

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
August 19, 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

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 Monahan, Senator Owens, Senator Larson, Senator Marquis, Senator Yancey, Senator Colaric, Senator Kodman, Senator Mackey, Senator Rubashkin

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

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

- i. Senator Rubashkin- Can you please change John to Jonathan in the minutes?
- ii. Thornton moves to approve the minutes, Preston seconds.

III. Executive Officers Report

- a. Student Body President Spialek
 - i. I have been attending numerous events around campus including Passages and Kick Off. Please try to attend upcoming events when you can and thank you to those who have already attended some events.
 - ii. Media guidelines were sent out earlier this week.
 1. Sheree, Jackie, Mike, and I will be the only people in contact with the Vidette. Please refrain from contacting media yourself.
 2. The Executive Committee will speak on behalf of the Student Government Association.
 - iii. Please remember to e-mail me your "Fear the Bird" Shirt size.
 - iv. Birds in the Burbs participants include the following: Lauren Monahan, Lauren Mackey, Scott Preston, Ryan Hall, Mary McMahan, Doug Cahanin, and I. We are allowed to have up to 8 representatives for this, so please contact me if you would like to be involved.
 - v. I have been working on the STOP program with Senator Colaric. It will be gaining it's rights as an RSO on campus soon and should be ready for Festival ISU next week
 - vi. We have many exciting resolutions tonight that will really set the tone for the upcoming school year.

- vii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Student Body Vice President Fettner
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Student Body Executive Director Krug
 - i. Please remember to hand in your forms for the retreat this weekend. IF you did not receive any of the forms, I do have some for you to fill out for me by Thursday. I also sent an e-mail earlier this week explaining what to bring and what time we will be meeting to leave for the retreat. If you plan on driving yourself and need directions, please see me after the meeting.
 - ii. I will be sending around an office hours sign-up sheet. Be sure to have 3 set hours a week that you will be coming in.
 - iii. Remember to put the hour on the time cards if you fill them out.
 - iv. I have a new plan for payroll.
 - v. I have finalized the menu plans and I need some shopping helpers on Friday for the retreat. Please see me if you can help out.
 - vi. Please update your Outlook calendars for the scheduling of staff meetings.
 - vii. Questions/Comments: none

IV. Assembly Officer Report

- a. President of the Assembly Carnahan
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Vice President of the Assembly Hochhauser
 - i. I will be sending out a constituent contact e-mail this week.
 - ii. I am starting to plan the campus caucus. I am making question cards for Festival ISU and other constituent contact events.
 - iii. Underrepresented Senators should have received their RSO groups. Let me know if you have any questions.
 - iv. One-on-Ones will start next week I will put up a sign up on the Assembly Officers door. All underreps please sign up for a time. Let me know if the times listed will not fit your schedule.
 - v. I encourage Underrepresented Senators to put an e-mail list together of your RSO presidents.
 - vi. Questions/Comments: Owens- Are we still doing the t-shirt swap at Festival ISU?
 - 1. Spialek- The shirts will be available if someone is wearing a shirt from another school, then we can encourage them to trade. But at some point we will have to give them away in 2009.
- c. Secretary of the Assembly McMahan
 - i. Please send in reports by Friday's after the meeting; this week is an exception because of the retreat.
 - ii. Ex-Officio's please see me after the meeting so I can have your contact information.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none

V. Cabinet Member Report

- a. Secretary of Student Fees Cahanim
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Secretary of Information and Technology Olson
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Mackey- When will we have our log-in information?
 - 2. Olson- Rick has to send your information
- c. Brewer
 - i. I have written the press release about the changes to the Fee Budget Review process. However, it is a lot of information and I was not completely satisfied with it. I e-mailed the release to President Spialek so he can make the necessary changes and will send it to Andrew at the Vidette tomorrow.
 - ii. Once I receive the information regarding the Campus Caucus from Vice President of the Assembly Hochhauser, I will create a press release to send the Vidette and will create some advertising ideas.
 - iii. I also spoke with Hannah Schultz the GA in the Bone Student Center Marketing Office. She has agreed that a welcome back bulletin board is a good idea for now and I will be using the pictures that we are taking this evening to introduce the new administration.
 - iv. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Green
 - i. I am in contact with Leanna Bordner to discuss Pack the Place events for the year. I am also in contact with Cassi Lund, UPB president, to discuss their event and our co-sponsorship of their event, Pig Out With the Prez.
 - ii. I am working on the Resolution Authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of Homecoming and will begin serving on the Homecoming Steering Committee soon. Next Assembly Meeting I will have more details on how I will be looking for your help and participation in homecoming programs and homecoming week.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none
- e. Preston
 - i. Only one new item came before the Normal Town Council during their meeting (Monday, Aug 17).
 - 1. A local developer proposed plans to convert the current "University Cinemas" property into a large student apartment complex (much like Junction Place without first-floor commercial property). Council members expressed concern regarding the volume of residency that would create, especially being in a neighborhood setting. The item was ultimately withdrawn from consideration due to a clear lack of support from Council.
 - ii. Questions/Comments: Are they still going to close it down soon?-Jackie

