

Student Government Association

General Assembly Meeting

August 25, 2010

7:30 P.M.-9:12 P.M.

Executive Members Present: Student Body President Marquis, Student Body Vice President Neely, Executive Director Bernacki, Secretary of College Affordability Morris, Secretary of Diversity Affairs Rossi, Secretary of Governmental Relations Anderson, Secretary of Information Technology Olson, Secretary of Public Relations Robles, Secretary of Programs Colaric, Secretary of Sustainability Martin

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

Ex-Officios Present: ALAS, APAC, ARH, BSU, Pride, Student Trustee Palmer

Advisor Olshak Present

I. Call to order at 7:30 PM

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2010

- A. Senator Farrell motions to approve
 - 1. President Marquis seconds

IV. Executive Officer Reports

- A. Student Body President (D. Marquis)
 - 1. Constitution ratification
 - a. I want to thank everyone for their help and support with the passing of the new student Constitution. This document means so much more than simply giving us a new version of a governing document; it ensures students' their voice on this campus. The other day I found out that SGA was founded in 1920 and that this was actually our 90th year here on campus in one form or another, and I have to say that I am incredibly proud that we continue to make such incredible strides for the students of ISU even after 90 years. We truly have something special

here at Illinois State, most schools do not have a document anything like the one we just re-ratified tonight. Students at our school have an incredible amount of power and influence. This is not a Constitution that is intended to give us more power, it truly gives general students more power, and when we go into a room we truly represent them.

2. Welcome to the new Ex-Officio Advisor Brittany Stokes who is the new Specialist with the Diversity Advocacy Office.
3. Most of you are aware of this already, but Senator Gianna Melendez has officially resigned from her post as an On-Campus Senator. This means that there is now an open seat, if you know anyone who is interested in being an On-Campus Senator please get them to apply and let me know who they are.
4. I also have filled the SGA seat available on the Student Election Code Commission with Senator Owens. He will do a great job and was the first to contact me. We still are looking to fill the other general student seats on the Commission prior getting to work.
5. Finally, there is a request from the President and Jan Murphy to fill an NCAA re-certification committee. We are looking for one SGA member and 2 general student members to fill this committee. Please let me know if you are interested in serving, if you like athletics and want to be a bigger part of that community this is a terrific opportunity to get involved!
6. As the year goes on I want to really solidify our message and our shared vision of what we are working toward. I will speak more to this over the weekend, however I wanted to mention tonight that while we might come from many different backgrounds, and we all ended up in this room for different reasons, it is important that you all feel as if and see that your vision is part of our vision. We still will base our goals for the year around working toward our five pillars of Communication, Campus Safety, College Affordability, Diversity, and School Pride, but those are broad so you can create your own unique interpretation of how we approach them. If you ever have any questions, comments, concerns or are need of some advice my door will always be open and I encourage all of you to stop by and speak with me.
7. That is all I have for tonight. If you have any questions, comments, concerns now I will be happy to field those. Thank you
8. Questions/Comments

B. Student Body Vice President (L. Neely)

1. Committees

- a. If interested email me as soon as you can, especially if you are interested in finance and allocation. I have to have those committees up and running by the end of this week.

2. ELP (Emerging Leaders Program)

- a. If I emailed you in regards to this, please fill out the forms I attached to the email back to me so I have a list of who will be mentoring for sure. Also, if you can refer students to me who you feel would be good candidates that would be great!

3. Questions/Comments

- a. President Marquis: How many mentors do you still need?
- b. Vice President Neely: I still need 3!
- c. Marquis: The ELP program is a terrific program that gives freshmen an insight about the inner workings of SGA. All of you could easily be a mentor; it is not a huge time commitment. If you have any questions please talk to Lorryn. It is a program that has been going on for a while and I sincerely believe everyone one of you should sign up. Thank you.
- d. Senator Vanmanisone: Did you recently email the ELP information?
- e. Neely: I think I sent them out about a week ago.
- f. Senator Farrell: Do people signing up for ELP have to be freshmen?
- g. Neely: Yes, this program is geared toward freshmen and transfer students.
- h. President of the Assembly Schlessler: Can you send a list of all of the committees that still need to be filled to me?
- i. Neely: yes I will do that as soon as I can

C. Student Body Executive Director (E. Bernacki)

1. Report

- a. Fall Retreat
- b. Cabinets and Hours they need to serve

2. Questions/comments

- a. Secretary Anderson: How many hours do cabinet members have to have filled out in a week?
- b. Director Bernacki: You have to have 5 hours
- c. APAC: At what time do the ex-officios have to be at the retreat?
- d. Bernacki: Be there around 9:30 A.M.
- e. Senator Knobloch: Could you email us a packing list by any chance?

