

Student Government Association

General Assembly Meeting

January 12, 2011

7:32 pm-9:46 pm

Executive Members Present: Student Body President Marquis, Vice President Neely, Executive Director Martin, Secretary of Diversity Affairs Rossi, Secretary of Governmental Relations Anderson, Secretary of Information Technology Olson, Secretary of Programs Colaric, and Secretary of Sustainability Martin

Legislative Members Present: President of the Assembly Schlessler, Vice President of the Assembly Owens, Secretary of the Assembly Diaz, Senator Collins, Senator Farrell, Senator Ramirez, Senator Clayton, Senator Davis, Senator Gentile Senator McMahon, Senator Tomasino, Senator Tomlin, Senator Vacura, Senator Boldt, Senator Rubashkin, Senator Von Qualen, and Senator Olendzki

Also Present: Advisor Olshak, APAC, ALAS, ARH, BSU, Pride, and Student Trustee Palmer

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of the Minutes (from 12/1/10)

A. Senator Farrell moves to approve, President Marquis seconds

IV. Executive Officer Report

A. Student Body President (D. Marquis)

1. Report

- a. Offered his remarks on the caucus speaker's program "TRUE Redbird"
- b. Comments on the Rockwall Challenge against President Bowman on the opening day of the recreation center
- c. Did not break world record for the biggest game of tag; overall the opening of the new recreation center was a success)
 - i. Four way soccer will be held tomorrow; meet at 5:30
- d. Next week will be the first Tenant's Union meeting on Thursday the 20th in the Student Service Building, room 375
 - i. Printing flyers next week
 - ii. Mike Carnaham will be acting as president and will run the meeting until someone else takes over
 - iii. Will be changing the way the town of Normal does business
 - iv. Ensuring that property owners students are mutually benefiting and are treated well
- e. Next SGA meeting, will be having Vice President Layzell will come and talk to the assembly about the finalized version of the master plan

- i. Formally indorsing the master plan; resolution to come
 - ii. Will be putting the final draft of the master plan in my mail box; take a look at it so you know what you are voting on
 - f. Bill to introduce the yearly report
 - i. Opportunity to get information in before the end of the term
 - ii. Executive and Legislative officers will be making these
 - g. Winter Retreat remarks
 - i. Kudos to Director Martin for organizing it
 - ii. Hopefully gave us an opportunity to plan out goals for the year
 - iii. Cannot stress enough; nose to the ground stone! "We do not have a lot of time, but take time to make history"
 - h. STATE Your Art
 - i. Submission period is going on right now, encourage students to submit work! Opportunity to get stuff hung around the school
 - i. Five Open positions within SGA
 - i. Secretary of College Affordability, Secretary of Public Relations, On Campus Senator, and RSO Senator
 - ii. Start spreading the word
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. Student Body Vice President (L. Neely)
 - 1. 1. Report
 - a. ELP is ending
 - i. Might need interested people to come hear students in ELP come give their end of the year presentations
 - b. Office hours
 - i. More extra hours if anyone needs me
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Student Body Executive Director (L. Martin)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Passing of the Gavel
 - i. Max guest: 4
 - 2. Questions/comments segment

V. Assembly Officer Report

- A. President of the Assembly (D. Schlessler)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Seating chart for the Wednesdays meetings
 - i. On Campus Senators
 - ii. Ex Officios
 - iii. Officers of the Assembly

