

Student Government Association Assembly Meeting
April 14, 2010
7:36 PM- 9:55 PM

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Student Body President Marquis at 7:36PM.

Executive Office Reports

- Student Body President (D. Marquis)
 - We will be appointing six people tonight to various positions.
 - Three will be appointed to Senator positions, 3 will be appointed to Executive Staff positions.
 - Later in the meeting will be elections for Officers of the Assembly.
 - The Student Elections Code has become outdated recently.
 - He will be establishing an Elections Code Commission to review the current Elections Code.
 - It will have representatives from the Student Government Association, Association of Residence Halls, Black Student Union, and students at large.
 - We will be reviewing the Elections Code while it is still fresh in peoples' minds from the recent election.
 - More information will be coming.
 - People should let him know if they are interested in serving on the Commission.
 - There will be an attendance policy review taking place soon.
 - There are currently some holes in the existing policy.
 - The review will be done with himself, the President of the Assembly, the Vice President of the Assembly, Senator Mason, and Advisor Olshak.
 - The goal will be to make sure the attendance policy matches all of the By-Laws.
 - We may need to make some exceptions to the attendance policy for the next couple of meetings.
 - There are currently many Senators facing problems with having a Wednesday night class this semester.
 - There will be a resolution at the next meeting that deals with the Student Body Vice President and Student Body Executive Director.
 - The resolution will be to have both of them stay for several weeks over the summer.
 - The current By-Laws only require the Student Body Vice President to hold office hours over the summer.
 - President Marquis believes that it is also important to have the Student Body Executive Director hold office hours over the summer for several weeks.
 - The resolution will most likely have the Student Body Vice President split her summer office hours with the Student Body Executive Director.
 - This will eventually lead to a By-Laws change.
 - He is very excited for the start of this Association and is ready to get going on many initiatives.
 - He is very happy to have everyone in the Association, no matter how they got there.

- Student Body Vice President (L. Neely)
 - o She apologizes for not being at the Transition Retreat.
 - She had some issues come up that needed to be taken care of.
 - o She is starting to reorganize the Emerging Leader Program for next year.
 - Association members should begin thinking about if they would like to be mentors for an Emerging Leader member.
 - She will have more information about this at the summer meeting.
 - o She will be contacting current members of external committees to see who would like to stay on those committees through next year.
 - People will have a chance to join any committee with an opening.
 - o She is excited to meet everyone in the future.

- Student Body Executive Director (E. Bernacki)
 - o People should talk to Susan Worrell if they have not done so yet.
 - People will not be allowed to swipe in for meetings and office hours until they talk to her.
 - o People should meet with him after the meeting if they have not yet set up their Outlook accounts.
 - o If people have free time in their office hours, they should help to clean the office.
 - o He will have the mailboxes done in the office by tomorrow afternoon.
 - He is waiting to see the results of the Officers of the Assembly elections tonight so he can give people the right mailboxes.
 - o Association members should send him their office hours for the rest of this school year by 5pm on Friday, April 17.
 - Senators need to have three office hours.
 - o Questions
 - Senator Cotter says she is still having issues swiping in.
 - Executive Director Bernacki will look into this issue.
 - Senator Farrell wants to know where people can swipe in.
 - President Marquis says there are two places to swipe in- outside the Student Government Association office by the vending machines and in the Bone Student Center next to the University Program Board.

Advisor Report (R. Olshak)

- 1) Payroll Issues- he will be working with Susan Worrell to implement a new payroll system which will be in place by the summer Assembly Meeting.
 - a. The current system is no longer in compliance with University procedures and presents significant operational difficulties for the business office.
 - b. Presently, rates vary by position based on the idea that they are stipend positions.
 - i. The business office can no longer view Association members as student receiving stipends.
 - ii. Instead people will be viewed as receiving an hourly wage.
 - iii. The rate will be re-set for everyone in the Student Government Association is receiving the same hourly rate and that pay differential will be based solely on hours worked.
 - c. The overall pay is capped by the amount of salary money included in the pool approved through the Fee Review process.

