

Student Government Association

General Assembly Meeting

January 26, 2011

7:30pm-9:07pm

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

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

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

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**

President Marquis moves to suspend the regular order of business in order to yield the floor to the Vice President of University Finance and Planning Dan Layzell. Senator Farrell seconds, there are no objections.

- III. Master Plan Endorsement (D. Layzell)**
 - A. Added corrections to the recommendations that had been in the initial draft:
 1. Incorporate current thinking
 - B. Emphasized the first stage of the master plan; must get formal endorsement and then it will be implemented. It will take 20 years to carry out all of these recommendations
 - C. Layzell yields and opens the floor to questions

President Marquis moves to bring the Resolution Authorizing SGA's Endorsement of the Illinois State University Master Plan to the floor at this time. Senator Farrell seconds; there are no objections.

President of the Assembly Schlessner recommends making this resolution information item J. Marquis makes the motion, and Secretary Colaric seconds. There are no objections; there is now an information item J.

- IV. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Endorsement of the Illinois State University Master Plan (D. Marquis) –Information Item: J**
 - A. Marquis moves to make information item J, action item B; Boldt seconds
 - B. Marquis moves to approve, Farrell seconds. There are no objections
 - C. No debate

- D. Move to a vote
 - 1. Farrell calls for consent; there are no objections
 - 2. **Passes: unanimous consent**

V. Approval of the Minutes (from 01/12/11)

- A. Tomlin moves to approve; Farrell seconds
 - 1. Corrections/Comments
 - a. Would like to see a more descriptive debate – Senator Rubashkin
 - b. A few spelling errors – Senator McMahon
 - 2. Minutes were unanimously approved; minutes have been established

VI. Executive Officer Report

- A. Student Body President (D. Marquis)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Thank you for allowing Dr. Layzell to speak with us and gain our endorsement of the Master Plan this evening. Lending our name to this document might seem like repetition; however it gives credibility to our organization.
 - b. STATE your Art is still accepting applicants. If you or anyone you know is artistically inclined please have them send a PDF version of their artwork to Alex Trimble. The deadline for applicants is February 2nd.
 - c. The Tenants Union will be meeting on Thursday January 27th at 5:30 in SSB 376. Please come to this meeting, all of you have an important stake in the future of this organization.
 - d. We will be filling positions at our next assembly meet (February 9th), and I will be looking at applicants this coming week. If you know someone who is interested please have them apply by Monday, January 31st.
 - e. A lot of good press since our last meeting, with three articles in the Vidette. One on the Tenants Union, one on the Clicker Lending Program, and one on the Sustainability Committee.
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. Student Body Vice President (L. Neely)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Have gotten a couple of emails concerning the Student Elections Committee
 - i. If you are interested in serving on this committee, send why you are interested and why you think you would be a good candidate
 - ii. Email this information in to me soon
 - 2. Questions/comments segment

C. Student Body Executive Director (L. Martin)

1. Report
 - a. Passing of the Gavel
 - i. Send guest numbers
 - b. Member of the Month for the month of November: Jon Rubashkin
 - i. Establishing Historian/Archivist role
 - ii. Showing initiative and demonstrating great leadership
2. Questions/comments segment

VII. Assembly Officer Report

A. President of the Assembly (D. Schlessler)

1. Report
 - a. I want to thank the guest speaker for coming, I wish to have had the chance to incorporate that new minor into my degree
 - b. Outlook account email may not be working effectively;
 - i. Farrell clarifies that it is now working correctly.
 - c. I apologize to Senator Tomlin for his resolution on double sided printing not being on the agenda, it will be on it in two weeks
 - d. Do not move nametags during academic senate meetings nor before SGA meetings
 - e. To Secretary Olson: Can you change my name on the website to just say "Douglas" instead of "Douglass"
 - f. Card Swipe issues
 - g. Programs and Recognition Exploratory committee remarks
2. Questions/comments segment

B. Vice President of the Assembly (Z. Owens)

1. Report
 - a. Constituent Contact email will be going out soon
 - b. Office on the Quad
 - i. If none of the hours work for you then come and talk to me very soon
 - ii. Passed around is the signup sheet: the location and theme for the day is listed.
 - iii. Sign up only on the lines provided
2. Questions/comments segment

C. Secretary of the Assembly (N. Diaz)

1. Report
 - a. Whoever is in charge of an event, please email or give me the hard copy of the sign in sheet (attendance) for my records
2. Questions/comments segment

VIII. Cabinet Report

- A. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (B. Rossi)
 1. No Report
 2. Questions/comments segment

- B. Secretary of Governmental Relations (G. Anderson)
 1. Report
 - a. Discount Card
 - i. Funds approved by Exec
 - ii. Almost 300 businesses have been contacted to participate
 - b. IBHE (Illinois Board of Higher Education)
 - i. Website is ilillinois.org
 - ii. Discussion of getting away from frozen tuition
 - Give University more flexibility
 - Don't hear complaints about tuition from everyone at once with frozen tuition
 2. Questions/comments segment