- f. Bernacki: yes, will do! By the way, we saved \$200 by taking school buses!
- g. Advisor Olshak: There are only two bathrooms in the cabin we are staying. So you all have to figure out a schedule system for the showers.
- h. Secretary Colaric: the past executive director had a list of items to bring on the retreat in her files.

v. Assembly Officer Reports

A. President of the Assembly (D. Schlessler)

- 1. Report
- 2. Questions/comments
 - a. I am still taking names of people who still need name tags

B. Vice President of the Assembly (Z. Owens)

- 1. Canvassing Campus:
 - a. You need to have 6 hours set aside
 - b. "Office on the Quad" will help satisfy that
- 2. CC email List serves are up
- 3. Festival ISU is from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. on September 2
 - a. Signup sheet will be coming around
 - b. Need to serve for an hour
 - c. This is an opportunity to talk to constituents, talk about ELP, external committees, the pending Campus Caucus, and of course the T-Shirt Swap.
- 4. Questions/Comments
 - 1. Senator Farrell: for the Canvassing the Quad, is there like time cards we need to use to record our time?
 - 2. Owens: Yeah you will need to fill out time cards

C. Secretary of the Assembly (N. Diaz)

- 1. Just a couple of things I would like to go over: The first one concerning the Internal SGA Committee attendance:
 - a. Absences from these meetings will be counted as ½ of an absence
 - b. And the committee chair will be responsible for taking attendance in there groups, and notifying me if there were, or weren't any absences. Therefore at the conclusion of our meeting , if all committee chairs could please let me know even though I believe I saw everyone here.
- 2. Next, I am going to be starting a monthly listing of the names of people AND ex-officios who have missed one or more SGA meetings of any kind. I am not

doing this to call anyone out, I am doing it to make sure that IM taking record of everything correctly and everything is up to date. Some of you already approached me. So here is the list:

- a. Secretary Olson
- b. Senator Rubashkin
- c. Senator Strauss
- d. Senator Tomasino
- e. Ex-officios include:
 - i. APAC
 - ii. ALAS
 - iii. PRIDE

- These are only people who I have recorded as having one absence or more, either excused, not excused, or not present.
- Also, no one has gotten in contact with me about make ups for excused absences which can clear up to ½ of your absences.
- Again, I am not calling anyone out, if anyone has questions, comments, or concerns over the attendance I have recorded, please see me as soon as possible preferably after the meeting, or within 48 hours at the latest if you seek a change of status for your absence.

3. As you all know, the fall retreat is coming up, and seeing as to how I have not gotten any notices about not being able to come, I am assuming we should be able to achieve a 100% attendance! So that's good!

4. And then last but not least, you might have noticed that there is a note card in or on top of your folder. I you could please fill it out with:

- a. Your name and last name
 - b. Birthday
 - c. Outlook and ISU email
 - d. Number where you can easily be reached at
 - e. Where you are living on campus either dorm and number or residence(this information I am keeping for personal reference and will be disclosed only on a need to know basis, except to the executive committee and Advisor Olshak)
- Some of you may notice this sounds pretty familiar. I tried compiling contact information from some of you earlier, but with all the new appointments it has been hard to collect and store all at once. If you

could please hand these in to me by the end of this meeting that would be excellent.

5. And lastly, you have your individual reports. If those could be handed into me by Friday at the latest so I can put them in the minutes that would be great or else the minutes will read “no report”
6. And that pretty much wraps up my report
7. Questions/Comments

VI. Cabinet Member Reports

A. Secretary of Governmental Relations (G. Anderson)

1. Human Relations Meeting is on Tuesday, August 24th
 - a. Planning on showing Crash at the Normal Theater in late January
2. Questions/Comments
 - a. Director Bernacki: What’s Crash about?
 - b. Anderson: It’s a movie about racial differences and stereotypes

B. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)

1. Report
 - a. Pictures to be taken after the meeting for those who do not have one
2. Questions/Comments
 - a. Trustee Palmer: Do ex-officios need to take pictures?
 - b. Olson: Yes they do!

