

Student Government Association

General Assembly Minutes

November 3rd, 2010

7:37PM- 9:48PM

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

Legislative Members Present: President of the Assembly Schlessor, Vice President of the Assembly Owens, Secretary of the Assembly Diaz, Senator Barham, Senator Collins, Senator Farrell, Senator Clayton, Senator Davis, Senator Gentile, Senator McMahon, Senator Tomlin, Senator Boldt, Senator Knobloch, Senator Rubashkin, Senator Von Qualen, and Senator Olendzki (Senator Vacura is appointed later in the meeting)

Also Present: Advisor Olshak

Ex Officios Present: ALAS, ARH, APAC, BSU, and Pride

Not Present: Senator Mason, Senator Ramirez, and Student Trustee Palmer

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes From 10-20-10

- A. Senator Farrell moves to approve, Senator Knobloch seconds

IV. Executive Officer Reports

A. Student Body President Marquis (D. Marquis)

- 1. Report
- 2. Questions/comments segment (none)

B. Student Body Vice President (L. Neely)

- 1. Report
 - a. ELP
 - i. ELP Party will be this Friday at 7:30 p.m. (more details to come)
 - b. Meeting with all of Ex officio's presidents
 - i. Ex Officios will be receiving an email in order to schedule a time to meet
- 2. Questions/comments segment

C. Student Body Executive Director (L. Martin)

- 1. Report
 - a. Safety Whistles

- i. Ordered whistles
 - ii. Considering idea of putting SGA logo stickers on whistles
 - b. Working on getting a large calendar to put on one of the walls in the office
 - c. Shelves for storage closet
 - d. Winter Retreat planning has started
 - e. Time Cards
 - iii. Please fill out exact date and times
 - f. Overall budget has been updated
- 2. Questions/comments segment

V. Assembly Officer Report

A. President of the Assembly (D. Schlessler)

- 1. Report
 - a. Met with committee chairs last week
 - i. Discussed communication
 - ii. Will meet monthly
 - b. Will be meeting with:
 - i. Coordinators
 - ii. Corresponding senator group
 - c. Be courteous to ELP students who are in the office
- 2. Questions/comments segment

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

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

C. Secretary of the Assembly (N. Diaz)

- 1. Report
 - a. Reminder of attendance signups for events
 - i. Coordinators of events are responsible for taking attendance at constituent contact events
- 2. Questions/comments segment

VI. Cabinet Member Reports

A. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (B. Rossi)

- 1. Report
 - a. Diversity Committee has had its first meeting last Thursday
 - b. Poverty Simulation project
 - i. Working on final details
 - ii. Resolution for it today
 - c. World Aids Day
 - d. Remarks on Diversity Survey
 - e. Diversity Week
 - i. Bring diversity ideas to committee!
- 2. Questions/comments segment

- B. Secretary of Governmental Relations (G. Anderson)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Normal Human Relations Commission
 - i. Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Luncheon
 - January 15th, 2011 from 1-3 p.m.
 - Tickets \$20
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Running analysis on the campus living survey
 - i. Over all turnout was good, more than expected
 - ii. will be sending out email
 - b. Pictures for the website will be taken after tonight's meeting for those who do not have one on the website
 - c. Clicker test
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- D. Secretary of Programming (K. Colaric)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Holiday Helper-Unity Center
 - i. Collaborating with UPB
 - ii. Will be on Saturday December 11th, from 12 to 3:30 p.m. in the Unity Community Center
 - iii. Need a total of 12 people
 - iv. Counts for SGA hours and attendance make up
 - b. Program and Recognition Committee project
 - i. Pack the Arena Event
 - c. Event for new Recreation Building
 - i. Working with UPB, SAC, and ARH
 - ii. Meeting with Valerie Curtis of Campus Recreation this Friday at 3 p.m.
 - d. Gamma Phi Circus
 - i. Working to co-sponsor their sibling weekend event
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- E. Secretary of Public Relations (S. Robles)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Working on the bulletin board outside the office
 - b. Issue with Tumblr
 - c. Suggest SGA Facebook group to friends
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- F. Secretary of College Affordability (B. Morris)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Discount Card

- Alumni Relations has stolen back efforts to help with discount card
- Working to overcome this obstacle
- Marquis wants to still work with Alumni relations; will be taking over sorting out those issues

