

Student Government Association
Assembly Minutes
1/28/09

Executive Members Present: Student Body President Mason, Student Body Vice President Flaherty, Executive Director Bixby, Secretary of Diversity Cail, Secretary of Governmental Relations Yancey, Secretary of Programming Zerfas, Secretary of Student Fees Cahanin, Secretary of Information Technology Tortoriello, Secretary of Public Relations Dogic.

Legislative Members Present: President of the Assembly Spialek, Vice President of the Assembly Krug, Secretary of the Assembly Sullivan, Senator Preston, Senator Davis, Senator Miller, Senator Merth, Senator Spiek, Senator Fettner, Senator Abdalla, Senator Lund, Senator Thorton, Senator Carnahan, Senator Owens, Senator Long, Senator Hochhauser, Senator Dumelle, Senator Colaric, Senator Leigh.

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

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Preston Moved; Bixby Seconded
- b. Floor yielded to Senator Davis. Presentation of RSO of the month.
 - i. Student Nurses' Association
 - ii. Political Science Club

III. Executive Officer Reports

- a. Mason
 - i. Collegiate Readership Program. Info Item tonight about educating students about the program. I have requested money from the BRC. The next step is to write a resolution to put a referendum in the elections at the end of March. This needs to be done by February so that the Student Elections Committee can have it for 30 days prior to the election.
 - ii. Spialek and I met with ISU Police Chief Swan on Monday about the issue of the Crime Alert. He explained that the reason there have only been two crime alerts so far is because those were the two times that someone was physically assaulted and hurt. There is a new procedure in effect now that will eliminate race from the Crime Alerts.
 - iii. The walls were taken down in the office and finally moved. My apologies for the mess. I will be working with facilities to continue to improve the office. If you are doing office hours and need something to do, would you please hang the posters that are laminated and in the conference room.

- iv. Student Elections Committee begins meeting tomorrow. If you are planning on running for next year, keep your eyes open for when candidate information sessions are.
- v. Please stop using phones during meetings. You were elected to this position and cannot pay attention to the meeting while texting. Also, don't do your homework during Academic Senate; it's obvious when you are highlighting things. Lastly, only use the office computers for short personal items when there is absolutely no time to go home and print.
- vi. Questions:
 - 1. Leigh—Can we get race back in it?
 - 2. Long—Does this have anything to do with Senator Kalter in Academic Senate? *No, it was a decision by ISU Police. You can now go to the website to find out the race of the person.*
 - 3. Leigh—Is there something we can do? Workshop for educating people about this?
 - 4. Long—There was a point at Academic Senate that race helped in describing.
 - 5. Spialek—We are moving into debate. This is not the time to do this.

b. Flaherty

- i. Constitution Exam. Krug and I met with Dr. Bradley to discuss why this requirement is necessary. This Thursday we will be meeting with Dr. Rosenthal to see what the next step is and if we can get rid of it.
- ii. ELPs have raised a little over \$530 to go to Heffer International. I will be sending this out later this week.
- iii. T-shirt Swap. I have a meeting with Select Screen tomorrow to go over the order and should have that order finalized by the end of the week.
- iv. Questions: None

c. Bixby

- i. The Comptroller decided that Undergraduate students can no longer have a credit card. Tammy will have one through in the next couple of days. If you need anything, please have the company bill the SGA account.
- ii. I am sending around a card for President Bowman. His mother passed away earlier this week.
- iii. Lastly, please tidy up the office when you are in there.
- iv. Questions: None

IV. Assembly Officer Report

a. Spialek

- i. We need a member for the Student Fee Board. Please contact me immediately if you would like to be on it.

- ii. One on Ones were due by today. If you did not have one, you will receive a half absence.
- iii. Third Party Vendor meeting with Suzette. We were able to establish some short- and long-term goals.
- iv. Committee Chairs, I need to see you for 5 minutes after this meeting please.
- v. Member of the month is Doug Cahanin!
- vi. Questions:
 - 1. Abdalla—Are senator coordinators meeting? *No*
 - 2. Bagnuolo—Could the dry erase board be used to write out a working agenda?
 - a. Abdalla—White board with what everyone is working on? *Right now it is used for Ex-Officios, but now they can email Secretary of the Assembly.*
 - 3. Mason—You could just forward Ex-Officios the agenda
 - 4. Preston—Fee Board person also on F&A or just Fee Board? *Fee Board.*

b. Krug

- i. If you have a conversation with a constituent, please give me the whole conversation in its entirety, not just your response or their initial email.
- ii. Don't forget to have the constituent email sent out by Friday at noon. CC me and email Rick. If you sent it, and didn't CC me, please tell me immediately so that I do not resend it.
- iii. Questions: None

c. Sullivan

- i. Contact List is updated. It is in the Shared Folder.
- ii. Sent out email about making up absences, but several mistakes in that email. Let me clarify: Roland S. Martin lecture is free, dinner you must pay for. BSU Black Heritage Ball—Friday help at 7 in SSB 375, Saturday 8a.m. in Brown Ballroom, Saturday night at 7 you must purchase ticket.
- iii. Resolutions are all up to date
- iv. Need Reports please.
- v. Questions:
 - 1. Tortoriello—Send me those resolutions? *Yes.*

V. Cabinet Member Reports

a. Cahanin

- i. At the BRC meeting 1/19 we ranked all the proposals from the most important to the least important based on what we felt the students needed the most. At the top was BSC (\$50,000) for décor and furniture and at the bottom was SGA pay raises.

