

Student Government Association

General Assembly Meeting

July 23, 2010

12:33-3:45

Executive Members Present: Student Body President Marquis, Vice President Neely, Executive Director Bernacki, Secretary of Governmental Relations Anderson, and Secretary of Programs Colaric (Secretaries of Public Relations, Sustainability, Student Fees, and Diversity Affairs appointed all later in the meeting)

Assembly Members Present: President of the Assembly Schlessner, Vice President of the Assembly Owens, Secretary of the Assembly Diaz, Parliamentarian Mason, Senator Collins, Senator Farrell, Senator Barham, Senator Clayton, Senator Cotter, Senator Martin, Senator Davis, Senator VonQualen, Senator Boldt, and Senator Knobloch

Call to order

- A. 12:33

Roll call

- A. Move to approve minutes from April 28, 2010
 - 1. Secretary Colaric seconds motion
 - 2. Motion passes unanimously

Executive Officer Reports

- A. Student Body President (D. Marquis)
 - 1. Welcome back to campus, hope everyone's summer's are going well
 - a. Appreciate everyone making the drive down, up or over
 - b. Not everyone was able to make it today which is unfortunate but unavoidable, we really did not give the ex-officios a reminder until it was fairly late so myself and Secretary Diaz will work with the ex-officios who are not in attendance to be lenient on attendance and catch them up on what happens today
 - c. I apologize in advance my report is a bit lengthy but bare with me
 - 2. First things first, I have terrific news! On Monday July 12th I presented President Bowman with a letter announcing that we collected all the signatures needed to ratify the new SGA constitution and asking for his approval

- a. We collected 2,135 signatures in a variety of different methods including emails, online petitions, Facebook, and most importantly face to face contact with our constituents and the students of Illinois State
 - b. President Bowman is in the process of reviewing the document and its changes right now, though he already preliminarily told me that it looked good
 - c. I am hoping that at our first business meeting of the School year, August 25th, President Bowman will be present for a signing ceremony- allowing us to start the year off running with a success
 - d. Thanks to ALL of you for your help on this project, I promised that the person with the most signatures would get an award so one person really took some initiative and gathered over 300 signatures by himself only a week after his appointment so I present this incredible and stylish Illinois State Key Chain to Ethan Boldt
3. Over the course of the past few months Preview students have been coming in and out of campus and we always present at the get involved sessions
- a. This was a great opportunity to get the last couple hundred signatures that we needed for the constitution ratification
 - b. As well as a fun way to introduce incoming freshmen to the work SGA does and allowing them to sign up for ELP and external committees
 - c. I did the same speech over 60 times just fyi
4. Improving communication has been high on my list as one of our goals for the year – this includes communication between SGA and the Student Body as well as between SGA and faculty, staff, and administrators
- a. I have held a series of meetings with the directors of seemingly every department in student affairs as well as several departments in academic affairs and finance and planning
 - b. All a means to get SGA in a position to reach out throughout the course of the next year – also means if you have a project and don't know who to talk to in the university structure I am a pretty good resource and contact person
 - c. It came to my attention that SGA has really not performed a thorough and statistically relevant survey of the students in some time
 - i. Myself and Sakura Robles, who will be up for appointment tonight in the role of Secretary of public Relations, have been working to create a survey that would ask students questions concerning communication on campus, how to best get information out and to take information in
 - ii. The survey will also tackle involvement on campus attempting to answer some questions as to what makes students involved and if

there is something that the University needs to provide that it is not to get them involved

