

Student Government Association
Assembly Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2009

Executive Members Present: Student Body President Spialek, Vice President Fettner, Executive Director Krug, Secretary of Information and Technology Olson, Secretary of Student Fees Cahanin

Assembly Members Present: President of the Assembly Carnahan, Vice President of the Assembly Hochhauser, Secretary of the Assembly McMahan, Senator Carnahan, Senator Thornton, Senator Pankow, Senator Ruedig, Senator Weston, Senator Monahan, Senator Owens, Senator Larson, Senator Yancey, Senator Colaric, Senator Kodman

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

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Owens moves to approve minutes; Thornton seconds.
- B. Motion passes unanimously approved.

III. Executive Officers Report

A. Student Body President Spialek

1. We have had a strong start to the first three months of our term, and since school has ended, I have spent my summer at ISU setting the agenda for the upcoming year.

a) Now I can sit here and tell you every meeting, I have attended since May, but I don't think that is what these reports should be about. Instead, I want my reports to be a way for you to know the vision I have for our student body and what the SGA can do to help make that vision a reality.

2. I will start with safety:

a) Students on Patrol has gained the support of the ISU PD, who in a Student Affairs meeting at the end of the semester listed the process of creating STOP as one of their recent accomplishments to a variety of administrators.

b) People outside of ISU have gotten the attention of this new program. The Volunteers in Police Service program asked ISU STOP to become a member of their organization. VIPS is monitored by the

International Association of Chiefs of Police in partnership with the White House Office of the USA Freedom Corps and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, and the U.S. Department of Justice. ISU is only one of ten schools affiliated with this program. This program provides incentives to organizations that have some form of volunteer police program.

c) I have worked with Sen. Colaric to make sure STOP has a constitution, and I have also worked with Lt. Woodruff to publicize STOP at Festival ISU. Earlier this month, I requested from the Executive Committee co-sponsorship with ISU PD to market the program. With the Executive Committee's approval, STOP members will have over 500 safety whistles to hand out at Festival ISU. One side will say "Students on Patrol" with the ISU PD phone number. The other side will say "Supported by the Student Government Association." The cost was \$359.

d) The support of ISU PD is only the first hurdle we have to jump through to see STOP function. This is where I am asking for your support. Over the next month and a half, I will need your help to recruit more members to join STOP. Have your friends join the STOP Facebook group. Promote it in the other RSOs you are involved in. STOP can be a tangible goal for our administration before our term even half-way expires, but it will only survive if it has "enough members. Right now, it is sitting at 18. This is not enough, so please show your support in trying to recruit new members.

e) Michael Zajac of Off-Campus and Nontraditional Student Services approached me asking for two student government representatives to be on a Safety Coalition. This coalition will include student representation, as well as member from the Neighbor Association of Normal, Normal Police and a few property owners. The coalition will meet occasionally to discuss safety issues in the community. Please let me know if you are interested.

3. Communication:

a) In regards to other communication efforts, we have a great team with Sec. Olson working with technology and VP of the Assembly Hochhauser with constituent contact. They can explain more in their reports.

4. School Pride:

a) I am working with University Marketing and Communications as well as Art faculty on hanging student art work in buildings around campus. The Vice Presidents are in support of this initiative. More details to come.

5. Sustainability:

a) In terms of sustainability, I have delegated that task to Vice President Fettner, and he has done an outstanding job in crafting our administration's initiative with the help of Senator Yancey. I will let him provide more details on this initiative in his report.

6. Questions/Comments: none

B. Student Body Vice President Fettner

1. See Report

2. Questions/Comments: none

C. Student Body Executive Director Krug

1. See Report

2. Questions/Comments:

a) Spialek- When do office hours start?

a) Krug- They start right away, first week of school. Senators must clock in 8 hours a week; the Cabinet must clock in 10 hrs a week. Assembly Officers must clock in 14 hours a week and Executive officers must clock in 20 hrs a week. Until first meeting, you can come in whenever to work in the office, but make sure you set your three hours that you will come in every week. You also receive three hours for every Wednesday meeting.

b) Thornton- Are we going to receive name tags this year?

a) Krug- Yes, I will be ordering them soon

IV. Assembly Officer Report

A. President of the Assembly Carnahan

1. I have two elements to my report; first of which regards the structure of a regular meeting. Today's meeting is unlike most meetings. Typically, when you first arrive, each of you will meet in a Committee Meeting, lead by a chairperson for whom we will later have an election. This meeting normally lasts an hour. After this meeting will begin a Caucus. Normally, a Caucus consists of one or several invited speakers to speak to the Assembly about a specific topic on which they are knowledgeable about. The Caucus generally last half of an hour. Then begins the regular business meeting--like we are having now.