- ii. I have a meeting with Wendy Bates next Wednesday to go over all the number crunching that she did to try to accommodate our requests.
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. Lund—Is this info public? *I am going to put it all into resolution. But I can send it out in an email in advance.*
- b. Dogic
 - i. Finishing up Passing of the Gavel save the dates
 - ii. Posted the RSO if the month in the Bone
 - iii. Will promote Pack the House once I make fliers (will post fliers and pictures from last year)
 - iv. Questions: None
- c. Yancey
 - i. Met with Michael Zajac and Mason about Off-Campus Housing Fair. Committee will be forming soon, one more off-campus senator is needed.
 - ii. Meeting with Geoff Fruin tomorrow to discuss upcoming issues that may affect students and the University Liaison committee—this is to help establish a positive relationship and rapport between our two offices.
 - iii. Attending town Council Meeting next Monday
 - iv. Working with Civic Engagement Committee on their projects.
 - v. Questions: None
- d. Zerfas
 - i. Pack the Place Women’s Basketball game as an Info Item tonight. 2/7 at Rebdird Arena. Set-up at 11:30 in Redbird Room. Free tickets to be distributed all week. La Gondola and redbird rally towels to be given away before the game. Will be televised on ESPNU.
 - ii. Winterfest 2009 is on 2/9. Sign up sheet to be passed around tonight. Everyone must work 1 hour.
 - iii. Pack the House is Evita. Tentatively April 7th at 7:30p.m.
 - iv. Questions: None
- e. Cail
 - i. Currently working on Diversity Week for this semester. Ex-officios to help plan, but not host their own days. I have met with Pam Cooper with the Career Center already as well as Ron Dow with Guerilla Troupe to help.
 - ii. Meeting with Ex-Officios next week to discuss further details. If senators would like to get involved, please email me this week and I will send you details.
 - iii. Questions: Contact Secretary Cail by email.
- f. Tortoriello

- i. If you have taken a picture with me/given biography information, it is up to date on the website.
- ii. Technical difficulties are preventing me from updating main page at this time. Hopefully that will be solved in the next couple of days.
- iii. Again, if you would like something on the website, please be specific as to where you want it and how you want it. Until I have that information, I cannot put it up.
- iv. Wireless expansion committee meeting on 1/27. If you know of specific lecture halls/ classrooms that need wifi, please email me those along with the reasons why that spot should receive wifi so that I can talk about it at our meeting. There is a \$50,000 grant that will help install about 50 new wireless connection spots.
- v. Next meeting is 2/24 and will have feedback and suggestions by the Deans of colleges by then.
- vi. Questions:
 - 1. Abdalla—Do we have any data about wifi reception? *YES, I have a giant spreadsheet you can look at.*

VI. Advisor Report

- a. Seven of the Constituent Contact emails have been sent out. Again, email me when you have sent it out.
- b. For new staff members, if you have not previously been in the payroll system at Illinois State, you will need to see Nathan Rudge in the Dean of Students Business Office in order to fill out tax paperwork. Until this happens, pay will be delayed.
- c. I will be out of the office 2/3-2/6 and 2/17-2/20. If you need to speak with me call the Dean of Students office at 8-2008 and schedule a time to meet with me.
- d. Questions: None

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Civic Engagement
 - i. Working with leadership and service office for the Bring it Back to Normal Community Service Day on April 18th.
 - ii. Co-sponsoring with the League of Women Voters for the Town of Normal council and mayoral debate Thursday March 26th
 - iii. Will be meeting for more information on the Global Youth Service Day.
 - iv. Going to participate in the Student Counseling Services “Be Comfortable in Your Genes” which will be organized for the week of Feb 22-28.
 - v. Questions: NO
- b. Finance and Allocation
 - i. Secondary Dominance allocated \$1,030 for competition in St. Louis.
 - ii. Competitive Dance Team--\$0