5. Most importantly however I have been working to create a message calendar and a clear plan of attack when it comes to our outreach to students
 - a. After consulting a variety of individuals I will be creating a new initiative referred to, for now anyways, SGA's Office on the Quad (I really hope we come up with a better name than that)
 - b. A full briefing on this will be forth coming, however we essentially will be completing our "Canvassing the Campus" work required by a bill passed last year by being out on the quad on the same day during the same time frame and in the same location every week, speaking about and distributing information that is pertinent to our overall goals this year
 - c. Very exciting, however like I said more is to come at our Fall retreat – as of now our first day on the quad will be September 13th
6. As most of you know a big issue that is facing our campus is off-campus housing concerns, this is going to become one of our biggest issues in the year ahead
 - a. As in years past we will be participating in the off-campus housing fair sponsored by the Dean of Students Office, this fair gives us a great opportunity to unleash our first serious move in addressing students concerns regarding Housing concerns off-campus
 - b. Sakura Robles and myself have also been working to create an Off-Campus Living Survey that will ask for students to give feedback and input on living off-campus and in particular Leasing Companies here in Normal
 - c. Secretary of Governmental Relations Anderson will also be working on this project gets going to provide insight to and from the town
 - i. A resolution approving our co-sponsorship of this is forth coming today
7. Another one of our top priorities this year, and every year for that matter, is promoting inclusion, diversity, and transparency to our process it is for this reason that I am forming a Commission that will work out the problems found in the Student Election Code
 - a. Last year major changes were made to the document that addressed the issue of social justice by eliminating the so-called ticket system
 - b. However, this change, and changes that have been made in that past, were not fully incorporated into the document, which is why the commission is going to be required to keep much of the intent and precedent set forth by previous versions of the SEC while making the document more cohesive and easier to understand and interpret

8. Finally, you all will be sick of my voice by the end of today's meet, if you not already as I am bring forward 5 resolutions and a bill which I will tackle one at a time
9. Again, I am thrilled to see everyone; Normal is just abnormal without people here. This year is going to be fantastic.
10. I will take any questions comments concerns at this time
11. Questions/Comments

B. Student Body Vice President (L. Neely)

1. Report
2. Questions/Comments

C. Student Body Executive Director (E. Bernacki)

1. Report
2. Questions/Comments

Assembly Officer Reports

A. President of the Assembly (D. Schlessler)

1. Report
2. Questions/Comments

B. Student Body Vice President (Z. Owens)

1. No Report
2. No Questions/Comments

C. Secretary of the Assembly (N. Diaz)

1. Attendance Policy (quick rundown)
 - a. May only accumulate 3 absences excused or unexcused
 - b. Need to come to me if you're going to be absent for any kind of meeting at least a week in advance from the event date
 - c. Fall retreat is coming up
 - d. Excused absences can be made up to ½ of the total amount of absences accumulated. Just see me to discuss possible make ups
2. Contact info
 - a. Slow to start, have to wait to accumulate everyone's contact info (newly appointed as well) before I can finalize it
3. Reports are needed to be handed in to me no later than at the end of this week

Cabinets Member Reports

- A. Secretary of Governmental Relations (G. Anderson)
 - 1. No report

- D. Secretary of Programs (K. Colaric)
 - 1. Report
 - 2. Questions/Comments
 - a. Motion to suspend order of business by President Marquis to make Student Trustee's report at this time
 - b. Executive Director Bernacki seconds the motion

- B. Student trustee (S. Palmer)
 - 1. Report
 - a. Questions/Comments

Advisor Report (R. Olshak)

- A. Report
- B. Questions/Comments

Senator Coordinator Reports

- A. On-campus Senators (E. Collins)
 - 1. The on-campus senators discussed many initiatives including:
 - a. Bussing and transportation
 - b. Debit dollars on meal plans and various locations in Uptown Normal
 - c. Sessions of constituent contact in Rosa Parks room
 - d. "End of the year room material auction" –swap an item from your room for another person's item

- B. Off-Campus Senators (A. Clayton)
 - 1. Discussed Constituent contact
 - a. Pool day
 - b. Cook out/bonfire
 - b. Nightride safety

