

Student Government Association

General Assembly Meeting

February 9, 2011

7:30 pm – 9:15 pm

Executive Members Present: Student Body President Marquis, Student Body 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, ALAS, ARH, APAC, BSU, Pride, and Student Trustee Palmer

Late: Student Body President Marquis

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of the Minutes (from 01/26/11)

- A. Farrell moves to approve, Tomasino seconds
 - 1. No additions nor corrections

IV. Executive Officer Report

- A. Student Body President (Since Marquis is absent, Neely gives his report)
 - 1. Report
 - a. The past two weeks have been primarily focused on interviews and the Tenants Union.
 - b. I will be organizing my thoughts on the Programs and Recognition Committee revamp, sending them through Secretary Colaric in the coming days or week.
 - c. I am also working on adapting the disciplinary process within SGA as we have discovered many times this year that our process, is inadequate
 - d. Have a great meeting any questions, comments, concerns can be emailed to me or asked at a later time.
- B. Questions/comments segment
- C. Student Body Vice President (L. Neely)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Student Elections Committee has been assembled and will consist of:
 - ii. Lauren Monahan
 - iii. Meg Murphy
 - iv. Sakura Robles

- v. Bryan Rossi
- vi. Jon Rubashkin
- b. ELP will also be having presentations forthcoming soon
- 2. Questions/comments segment

D. Student Body Executive Director (L. Martin)

- 1. Report
 - a. Have been working on Passing of the Gavel
 - i. Being passed around is a list
 - Write down the addresses of people you wish me to mail invitations to
 - b. Have been holding interviews for the Secretary of Public Relations position and I believe I have found the right person. Will be appointing him in the next meeting
- 2. Questions/comments segment

V. Assembly Officer Report

A. President of the Assembly (D. Schlessler)

- 1. No Report
- 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. Attendance for the Deputy Registrar Training
 - i. Have only received emails from the following people who will not be able to make it:
 - Kara Davis, Mary McMahan, Bryan Rossi, potentially Kevin Farrell,
 - Will not be attending myself because of class conflicts
 - b. Will be sending out emails to Off Campus Senator to touch base with them and get an idea on current programs or projects they are working on
- 2. Questions/comments segment

VI. Cabinet Report

A. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (B. Rossi)

- 1. Report
 - a. Diversity Week 2011
 - i. To hold presentations:
 - English department
 - History department
 - Diversity Affairs
 - Religious organizations
 - May be bringing more HIV testing to campus
 - ii. Big kick off event on March 23rd, 2011

- b. Disability Concerns
 - i. Met with Ann Caldwell
 - ii. May start new RSO
 - c. Working on a Spread the Word Campaign with Senator Von Qualen and the Programs and Recognition Committee
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. Secretary of Governmental Relations (G. Anderson)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Town Council Meeting 2/8
 - i. Had an hour debate on giving Calvary Baptist Church a special use permit to build a Preschool/Daycare
 - ii. Adopted a community wide Sustainability Plan and 2035 Report
 - iii. Addressed sidewalk snow
 - b. EV Town Mitsubishi will be providing Bloomington-Normal with 1,000 iMiev electric vehicles and the town will be installing quick charging stations throughout Normal
 - c. Traveling to SIU Edwardsville this weekend for IBHE-SAC meeting
 - a. Discuss future of map funding
 - b. Lobby day
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
 - 1. No Report
 - 2. Testing of the clickers
 - 3. Questions/comments segment
- D. Secretary of Programming (K. Colaric)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Gamma Phi Circus
 - i. Will be meeting to discuss last minute specifics
 - ii. Resolution coming soon
 - b. Discount Card
 - i. Copies are being made at PIP
 - j. Letters will be coming out soon
 - c. Pack the House
 - i. Will potentially be focusing on a musical event
 - ii. However, timing may not permit so if anyone has ideas for a fine arts Pack the House event let me know
 - d. Sustainability Committee
 - i. I've been attending those meetings every Friday.
 - ii. Congratulations to Secretary Martin for all his hard work
 - e. Homecoming Committee
 - i. I will be serving on the Homecoming Committee for this semester so if you have any ideas you want to discuss, let me know
 - f. If you haven't responded to my dodge ball email, please do. I would like many opinions about the date, time and how many people will show up