2. Second, in early meetings I will attempt to be deliberate and clear about what is happening on the floor. Parliamentary Procedure is often confusing and I will do the best that I can to make clear to everyone what is happening on the floor. This means that our early meetings might not run as efficient as would be desirable. Therefore, I would recommend that everyone be particularly aware of the content of the Meeting Agenda before the meeting so that we might spend our time better by debate the merits of a resolution instead of its content.

3. Questions/Comments: none

B. Vice President of the Assembly Hochhauser

1. I am working on a resolution that would have Senators and possibly cabinet members canvas the campus every other week, but it would be on a rotating schedule, so Senators would only have to participate 3 times per semester for two hours each time. I want to get feedback on this especially if anyone has any objections. Please e-mail me with any concerns or suggestions you may have.

2. I would like to send a welcome back to school e-mail sometime during the first week of school. I would like to include things student Government is currently working on, so please e-mail me about what you are currently working on. Also, send me any information about upcoming constituent contact events you may be planning.

3. Underrepresented Senators, please e-mail me with the RSO groups you would like to represent. This can be found online on the Student Involvement Center website.

4. Questions/Comments: none

C. Secretary of the Assembly McMahan

1. Hello I would like to go over the attendance policy so everyone is on the same page.

- a) You are allowed two excused absences per term.
- b) You are allowed one unexcused absence per term, after the second unexcused absence you will be removed.
- c) You are allowed to make up or erase as many excused absences per term as needed, but it must be approved by me.
- d) You are allowed to make up/ erase one unexcused absence per term.
- e) Deaths, family emergencies, class are considered “Not Present”, and will not count as an absence.
- f) Please try to set a work schedule that does not have you work on Wednesday nights.
- g) If you are late to an SGA meeting, it will be a half absence.
- h) Partially missing a meeting will be a half absence.
- i) I will take each absences case by case, those are simply just things stated in our legislation, which you can find on the SGA website. If you know you can't come to a meeting, try to let me know when you know otherwise the 48 hr rule comes into place. Remember you must attend all Academic Senate meetings.

2. I will have an updated attendance list e-mailed out with the minutes. I have changed a couple things. Also, please e-mail me your report by Monday or Tuesday so I can complete the minutes.

3. Questions/Comments: none

V. Cabinet Member Report

A. Secretary of Student Fees Cahanin

1. NO REPORT
2. Questions/Comments: none

B. Secretary of Information and Technology Olson

1. So far this summer, I've been making any and all updates to the website as they come to me. We will be using Facebook as hopefully a temporary mean of constituent contact. It gives us the ability to host discussion boards, engage in instant messaging to give constituents direct feedback, and promote polls and surveys. Ideally though, in the future, I would like all of these things to be built right into our SGA website. Unfortunately, the tech department isn't too crazy about this idea, but I will continue to work with them on a compromise. But we'll use Facebook as a temporary fix. Also, if you ever find errata on the website, or if you just have some ideas, please let me know. After all, it's our website, and we should all have a say in it.

2. Questions/Comments:

a) Thronton- My email is wrong on the website; will you be fixing the e-mails soon?

a) Olson- I have not received updated list, but I will update it as soon as I can.

VI. Advisor Report- Rick Olshak

1. See Report
2. Questions/Comments: none

VII. Senator Coordinator Report

A. Off-Campus Senators- Lindsay Ruedig

1. See Report
2. Questions/Comments:
 - a) Olshak- The Tenant Union/Redbird Renters Union has cease to exist, so you should contact Michael Zajac and myself to make sure you have the right information before you start working on this project.