- C. Graduate Senator (Mason)
 - 1. Report
 - 2. Questions/Comments

- D. Off-campus senator (A. VonQualen)
 - 1. Report
 - 2. Questions/Comments

- E. RSO Senators (E. Boldt)
 - 1. Discussed initiatives such as:
 - a. RSO website touch up
 - b. Personal ISU email for RSO'S
 - c. RSO resolution for office hours, make RSO orientation mandatory
 - 1. Neely: I think they are already going to revamp the website

Ex-Officio Reports

- A. ARH:
 - 1. Move in
 - a. Over 200 curb birds
 - b. Cutoff day to sign up is July 30th
 - c. Will be selling Ethernet cords
 - 2. Taking applications for Unity and Program coordinators
 - 3. Will be conducting blood drives throughout the year
 - 4. A Non-Alcoholic tailgating is being planned
 - 5. Questions/Comments
 - a. Senator Clayton: Are we going to sell or rent Ethernet cords?
 - b. Vice President Neely: Sell them
 - c. President Marquis: Together we will be bringing up a resolution about participating in Move In as curb birds

- B. PRIDE
 - 1. Report
 - 2. Questions/Comments

Information Items

- A. Appointment of Off-Campus Senator Amanda Vanmanisone (D. Marquis)
 - 1. President Marquis introduces candidate
 - 2. A. Vanmanisone makes speech
 - a. Questions/ Comments
 - 3. Steps out of the room and Assembly enters debate
 - 4. Senator Farrell calls for consensus
 - 5. Unanimous vote

6. Senator Vanmanisone is sworn in at 1:37

- B. Appointment of Executive Cabinet Positions- Secretaries of Public Relations (S. Robles), Sustainability (R. Martin), Student Fees (B. Morris), and Diversity Affairs (B. Rossi)
 1. President Marquis yields the floor to Executive Director Bernacki
 2. Executive Director Bernacki introduces S. Robles
 - a. Robles makes speech
 - b. Questions/Comments
 3. R. Martin introduced
 - a. Makes speech
 - b. Questions/Comments
 1. Senator Barham: do you commute from Springhill or do you live here?
 2. Martin: I live here
 4. B. Morris introduced
 - a. Morris makes speech
 - b. Questions/ Comments
 5. B. Rossi introduced
 - a. Rossi makes speech
 - b. Questions/Comments
 6. All step out
 7. Debate on all three candidates
 8. Motion to move to a slate vote by Senator Farrell
 9. Senator Knobloch seconds motion
 10. Unanimous vote
 11. All sworn in at 1:58

President of the Assembly Schlessler moves to take a 5 minute recess. Senator Farrell seconds the motion.

- C. Approval of Civic Engagement committee chairperson E. Strauss (D. Schlessler)
 1. Absent
 2. President of the Assembly Schlessler moves to postpone business until Senator Strauss is present
 3. Senator Farrell seconds
 4. Unanimous consent

- D. Resolution Approving the FY 2011 Student Government Association Budget (D. Marquis)
 1. President Marquis introduces resolution

2. President Marquis yields the floor to Advisor Olshak
 - a. We inherited some else's problem, now it is on our shoulders
 - b. Under the old budgeting system, the administration saved too much money. Making for a huge roll over. Operating at 80000 and using only 30000 today.
 1. Barham: Is there way we can look up the usage of the phones
 2. Advisor Olshak: is too costly, problem: have to put up money to get money,
 3. President Marquis takes over and explains
 4. Advisor Olshak takes over and explains
 5. Questions
 - a. Senator Barham: is it possible to pair this budget with past budgets?
 - b. Advisor Olshak: Yes, Everything that was in last year's budget is in this one, its just in a different space.
 - c. Senator Barham: Is there a way that we can increase the transparency of this budget?
 - d. Advisor Olshak: no the money that we actually spend, is shown in another spreadsheet. This spreadsheet is simplified to prevent general audience confusion.
 - e. Senator Knobloch: What programs fall under the miscellaneous row?
 - f. Advisor Olshak: Initiatives mentioned in discussions and as proposed by the current administrations
 - g. Senator Barham: With my previous question and trying to stay transparent is there a way to have this general budget plan and an explicit copy online?
 - h. Advisor Olshak: what you don't want to get into is too many details. What you need is the general spending information because then you meet your need for general audience disclosure. If someone asks you personally, we as SGA have access to get this information if asked.
 - i. Senator Clayton: let's do a big fundraiser!
 6. Motion to move information item D to action item A by President Marquis
 7. Senator Knobloch seconds
 8. Motions passes
- E. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association's Participation in "Curb Birds" (D. Marquis)
1. President Marquis introduces and explains resolution
 - a. Good for transparency and makes SGA visible to the student body
 - b. Questions/Comments
 1. Secretary Colaric: how long are the shifts?
 2. ARH: six shifts: two a day, 7:30 to noon and then noon to 4:30