- 2. Questions/comments segment
 - E. Secretary of Public Relations (**Vacant**)
 - 1. Director Martin gives small report
 - 2. Questions/comment segment
 - F. Secretary of College of Affordability (**Vacant**)
 - 1. Director Martin has no report
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
 - G. Secretary of Sustainability (R. Martin)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Sustainability Forum went great on Monday
 - b. Great turnout; conducive for growth
 - c. Is accepting proposals for new sustainable ideas for campus
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- VII. Advisor Report (R. Olshak)**
- A. No Report
 - B. Questions/comments segments
- VIII. Committee Chairperson Report**
- A. Civic Engagement (E. Collins)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Will be going to Bromen to drop off the get well cards if anyone wants to accompany
 - b. Don't forget about deputy registrar training tomorrow at noon
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
 - B. Finance and Allocation (K. Farrell)
 - 1. No report but asks question:
 - i. Can the amount of hours be extended for the committee chairperson to accommodate the amount of extra time they put in?
 - ii. Schlessler says he will consult
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
 - C. Policies and Procedures (J. Rubashkin)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Committee met at 6:30 this afternoon, be prepared for upcoming bills
 - b. Talked about adding rationale behind general legislation
 - c. Will be going to the archives on Friday
 - d. Video Recording Bill up for questioning tonight
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
 - D. Programs and Recognition (A. Von Qualen)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Planning to do an SGA Secret Valentine

- i. \$5 limit
 - b. End of the Year Superlatives: send them in to me if you have any
 - i. "You know you're in SGA when.."
- 2. Questions/comments segment

IX. Senator Coordinator Report

- A. Off Campus Senators (A. Clayton)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Resolution coming up tonight
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. On Campus Senators (E. Collins)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Valentine's Day Breakfast will be from 9 am to 11 am
 - i. Will be serving coffee and doughnuts
 - ii. If you want a survey to be taken, let me know (secretaries)
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Academic Senators (A. Von Qualen)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Constituent contact event tomorrow immediately following Deputy Registrar tomorrow in the Bone Student Center 2nd floor
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- D. RSO Senator (E. Boldt)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Have brought forth two bills pertaining to RSO senators
 - b. Will be pushing to restart RSO of the Month
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- E. Graduate Senators (M. Olendzki)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Met with the Society of Graduate Students
 - iii. Will be planning a constituent contact event in March
 - 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. Korean Night will be from 7 pm to 8:30 pm on Tuesday Feb 15th
 - b. I-Fair will be this Saturday

- i. Will be serving drinks;
 - ii. International students get together to portray dances, art, food, and other cultural activities.
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. ARH (R. Hall)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Still looking for a programming coordinator
 - b. Delegation for the IRAH is coming up
 - c. Blood drive will be held next Thursday, Feb 17 in the Escalante room of the Hewett-Manchester lobby
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- D. BSU (W. Mittons)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Cultural dinner
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- E. Pride
 - 1. Report
 - a. Will be doing the annual drag show for charity
 - i. in the process of deciding who to donate who
 - b. Wanted to clarify if caucuses were mandatory for Ex Officios
 - a. Yes they are- Schlessner
 - 2. Questions/comments segment
- F. Student Trustee (S. Palmer)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Thursday is founders day
 - b. Board meeting on Friday
 - iii. Buying new furniture for Watterson; discussing raising student insurance rate in order to do so
 - 2. Questions/comments segment

XI. Information Items

- A. Appointment of RSO Candidate M. McCue (D. Marquis)
 - 1. Marquis introduces Matt McCue
 - a. Candidate makes speech
 - b. Question segment
 - c. Candidate steps out of room for debate
 - 2. Debate on the Candidate
 - a. Olendzki calls for consent; there are no objections
 - 3. M. McCue- **APPROVED**
- B. Appointment of M. McMahan as Parliamentarian (D. Schlessner)
 - 1. Schlessner introduces McMahan and moves to approve. Senator Rubashkin seconds

- a. McMahon makes speech
 - b. Questions segment
 - c. Candidate steps out of the room for debate
 - 2. Debate on Candidate
 - a. Senator Boldt calls for consent; there are no objections
 - 4. M. McMahon- **APPROVED**
- C. Resolution Authorizing SGA's Creation of an Off-Campus Student Bill of Rights (K. Davis)
 - 1. Davis introduces resolution
 - a. Questions segment
 - 2. Davis moves information item C, to action item G ; Boldt seconds
- D. Bill Introducing the Switch to Double Sided Printing (M. Tomlin)
 - 1. Tomlin introduces bill
 - a. Questions segment
 - 2. Bill will be back in two weeks for debate
- E. Bill to Improve Student Government Association Meeting Transparency and Accountability by Requiring the Association to Record All Assembly Meetings (J. Rubashkin)
 - 1. Rubashkin introduces bill
 - a. Minor mistakes in the piece of legislation:
 - i. Take into effect first meeting in August
 - ii. Not a resolution, but a bill
 - 2. Questions segment
 - a. Olshak offers a couple of important points to keep in mind when making a decision on legislation:
 - iii. Looking in to the possibility of an alternate location for SGA assembly meetings such as the North Prairie Room
 - iv. New website
 - v. The caretakers of this website will see to the video editing software
 - 3. Bill will be back in two weeks for debate