1. It will be open for the time being, but not for much longer- Preston
2. Perhaps making them into apartments?- Jackie
3. Perhaps something with family value rather than student use- Preston

f. Hall

- i. See Report
- ii. Questions/Comments: none

VI. Advisor Report- Rick Olshak

- i. The SGA Retreat is this weekend. Important ground rules for the retreat:
 1. You must remain on site.
 2. Tobacco free property- no smoking anywhere on site.
 3. Alcohol free property.
 4. Must leave the building in the same condition we found it.
- ii. E-mail boxes and listserv assignments should be completed by the end of the day tomorrow.
- iii. If you have a need to meet with me, you should generally contact Patti in our office at 8-2008. Please do not send me e-mails asking me for times.
- iv. Questions/Comments:
 1. Yancey- What was the phone number for your office again?
 2. Rick- 309-438-2008

VII. Committee Report

- a. Programs and Recognition- Thornton
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- b. Finance and Allocation- Owens
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. Policy and Procedures- Larson
 - i. Prior to the assembly meeting the Policy and Procedures Committee held its first meeting and at that meeting we discussed the role that the committee would play as well as the assignment of our first goal to review the Executive Branch Bylaws.
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- d. Civic Engagement- Yancey
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

VIII. Senator Coordinator Report

- a. Off-Campus Senators- Ruedig
 - i. The Off Campus Senators will be in heavy discussion at this coming weekend's fall retreat regarding constituent contact events for this coming

- semester. We will be specifically focusing on an event to provide off campus students with information regarding this year's homecoming.
 - ii. We will also be working on maintaining our relationship with Michael Zajak from the office of Off-Campus and Nontraditional Student Services.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none
 - b. On-Campus Senators- Owens
 - i. Upcoming constituent contact event planned early September for student to submit concerns for the upcoming academic year. Details to be ironed out.
 - ii. A "contact your On-Campus" senator face group was launched by last year's group. We've taken it over and if all members of the association could join that, that'd be great.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: none
 - c. Underrepresented Senators- Colaric
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
 - d. Graduate Senators- Yancey
 - i. No report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

IX. Ex-Officio Report

- a. ALAS
 - i. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday September 1st at 7:00pm, in SBB room 314. It will serve as our first recruitment social and we will have free pizza available.
 - ii. Also, Bienvenidos will be held on Saturday September 12th from 12-4:00pm, on the Quad. There will be cultural performances, free food, face painting and a DJ.
 - iii. Questions/Comments: what time is that event (Bienvenidos)?- Carnahan
 - 1. It is September 12th, 12-4 in the quad.
- b. APAC
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none
- c. ARH
 - i. Hello, my name is Amy Vito and I am the Vice President of ARH. My e-mail address is uhamvito@exchange.ilstu.edu.
 - ii. Our first General Assembly meeting will be on August 30th from 7-9 in the Crista McAuliffe Room in South Side (basement of Atkin Colby).
 - iii. On-Campus Senators: If you are interested in receiving the contact information of each area government's advisors please contact me. I am looking forward to meeting with all of them.
 - iv. We are planning our executive board retreat for this Sunday August 23rd. We are going over our goals and expectations for the next year.

- v. Our Government Unity Retreat is scheduled for September 11th at 4:30 pm-3pm on the 12th. We are going to Grand Bear Lodge for program sessions, swimming, and bonding.
- vi. Move-in went fairly well. We had 10 coordinators and 150 Curb Bird volunteers that helped this year, which is a new record! WE have received numerous e-mails and phone calls with positive feedback. If you have any feedback or suggestions for the next year, please contact me. I'm looking forward to assembling a great transition binder for the next year's director.
- vii. R & B Fee Review will be kicking off soon. If you are interested, I'll keep everyone posted.
- viii. Questions/Comments: none
- d. BSU
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: Mackey- When is your first meeting?
 - 1. It is Tuesday in SSB 314 at 6 pm
 - 2. When is the BSU bbq?-Brandon
 - a. It is Sept 5th on a Saturday at 11 am on quad
- e. Pride
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: Krug- Did anyone have an email for an invite to the fall retreat?
 - 1. Yes, and we are planning on coming.
- f. Student Trustee Bagnuolo
 - i. See Report
 - ii. Questions/Comments: none