- C. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
 1. Report
 - a. Clicker test is in two parts at the request of Senator Boldt
 2. Questions/comments segment

- D. Secretary of Programming (K. Colaric)
 1. No Report
 2. Questions/comments segment

- E. Secretary of Public Relations
 1. No Report from Director Martin
 2. Questions/comment segment

- F. Secretary of College Affordability
 1. No Report from Director Martin
 2. Questions/comments segment

- G. Secretary of Sustainability (R. Martin)
 1. Report
 - a. Set up the Campus Sustainability Caucus and have invited everyone to attend
 - i. Discuss types of projects people want to see around campus
 - ii. Will be on February 7th from 6 pm to 7pm and might go longer. It will be held in the Old Main Room; refreshments will be served
 2. Questions/comments segment

IX. Advisor Report (R. Olshak)

- A. No Report
- B. Questions/comments segments

X. Committee Chairperson Report

- A. Civic Engagement (E. Collins)
 - 1. No Report
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. Finance and Allocation (K. Farrell)
 - 1. No Report
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Policies and Procedures (J. Rubashkin)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Discussed the elections code bill that is coming up tonight
 - b. Short history report:
 - i. Will be going to the archives on Fridays at 1 for two hours for the rest of the semester
 - ii. Last Friday I went with the intern, Jay, and emailed historical minutes out to everyone
 - iii. If you would like to come on a trip, just send email!
 - c. Took a look at the bylaws; looking to insert revisions; I encourage everyone to read and offer ideas or concerns
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- D. Programs and Recognition (A. Von Qualen)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Superlatives/mock awards for End of Year Party
 - b. Talk to Director Martin about End of the Year Social at Medici's
 - c. Will be assembling a Relay for Life team with Civic Engagement
 - d. Study Night @ the Office once a week/month
 - e. Casual Pot Luck in the office
 - i. Invite ELPs and Ex-Officios
 - 2. Questions/comments segment

XI. Senator Coordinator Report

- A. Off Campus Senators (A. Clayton)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Event
 - i. Gave out hot chocolate; people gave comments
 - ii. February constituent contact is currently in the works

2. Questions/comments segment
- B. On Campus Senators (E. Collins)
1. Report
 - a. Easels are going to be set up for constituent contact in residence halls
 - b. Will be using gum to give to students while we are doing the elevator rides
 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Academic Senators (A. Von Qualen)
1. No Report
 2. Questions/comments segment
- D. RSO Senator (E. Boldt)
1. No Report
 2. Questions/comments segment
- E. Graduate Senators (M. Olendzki)
1. Report
 - a. Have contacted Graduate led RSO's ; see if they have any concerns
 - b. I volunteer at a soup kitchen who are in need of plastic bags; if you have any please donate them to me
 2. Questions/comments segment

XII. Ex-Officio Reports

- A. ALAS (A. Aguilar)
1. Report
 - a. Participating in Ex-Officio bowling on Tuesday February 1st at 7pm in the Bowling and Billiards Building
 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. APAC (N. Naolhu)
1. Report
 - a. Winterfest was not a huge success; not a lot of people went
 - b. Express issues with the RSO website
 - c. Will be bowling with ALAS next week
 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. ARH (R. Wolber)
1. Next blood drive will take place on February 17th from 1pm to 7pm
 2. Watterson will be hosting an "around the word" theme for faculty and staff to come and get samples of the delicious food at the dinning center
 3. Have appointed a coordinator, but we are still looking a Programming Chair

- D. BSU (W. Mittons)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Remarks on the leadership conference that was taken last week
 - b. Working with the Diversity Committee to bring about Diversity Week in March
 - c. Will be working with the ARH's Sustainability Liaison on Sustainability issues
 - d. Will be attending the Ex Officio Bowling
 - 2. Questions/comments segment

- E. Pride (V. Salaka)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Will also be attending Ex-Officio Bowling
 - b. Not a lot of things are set in stone at this time, in the coming weeks there will be more events announced
 - 2. Questions/comments segment

- F. Student Trustee (S. Palmer)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Founders day is on the February 17th
 - b. Next month there will be a Trustee meeting
 - 2. Questions/comments segment

XIII. Information Items

- A. Resolution Authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of the Diversity Advocacy's Safe Zone Orientation (B. Rossi)
 - 1. Rossi introduces resolution and explains it
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Rossi moves information item A, action item C, Farrell seconds; there are no objections

- B. Resolution Sponsoring a Deputy Registrar Training Course on Campus (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Owens introduces resolution and explains it
 - a. Successful last year, so it will be implemented again
 - b. Good to get constituents civically involved
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Owens moves information item B, action item D. Farrell seconds; there are no objections

