

Student Government Association

General Assembly Meeting

December 1st, 2010

7:37pm- 9:30pm

Executive Members Present: Student Body President Marquis, Vice President Neely, Executive Director Martin, Secretary of College Affordability Morris, Secretary Diversity Affairs Rossi, Secretary of Governmental Relations Anderson, Secretary of Information Technology Olson, Secretary of Public Relations Robles, 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 Barham, Senator Collins, Senator Farrell, Senator Ramirez, Senator Clayton, Senator Davis, Senator Gentile, Senator Tomasino, Senator Tomlin, Senator McMahon, Senator Vacura, Senator Boldt, Senator Rubashkin, Senator Von Qualen, and Senator Mason

Also Present: Advisor Olshak

Not Present: Secretary Colaric (and Senator Olendzki)

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of the Minutes (from 11/17/10)

- A. Mason moves to approve, Senator Farrell seconds; there are no objections

IV. Executive Officer Report

A. Student Body President (D. Marquis)

1. Report
2. Questions/comments segment

B. Student Body Vice President (L. Neely)

1. Report
 - a. Spoke to director of Health and Wellness
 - i. Help with the efforts to make students more proactive
 - ii. Combine our initiatives with theirs, if you have anything you would like to address, let VP Neely know
1. Questions/comments segment

C. Student Body Executive Director (L. Martin)

1. Report
 - a. Reimbursement issues

- i. If you purchase anything SGA related, bring them directly to Executive Director Martin
2. Questions/comments segment

V. Assembly Officer Report

- A. President of the Assembly (D. Schlessler)
 1. Report
 - a. Keep working for your constituents
 - b. Apologies for the mess of the Agenda this week
 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. Vice President of the Assembly (Z. Owens)
 1. Report
 - a. Canvassing in the College of Business
 - b. Last canvassing will be next week: location to be determined
 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Secretary of the Assembly (N. Diaz)
 1. Report
 - a. Reminder to be on time after mid meeting recess
 - b. Sent out attendance excel file to everyone
 2. Questions/comments segment

VI. Cabinet Report

- A. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (B. Rossi)
 1. Report
 - a. Poverty Simulation remarks
 - b. HIV testing was a success
 - i. Will be leaving detailed instructions for the next Secretary of Diversity Affairs
 - ii. Ex officios were very helpful
 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. Secretary of Governmental Relations (G. Anderson)
 1. Report
 - a. IBHE-SAC Meeting December 4th and 5th
 - i. Questions or concerns please see Anderson
 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
 1. Report
 2. Questions/comments segment

- D. Secretary of Programming (K. Colaric)
 - 1. Report is given by President Marquis
 - a. Recreation Center resolution will introduced by Marquis
 - 2. Questions/comments segment

- E. Secretary of Public Relations (S. Robles)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Have been working with Heather and Mary on the newsletter
 - b. Resignation
 - i. Effective January 2nd , will be resigning from the position of Secretary of Public Relations
 - 2. Questions/comment segment

- F. Secretary of College Affordability (B. Morris)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Bought new clickers for the new clicker lending program
 - b. Senators and Secretaries:
 - i. Donate old clickers, make constituents aware of that
 - c. Discount Card
 - i. Will be contacting businesses soon to get them on board with the project
 - 2. Questions/comments segment

- G. Secretary of Sustainability (R. Martin)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Water bottle program
 - ii. Encourage everyone to participate!
 - b. Committee
 - iii. Website for the sustainability committee is underway
 - iv. Three faculty members attending last meeting
 - v. Willing to work with SGA in any efforts were sustainability is concerned
 - 2. Questions/comments segment

VII. Advisor Report (R. Olshak)

- A. Report
 - 1. Midterm One on Ones
 - a. Have started
 - 2. Bylaws were sent back for reviews, will be holding final revisions Friday
- B. Questions/comments segments

VIII. 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. Barham)
1. Report
 - a. When updating bills on the website:
 - i. Be sure to include the sections that were changed, this meaning the actual language in the bylaw
 - b. Historian/Archivist consensus of the Assembly
 - c. Have discovered a position as secretary in the bylaws to serve in this committee
 - i. Have appointed Kara Davis
 2. Questions/comments segment

Senator Rubashkin calls for a sense of the senate establishing himself as Historian for SGA; there are no objections.