- iii. Black Starr allocated \$4,403 for Black Awareness Conference
 - iv. Questions: None
 - c. Policies and Procedures
 - i. No Report
 - d. Programs and Recognition
 - i. No Report
- VIII. Senator Coordinator Reports
 - a. Off-Campus Senators
 - i. Constituent Contact event planned for 2/17 from 4-6 during Spring Internship Fair. Will be passing out recycling surveys.
 - ii. Questions: None
 - b. On-Campus Senators
 - i. Unprecedented turnout at ARH. First time all On-Campus Senators were able to attend.
 - ii. We had a meeting on 1/26 to discuss individual goals and visibility.
 - iii. Questions: No
 - c. Underrepresented Senators
 - i. Had constituent contact event 1/26. We fairly well; we were able to make contact with some of our RSOs.
 - ii. Our next event is poster making for RSO advertising. This will be the week of 2/9-2/13.
 - iii. Questions: None
 - d. Graduate Senators
 - i. Revising current GSA constitution.
 - ii. Met with Spialek and came up with ideas on recruitment for GSA.
 - iii. Tentative constituent contact event 2/8 at 5p.m. at either Logan's or Longhorn Steakhouse.
 - iv. Met with BSU today to assist them in ideas for programming. There may be possible events co-sponsored by both GSA and BSU
 - v. Looking to raffle of an Xbox 360 Arcade to raise money to help an underprivileged graduate student.
 - vi. Questions:
 - 1. Olshak—Have you looked into the laws concerning raffling? *No, not yet.*

IX. Ex-Officio Reports

- a. ALAS
 - i. No Report
- b. APAC

- i. A lot of events planned: 2/10 APAC/ALAS speed dating; 2/24—Filipino Night; 3/3—Video Game Night; 3/24—Korean Night; 4/7—Chinese Night; 4/19—APAC Dinner.
 - ii. Recently met with Asian groups at the U of I Champaign-Urbana and Heartland Community College to further working relationships for future collaborations. Maybe something by next year.
 - iii. Questions: None
- c. ARH
 - i. Hosting IRHA conference at ISU from 2/13-2/15. If you would like to volunteer, that would be great!
 - ii. Planning passing of the gavel for April 18th-19th
 - iii. Service Project 1/31 from 1-5 at the Central Illinois Small Animal Shelter.
 - iv. Charity Ball being planned for 3/27 from 7-10. We are looking for performers, either music or dance.
 - v. Relay for Life group being created. It is April 24th-25th.
 - vi. RA Liaison is bringing 12 RAs and 2 advisors to ISRAA conference 2/20-2/22.
 - vii. Thanks On-Campus senators for coming to our General Assembly meeting. I will email Sullivan the dates of our General Assembly meeting dates.
 - viii. Cultural Dinner in 2/2 from 5-8
 - ix. World Vision—East & West Unity.
 - x. Questions:
 - 1. Leigh—do you want us to email you to be a volunteer? *Yes.*
- d. BSU
 - i. BSU week is next week from 2/2-2/8
 - 1. Monday: Unity Community Center Volunteerin
 - 2. Tuesday: Supporting Black STARR and Kappa Alpha Psi forum in Schroeder 108 at 7
 - 3. Wednesday: Scholarship Workshop in COB 357 at 7
 - 4. Thursday: Black History Game Show in Circus Room at 7
 - 5. Friday: Finishing the last touches for BHB decorations in SSB 375
 - 6. Saturday: Black Heritage Ball. Doors open at 6, tickets are \$15.
 - 7. Sunday: Black History Concert sponsored by IYC in Prairie Room at 7.
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. Leigh—Time for Tues and Sunday event? *Tuesday at 7, Sunday at 7.*
- e. Pride
 - i. This week's meeting was a discussion on intersexuality.

- ii. Next week's meeting is Talent Night
- iii. 2/13-2/15 we are going to the Big Gay Conference.
- iv. Questions: None
- f. Student Trustee Bagnuolo
 - i. Trustee Meeting 2/20 at 9a.m.
 - ii. Attended Last Friday's dinner with Danny Glover. It went well.
 - iii. Last Saturday at the ISU's Men's Basketball game (vs. SIU) at halftime there was a video tribute to Will Robinson. He was the first African-American male to be a head coach of NCAA Division-1 college basketball coach.
 - iv. Working on student program to support athletics. Expect a full report next meeting.
 - v. Questions:
 - 1. Abdalla—what was the Friday meeting date? *Feb. 20th*. Advisor Center? *It will be open later in the day*. Will you let me know if it is private or public? *Yes*.