X. Information Items

- i. Spialek moves to make Info Item D, the Appointment of Senators, Senator Marquis seconds.
 - 1. Spialek moves to suspend normal order of business to make Info Item D to Info Item A, Preston seconds.
- ii. Krug moves to make an Info Item E, the Appointment of Cabinet Members, Info Item E, Monahan seconds.
 - 1. Move to suspend to normal order Info Item E to Info Item B.
- a. Senator Appointments
 - i. We still a few more appointments to fill, this past week we have worked to interview those who are interested. I have three people to recommend as grad, off-campus, and underrepresented senators.
 - ii. Spialek moves to make Info Item A to Action Item A, Yancey seconds.
- b. Cabinet Appointments- Krug
 - i. This will be the last position Secretary of Sustainability and I am confident that Dorian Moore will do the best.
 - ii. Krug moves to make Info Item B to Action Item B, Colaric seconds.

- c. Resolution Supporting Changes to the Fee Budget Review Process (Spialek)
 - i. In the past there is a student working with Cahanin and assigned to Vidette or night ride, etc. to see what that department needed. This year they will be focusing on the overall fees for students, not just departments. SGA will be the commission and look at fee proposal. One of the reasons this is happening is the Truth in Tuition Act (rise in tuition). We can make recommendations and VP of Student Affairs can acknowledge comments. Another difference is there will be a resolution saying that SGA will recommend the proposal or if we do not recommend.
 - ii. Two weeks later we will make this an action item. This has to do with the pay raise that was passed in the last administration. We will essentially have 2 weeks to inform students and 2 weeks later we will make it an action item.
 - iii. Questions-
 - 1. Bagnuolo- Who idea was this? And what does Cahanin think of this?
 - a. I met with Dr. Patterson and they approached me.- Spialek
 - b. I haven't look over it, but it is worth a shot especially after last year problems.- Cahanin
 - 2. Olshak- Not many of these budgets are fees, more are GR. There is frustration by students and there is little for them to give any recommendation to where their fees go.
 - 3. Preston- As a follow-up, how will this affect transparency by doing this internally rather than externally?
 - a. Spialek- For the past years SGA members have been the only members, and in the past there was no formal legislation to how much time we have to inform the student body and the lack of communication. It will be out to the student body for longer time and a link for recommendations on the SGA website for students. We are losing the idea of general students, but we are improving it by being able to inform them and receive their input.
 - 4. Hochhauser- Do we have any plans for the upcoming years instead of just this year?
 - a. Olshak- This will be introduced as an annual resolution based on our experiences.
 - iv. Spialek moves to make Info Item C to Action Item C, Yancey seconds.
- d. Resolution Approving Dates for the 2010 Student Elections (Spialek)
 - i. This is the election dates for the next SGA election. March 30 and March 31st will be the election and Transition week would be April 5th-

- 9th. The transition meeting will be the Saturday April 10th and that Sunday will be the Passing of the Gavel. The Executive Committee will meet on April 12th and Assembly will meet April 14th.
- ii. Questions/Comments: none
 - iii. Spialek moves to make Info Item D to Action Item D, McGinty seconds.
- e. Resolution Regarding the Monetary Awards Grant Cuts (Spialek)
- i. Making you aware in case your constituents contact you on it. Approximately 155,000 students receive MAP funding in Illinois. Around 3,500 are receiving the MAP Grant at ISU. MAP funding is cutting some agencies in half. MAP grants would only be funded through 1st semester. SGA can write a sample letter that students can download and attached their names to send to state representatives. It is being approved by F & A and Dr. Bowman and we may be able to advertise this as Festival ISU.
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. McGinty- Are they saying even if you are awarded the financial aid, it will not be dispersed to you in spring?
 - a. Olshak- Yes, it will only be for one semester.
 - b. Geno- They have not planned financing the MAP Grant for spring.
 - 2. BSU- I know you spoke of having this information Festival ISU or checking SGA emails and how do you give this out to students who don't necessarily get involved?
 - a. Spialek- We can work with the Vidette and so have President Bowman to raise awareness. Encouraging student leaders to tell people you know.
 - 3. Hall- is there a way to work with the Financial Aid Office to contact specific students so we can contact them about this issue and the letter?
 - a. Spialek- I can talk to the Financial Aid Office and what we can possibly do. They encourage much needed students to write their own letter, but students that aren't planning on receiving MAP funding they can use our letter to encourage state reps.