- D. Programs and Recognition (A. Von Qualen)
1. Yields the floor to Senator McMahon
 - a. "Meet me at the Club" event is a hit!
 - i. Reached the 1000 Facebook member mark
 - ii. Asking for volunteers and will be holding a meeting next week for these volunteers
 2. Questions/comments segment

IX. Senator Coordinator Report

- A. Off Campus Senators (A. Clayton)
1. No Report
 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. On Campus Senators (E. Collins)
1. No Report
 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Academic Senators (A. Von Qualen)
1. No Report
 2. Questions/comments segment
- D. RSO Senator (H. Knobloch)

1. No Report
2. Questions/comments segment

E. Graduate Senators (T. Mason)

1. No Report
2. Questions/comments segment

X. Ex-Officio Reports

A. ALAS

1. No Report
2. Questions/comments segment

B. APAC

1. Report
 - a. Gives thanks for a terrific semester
2. Questions/comments segment

C. ARH

1. Report
 - a. 2 positions have opened up for anyone who is interested in applying; spread the word!
2. Questions/comments segment

D. BSU

1. Report
 - a. Speed dating event was a success
2. Questions/comments segment

E. Pride

1. Report
 - a. Reviewed all applications for the "Big Gay conference"
 - i. Waiting on funding for this trip
2. Questions/comments segment

F. Student Trustee

1. Report
 - a. Trustee Retreat was a success
2. Questions/comments segment

XI. Special Report

A. Historian/Archivist (J. Rubashkin)

1. At the start of the fall semester of 2010 the idea for creating the position of Historian/Archivist was formulated.
 - a. The reasoning behind this was to facilitate the research and understanding of decades of Student Government and their accomplishments.
 - b. It is hoped that this information once properly attained and cataloged can be put to good use for The Student Government Association and the Student Body at large.
2. Our first trip to the Archives was largely a preliminary investigation of possible materials. Though our original goals for this first visit were simple we were able to find a plethora of information on Student Government Association history from the previous 15 years.
 - a. A resolution suggesting the old meal plan be maintained and that the new version not be adopted
 - b. A constitution from 2000 that includes payment to be rendered to the president of the Student Government not in dollars but in student fees and tuition (though it should be noted at the time student fees and tuition were far lower so the overall pay of the president has likely not changed dramatically)
 - c. Ex-Officio groups such as NASA and the Graduate Students Association were a part of the Student Government Assembly
 - d. SGA internal surveys (This may be a good idea to revive as they were quite useful in ascertaining the vital knowledge and beliefs of Assembly Members)
3. On our second trip to the archives I was accompanied by both Secretary of Public Relations Robles and Senator Farrell.
 - a. A catalog of all SGA meetings from 1937-1944 was recovered and available for our viewing. This 400 page Tome will serve greatly in our endeavor to understand the mission of previous Student Governments, in this case Student Council, and their evolutions as well as their achievements.
 - b. This visit to the archives was a large morale boost as it was unclear if we would find any early documents on our earlier visit as well as the new potential of understanding that the sources found offer.
 - c. Findings include:
 - i. The 400 page tome of the student council from 1937-1944 (long lists of attendance were visible showing that senator groups were broken into freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, independent, and even a senator from the Vidette.
 - ii. Another small section was about the creation of a student contest where contestants would submit their entry by mail for a chance to win prizes of 5, 2, and 1 dollars. My priority for the spring will be to transcribe this document and make it available for all future Student Government Associations).
 - iii. Student made course catalogs

4. Our third and most recent trip to the Archives was held on November 18th shortly after the bill to adopt the position of Historian/Archivist was passed by the assembly
 - a. Archives Ross Griffiths, shortly before our visit, found within the old minutes of the Academic Senate the mention of a student council. Within this record of the Academic senate from the 1920s on there has clearly been a presence of students working for the good of the student body at ISU.

5. This final visit of the semester brought a wealth of information about student involvement at ISU and has given us a firmer resolve of transcribing all possible documentation about the hard work students have been doing at ISU for over 90 years.
 - a. Academic Senate Records 1920s- (some of the best minutes I have ever seen, and a model for us, that show one of the earliest forms of student government and student committees. Also seen within it were elections for the student council along with elections for the editor and co-editor of the Daily Vidette).
 - b. An additional student made course catalog
 - c. Academic Senate Records 1890s- (The legible script that we were able read include a vastly different and similar ISU. Professors had to nominate vote on Students for graduation at the time and whether formality or not it certainly does give insight into our university only 30 years after its creation).

6. Overall our three trips to the archives were very successful. We have found numerous documents from the past 15 years. With these in addition to the records at the office of Community Rights & Responsibilities we shall have a very well-rounded understanding of recent Student Government. The Tome of information from 1937 shall be transcribed as soon as possible and will help give insight into the student council of ISU from the depression and World War II. The Academic senate references to student council, student elections, and student committees will be useful in understanding the relevance and work students put into their home at ISU during the 1920s. Our three trips to the Archives have been an immense success. We will continue this work in the spring of 2011 when we intend to go to the archives twice a month.