- iv. RSO senators
 - v. Academic senators
 - vi. All individually alphabetized
 - b. Submissions of resolutions and bills to the executive committee
 - i. It would improve communication when submitting resolutions/bills on Mondays if secretaries and senators could email them not just to the President of the Assembly but also to the rest of the Executive Committee
 - c. Midterm evaluation remarks
 - i. Programs and Recognitions committee will have an Ad-Hawk committee to review the committee's job description
 - ii. Senator McMahon, Senator Rubashkin, and Senator Von Qualen will be serving on the committee
 - d. Noticed there are a lot of internal changes within SGA
 - i. Should be more focused on constituents and make constituent contact
 - e. Refocus goals on what we are doing now, not of our "term ending"
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. Vice President of the Assembly (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Tomorrow there will canvassing hour for the "Sport Court event"
 - b. Modifications for canvassing
 - i. Bill to modify those will be brought up in the next meeting
 - f. Canvassing will begin on January 24th
 - g. Winterfest will also serve as a canvassing hour
 - h. Academic senate executive committee member needed to serve bi weekly meetings
 - i. Interested talk to Zach
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Secretary of the Assembly (N. Diaz)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Few housekeeping items
 - i. Turn in all amended bills and resolutions no later than Friday
 - ii. Reports are to be handed in by Friday
 - b. Attendance issues
 - i. Will be sending out the attendance spreadsheet sometime next week
 - ii. If anyone has any disagreements with what they see on the file, let me know
 - 2. Questions/comments segment

VI. Cabinet Report

- A. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (B. Rossi)

1. No Report
 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. Secretary of Governmental Relations (G. Anderson)
1. No Report
 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
1. Report
 - a. Photo updates
 - i. Christy Ramirez and Mark Olendzki still need to take a picture for the website
 - b. Test clickers
 2. Questions/comments segment
- D. Secretary of Programming (K. Colaric)
1. Report
 - a. Projects that are being worked on
 - i. Gamma Phi Circus
 - ii. Siblings Weekend
 - iii. SGA will pay \$5 per ticket for these events
 - b. Will be meeting with Dr. Steele of the music department to set up a Pack the House event for Symphonic Winds
 - c. Thank you to everyone who attended the opening event for the new student recreation building
 - d. Reminders
 - i. 4 Way Soccer is tomorrow (1/13/11)
 - Invite friends to the Facebook event
 2. Questions/comments segment
- E. Secretary of Public Relations (**VACANT**)
1. Report
 - a. New intern
 2. Questions/comment segment
 - a. Vacant secretarial position reports will be given by Director Martin
- F. Secretary of College Affordability (**VACANT**)
1. No report
 2. Questions/comments segment
- G. Secretary of Sustainability (R. Martin)
1. Report

- a. Working with Secretary Olson to get the sustainability survey online
 - b. Sustainability Committee
 - iv. Sustainability task force project
 - Train team to do audits
 - v. First meeting of the semester for the committee will be this Friday
 - vi. Working with different RSOs in order to initiate proposals
 - vii. Will be having a sustainability caucus
 - Were they want to see our efforts focused on
3. Questions/comments segment

VII. Advisor Report (R. Olshak)

A. Report

- 1. Executive Committee is working on comprehensive transitions for next year
- 2. Reminder of SGA election campaigning
 - a. Not allowed in SGA setting
- 3. Yields the floor to President Marquis
 - a. Marquis makes remarks on the midterm evaluations pertaining to the association as a whole
 - Office behavior: make sure to maintain professionalism

B. Questions/comments segments

VIII. Committee Chairperson Report

A. Civic Engagement (E. Collins)

- 1. Report
 - a. Deputy Registrar training sessions are being set up as we speak
 - b. Will be sending out cards to kids and people in hospitals
 - c. Sent out cards to the Appalachian Mountain kids
- 2. Questions/comments segment

B. Finance and Allocation (K. Farrell)

- 1. No Report
- 2. Questions/comments segment

C. Policies and Procedures (**VACANT**)

- 1. Report given by Senator Tomasino
 - a. Archives trip will be this Friday
 - b. Will be looking over the bylaws to make sure they are updated
- 2. Questions/comments segment

D. Programs and Recognition (A. Von Qualen)

- 1. Report

- a. Red Out event to be coming soon
- 2. Questions/comments segment

IX. Senator Coordinator Report

A. Off Campus Senators (A. Clayton)

- 1. Report
 - a. Constituent contact event to be coming this month
 - i. Giving out hot chocolate
- 2. Questions/comments segment

B. On Campus Senators (E. Collins)

- 1. Report
 - a. New meeting time to be established soon
 - b. Meeting with Ryan Wolber Friday at 4:00 in dining center (Watterson)
 - c. Posting easels in Residence Halls for CC feedback
 - d. Will be riding the elevators in residence halls
- 2. Questions/comments segment

