

**Student Government Association**

**General Assembly Meeting**

**February 23, 2011**

**7:30PM-9:12PM**

**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 Public Relations White, 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 Souk, Senator Clayton, Senator Davis, Senator McMahon, Senator Tomlin, Senator Tomasino, Senator Vacura, Senator Boldt, Senator McCue, Senator Rubashkin, and Senator Von Qualen

**Also Present:** Advisor Olshak, ALAS, APAC, ARH, and Pride

**Not Present:** Senator Gentile, BSU, Student Trustee Palmer

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Approval of the Minutes from**

- A. Tomasino moves to approve, Senator Clayton seconds

**IV. Executive Officer Report**

- A. Student Body President (D. Marquis)

- 1. Report

- a. Did have the opportunity to speak at the opening dedication of the student fitness center, went fairly well and there was a good turnout of students as well
- b. State of the Student Body Address will take place next week during our meeting
  - i. Very scripted meeting
- c. Off Campus Student Association (formerly known as the Tenants Union)
  - i. Renamed so as to improve student's image and involve many more
  - ii. 5:30 Student Services room 376 on Thursdays
  - iii. Twitter page has been created, please invite friends to join
- d. Furniture from the career center will be moving into our office through spring break and then will be moved back to their office. They are redoing their carpet. It will be in our office Thursday and Friday
- e. After this meeting, we have two SGA meetings left. The clock is ticking, we have a month and a week more or less left of this administration. We still have a lot to do and we still have four weeks to do it. After Spring Break, I will be able to report that our

association is strong. Our next meeting will be the last meeting to pass bills that are not emergency legislations

- f. "Bird Calls" legislation to be brought forth tonight
- 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. Student Body Vice President (L. Neely)
  - 1. Report
    - a. thanks for watching ELP presentations
  - 2. Questions/comments segment (none)
- C. Student Body Executive Director (L. Martin)
  - 1. Report
    - a. End of the Year Social (working with Programs and Recreation)
    - b. Passing of the Gavel
  - 2. Questions/comments segment (none)

**V. Assembly Officer Report**

- A. President of the Assembly (D. Schlessler)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Decorum for caucus: issues with members walking in late
    - b. Senators need to talk to their assembly officers regarding transitions materials
      - i. Presence will not be required to attend the Transition retreat. Talk to Assembly Officers and figure out what is needed from you
    - c. Action can take place without a resolution. If you have a program you want to put on, you can bring matter to exec or Director Martin to pull forward.
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. Vice President of the Assembly (Z. Owens)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Good job for sending out constituent contact email
    - b. There was a mistake on the email but Marquis will send another one out on Friday
    - c. Next Office on the Quad will be Elections themed.
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Secretary of the Assembly (N. Diaz)
  - 1. Report
    - d. Sent email out email to off campus senators
      - i. Touch base with them on projects or initiatives they are working on. From what I saw, everyone is busy busy (!) and working very hard to get stuff going. So kudos to them.
    - d. Attendance will be out by Friday
  - 2. Questions/comments segment

**VI. Cabinet Report**

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

- a. Diversity Committee
      - i. Almost all events planned out, just finalizing details, looking for sponsors
      - ii. Will need a lot of help advertizing events throughout Diversity Week, share events during classes
    - b. Discount Card
      - i. 15 businesses have signed up to be participants
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. Secretary of Governmental Relations (G. Anderson)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Illinois FY12 Higher Education Budget
      - i. Increase from \$2.59 billion to \$2.63 billion. 1.5% increase
      - ii. Illinois Board of Higher Education endorsed the 2012 budget
      - iii. MAP: increase from \$404 million to \$428 million. Provide finding for approximately 8,000 more students, but an average of 100000 qualified students are being turned away each year
      - iv. ISU finding stayed at FY 2011 number of \$79.7 million
    - b. Illinois General Assembly
      - i. Senate Bill 114: Freezes tuition and fees for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 at the 2010-2011 rate
      - ii. Senate Bill 135: Gives the power to establish tuition and fee rates to the General Assembly , takes it away from the Governing boards at each institution
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
  - 1. Report
    - a. New Website updates
      - iii. Met with team of people (group of 4 to 5 dedicated web designers)
      - iv. Should be finished by the end of this semester
      - v. The navigation links are complete
    - c. Will be taking group and individual senator group pictures after meeting
    - d. Slide show for the Passing of the Gavel, if you have any picture you wants to put on, send them to me
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
- D. Secretary of Programming (K. Colaric)
  - 1. No Report
    - a. Will be giving out report at the next meeting
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
- E. Secretary of Public Relations (P. White)
  - 1. Report
    - a. WZND wants to start working more with SGA promotions
  - 2. Questions/comment segment
- F. Secretary of College Affordability