X. Information Items

- a. Educating ISU Students about CRP. Benchmarking was positive; this would allow for the making of powerpoints, handouts, designing bulletin board, and Facebook group. Pilot is two weeks during the campaigning before elections.
 - i. Line changes: After line 44, After line 53.
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. Bagnuolo—What is set in place to monitor feedback? *We could do surveys again*. My concern is that we didn't give *Daily Vidette* any money and we're going to give CRP lots of money. *The feedback was still positive. We asked if there was a negative effect on the school newspaper and all have said that it made paper better*.
 - 2. Preston—Does the pilot commit us to the CRP? *No, I would have to write a resolution for a referendum, then passed by Student Body*.
 - 3. Olshak—Point of Information—There is a timeline on this. Resolution must be passed and submitted to Student Elections Committee 30 days before election.
 - iii. Mason moves to action item; Preston seconds.
- b. SGA Participation in Pack the Place. \$1500 to provide food/drink, advertising, rally towels. Saturday Feb. 7th. National Pack the House broadcasted live on ESPNU. Mandatory for all members.
 - i. Questions:

1. Krug—Line 26 and 27, mandatory for how long? *Entire event.*
Exec approved \$1000, why are we allocating \$1500? *Change to \$1,000.*
 2. Dogic—Are we printing material? *Yes.*
 3. Preston moved to action item; Long seconded.
- c. Bill Approving Student Elections Code. Undergone many changes.
- i. Questions: None
 - ii. Lund moves to action item: Flaherty seconds.

XI. Action Items

- a. Collegiate Readership Program.
- b. Mason moves to approve; Lund seconds.
- c. Debate:
 - i. Bagnuolo—This needs to be put in scope to students that we are giving *USA Today* \$100,000 and *Daily Vidette* we wouldn't give \$10,000. Pay attention to this issue. It is a lot of money.
 - ii. Olshak—It is not a new fee created, but broken down by credit hour and it would be phased in over the next few years. New students would start paying on it (25% cost/papers in first year, 50% cost/papers in the second years.)
 1. Preston—Point of Information—What is the break down from fee dollars versus Provost Budget.
 2. Olshak—Student fees.
 - iii. Mason—by passing this we are not committing. But there is no way to know unless we pilot it.
 - iv. Bagnuolo—We declined other programs that would affect students, and this program would just jump all of those.
 - v. Mason—This would add more money to BRC. I think we should see what students have to say about this.
 - vi. Carnahan—I don't feel there is any harm passing this. We should save this debate until later.
 - vii. Lund calls to questions; Flaherty seconds; Leigh Abstains.
 - viii. Vote: passes.
- d. Pack the Place.
 - i. Sullivan—Friendly amendment. Line 26 to highly recommend.
 1. Zervas—do not accept
 2. Sullivan—hostile amendment
 - a. Debate on highly/ mandatory
 - i. Leigh—agree Zervas b/c we know about date. But we need to keep with consistency of highly/mandatory

- ii. Merth—It has been said for two weeks. It shouldn't matter what we have to or have to not go to.
- iii. Davis—point of information—do you get excused if you have a work schedule? *Sullivan—yes.*
- iv. Mason—We ran on school spirit and I feel we have known for a long time.
- v. Miller—when we did the OFCS event, no one came because it was highly recommended.
- vi. Bixby—This is different than the OFCS event. Moves to previous question; Long seconded.
- vii. Division vote. 4 Nay. 15 Yay.

3. Vote on amendment: Hostile amendment fails. Passes as is.

- ii. Flaherty—Line 1&3, Line 29, Line 33
 - iii. Krug—Friendly Amendment: Line 26, Cap of 2 hours. *Accepted.*
 - iv. Preston—44
 - v. Spialek—3, 55
 - vi. Zerfas moves to vote; Flaherty seconds
 - vii. Vote: passes
- e. Student Elections Code.
- i. Long moves to approve; Zerfas seconds
 - ii. Debate
 - 1. Mason—Line 27, VP and Trustee debate. *Don't accept*
 - a. Long—hostile amendment.
 - b. Debate:
 - i. Abdalla—speak in favor of amendment. They don't have that much to debate about; the more events that are made for elections, it would discredit SGA
 - ii. Flaherty—being in the position, there's not that much to debate about.
 - iii. Bagnuolo—I think it's a good idea so that better ideas.
 - iv. Long—It says that it doesn't have to be held (approx. pg. 7). VP role could have more to do
 - 1. Olshak—Point of Information—It says it MUST. Pg. 10 section 2.
 - 2. Bagnuolo—Can you read? Mason read.
 - v. Bagnuolo—Point of Information—It just says that if they have them it has to be within this time period.

vi. Olshak—It is a declarative WILL. Article 3 section 1, A. Executive Director would be a more substantive debate due to duties than VP.

1. Long—If we changed Elections Code, do we have to change it and send it out again to Student body? *No*.

vii. Mason moves to approve hostile amendment; Lund seconds

1. Lund—Point of Information—Does she have to change document? *Yes*.

viii. Vote: passes. Vice President debate will not be happening, but the Student Trustee will continue to debate.

2. Lund calls to questions; Krug seconds.

3. Vote: passes

XII. Passing the Gavel.

XIII. Adjournment.

a. Preston Moves to adjourn; Long seconds.