C. Academic Senators (A. Von Qualen)

- 1. Report
 - a. Constituent contact will be occurring within the next couple weeks
- 2. Questions/comments segment

D. RSO Senator (E. Boldt)

- 1. Report
 - a. Has started working with the Campus Involvement Ambassadors
 - b. Have been putting hours at the SIC
- 2. Questions/comments segment

E. Graduate Senators (M. Olendzki)

- 1. No Report
- 2. Questions/comments segment

X. Ex-Officio Reports

A. ALAS

- 1. Report
 - a. Next Tuesday is the recruitment social at 7 in the Student Services Building room 375
 - i. Will be serving Mexican food
- 2. Questions/comments segment

B. APAC

1. Report
 - a. Vietnamese night on January 18th at 7pm in the Student Services Building room 314
 - b. Will be bowling on February 1st with the rest of the Ex Officios
 - c. Will be participating in the Winter Festival
 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. ARH
1. Open positions:2 Coordinators
 - a. elections on Jan 23rd
 2. First General Assembly meeting will be on January 23rd in the Escalante Room at 7pm
 - a. Will be using the Spotlight room in the Boone for the meetings in order to have in it in a more centralized location
 3. Will be meeting with the On Campus Senators to discuss caucuses
- D. BSU
1. Report
 - a. Sending some of the students to the Southwestern Black Leadership Conference
 2. Questions/comments segment
- E. Pride
1. Report
 - a. Approved for all funding of the “Big Gay Conference”
 2. Questions/comments segment
- F. Student Trustee (S. Palmer)
1. No Report
 2. Questions/comments segment

Schlesser moves to take a five minute break; Olendzki calls a point of order because there needs to be a vote from the assembly

Schlesser moves to take a five minute break, McMahon seconds. Assembly moves to a vote. Motion passes. (Resumes at 8:33)

XI. Information Items

- A. Election of Policies and Procedures Chairperson (D. Schlesser)
 1. Candidates: Mark Olendzki and Jon Rubashkin
 - a. Mark Olendzki gives speech and answers questions
 - b. Jon Rubashkin gives speech and answers questions
 2. Schlesser opens debate on Senator Olendzki first

- a. Point of order by Advisor Olshak: it must be an open discussion for both at the same time
 - 3. Open debate on both candidates
 - 4. Move to a vote by secret ballot
 - a. Senator Rubashkin is the new Chairperson

- B. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association to host “Diversity Week: Think Outside the box ...Look Inside the Person” (B. Rossi)
 - 1. Rossi introduces resolution
 - a. Event to happen before elections
 - b. No solid information on presentations but working on it
 - c. Focusing on intellectual differences; religious and political views
 - ii. No questions
 - 2. Rossi makes information item B, action item A. Farrell seconds

- C. Resolution Authorizing SGA’s Co Sponsorship of Pack the Arena; Red Out (A. Von Qualen)
 - 1. Von Qualen introduces resolution
 - a. Very big game, need a lot of school pride
 - b. Exchanging shirts and handing them out to people who are not wearing red
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Von Qualen moves to make information item C, action item B. Farrell seconds

- D. Resolution Authorizing SAG’s Participation in Winter Fest 2011 (K. Colaric)
 - 1. Colaric introduces resolution
 - a. Good constituent contact
 - b. Give them a sense of what SGA is all about
 - c. Everyone in the Association is required to go at least for an hour
 - 2. No questions
 - 3. Colaric moves to make information item D, action item C. Clayton seconds

- E. Resolution Authorizing SGA’s Participation in the Big Four Dodge Ball Tournament (K. Colaric)
 - 1. Colaric introduces resolution
 - a. Good collaboration event
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Colaric moves to make information item E, action item D. Clayton seconds

- F. Bill Approving the Student Elections Code (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Owens introduces Bill
 - a. Updated the language; there are no longer ticket systems
 - b. Entice more students to run for an SGA positions