1. Report
  2. Questions/comments segment
- G. Secretary of Sustainability (R. Martin)
1. Report
    - a. Speaker tomorrow and Friday: speaking about sustainability practices to be done
      - i. Stevenson 133 at various times throughout the day
    - b. Sustainability committee
      - i. Will be coordinating events for Earth Week (April 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>)
      - ii. get groups to get involved
      - iii. Get Greek communities involved, make it a big turnout
      - iv. Received three more proposals this week, will wait until all proposals are handed in :
        - Deadline is March 18<sup>th</sup>: will announce proposal April 1<sup>st</sup>
  2. Questions/comments segment

**VII. Advisor Report (R. Olshak)**

- A. Report
1. Websites
    - a. President Marquis will be in touch with designers to talk about content
  2. Elections webpage is now up; the entire site will be done within the next 48 hrs
    - a. Transition process
      - i. Restructured the process, but the April process is going to be a little different. Will have the two week transition partners with senators immediately following elections.
      - ii. Far better transition materials for people coming in after August
      - iii. More information to be forthcoming
- B. Questions/comments segments

**VIII. Committee Chairperson Report**

- A. Civic Engagement (E. Collins)
1. Report
    - a. Met tonight and discussed Student Elections with Bryan Rossi
      - i. We are going to attempt to advertise as much as possible
  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
    - b. Met at 6 pm tonight, have bill coming up tonight and one information item
    - c. Will be going to the archives this Friday
  2. Questions/comments segment
- D. Programs and Recognition (A. Von Qualen)

1. Report
  - a. Proposals: out asking for funding from businesses for the Discount Card
2. Questions/comments segment

**IX. Senator Coordinator Report**

- A. Off Campus Senators (A. Clayton)
  1. Report
  2. Questions/comments segment
- B. On Campus Senators (E. Collins)
  1. Report
    - a. New senator : Ashley Souk
    - b. Valentine's Day Breakfast went well! We gave away about 10 doughnuts
    - c. Currently planning March event
  2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Academic Senators (A. Von Qualen)
  1. Report
    - a. Coordinate with area councils
  2. Questions/comments segment
- D. RSO Senator (E. Boldt)
  1. Report
    - a. Senator McCue has been getting oriented with his positions
    - b. The SIC office has a list serve of all of the RSO presidents
  2. Questions/comments segment
- E. Graduate Senators
  1. No Report
  2. Questions/comments segment

**X. Ex-Officio Reports**

- A. ALAS (A. Aguilar)
  1. No Report
  2. Questions/comments segment
- B. APAC (N. Naolhu)
  1. Report
    - a. iFair was a success, this year we made a 137 dollars!
    - b. Having nominations for executive positions
    - c. The next meeting will be Korean Night
      - i. This Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm in the SSB room 314
  2. Questions/comments segment
- C. ARH (J. Hall)
  1. Report

- a. Elected a new program chair: Whitney Humphrey
  - b. Sustainability coordinator is asking to collect cigarettes throughout campus and bring in them in to the office to collect a prize
2. Questions/comments segment

D. BSU (W. Mittons) (**Absent**)

E. Pride (V. Salaka)

- 1. Report
  - a. *I love you Phillip Morris* will be playing at the Normal theatre at 7 pm this weekend
  - b. On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>, people selected to go the Big Gay Conference at the University of Michigan will be heading out for the weekend Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
  - c. Sex Toy Night: will be the same time as this meeting next week
  - d. Drag Show auditions will be held the on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> in room 236 of Schroeder hall
    - i. tickets will be sold for \$5 at Schroeder plaza
- 2. Questions/comments segment

F. Student Trustee (S. Palmer)

- 1. Report
  - a. Board meeting on Friday,
    - i. Passed insurance contract, will be raising student insurance.
    - ii. We have a much better and cheaper policy than surrounding schools
    - iii. Million dollars coverage
  - b. Passed resolution to buy more than a million dollars worth of furniture for Watterson
  - c. Rededicated recreation center
- 2. Questions/comments segment

Senator Collins would like to suspend the regular order of business to go in to executive session, Secretary Martin seconds

- Personnel issues have been cleared

Marquis moves to move out of executive session: Boldt seconds.