XII. Action Items

- A. Bill Authorizing the Executive Committee to Become the Official Appeals Board for Fee Board (K. Farrell)
 - 1. Farrell reintroduces bill
 - a. Just making it official for SGA, already in effect for the Appeals Board
 - 2. Farrell moves to approve; Boldt seconds
 - 3. No debate
 - 4. Move to a vote:
 - a. **Unanimous: 18 yays**
- B. Bill for the RSO Senators Committee Assignment (K. Farrell)
 - 1. Farrell reintroduces bill
 - a. Make RSO senators more informed to better help their constituents
 - 2. Farrell moves to approve, Boldt seconds
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Olshak: there is a bill with the updated language. (Reads new updated bill)

- b. Marquis: allowing RSO senators to serve may also serve as a conflict of interests
 - c. McMahon: I agree with President Marquis, it also diminishes the possibility of putting these senators in another committee which might be better suited for their abilities
 - d. Olendzki moves the previous question
 - e. Move to a vote to end debate:
 - i. Passes
 - 4. Move to a vote
 - a. **Passes: 17 yays, 1 nay, 0 abstentions**
- C. Bill to Repeal Spectator Newsletter (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Owens makes an amendment to make Senator Boldt the primary sponsor and yields the floor to him
 - 2. Boldt moves to approve, Farrell seconds
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Farrell offers a friendly amendment: change the year from 09-10 to 10-11
 - i. Boldt accepts
 - 4. Move to a vote
 - a. **Passes: 17 yays, 1 nay, 0 abstentions**
- D. Bill to Amend Canvassing the Campus Program (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Decrease number of hours to four
 - 2. Incomplete hours may warrant a half absence
 - 3. Owens moves to approve; Boldt seconds
 - 4. Debate
 - a. Point of order offered by Marquis: This current bill on lines 42, 45, 46, it refers to Office on the Quad but we have not yet established the Office on the Quad program because the bill is scheduled on the agenda to come forth after this bill.
 - i. Owens acknowledges
 - 5. Move to a vote
 - a. **Unanimous: 18 yays**
- E. Bill to Authorize Student Government Association's Participation in Office on the Quad Program (D. Marquis)
 - 1. Marquis reintroduces bill
 - 2. Marquis moves to approve; Secretary Colaric seconds
 - 3. Debate on the bill:
 - a. Olshak points out a mistake on line 29: Marquis amends the line
 - b. Farrell offers a friendly amendment to line 23: eliminating having Office on the Quad on the same day every week and instead making it so that the days can be variable
 - i. Marquis: denies: the object is to make Office on the Quad an established repetition so as to drill home constituent contact
 - c. Farrell makes his friendly amendment, hostile; Olendzki seconds
 - i. Debate on hostile amendment
 - Rubashkin agrees with the sentiment of Senator Farrell
 - Tomlin agrees with Marquis that this amendment should not be added
 - Owens: The whole point of Office on the Quad is to bring continuity to campus and our constituents
 - Von Qualen: Some of us have class conflicts, but Owens always lets us make it up in some other way so I disagree with this amendment

- Marquis: We are connecting students with our faces and showing consistency. That is what we gain; if we change it then our program does not exist
- Farrell: We miss a lot of students because we are in the same spot all the time
- McMahon: This bill is specifically for OFFICE ON THE QUAD. If you have an idea for another canvassing event, then you have the option of having canvassing on any day of the week. Vote no on this amendment
- Rossi: constituent contact events are also an outreach source not just canvassing, vote no
- Colaric: not our only form of contact; vote no
- Secretary Anderson calls the question
- ii. Move to a vote on the hostile amendment:
 - Language of the original bill will stay the same
- b. Rubashkin offers a friendly amendment
 - i. Marquis accepts
- 4. Move to a vote
 - i. **Passes: 16 yays, 2 nays, 0 abstentions**

F. Bill Authorizing the Student Government Association's Yearly Report (D. Marquis)

1. Marquis reintroduces bill
 - a. Every president can assign any member to hand in a report
 - b. Secretaries, executive committee, and chairs will give reports this year
 - c. Create document that will be due in the first week of March
2. Marquis moves to approve, Senator Boldt seconds
3. Debate
 - a. Clayton: increases transparency
 - b. Rubashkin offers a friendly amendment to add himself as a sponsor
 - i. Marquis accepts
 - c. Colaric calls the question; Marquis objects
 - d. Marquis offers to amend lines 31 and 30 to bill
 - e. Boldt calls for consent; no objections
5. **Bill passes unanimously: 18 yays**

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

1. Davis moves to approve, Senator Boldt seconds
2. Debate
 - a. Clayton: this should be a bill and not a resolution
 - b. Marquis offers a point of information: it makes sense to make it to be a bill so that it can carry full weight on to future associations
 - c. Olshak offers a point of information: Davis has a choice to table the legislation until the next meeting or she can declare it an emergency legislation
3. Davis makes it a bill and tables it for the next meeting

XIII. Passing of the Gavel

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Farrell moves to adjourn; Owens seconds