2. Questions/comments segment

G. Secretary of Sustainability (R. Martin)

1. Report

a. Sustainability Committee

i. Resolution coming up tonight to participate in the Wellness Fair

ii. Water conservation program

- Bottles have been ordered

iii. Sustainability Surveys

- Good feedback

2. Questions/comments segment

VII. Advisor Report (R. Olshak)

A. Report

1. SGA Midterm One on Ones

a. Will take place November 29th through December 3rd

b. Fill out midterm survey before Thanksgiving Break!

c. Everyone must (except Executive Committee members) make an appointment to meet that specific week

B. Questions/comments segment

VIII. Committee Chairperson Reports

A. Civic Engagement (E. Collins)

1. Report

a. Election Night Live! Remarks

i. 300 students attended

ii. All food/drinks/prizes were used

iii. SGA's attendance was outstanding

b. Future projects

i. Community Service projects

2. Questions/comments segment

B. Finance and Allocation (K. Farrell)

1. No Report

2. Questions/comments segment

C. Policies and Procedures (J. Barham)

1. Report

a. Historian election next week

b. There has been discussion on the role of the historian within committee and SGA as a whole

2. Questions/comments segment (none)

D. Programs and Recognition (A. Von Qualen)

1. No Report
2. Question/comments segment

IX. Senator Coordinator Reports

A. Off Campus Senators (A. Clayton)

1. Report
 - a. 3 Point Shoot Out remarks
2. Questions/comments segment

B. On Campus Senators (E. Collins)

1. No Report
2. Questions/comments segment

C. Academic Senators (A. Von Qualen)

1. Report
 - a. Waiting on the College of Fine Arts Council to send back response concerning the legislation that allows Academic senators to sit in respective college councils
 - b. Once received, will be sending legislation back to Academic Senate Exec for further revision
2. Questions/comments segment

D. RSO Senators (H. Knobloch)

1. Report
 - a. Campus Safety committee
 - i. Working on getting it solidified
 - ii. No involvement with self defense classes at Southside Campus
 - b. Constituent contact
 - i. Planning possible events
2. Questions/comments segment

E. Graduate Senators (T. Mason) (Absent)

Senator Collins moves to suspend usual order of business to call for an executive business session in order to discuss personnel issue at 8:16 p.m; Owens seconds. There are no objections.

(Personnel Matter)

Senator Knobloch moves to return to regular order of business; Senator Rubashkin seconds at 8:21 p.m. There are objections.

X. Ex Officio Reports

A. ALAS (A. Aguilar)

1. Report
 - a. Yesterday hosted "El Dia de Los Muertos"
 - i. Highlighted the importance of this holiday in the Hispanic culture
 - b. Free hot chocolate on November 11th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the Quad
 2. Questions/comments segment (none)
- B. APAC (N. Naolhu)
1. Report
 - a. General remarks on the Breaking the Seal event
 - b. Will be showing the movie "Crash" on November 9th at 6 p.m. in the Student Services building, room 314
 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. ARH (R. Wolber)
1. Report
 - a. General remarks on the Breaking the Seal event
 - b. Completed the room and board fee review
 - i. Increases in student fees will either be
 - 2.5%
 - 3%
 - Either way, they will be increasing
 - c. Thanksgiving meals will be on November 17th in all the dining centers
 - d. Civic Engagement project for ARH
 - i. Adopt a Highway
 - e. ARH budget is now online and is updated weekly
 - f. Blood Drive
 - i. November 9th in the Rosa Parks room (Watterson)
 2. Questions/comments segment
- D. BSU (W. Mittons)
1. Report
 - a. Speed Dating event
 - i. Thursday November 18th
 2. Questions/comments segment (none)
- E. Pride (V. Salaka)
1. Report
 - a. General remarks on the Halloween Dance last Wednesday
 - b. Next Friday:
 - i. Coyote Grace will be coming at 7pm in the Prairie Room
 2. Questions/comments segment
- F. Student Trustee (S. Palmer) (Not present)

Secretary Rossi moves to make resolution Authorizing SGA's Co-Sponsorship of the Poverty Simulation to information item F. Farrell seconds; there are no objections