B. On-Campus Senators- Zach Owens

1. Lauren has set up a meeting with Student Health Services. We will continue working to set up Student Health Advisory Board and increasing awareness of the afterhours care. We would also like to increase the quality of care.
2. We held our first constituent contact event at the end of April regarding the dining center renovations. We will continue notifying the student body about upcoming inconveniences.
3. We have also made contact with Redbird Ride about providing proper signage for bus stops and pocket-friendly maps.
4. We have tentatively schedule constituent contact event for late August or early September for student concerns for the upcoming academic year.
5. Questions/Comments: none

C. Underrepresented Senators- Katie Colaric

1. See Report
2. Questions/Comments: none

D. Graduate Senators

1. NO REPORT
2. Questions/Comments: none

VIII. Ex-Officio Report

A. ALAS

1. Bienvenidos on September 12 on the quad.
2. ALAS will also be having a table at the Diversity Advocacy kick off Que on August 16th.
3. Questions/Comments: none

B. APAC- Absent

1. NO REPORT
2. Questions/Comments: n/a

C. ARH

1. See Report
2. Questions/Comments:
 - a) Olshak- Is over flow for housing still an issue?
 - a) ARH- I have not looked into that recently, but I will find out for you as soon as I can.

D. BSU

1. See Report
2. Questions/Comments: none

E. Pride

1. National Coming Out Day, Ally Night, GLBT Weeks in October, and our Annual Picnic, as well as dance. Our weekly meetings will be on Wednesday Nights at 7pm this semester.
2. Pride's SGA Representative for next year will be Tim Rockwell.
3. Questions/Comments: none

F. Student Trustee Bagnuolo- Absent

1. NO REPORT
2. Questions/Comments: n/a

IX. Krug moves to suspend normal order to info item B; Owens seconds

X. Information Items

A. Senator Appointments

1. President Spialek has received over 12 applications for Senator positions and has 3 candidates to appoint today. Those being the following:
 - a) David Marquis- On-Campus
 - a) Speech
 - b) Lauren Mackey- Underrepresented Senator
 - a) Speech
 - c) Jonathan Rubashkin- Underrepresented Senators
 - a) Speech

d) Spialek moves to make Senator Appointments Action Item B; Colaric seconds.

B. Cabinet Member appointments

a) Krug moves to suspend the Appointment of Elizabeth Bean to Action Item A; Owens seconds.

a) Liz Green Secretary of Programming

b) Speech

b) Krug moves to suspend normal order to Action Item A; Thornton seconds.

c) Ryan Hall- Secretary of Diversity

d) Scott Preston Governmental Relations

e) Sheree Brewer- Secretary of Public Relations

f) Krug moves to make Cabinet Appointments Info Item B to Action Item C; Colaric seconds.

g) Krug moves to add an Info Item O regarding SGA apparel; Monahan seconds.

h) Motion passed unanimously approved.

C. Committee Chair persons Elections

a) President of the Assembly Carnahan has received three applications:

b) Finance and Allocation- Senator Owens

c) Civic Engagement- Senator Yancey

d) Programs and Recognition- Senator Thornton

e) Open the floor for Policies and Procedures

a) Owens nominates Larson for Policies and Procedures

b) Senator Larson accepts

- c) Carnahan moves to make Info Item C to Action Item D; Krug seconds.

D. Resolution Approving the Student Government Association FY 10 Operational Budget (M. Spialek)

- a) We have reduced ASGA budget by \$2,500. Cuts in food and apparel by \$400 to reallocate more money to RSO's and General Constituent Contact.
- b) Questions/Comments-
 - a) Owens- What does lobby day entail?
 - b) Spialek- You would work with Scott Preston, if elected, to work with State Senators and Representatives in Springfield concerning issues with higher education.
 - c) Thronton- Are 'Pack the House' and 'Pack the Place' considered a single budget in which if one ran out of money, you could use money from the other?
 - d) Olshak- Would not dip into the others funds, you would simply ask the assembly for more money for 'Pack the House' or 'Pack the Place'.
- c) Spialek moves to make Info Item D, Action item E; Colaric seconds.

E. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association's Participation in the Fourth Annual Housing Fair (M. Spialek)

- a) Questions/Comments: none
- b) Spialek moves to make Info Item E, Action Item F; Yancey seconds.

F. Resolution Recognizing the Association of Residence Halls as the 2009 NACURH "Large School of the Year" Award Recipients (M. Spialek)

- a) Questions/Comments
 - a) ARH- There is a correction; we won "School of the Year", not "Large School of the Year".

b) Spialek moves to make Info Item F, Action Item G; Thronton seconds.

G. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association's Participation in United We Serve (M. Spialek)

a) Questions/Comments- none

b) Spialek moves to Info Item G, Action Item H; Yancey seconds.

H. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association's Participation in "Birds in the Burbs" (M. Spialek)

a) Questions/Comments- none

b) Spialek moves to make Info Item H, Action item I; Ruedig seconds.

I. Resolution Authorizing Funding for the Fall Retreat (J. Krug)

a) Finance and Allocation has already approved requested amount (\$2,250) of money, we just need final appropriation approved by the assembly.

b) Questions/Comments- none

c) Krug moves to make Info Item I, Action Item J; Thronton seconds.

J. Resolution Authorizing the SGA Co-Sponsorship of "Pig Out with the Prez" (M. Spialek)

a) UPB has requested \$1400, slight increase from last year. Finance and Allocation has approved this. Last year SGA gave a lesser amount last year, so we have an increase to match with other co-sponsors.

b) Spialek moves to make Info Item J, Action Item K; Yancey seconds.

K. Resolution Recognizing Delta Sigma Pi for Registered Student Organization of the Month for the Month of April (E. Fettner)

- a) Questions/Comments: none
- b) Fettner moves to make Info Item K, Action item L; Colaric seconds.

L. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of the First Campus Caucus (A. Hochhauser)

- a) Questions/Comments- none
- b) Hochhauser moves to make Info Item L, Action Item M; Ruedig seconds.

M. Resolution Establishing the Signature Program Ad-Hoc Committee (E. Fettner)

- a) Questions/Comments- none
- b) Fettner moves to make Info Item M, Action Item N; Thornton seconds.

N. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association's Participation in Festival ISU (M. Spialek)

- a) Questions/Comments: none
- b) Move to action item O- Spialek, Colaric

O. Apparel

- a) Krug increase visibility so we can have clothing to unify and show who we are asking 1500, FA approved Move to make O to action item P- Krug, Owens
- b) Questions/Comments- none

XI. Action Items

A. Cabinet Member appointments

- a) Liz Green- Secretary of Programming
- b) Questions-none
- c) Debate-

- d) Vote- unanimously approved.
- e) Oath of Office

B. Senator Appointments

- a) David Marquis- On-Campus
 - a) Questions/ Comments- none
 - b) Debate-
 - c) Vote- unanimously approved.
- b) Lauren Mackey- Underrepresented Senator
 - a) Questions/ Comments- none
 - b) Debate-
 - c) Vote- unanimously approved.
- c) Jonathan Rubashkin- Underrepresented Senator
 - a) Questions/Comments- none
 - b) Debate-
 - c) Vote- unanimously approved.
- d) Oath of Office for Senator Appointees

C. Cabinet Appointments

- a) Ryan Hall

2. Questions/Comments-

(a) BSU- You said that you didn't really know what diversity was in beginning. What is your definition of diversity now?

(b) Ryan-I believe that diversity is simply the differences within people. People look at skin colors and believe that is diversity, but it can be in background, history and experiences. If people can realize its less about skin color, people will care more. People on our campus should be more concerned with what diversity really is.

(c) BSU- Some minority groups on campus feel as if they are not represented. How are they going to be more represented if you are Secretary of Diversity?

(d) Ryan- I have talked with a lot of ex-officios and Bernetta, last year's Secretary of Diversity and they were also concerned about minority representation in SGA. There is a great deal of confusion about the roles in ex-officios play in SGA. Representation needs to start in SGA. If student leaders can work together, then rest of campus can see from example.

(e) BSU- How do you plan on helping increase the African American community retention rate at Illinois State?

(f) Ryan- I have not specifically thought about this issue, but it is something that I want to work on more and ask for help on how to improve it. I do not have a specific solution, I am willing to learn

- b) Debate-
- c) Vote-unanimously approved
- d) Oath of Office

3. Scott Preston Governmental Relations

- a) Questions- none
- b) Debate-
- c) Vote-unanimously approved
- d) Oath of Office

4. Sheree Brewer- Secretary of Public Relations

- a) Questions-Thronton- Do you have any ideas for Homecoming week?
 - a) Sheree- I have not come up with ideas specifically. I do know that school of Communications has a barbeque every homecoming and I can get some great ideas when the time comes.

b) Point of Clarification- Spialek- Homecoming is something that is worked on with Secretary of Programming, not Public Relations.

b) Debate

c) Vote- unanimously approved

d) Oath of office

e) Krug moves to have 5 min recess; Hochhauser seconds.

(a) Motion passed unanimously.

