson, or email rawolbe@ilstu.edu
- viii. Latino Cultural Dinner
 1. September 16th, 2009 at 5 pm in the Brown Ballroom in the BSC.
 2. Guest Speaker Almudena Carracedo.
 3. Will cost one meal swipe for people with meal plans.
- ix. Questions/Comments:
 1. Is it only if you live on-campus with a meal plan you can come to the cultural dinner?- Hall
 2. Anyone can come to our cultural dinner.- Webber
 3. What time does the retreat start?- Larson
 4. It starts are 4:30 and we will leave BCS at 5.- Webber
 5. Do you have applications on you?- Marquis
 6. Not with me.-Webber
- d. BSU
 - i. Questions/Comments:
 1. What time is the Michael Jackson Memorial?- Ruedig
 2. It is at 7pm.- BSU
 3. The Kick Off is the 26th?- McGinty
 4. Yes.- BSU
- e. Pride
 - i. Questions/Comments:
 1. Welcome back, we missed your reports.- Olshak
- f. Student Trustee (G. Bagnuolo)
 - i. Questions/Comments: none

X. Information Items

Senator Thornton moves to make the Resolution Authorizing SGA Participation in the Illinois Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships to Info Item B, Senator Ruedig seconds.

Motion Passes.

- a. Bill Authorizing SGA to Participate in the Campus Caucus (A. Hochhauser)
 - i. Questions/Comments:
 1. This will be 6 times throughout the semester, but you can be there 3 times, 2 hours each time?- Krug
 2. Yes, that is correct.- Hochhauser
- b. Resolution Authorizing SGA Participation in the Illinois Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships
 - i. Thornton moves to make Info Item A, Action Item A, Spialek seconds.
 - ii. Passed unanimously.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none

XI. Action Items

- a. Resolution Authorizing SGA Participation in the Illinois Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships
 - i. Strike line 24, 25, 27 and 28, take out line 42 (and/or participation).
- Thornton
 - ii. Friendly Amendment, line 22 to 4:30 pm. -Thornton
 - iii. Thornton moves to approve, Senator Kodman seconds.
 - iv. Debate:
 1. President Spialek encourages you to approve.
 2. For line 30, I believe Sheree put this on the University calendar? - Krug
 3. No, I did not, but I will.- Brewer
 4. Friendly Amendment to strike line 30.- Krug
 5. Thornton approves.
 6. Friendly amendment to change the period to semi-colon in line 16.- Preston
 7. Thornton Approves.
 8. Friendly amendment to change line 47 to 4:30 pm.-Cahanin
 9. Thornton approves.
 10. Friendly amendment for line 35 to add “used for advertising purposes”.- Thornton
 - v. Resolution passes.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Student Trustee Bagnuolo moves to adjourn, Senator Preston seconds.