

## **Student Government Association**

### **General Assembly Meeting**

**Brown Ball Room**

**Mach 16, 2011**

**7:35 PM – 8:45**

**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, and Secretary of Sustainability Martin

**Legislative Members Present:** Vice President of the Assembly Owens, Secretary of the Assembly Diaz, Senator Collins, Senator Farrell, Senator Souk, Senator Ramirez, Senator Clayton, Senator Davis, Senator Gentile, Senator McMahon, Senator Tomasino, Senator Tomlin, Senator Vacura, Senator Boldt, Senator McCue, Senator Rubashkin, and Senator Von Qualen

**Also Present:** Advisor Olshak

**Not Present:** Secretary of Programs Colaric, President of the Assembly Schlessler (late), and Senator Hannah Tomlin

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the Minutes (from 02/23/11)**
  - A. Farrell moves approve, Tomlin seconds
    1. Minutes are passed
- IV. Executive Officer Report**
  - A. Student Body President (D. Marquis)
    1. Report
      - a. A lot of bills and resolutions to go over, will not waste more time on this report
    2. Questions/comments segment
  - B. Student Body Vice President (L. Neely)
    1. Report
      - a. Working on Transition materials
      - b. Updating committee processes
      - c. If you need any help with initiatives, I am available to help and will be in the office throughout the week
    2. Questions/comments segment

- C. Student Body Executive Director (L. Martin)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Very busy planning Passing of the Gavel
    - b. Mistakes in Pay Roll
      - i. Will be sorted out by next week's pay roll
  - 2. Questions/comments segment

**V. Assembly Officer Report**

- A. President of the Assembly (D. Schlessler)-**Late**
  - 1. Report given by President Marquis
    - a. Message to the Assembly: Finish the year strong!
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
  
- B. Vice President of the Assembly (Z. Owens)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Constituent email will go out tomorrow, please let me know right away if you need anything added to it
    - b. Office on the Quad will be held on Wednesday:
      - i. Basic material to hand out are the SGA hand bills
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
  
- C. Secretary of the Assembly (N. Diaz)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Diversity Week
      - i. Highly encouraged for everyone to attend
  - 2. Questions/comments segment

**VI. Cabinet Report**

- A. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (B. Rossi)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Please attend Diversity Week!
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
  
- B. Secretary of Governmental Relations (G. Anderson)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Town Council Meeting
      - i. Talking about plowing Constitution Trail in the future
      - ii. Elections coming up
    - b. Discount Card Bill coming up tonight
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
  
- C. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)

1. Report
  - a. Won't be using the screen, but will still be using clickers
2. Questions/comments segment

D. Secretary of Programming (K. Colaric)-**Absent**

1. No Report
2. Questions/comments segment

E. Secretary of Public Relations (P. White)

1. Report
  - a. Working on printing off the posters for Diversity Week
2. Questions/comment segment

F. Secretary of College Affordability –(**Vacant**)

1. Report
2. Questions/comments segment

G. Secretary of Sustainability (R. Martin)

1. Report
  - a. Sustainability Committee
    - i. Deadline for propels will be this Thursday at 5 pm
    - ii. Planning events for Earth Week and have reserved the Quad for the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>
2. Questions/comments segment

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

- A. Report
  1. Website will be coming live
- B. Questions/comments segments

**VIII. Committee Chairperson Report**

- A. Civic Engagement (E. Collins)
  1. Report
    - a. Committee will be working on the End of the Year Report
  2. Questions/comments segment
- B. Finance and Allocation (K. Farrell)
  1. Report
    - a. Finished reviewing a program proposal tonight
  2. Questions/comments segment
- C. Policies and Procedures (J. Rubashkin)

1. Report
  - a. Met at 6:30 and discussed a few bills that were being presented tonight
  - b. Thanks go out to my intern for doing a terrific job with everything
  - c. Will be emailing minutes out soon
2. Questions/comments segment

D. Programs and Recognition (A. Von Qualen)

1. Report
  - a. Hand in superlative nominations so that we have them in before the April 7<sup>th</sup> Social at Medici's
2. Questions/comments segment

**IX. Senator Coordinator Report**

A. Off Campus Senators (A. Clayton)

1. Report
  - a. Pictures with Reggie
  - b. Pub Wednesday
  - c. Club Milner resolution coming up tonight
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
2. Questions/comments segment

D. RSO Senator (E. Boldt)

1. Report
  - a. "Safety Walk" program coming up
  - b. Looking to coordinate "Enough is Enough" event with the Normal Police Department
2. Questions/comments segment

E. Graduate Senators (H. Tomlin) –**Absent**

1. No Report
2. Questions/comments segment

**X. Ex-Officio Reports**

A. ALAS (A. Aguilar)

1. Report

- a. Tomorrow on the Quad we will be passing out Strawberries with Cream
    - b. ALAS formal will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 pm to 11 pm
      - i. Masquerade Themed
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
- B. APAC (N. Naolho)
  - 1. Report
    - b. New executive board has been elected
    - c. March 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be bowling from 7 to 9 at the Bowling and Billiards
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
- C. ARH (R. Wolber)
  - 1. Report
    - a. March Blood Drive
    - b. Fundraiser for Japan will be taking place throughout the month
    - c. Planning our Passing of the Gavel
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
- D. BSU (W. Mittons)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Nominations for our executive board have opened today and will be voting on the 5<sup>th</sup>
    - b. Passing of the Gavel will be soon
    - c. Will be showing the film "For colored girls" as part of Diversity Week
    - d. Cosponsoring speech on African American vernacular which will be held next Thursday from 6 to 7 in the Student Services Building room 375
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
- E. Pride (V. Salaka)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Three weekends ago, we went to the GLBT conference; didn't expect to learn as much as I did, it was a ton of fun.
    - b. Will be having general elections in two weeks time
    - c. Drag Show will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>
  - 2. Questions/comments segment
- F. Student Trustee (S. Palmer)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Have been working on the search committee to find a new athletic director
      - i. Narrowed the list to 8 semi finalist
  - 2. Questions/comments segment

Secretary Anderson moves to make the “Bill Authorizing the Creation of an Official Illinois State University Student Discount Card” information item I. Senator Tomlin seconds.