C. Secretary of Programs (K. Colaric)

1. Homecoming 2010
 - a. I will be meeting with Ryan Wolber on Monday (9/6) to discuss cosponsoring an event
 - b. I am also working to create a co sponsorship with UPB
 - c. In tonight’s meeting, the Programs and Rec committee discussed ideas for this year’s SGA homecoming float.
2. Pig out with the Prez 2010
 - a. Met this evening to discuss SGA’s cosponsorship of this event and to discuss other relevant information (ex: theme, costs, food, ect.)
3. Off-Campus Housing Fair 2010
 - a. I will be having a meeting on Friday (8/27) morning about SGA’s involvement in this event
4. Question/Comments

D. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (B. Rossi)

1. Recently I have met with the presidents and/or the SGA representatives of the cultural ex-officios. We have started to discuss the goals and the plans of the organizations as well as the ones for SGA. I attended the Kick-Off "Que" of the Diversity Advocacy office on August 22nd where I met with the new advising specialists of the D.A. Office. Details of the Diversity Committee are coming soon.
2. Questions/Comments

E. Secretary of Public Relation (S. Robles)

1. Social Media Initiatives:
 - a. Tumblr, Twitter, Flickr, Facebook, Youtube (setting up accounts, designing, doing weekly updates with photos, video, etc.)
 - b. Introducing social media resolution
 - c. Working with UMC of designing the discount card
2. Questions/Comments

F. Secretary of College Affordability (B. Morris)

1. Report
2. Questions/Comments

G. Secretary of Sustainability (R. Martin)

1. Report
2. Questions/Comments
 - c. Senator Knobloch: if you need any help contacting RSO's, ask me or Ethan and we can definitely help you out.

President of the Assembly Schlessler motions to suspend the usual order of business to let BSU talk at this time due to a prior commitment

1. BSU: Report

VII. Advisor Report (R. Olshak)

A. Reminder of Advisor's Schedule

1. Mon & Wed - 1 on 1s with Executive Officers
2. Tues & Thu - Dean of Students Units
3. Fri - Dean on Duty
4. Please call 438-2008 to set up an appointment

B. Operations Flash Drives

1. Information being compiled
 2. Will include Constitution, Bylaws, all SGA forms and other resources
 3. Hope to have distributed by end of September
- C. SGA Retreat
1. Please do know the rules for the SGA Retreat, don't make me put on my Associate's Deans Hat!
 2. Review of Handout
 3. Turn over to Executive Bernacki for forms
- D. Questions/Comments
- a. Secretary Colaric: I want to remind you all to bring bug spray!

VIII. 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 the Rosa Parks room
 - d. "End of the year" room item action/ Yard Sale
 2. We are also working on setting up weekly or biweekly meetings so we can all touch base with where we are at
 3. Questions/Comments
- B. Off-Campus Senators (A. Clayton)
1. Report
 2. Questions/Comments
- C. Graduate Senators (T. Mason)
1. Report
 2. Questions/Comments
- D. Academic Senators (A. VonQualen)
1. Report
 2. Questions/Comments
- E. RSO Senators (E. Boldt)
2. Report
 3. Questions/Comments

IX. Ex-Officio Reports

- A. ALAS
 - 1. General Assembly Board is August 31st in the Student Services Building room 135 at 7pm
 - B. APAC
 - 1. Welcome back party is September 14 in the Student Services Building, room 314 at 7 P.M.
 - 2. Questions/Comments
 - a. Secretary Rossi: I have a copy of all the ex-officio's calendar, so ask me if you need information
 - C. ARH
 - 1. Move in was a huge success!
 - a. More compliments about Watterson Towers this year despite the renovations going on
 - 2. Questions/Comments
 - D. BSU (Spoke prior to this)
 - E. Pride
 - 1. Our first meeting will be on September 1st in the Student Services Building at 7 P.M in room 375.
 - 2. Will have our booth at Festival ISU
 - F. Student Trustee (S. Palmer)
 - 1. Board of Trustees had a meeting on July 24
 - a. A Student on a fifth or sixth year plan will have the same tuition as a freshman did when this student was a sophomore.
 - 2. Next board meeting will be in October
 - a. Questions/Comments
- X. Committee Reports**
- A. Programs and Rec (E. Cotter)
 - 1. We came up with float ideas for homecoming
 - 2. Yields the floor to Secretary Colaric
 - 3. Colaric: We are thinking about a "Red Carpet" theme: it's hard to work with themes, so email us with your ideas! Were also discussing ideas for our Pack the House/Place
 - b. Music oriented

- c. A lot of Student interest in that
 - d. Questions/Comments
- B. Finance and allocation (K. Farrell)
 - 1. No Report
 - 2. Questions/Comments
- C. Civic Engagement (E. Collins)
 - 1. Senator Collins yields the floor to Senator Mason
 - 2. Mason: We are looking to have debates between congressional candidates. Details will be forthcoming soon
 - 3. Questions/Comments
- D. Policies and procedures (J. Barham)
 - 1. Told my committee to read the SGA constitution!
 - 2. Questions/Comments

President of the Assembly Schlessler asks if there is a consensus to not take a break at this time. Consensus is reached.