Executive Director Martin moves to make Resolution Authorizing SGA Participation in the '10-11' SGA Winter Retreat to be information item D. Marquis seconds; there are no objects

President Marquis moves to suspend the regular order of business to make information item A be the approval of James Tomasino. Boldt seconds, there are no objections

Vice President of the Assembly Owens moves to make Resolution Authorizing the Suspension of Legislative Bylaws Article 3, Section 1, subsection B, point vi to be information item E. Knobloch seconds

XII. Information Items

- A. Appointment of Off Campus Senator J. Tomasino (D. Marquis)
 - 1. Marquis introduces candidate
 - a. Tomasino makes speech
 - b. Question segment
 - c. Candidate steps out of the room
 - 2. Marquis moves to approve, Knobloch seconds
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Boldt calls for consent, there are no objections
 - b. General consent in the assembly
 - 4. James Tomasino –**APPROVED**

- B. Resolution to Send a Letter of Thanks to the Illinois State University Archives (J. Rubashkin)
 - 1. Rubashkin introduces resolutions
 - 2. Question segment
 - 3. Moves to make Information item B, action item A. Knobloch seconds

- C. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Participation in Opening Week Events for the Student Fitness Center (D. Marquis)
 - 1. Marquis introduces resolution
 - a. Use to engage other people,
 - b. Gives us opportunity to work with organizations
 - c. Seems fitting for SGA to welcome building and introduce it to students
 - d. This will be a mandatory event
 - 2. Question segment
 - 3. Moves to make information item C, action item B. Farrell seconds

- D. Resolution Authorizing SGA Participation in the '10-11' SGA Winter Retreat (L. Martin)
 - 1. Martin introduces resolution
 - a. Gets everyone on track for the semester, big meeting to recap from last semester and begin the new one
 - 2. Questions segment
 - 3. Moves to make information item D, action item C. Marquis seconds

- E. Resolution Authorizing the Suspension of Legislative Bylaws Article 3, Section 1, subsection B, point vi (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Owens introduces resolution
 - 2. Question segment
 - 3. Moves to make information item E, action item D. Knobloch seconds

President Marquis moves to make Resolution Commending Graduate Senator Theodore Mason for His Service to the Students of Illinois State University to information item F, Knobloch seconds. There was one objection.

- F. Resolution Commending Graduate Senator Theodore Mason for His Service to the Students of Illinois State University (D. Marquis)
 - 1. Marquis introduces resolution
 - a. Congratulate his career in the Student Government Association
 - 2. No questions
 - 3. Moves to make information item F, action item E. Boldt seconds

XIII. Action Items

- A. Resolution to Send a Letter of Thanks to the Illinois State University Archives (J. Rubashkin)
 - 1. Rubashkin moves to approve; Knobloch seconds
 - 2. Debate
 - 3. Move to a Vote
 - a. **Passes: 19 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions**
- B. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Participation in Opening Week Events for the Student Fitness Center (D. Marquis)
 - 1. Marquis moves to approve; Farrell seconds
 - 2. Debate
 - a. Friendly Amendments to make the event mandatory for either January 9th or January 13th (Offered by Knobloch)
 - b. Marquis: Will make it so that you can attend either/or
 - 3. Move to vote
 - a. **Passes: 17 yays, 1 abstention, 1 nay**
- C. Resolution Authorizing SGA Participation in the '10-11' SGA Winter Retreat (L. Martin)
 - 1. Martin moves to approve, Secretary Rossi seconds
 - a. Martin yields the floor to Advisor Olshak
 - i. Accommodations can be made for those students who need housing meanwhile the dorms open up again for the semester. Speak with Executive Director Martin
 - 2. Debate
 - a. Point made that budget allocation for this event is too pricey
 - 3. Move to a vote:
 - a. **Passes: 16 yays, 1 abstentions, 2 nays**
- D. Resolution Authorizing the Suspension of Legislative Bylaws Article 3, Section 1, subsection B, point vi (Z. Owens)

1. Owens moves to approve, Marquis seconds
 2. No debate
 3. Move to a vote
 - a. **Passes: 17 yay, 0 abstentions, 2 nays**
- E. Resolution Commending Graduate Senator Theodore Mason for His Service to the Students of Illinois State University (D. Marquis)
1. Marquis moves to approve; Boldt seconds
 2. Debate
 - a. Schlessler makes a friendly amendment to add himself as a sponsor to the resolution
 - i. Marquis accepts
 - b. Barham makes a friendly amendment to add everyone in the association as sponsors
 - i. Marquis accepts
 - c. Mason makes a friendly amendment to take the language that states he served as President of the Assembly and an Off Campus Senator out of the resolution, seeing as he did not serve in either position
 - i. Marquis accepts
 3. Call to questions; there are no objections; move into a vote
 - a. **Passes: 19 yays, 1 abstention, 0 nays**

XIV. Passing of the Gavel

XV. Adjournment

- A. Farrell moves to adjourn, Barham seconds