Boldt moves to make the bill, "To create Committee on Safety by Amending Executive Branch By-Laws, Article 3, Section 2 External Committees, information item C. Farrell seconds; there are no objections

Marquis moves to make, "Resolution Authorizing the "Bird Calls' SGA Bulletin Board Project", information item D. Rossi seconds; there are no objections.

**XI. Information Item**

- A. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Participation in the "Know Your Rights" Campaign (M. McMahon)
  - 1. McMahon presents resolution
    - a. making everyone to do one hour
  - 2. Questions segment
  - 3. McMahon makes information item A, action item D. Farrell seconds
- B. Bill for the addition of a section 't' in the Executive and Legislative By-Laws Concerning the Executive Committee (J. Rubashkin)
  - 2. Rubashkin presents bill:
    - a. members powers and responsibilities will be more clear
  - 3. Question segment
  - 4. See this bill in two weeks
- C. Bill to create Committee on Safety by Amending Executive Branch By-Laws, Article 3, Section 2 External Committees (E. Boldt)
  - 1. Boldt presents bill
    - a. have done an enormous amount of work on this committee,
  - 2. Question segment
  - 3. See this bill in two weeks
- D. Resolution Authorizing the "Bird Calls' SGA Bulletin Board Project (D. Marquis)
  - 1. Marquis presents resolution:
    - a. Significant lack of areas around campus to posts flyers and such, so this resolution authorizes the purchase of the boards
    - b. Will be hung up in high traffic areas on campus.
    - c. An opportunity to brand SGA in the specific academic buildings.
    - d. Anyone can use it
  - 2. Questions segment
  - 3. Marquis moves to make information item c, action item E: Secretary Anderson seconds

**XII. Action Item**

- A. Bill Introducing the Switch to Double Sided Printing (M. Tomlin)
  - 1. Tomlin reintroduces bill
    - a. Shows that SGA is becoming sustainable.
    - b. Our office would be the overall model for other offices
  - 2. Tomlin moves to approve; Farrell seconds.
  - 3. Debate
  - 4. Move to a vote:
    - i. **Unanimous**
- B. Bill to Improve Student Government Association Meeting Transparency and Accountability by Requiring the Association to Record All Assembly Meetings (J. Rubashkin)
  - 1. Rubashkin makes some amendments and moves to approve, Colaric seconds
  - 2. Debate
    - a. Owens: initially supported this bill, but realized that it is not vital to get muddled in the details of this legislation; No bench markings are presented in these bills; This all might be a burden for the Secretary of Public Relations, needs to have more articulate research. Too soon to pass this bill

- b. Rubashkin: Addresses concerns expressed by Owens
  - c. McMahon: agrees with Owens
  - d. Boldt: technicalities can be worked out later, vote yes
  - e. McCue: better to have transparency sooner than later, vote yes
  - f. Tomlin: minutes are enough, save money. Vote no
  - g. Colaric calls the question, McMahon objects
  - h. Farrell moves the question, Marquis seconds
  - i. Move to end debate: Passes
3. Move to a vote on the bill
- a. **Does not pass:**

C. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Creation of an Off-Campus Student Bill of Rights (K. Davis)

- 1. Davis offers last remarks
  - a. Amends the resolution to include having the Secretary of Information Technology post the bill of rights on the websites
- 2. Davis moves to approve, Farrell seconds
- 3. Debate
  - a. Tomlin: I encourage everyone to support the bill, it is something we can do that can really facilitate good off campus relations
  - b. Farrell: I encourage people to vote no because I feel like we are encroaching on the next association
- 4. Move to a vote
  - a. **Passes:**

D. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Participation in the "Know Your Rights" Campaign (M. McMahon)

- 1. McMahon offers last remarks
  - a. Amends line 43 and 44 by just erasing it
- 2. Moves to approve; Tomasino seconds
- 3. Debate
  - a. Tomasino offers a friendly amendment to add himself as a cosponsor
    - i. McMahon accepts
- 4. Move to a vote
  - a. **Passes:**

E. Resolution Authorizing the "Bird Calls" SGA Bulletin Board Project (D. Marquis)

- 1. Marquis moves to approve, Farrell seconds
- 2. Debate:
  - a. Colaric offers a friendly amendment to add herself as a sponsor
    - i. Marquis accepts
  - b. Tomlin offers a friendly amendment to add himself as a sponsor
    - i. Marquis accepts
- 3. Move to a vote
  - a. **Passes:**

**XIII. Passing of the Gavel**

**XIV. Adjournment**



A. Farrell moves to adjourn, Owens seconds