XI. Information Items

- A. Resolution Requiring RSO Senators to fill one hour of office hours in the SIC (E. Boldt)
 - 1. Boldt presents the resolution:
 - a. To devote an extra hour in the RSO involvement center, it will be good for the visibility
 - 2. Questions/Comments
 - a. Senator Knobloch: Point of clarification: It's not an extra hour, it's an hour that we already have to work
 - b. Senator Rubashkin: Is this in addition to our office hours? Like for example the hours we have to serve outside the office?
 - c. Vice President of the Assembly Owens: it is considered as part of the 2 hours outside the office
 - d. President Marquis: Why is this not a bill? Seeing how this year goes, would you make this change permanent?
 - e. Boldt: Definitely!
 - f. Senator Farrell moves to make Information Item A, Action Item C. Senator Knobloch seconds
 - g. Motion passes

- B. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of Fall 2010's First Campus Caucus (S. Owens)
 - 1. Owens presents resolution
 - a. gives students a chance to ask questions to running representatives
 - 2. Questions
 - a. Senator Barham: How will you answer individual questions?
 - b. Owens: There are different venues, we can answer them through email as well
 - 3. Owens moves to make Information Item B, Action Item D. Farrell seconds
 - 4. Motions passes

- C. Resolution Authorizing SGA to House a Deputy Registrar Class (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Owens presents resolution:
 - a. Civic Engagement is one our core principles; lines 21 A ND 22 requires you all to attend. If you have a class then it would be counted as a not present.
 - 2. Questions:
 - a. Rubashkin: So a class conflict is a Not Present?
 - b. Owens: yes!
 - 3. Owens moves to make Information Item C, Action Item E. Knobloch seconds.
 - 4. Motions passes

- D. Resolution Establishing SGA's Official Twitter Account (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Owens presents resolution
 - a. Improves our transparency
 - 2. Questions
 - b. Senator Vanmanisone: What are we twittering?
 - c. Owens: Anything related with SGA and our stuff and advertise constituent contact
 - 3. Owens moves to make Information Item D, Action Item F. Knobloch Seconds
 - 4. Owens moves to post pone Action Items, Bills A, B, and C, until next week. Need to be sent out for constituent contact feedback. President Marquis seconds
 - 5. Both motions pass

XII. Action Items

- A. Bill to Amend the Executive Branch By-Laws: Executive Cabinet Members Authorities, Powers, and Responsibilities (Article 2, Section 3C) (D. Marquis) (SUSPENDED)
- B. Bill to Amend the Legislative Branch By-Laws, Articles 6, Section 2 Absence Policy (T. Mason) (SUSPENDED)
- C. Action item C: Resolution Requiring RSO Senators to fill one hour of office hours in the SIC (E. Boldt)
 - 1. Boldt moves to approve, Knobloch seconds
 - 2. Debate
 - 3. Vote
 - 4. Resolution passes unanimously
- D. Action Item D: Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of Fall 2010's First Campus Caucus (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Owens moves to approve, Marquis seconds
 - 2. Debate
 - a. Rossi: Line 22 read: "Monday September 8th". Is this right?
 - b. Owens: I will amend it to make it September 6th
 - 3. Vote
 - 4. Resolution passes unanimously
- E. Action item E: Resolution Authorizing SGA to House a Deputy Registrar Class (Z. Owens)
 - 5. Owens moves to approve, Marquis seconds
 - 5. Debate
 - 6. Vote
 - 7. Resolution Passes unanimously
- F. Action Item F: Resolution Establishing SGA's Official Twitter Account (Z. Owens)
 - 1. Owens makes a change in Line 23: from Gibbs to Robles. With that, he moves to approve, Knobloch seconds
 - 2. Debate
 - 3. Passing of the resolution is put to a vote
 - 4. Resolution passes: 16 yays: 2 nay (numbers taken from the total number of seated and voting members in the assembly)

XIII. Passing the Gavel

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Schlessler moves to adjourn the meeting. Farrell seconds
- B. Meeting is adjourned at 9:12