- C. Resolution Adding the Smoking Referendum to the Ballot (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Owens introduces resolution and gives background on the issue
 - a. Past senators had felt like this was an important issue but it died out sooner than expected

- b. As of late, there has been 3 students who have expressed concern on the issue of smoking in public places
 - c. So, it is my belief that this issue should be a question on the 2011-2012 Student Elections ballot that can be voted on by the general university population
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Owens moves to make information item C, action item E. Farrell seconds; there are no objections

- D. Bill authorizing SGA Executive Committee to become the Official Appeals Board for Fee Board (K. Farrell)
 - 1. Farrell introduces bill and gives an brief explanation of it
 - a. Advisor Olshak is in charge of the appeals process and would help out the Executive Committee with any questions
 - b. Serve as the official appeals board for the student fee board
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Will see this bill again in two weeks

- E. Bill for the RSO Senator Committee Assignment (K. Farrell)
 - 1. Farrell introduces bill and gives brief explanation of it
 - a. Would give RSO senators the best insight at the process and would be able to best assist RSOs in applying for the find if sitting on the board
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Will vote on bill in two weeks

- F. Bill to Repeal Spectator Newsletter (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Owens yields the floor to senator Boldt
 - c. Senators now have the opportunity to use the Dean of Student e-letter that is directly sent to RSOs
 - d. Has not been published for three consecutive associations
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Will vote on bill in two weeks

- G. Bill to Amend Canvassing the Campus Program (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Owens introduces bill and gives brief explanation of it
 - a. Requires only 4 hours of canvassing not 6
 - b. Office on the Quad will be the primary program that members shall utilize to meet requirements
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Will vote on bill in two weeks

- H. Bill to Authorize Student Government Association's Participation in Office on the Quad Program (D. Marquis)
 - 1. Marquis introduces bill and briefly explains it
 - e. Solidifying Office on the Quad program for the future associations to fully utilize
 - f. Need to set up two hours blocks every week
 - 2. Questions segment

3. Will vote on bill in two weeks
- I. Bill Authorizing the Student Government Association's Yearly Report (D. Marquis)
 1. Marquis introduces bill and briefly explains it
 - b. Every coordinator, committee chairman, secretary, and executive committee member is going to give a report:
 - i. Specifically contacts, projects done over the semester, what has been learned, what conflicts they faced, ect.
 - c. Gives a better understanding to future associations
 2. Questions segment
 3. Will vote on bill in two weeks
 - J. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Endorsement of the Illinois State University Maters Plan (D. Marquis) **–ALREADY DEBATED ON AND PASSED**

Secretary Anderson moves to make an ambiguous resolution to information item J; Colaric seconds. There is major opposition among the assembly. The motion does not pass.

XIV. Action Items

- A. Bill Approving the Student Elections Code (Z. Owens)
 1. Owens re introduces bill
 - a. Moves to approve; Collins seconds
 2. Debate
 - a. Boldt calls for consent; Rubashkin objects
 3. Move to a clicker vote
 - a. Passes: 15 yays, 2 nays, 0 abstentions
- B. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Endorsement of the Illinois State University Master Plan (D. Marquis) **-PASSED**
- C. Resolution Authorizing the Co-Sponsorship of the Diversity Advocacy's Safe Zone Orientation (B. Rossi)
 1. Rossi makes final comments on the resolution
 - a. SGA is not giving funding; we are just co sponsoring
 - b. Moves to approve; Colaric Seconds
 2. Debate
 3. Move to a vote
 - a. Passes: 17 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions
- D. Resolution Sponsoring a Deputy Registrar Training Course on Campus (Z. Owens)
 1. Owens makes minor changes to the language of the resolution
 - a. Owens moves to approve, Collins seconds
 2. No debate
 3. Moves to a vote

a. Passes: 17 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

E. Resolution Adding the Smoking Referendum to the Ballot (Z. Owens)

1. Moves to approve; McMahan seconds

2. Debate

a. Rubashkin: not enough details, should have details first before putting it up for vote; too general

b. Olendzki: not in support; there are enough smokers bans restricting smokers as it is

c. McMahan: will definitely be voting yes; students need a chance to voice opinions

d. Boldt: was a bit skeptical at first, but have come to realize that this is an important task to give students; they need the right to vote on such matters

e. Olshak provides some historical context at this point

i. Referendums have typically been used as a means to get conversations started about specific tentative issues. They were not meant to produce a product. Zach wants a sampling of student opinion to start such a conversation. The recreation center was once nothing but a conversation. Conversations can lead to actions; actions to product.

ii. Owens accepts

f. Tomlin is in favor; this is a conversation worth having

g. ARH: good risk to take

h. Secretary Diaz call the question; there are no objections

3. Move to a vote

a. Passes: 15 yays, 2 nays, 0 abstentions

XV. Passing of the Gavel

XVI. Adjournment

A. Farrell moves to adjourn; Boldt seconds