D. Chair Elections

a) Finance and Allocation- Zach Owens

(a) Address Assembly

(b) Questions- Marquis- You have talked about reforms, anything in particular?

(i) Owens- There are three things in particular, that being establishing a comprehensive list of fees to show administrators why we ask for money, working more closely with underrepresented senator to relay information to RSO's, and to reform schedule for program hearing funds so that RSO's have more time to file paper work

(c) Vote- unanimously approved.

b) Civic Engagement Erin Yancey

(a) Address Assembly

(b) Questions- BSU- How will you get rest of campus involved?

(i) Start with freshman to get them involved with engagement activities (American Democracy Project). Working with Comm. 110 classes to help educate students on civic engagement in the community.

(ii) BSU- Are you planning on working with the Leadership and Service office?

(iii) Yes, I would like to do something like bring it back to normal and work with students to do community relations and civic engagement

(c) Vote- unanimously approved.

c) Programs and Recognition- Brandon Thronton

(a) Address Assembly

(b) Questions- ALAS-How would you include the ex-officios to bring in more of a diverse crowd?

(i) Collaborating with ex-officios and Civic Engagement Committee would help bring in more of a different crowd to certain events we will host.

(c) Vote- unanimously approved.

d) Policies and Procedures- Larson

(a) Questions- ALAS- how do you plan on making it more transparent about the Bylaws and Budget for students-

(i) Perhaps working with our Facebook group to make that more prevalent to students. Using these tools will defiantly help students receive more information. Students are more able to use Facebook than our website to see what we are doing.

(b) Vote- unanimously approved.

E. Resolution Approving the Student Government Association FY 10 Operational Budget

a) Debate

1. Spialek- 2nd resolution, sets a strong tone for our administration for the year and it will be posted on our website and giving more money back to the students

- b) Hochhauser makes a friendly amendment.
- c) Spialek moves to approve; Hochhauser seconds.
- d) Vote- unanimously approved.

F. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association's Participation in the Fourth Annual Housing Fair

- a) Spialek- move to approve; Colaric seconds.
- b) Debate- none
- c) Vote- unanimously approved.

G. Resolution Recognizing the Association of Residence Halls as the 2009 NACURH "Large School of the Year" Award Recipients

- a) Spialek moves to approve; Senator Mackey seconds.
- b) Friendly Amendment- School of the Year not, Large School of the Year Lines 21 and 25, taking out word large.
- c) Debate- none
- d) Vote- unanimously approved.

H. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association's Participation in United We Serve

- a) Spialek moves to approve; Krug seconds.
- b) Debate- none
- c) Vote- unanimously approved.

I. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association's Participation in "Birds in the Burbs"

- a) Spialek move to approve; Colaric seconds
- b) Debate- Marquis, do we have to set aside funds for this is it going to be the same as last year? Spialek cost of the trip is \$600 and a resolution will be made when the time comes.
- c) Vote- unanimously approved.

- J. Resolution Authorizing Funding for the Fall Retreat
- a) Krug- friendly amendment change 2020 in line 9 to 2010
 - b) Krug moves to approve; Colaric seconds.
 - c) Debate-none
 - d) Vote- unanimously approved.
- K. Resolution Authorizing the SGA Co-Sponsorship of “Pig Out with the Prez”
- a) Spialek- matching our funding with other co-sponsors seems like the right way to go
 - b) Spialek moves to approve; Mackey seconds.
 - c) Debate- none
 - d) Vote- unanimously approved.
- L. Resolution Recognizing Delta Sigma Pi for Registered Student Organization of the Month for the Month of April
- a) Fettner moves to approve; Ruedig seconds.
 - b) Debate- none
 - c) Vote- unanimously approved.
- M. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of the First Campus Caucus
- a) Hochhauser moves to approve; Colaric seconds.
 - b) Debate-none
 - c) Vote- unanimously approved.
- N. Resolution Establishing the Signature Program Ad-Hoc Committee
- a) Fettner moves to approve; Yancey seconds.
 - b) Debate- none
 - c) Vote- unanimously approved.

O. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association's Participation in Festival ISU

- a) Spialek moves to approve; Colaric seconds.
- b) Debate-none
- c) Vote- unanimously approved.

P. Apparel

- a) Krug moves to approve; Owens seconds.
- b) Debate-none
- c) Vote- unanimously approved.

XII. Passing of the Gavel

XIII. Adjournment

- a) Hochhauser moves to adjourn; Monahan seconds.