XI. Information Items

- A. Approval of Off Campus Senator Candidate T. Vacura (D. Marquis)
 - 1. Marquis introduces Tim Vacura
 - a. Candidate introduces himself
 - b. Questions segment
 - c. Candidate steps out of the room
 - 2. Marquis moves to approve, Senator Von Qualen seconds
 - 3. Debate
 - a. General good feelings about candidate
 - b. Senator Barham calls the question, there are no objections
 - 4. Move to vote-
 - a. Timothy Vacura: **APPROVED**

- B. Resolution Adjusting the Budget for Passing of the Gavel (M. Olendzki)
 - 1. Senator Olendzki introduces resolution
 - a. Adjust budget to \$2,500 instead of the allotted \$5,000 to the event
 - b. Save student fee dollars
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Olendzki moves to make information item B, action item A. Farrell seconds; there are no objections

- C. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Participation in the Annual Health and Wellness Fair (R. Martin)
 - 1. Secretary Martin introduces resolution
 - a. Bring in 20 bottles to be recycled, in exchange for an SGA water bottle
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Martin moves to make information item C, action item B. Tomlin seconds; there are no objections

- D. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of a Pilot Clicker Rental Program for Spring 2011 (B. Morris)
 - 1. Secretary Morris introduces resolution
 - a. Fulfills College Affordability Pillar
 - b. More helpful than calculators
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Morris moves to make information item D, action item C. Senator Clayton seconds; there are no objections

- E. Resolution Creating the "Bone to Pick" Constituent Contact Program (E. Boldt)
 - 1. Withdraw resolution: bill will be coming up later

- F. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Co-Sponsorship of the Poverty Simulation (Moved from the floor)
 - 1. Secretary Rossi introduces resolution
 - a. Empowering simulation; day in the life a low income person
 - b. Attendance is not required
 - 2. Questions segment

3. Rossi moves to make information item F, action item D. Farrell seconds; there are no objections

XII. Action Items

- A. Resolution Adjusting the Funding for Passing of the Gavel (M. Olendzki)
 1. Olendzki makes last remarks
 - a. Responsible decision from our part to take away some of the frills from SGA
 - b. we are here for constituents, not ourselves
 2. Olendzki moves to approve action item A. Farrell seconds; there are no objections
 3. Debate on resolution
 - a. Very split opinions within the general assembly
 - b. Secretary Diaz calls the question; Farrell objects. Assembly stays in debate
 - c. Secretary Anderson moves the question; Secretary Colaric seconds
 - i. Vote to stay or not stay in debate
 - ii. Vote does not pass; Assembly stays in debate
 - d. Owens moves the previous questions; Olendzki seconds
 - i. Vote to stay or not stay in debate
 - ii. Assembly moves out of debate
 - e. Olendzki calls for a Roll Call vote
 - i. Debate to have roll call vote or not
 - ii. Marquis calls the question; there are no objections
 - ii. Clicker vote to have or not have a roll call vote
 - i. No roll call vote, vote with clickers
 4. Move to a vote (with clickers)-
 - a. **DOES NOT PASS: 8 yays, 9 nays, 0 abstentions**
- B. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Participation in the Annual Health and Wellness Fair (R. Martin)
 1. Martin makes lasts remarks
 - a. Adds two sponsors: Rubashkin and Morris
 - b. Amendment to line 32: All that is needed is a table skirt, that can replace "tent"
 2. Martin moves to approve, Senator McMahon seconds
 3. No debate on resolution
 4. Move to a vote
 - a. **PASSES: Unanimously(17/17)**
- C. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of a Pilot Clicker Rental Program for Spring 2011 (B. Morris)
 1. Morris makes last remarks
 - a. If this is successful, then a bill will be forwarded in the spring to make this lending permanent
 2. Morris moves to approve, Senator Collins seconds
 3. No debate on resolution
 4. Move to a vote-
 - a. **PASSES: 16 yays, 1 nay, 0 abstentions**

- D. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Co-Sponsorship of the Poverty Simulation (Moved from the floor)
 - 1. Rossi makes last remarks
 - 2. Rossi moves to approve, Colaric seconds
 - 3. No debate on resolution
 - 4. Move to a vote
 - a. **PASSES: Unanimously (17/17)**

XIII. Passing of the Gavel

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Farrell moves to adjourn, Owens seconds