XI. Action Items

- a. Senator Appointments (Spialek)
 - i. Grad Senator- Kelly Donnellan
 - 1. Speech
 - 2. Questions/Comments: none
 - 3. Debate
 - 4. Vote- unanimously approved
 - ii. Underrepresented Senator Dan Volgman
 - 1. Speech
 - 2. Questions/Comments:

- a. Rubashkin- What would you RSO's would like to represent?
 - i. I feel like all RSO's are important and for a student to get involved.
 - 3. Debate
 - 4. Vote- unanimously approved
 - iii. Off-Campus Senator- Sean Palmer
 - 1. Speech
 - 2. Questions/Comments: none
 - 3. Debate
 - 4. Vote- unanimously approved
 - iv. Oath of Office
- b. Cabinet Member Appointments
 - i. Secretary of Sustainability- Dorian Moore
 - 1. Speech
 - 2. Questions/Comments: Preston- Would you give us a rough definition of sustainability?
 - a. In what context?
 - b. In your position...never mind...
 - c. Marquis- What kind of programs would you implement to make progress on the cause for sustainability?
 - i. I want to focus on the students. I really want to focus on Off-Campus recycling and sustainability fees, give out information, and start tasks. Working with Enid Cardinal and working the IS Pact for College. I think knowing the student's concerns and priorities is important.
 - ii. Colaric- How do you intend to get students attention?
 - 1. Helping students who are already involved in sustainability and help getting more people involved and educated. The little things that passionate people do can show to their peers.
 - 3. Debate
 - 4. Vote- unanimously approved
 - 5. Oath of Office
- c. Resolution Supporting Changes to the Fee Budget Review Process (Spialek)
 - i. It is in a form of a resolution, so next year we can work on making it better for years to come. I urge you to vote yes.
 - 1. President Spialek moves to approve, McGinty seconds.
 - ii. Debate-
 - 1. Mackey- I like that there is a framework for constituent contact. It enables us to give a broader perspective
 - 2. Bagnuolo- I'm glad it is a new idea on the floor. There are others, though, that would attend instead of just SGA. This new process

takes out external students, and I am concerned there won't be enough student conversation. Just make sure you review this and make sure it works. I hope no one votes to give a pay raise this year.

3. Thorton- I felt conflicted with voting for my constituency last year, but this year we have time to involve the students. I recommend voting yes for this resolution.
 4. Monahan- I like the new process, but I am afraid that they are getting rid of the students, will there be a way to give students a word
 - a. Spialek- This does not exclude students. This process only focuses on fee funding. They want to bring this into a fee review process instead of a global process. Each dept is urged to have students involved
 5. Secretary Cahanin calls to question.
 - a. Owens Objects
 6. Larson- There was concern for many people that SGA was not transparent and I want to make absolute sure that the students are absolutely informed to make sure they are involved in the process.
 7. Secretary Cahanin calls to question, Krug seconds.
- iii. All in favor move to vote- Division
1. Show of hands- 9 yea 9 nay
- iv. Point of Clarification by Secretary Preston- The cabinet does not vote?
1. No- Carnahan
- v. Continuation
1. Spialek- It will not go to just the 3 executive officers, other officers and secretary Cahanin. It will be presented by Cahanin and VP of Student affairs to the Assembly. Senators can work to inform from now until Spring semester about this issue. This might not be a perfect plan, but I encourage voting yes.
 2. Krug- Students can sit on other boards and this is a clear way of communicating. We are just taking students out of one part of the process, but there are many other opportunities for students to be involved.
 3. Hochhauser- I like how it is a resolution and not a bill. I will do my best to get constituent contact and feedback hopefully soon.
 4. Marquis- I am just concerned about the perception that SGA is giving themselves more power and less towards the students. Although I am concerned about perception, but there is not a lot we can do except to inform students. There will still be a misconception on campus, regardless.
 5. Owens- I support the time table for this. I am disappointed that students have been removed from the process all together. Perhaps having other senators at the table.
 6. Cahanin- With regards to the perception of SGA with the students, I guarantee you that 90% of students do not know that they can be

involved in this. This will be a way for students to have more time to give us their feedback and recommendations.

- vi. Secretary Caharin moves to previous question, Colaric seconds.
- vii. All approve, One Nay
- viii. Senator Owens calls for a division
- ix. Move to vote: Passed unanimously
- d. Resolution Approving Dates for the 2010 Student Elections (Spialek)
 - i. Spialek moves to approve, Caharin seconds.
 - ii. Debate-
 1. Mackey-Point of Clarification, when is spring break...is there enough time for student elections code?
 2. Spialek- Yes, it will still follow as years follow.
 3. Larson- I approve this but I think next year will be better
 4. Colaric calls to question, McGinty seconds.
 5. Vote- passes

XII. Passing of the Gavel

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Secretary Caharin moves to adjourn, Fettner seconds.