- c. Added possibility the possibility of polling places
- 2. Questions segment
- 3. Will see this bill again in two weeks

Senator Rubashkin offer a point of information; there is a senator who wants to add a tentative information item G to the agenda

Senator Tomasino moves to make Resolution Authorizing SGA's "Rolling Out the Kindness" Book, to information item G. Marquis seconds

- G. Resolution Authorizing SGA's "Rolling Out the Kindness" Book (J. Tomasino)
 - 1. Tomasino introduces resolution
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Colaric moves to make information item G, action item E. Clayton seconds

XII. Action Items

- A. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association to host "Diversity Week: Think Outside the box ...Look Inside the Person" (B. Rossi)
 - 1. Rossi moves to approve, Farrell seconds
 - 2. Debate
 - a. BSU offers a friendly amendment to add themselves as sponsors
 - b. Pride offers a friendly amendment to add themselves as sponsors
 - c. APAC offers a friendly amendment to add themselves as sponsors
 - d. ALAS offers a friendly amendment to add themselves as sponsors
 - e. ARH offers a friendly amendment to add themselves as sponsors
 - i. Rossi accepts all friendly amendments
 - 3. Move to a vote
 - i. Passes: 16 yays, 1 nay, 0 abstentions

- C. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Co Sponsorship of Pack the Arena; Red Out (A. Von Qualen)
 - 1. Von Qualen moves to approve, Clayton seconds
 - 2. Debate
 - a. Senator Tomlin offers a friendly amendment to change one of the lines that say "Participate" to "Participation"
 - i. Von Qualen accepts
 - b. Senator Farrell offers a friendly amendment to Line 24: "purchase at \$5 per t-shirt:"needs to be clarified
 - c. President Marquis offers a friendly amendment: purchase 50 shirts for 250\$
 - i. Von Qualen accepts
 - 3. Move to a vote
 - a. Passes: 16 yays, 1 nay, 0 abstentions

- D. Resolution Authorizing SAG's Participation in Winter Fest 2011 (K. Colaric)
1. Colaric moves to approve, McMahon seconds
 2. Debate
 - a. Senator Olendzki offers a friendly amendment to change "It" to "in" witness
 - i. McMahon accepts
 3. Move to a vote
 - a. 17 yays, no nays or abstentions
- E. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Participation in the Big Four Dodge Ball Tournament (K. Colaric)
1. Colaric moves to approve, Collins seconds
 2. Debate
 - a. ARH offers a friendly amendment to add itself as a cosponsor
 - i. Colaric accepts
 - b. ARH offers a friendly amendment to change the name from "Big Four Dodge Ball Tournament" to just "Dodge Ball Tournament"
 - i. Colaric accepts
 3. Move to vote
 - a. Passes: 16 yays, 1 nay, 0 abstentions
- F. Resolution Authorizing SGA's "Rolling ' Out the Kindness" Book (J. Tomasino)
1. Tomasino moves to approve, Farrell seconds
 2. Debate
 - a. Senator Farrell offers a friendly amendment to Line 20: Should only make it so that we use less money to buy only 10 notebooks
 - i. Tomasino declines
 - b. Farrell makes it a hostile amendment, Olendzki seconds
 - i. Debate over hostile amendment
 - Mixed feelings over hostile amendment
 - Secretary Martin Calls the Question, there are no objections
 - Move to a vote:
 - i. Does not pass; Number of books purchases will be kept at 50: 4 yays, 11 nays, 1 abstention
 - c. Farrell offers a friendly amendment to only send out 10 notebooks at a time and keep the rest of them in the office
 - ii. Tomasino declines
 - d. Farrell makes it a hostile amendment; Boldt seconds
 - i. Debate over hostile amendment
 - Olendzki moves the previous question
 - Vote to keep language as is: 5 yays, 12 nays, 0 abstentions

- e. Olendzki moves to end debate
- 4. Move to a vote
 - a. 15 yays, 2 nays, 1 abstention

XIII. Passing of the Gavel

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Owens moves to adjourn, McMahon seconds