3. Colaric: when we sign up for shifts, can we pick for shift and times?
 4. ARH: Yes you can
 5. Vice President Neely: can we pick the area?
 6. ARH: Yes because we have plenty of volunteers
 7. Senator Clayton: Are we going to have SGA shirts by then?
 8. President Marquis: No, we would not have them on time
 9. President of the Assembly Schlessler: as long as you wear the curb bird shirt, can you alter them?
 10. ARH : No, we do not allow advertising, it is supposed to be a unified effort
 11. ARH: Benefits that being a curb bird are early move-in and a chance to win a free semester of books
2. Move to make information item D to action item B by President Marquis
 3. Senator Knobloch seconds motion
 4. Motion passes
- F. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Associations' Participations in Off Campus Planner Handout (D. Marquis)
1. President Marquis introduces resolution
 2. Questions
 - a. Senator Cotter: when are the shift times?
 - b. President Marquis: early evening and late afternoon
 - c. Senator Davis: when will the information being sent out to us?
 - d. President Marquis: I'll get it to you guys as soon as I can
 - e. Senator Clayton: if we don't go, do we get an absence count for that?
 - f. Marquis: that is up to the discretion of Secretary Diaz
 3. President Marquis moves to make information item F to action item C
 4. Senator Knobloch seconds
 5. Motion passes
- G. Resolution Approving the SGA E-mail Signature (D. Marquis)
1. President Marquis introduces and explains
 - a. In the past we have had individual signatures, and now I want to have one unified signature; In an effort to better our communication
 2. Questions:
 - a. Secretary Colaric: is there a reason why this is not a bill?
 - b. President Marquis: I want to make this unique for our own specific administration
 3. Motion to make information item G action item D by President Marquis

4. Senator Farrell seconds
 5. Motions passes
- H. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association's Participation in the Fifth Annual Housing Fair (D. Marquis)
1. Marquis introduces and explains
 - a. The Off-Campus Housing fair is put on every year and potential leasers show up so they can be more informed about off-campus housing. SGA always has a booth. This will be where we will be releasing our survey.
 - b. On-campus senators have to go as well
 2. Questions:
 - a. Parliamentarian Mason: we have 800 dollars to spend in promotional materials, are we using that?
 - b. President Marquis: its less than we have typically had but it will do
 3. Motion to move information item H to action item E by President Marquis
 4. Senator Farrell seconds
 5. Motions passes
- I. Resolution Authorizing the Student Government Association's Participation in Festival ISU (Z. Owens)
1. Owens introduces and explains
 - a. Senator Farrell: do we have a booth?
 - b. Vice President of the Assembly Owens: We have a tent
 2. Motion to make information item I to action item F by Owens
 3. Senator Farrell seconds
- J. Resolution Approving the Student Government Association Shirt Swap (T. Mason)
1. Parliamentarian Mason introduces and explains
 - a. Swap other collages shirts in exchange for ISU shirts and donate old shirts
 2. Questions
 - a. Senator Knobloch: do we get tax exemptions?
 - b. Mason: Yes
 - c. Executive Director Bernacki: do we have co-sponsor other organizations and places besides the college town?
 - d. Mason: We can, but we would have to add more names to the shirts
 - e. Senator Boldt: how successful has this been?
 - f. Mason: It wasn't as successful I would have hoped because of bad advertising, and we added the school year on them.
 3. Move to make information item J to action item G by Parliamentarian Mason