**XI. Information Items**

- A. Resolution Supporting Increased Student Government Transparency and Accountability (J. Rubashkin)
  - 1. Rubashkin speaks for his resolution
    - a. This is not a binding resolution; suggests videotaping meetings to future associations
  - 2. Questions segment
  - 3. Rubashkin moves information item A, to action item C; Marquis seconds. There are no objections
  
- B. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association’s Co-Sponsorship for the Diversity Week Masquerade Ball (B. Rossi)
  - 1. Rossi speaks for his resolution
  - 2. Question Segment
  - 3. Rossi makes information item B, action item D; Clayton seconds. There are no objections
  
- C. Resolution Authorizing SGA’s participation in the Second Annual “Meet me at the Club” Milner Library Dance Party (M. McMahan)
  - 1. McMahan speaks for her resolution
    - a. Will need man power for the event, so it is highly encouraged to attend
    - b. Mandatory for Programs and Recognition committee
  - 2. Questions segment
  - 3. McMahan moves to make information item C, action E; Von Qualen seconds. There are no objections
  
- D. Bill to Amend the Legislative Branch By-Laws: Internal Committee Authorities, Powers and Responsibilities (Article 32, Section 2C) (D. Marquis)
  - 1. Marquis speaks for his Bill
    - a. Refocus committee from an ambiguous goal and direction; will focus on membership as well as general outreach to students by recruiting members, serving current members, and keeping in touch with alumni members
    - b. facilitator for debates
    - c. the outreach portion offers the senators to utilized this body as an area for resource; overall more focused
  - 2. Question segment
  - 3. Will see in two weeks
  
- E. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Executive Officers Policies and Procedures (Article 6, Section 4) (D. Marquis)
  - 1. Marquis speaks for his bill

- a. Allow room for grievances
    - b. Process will be similar to that of CR&R; more facilitated committee
  - 2. Questions segment
  - 3. Will see this bill in two weeks
- F. Bill to Amend the Legislative Branch By-Laws: Policies and Procedures (Article 5, Section 3) (D. Marquis)
- 1. Marquis speaks for his bill
  - 2. Questions Segment
  - 3. Will see this bill in two weeks
- G. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Authorities, Powers, and Responsibilities (Article 1, Section 2) (D. Marquis)
- 1. Marquis speaks for his Bill
  - 2. Question segment
  - 3. Will see in two weeks
- H. Bill to Authorize Payment of the Cultural Ex-Officio Representatives to the Student Government Association (B. Rossi)
- 1. Rossi speaks for his bill
    - a. Line 22: will be changed to elected cultural representatives: RSO members filling in for elected (seated) representative will not receive pay
  - 2. Question segment
    - b. Olshak: will add language to the bill so that it is understood that only elected and seated cultural representatives will receive pay
- I. Bill Authorizing the Creation of an Official Illinois State University Student Discount Card
- 1. Anderson speaks for his bill
  - 2. Questions segment
  - 3. Will see this bill in two weeks

Senator Boldt moves “Bill to Create Committee on Safety by Amending Executive Branch By-Laws, Article 3, and Section 2 External Committees” to to the floor as action item B. There are no objections.

## **XII. Action Items**

- A. Bill for the addition of a section to the Executive and Legislative By-Laws Concerning the Executive Committee (J. Rubashkin)
  - 1. Reintroduces bill
  - 2. Moves to approve, Farrell seconds
  - 3. No debate
  - 4. **Move to a vote: 18/18 Unanimous**

- B. Bill to Create Committee on Safety by Amending Executive Branch by –Laws, Article 3, Section 2 External Committees (E. Boldt)
  - 1. Moves to approve, McMahan seconds
  - 2. Debate
    - a. Rubashkin: urge to approve; fastest growing area in SGA
  - 3. **Move to a vote: 18/18 unanimous**
  
- C. Resolution Supporting Increased Student Government Transparency and Accountability (J. Rubashkin)
  - 1. Rubashkin speaks for his resolution
  - 2. Moves to approve; McCue seconds
  - 3. No debate
  - 4. **Move to a vote: 18/18 Unanimous**
  
- D. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association’s Co-Sponsorship to the Diversity Week Masquerade Ball (B. Rossi)
  - 1. Rossi speaks for his resolution:
    - a. The resolution reads that the event will be at 7:30 but doors open at 7 sharp
    - b. Moves to approve; Collins seconds
  - 2. Debate
    - a. Farrell offers a friendly amendment to line 26 and 18 of bill
      - i. Rossi accepts
  - 3. **Move to a Vote: 18/18 Unanimous**
  
- E. Resolution Authorizing SGA’s participation in the Second Annual “Meet me at the Club” Milner Library Dance Party (M. McMahan)
  - 1. Moves to approve; Collins seconds
  - 2. Debate
    - a. Boldt: It was a great turnout before, it will turn out great this time around
    - b. McCue: Encourage everyone to participate
    - c. Owens: I had my doubts with the last planned Milner event, but I have seen how successful it was and now fully support it
    - d. Clayton: Calls the question
  - 3. **Move to a vote: 18/18 Unanimous**

**XIII. Passing of the Gavel**

**XIV. Adjournment**

- A. Farrell moves to adjourn, Boldt seconds