4. Senator Farrell seconds
 5. Motions passes
- K. Resolution Approving the Student Government Association's Fall Retreat (E. Bernacki)
1. Executive Director Bernacki introduces and explains spending
 2. Questions/Comments
 3. Move to make information item K to action item H by Director Bernacki
 4. Senator Farrell seconds
 5. Motion passes
- L. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Executive Cabinet Members Authorities, Powers and Responsibilities (Article 2, Section 3C) (D. Marquis)
1. President Marquis introduces and explains
 - a. The idea is that it is making SGA more transparent
 2. Questions:
 - a. Senator Barham: who took care of the CAR?
 - b. Point of clarification by President of the Assembly Schlessler: Collage of affordability manages CAR
- M. Bill to Amend the Legislative Branch by-Laws, Article 6, Section 2 Absence Policy (T. Mason)
1. Mason introduces and explains
 2. Questions:
 - a. Owens: Who will check Secretary Diaz's attendance there?
 - b. Mason: Secretaries in the area government

Action items:

- A. Action Item A (Curb Birds)
1. Mason offers friendly amendment in line 33
 - a. Marquis accepts and moves to approve
 - b. Farrell seconds
 - c. Assembly goes into debate
 3. Resolution passes unanimously: 21 votes
- B. Action Item B (Off-Campus Planner Handout)
1. Marquis: good opportunity to get out there and be involved as SGA, I will do my best to be lenient with scheduling. Moves to approve
 - a. Marquis calls for debate
 1. Removes ARH as sponsor

2. Line 23: spelling error
 3. Remove “as assigned by” in line 27
 2. Resolution passes unanimously: 21 votes
- C. Action Item C (SGA E-Mail Signature)
 1. Marquis: improve communication, mediating tool between students and staff; move to approve
 - a. Senator Farrell seconds
 2. Debate:
 - a. Bernacki offers friendly amendment
 - b. Clayton offers friendly amendment concerning hours
 1. Marquis approves conditionally
 - c. Line 20 will follow the format of the university student guide; lines 22-31 are eliminated
 - d. Farrell calls for consent
 3. Resolution passes unanimously: 21 votes
- D. Action Item D (Housing fair)
 1. President Marquis moves to approve, Senator Farrell seconds
 2. Debate
 - a. Senator Colaric offers a friendly amendment on line 30 of resolution
 1. Marquis accepts and calls for consent
 3. Resolution passes unanimously: 21 votes
- E. Action Item E (Festival ISU)
 1. Vice President of the Assembly Owens moves to approve
 2. Senator Farrell seconds
 3. Assembly enters debate
 - a. Senator Knobloch calls for consent
 4. Resolution passes unanimously: 21 votes
- F. Action item F (T-shirt Swap)
 1. Parliamentarian Mason moves to approve
 2. Senator Farrell seconds
 3. Debate follows
 - a. Senator Knobloch calls for consent
 4. Resolution passes unanimously: 21 votes

G. Action Item G (Fall Retreat)

1. Director Bernacki moves to approve
 - a. Farrell seconds
2. Debate
 - a. President Marquis proposes a friendly amendment in the wording on line 11 of the resolution
 1. Director Bernacki accepts
 - b. Senator Knobloch calls for consent
3. Resolution passes unanimously: 21 votes

Passing the Gavel

Adjournment

- A. President Marquis motions to adjourn
 - a. Senator Farrell seconds
- B. Meeting is adjourned at 3:45 p.m.