- i. They will work backward from the overall amount based on the maximum number of hours that can be worked according to the Student Government Association By-Laws.
 - d. More information will be provided once the new system is in place.
 - i. People should be aware that the check they receive at the end of this month may or may not be indicative of the amount they will be receiving next fall and spring.
 - ii. He does not expect there to be a significant difference in anyone's pay.
- 2) He will be out of town at the next business meeting on April 28.
 - a. Michael Zajac, the Coordinator of Off-Campus, Nontraditional, and Parents' Services, will be taking his place for the night.
 - b. People should be respectful to him.
 - c. This will be a good opportunity for members to get to know Zajac because off-campus issues will be a defining piece of the 2010-2011 Administration.
- 3) Anyone running for Office of the Assembly positions tonight should know that Executive Committee meetings are held every Monday at 5pm in the Dean of Students Office Administrative Conference Room.
 - a. This is a requirement for all office positions.
 - b. Short Executive Committee meetings are also held after every Assembly Meeting.
- 4) He thanks everyone who has met with him so far this week, and he knows he still has several more people to meet this week.
 - a. People should remember to complete their personnel paperwork if they have not done so already.
 - b. People are now able to get paid, and the only way they can get paid is if they are active in the payroll system.
 - i. There will be no back pay.

Ex-Officio Reports

- ALAS
 - o They have a new representative.
 - o They had a formal last Saturday.
 - It was very successful, with about 250 guests.
 - o Their annual cookout will be next Tuesday, April 20 at 7pm.
 - The location is not yet decided.
- APAC
 - o They had their new executive board elections.
 - Their new representative will be at the next Assembly Meeting.
 - o Their Cultural Dinner is Sunday, April 18, at 6pm in the Bone Student Center Circus Room.
- ARH
 - o Ryan Wolber will be the new representative from ARH.
 - o They had new executive board elections last Sunday.
 - There are only two positions left to fill.
 - o They are having an Earth Week Reception on Wednesday, April 21 from 5:30-7pm in the Bone Student Center Prairie Room.
 - o They are accepting Curb Bird Coordinator and Curb Bird applications for move-in this fall.

- Questions
 - President Marquis recommends that all On-Campus Senators be a Curb Bird for this fall.
 - Applications will be accepted until June.
- BSU
 - They have their Passing of the Gavel on Tuesday, April 20, at 7pm in the Bone Student Center Prairie Room.
 - They are going through transitions for next year.
 - They have many new Executive Board members.
 - May 1 will be their end of the year Kick-Out-Que.
- Pride
 - They had new executive board elections tonight.
 - There will be a new Pride representative at the next Assembly Meeting.
 - Friday, April 16 will be their Day of Silence from 9am- 3pm on the Schroeder Plaza.
 - Their Passing of the Gavel is coming up.
- Student Trustee (G. Bagnuolo)
 - The University has finally received the last of its MAP Grant funding.
 - The state still owes the University about \$80 million.
 - They have paid over \$40 million so far.
 - The new Vice President for University Advancement should be announced by the end of the week.
 - The next Board of Trustees meeting is Friday, May 7 at 9am.
 - He will still be the Student Trustee at that meeting because his term ends at the end of the fiscal year.
 - He is going to make an effort to be in the office over the next several weeks.
 - People should feel free to ask any questions they have about the Board of Trustees or the University.
 - Questions
 - ARH asks if the sustainability fee referendum will be voted on at the May 7 Board of Trustee meeting.
 - Trustee Bagnuolo is not sure which meeting it will be voted on because the University is still trying to work out the details.
 - Trustee Bagnuolo says that many Universities throughout the state are raising tuition and Illinois State University is in a good place currently.

Action Items

- President Marquis gives the oath of office to three Senators that were not at Passing of the Gavel- Senators Clayton, Cotter, and Martin.
- A. Senator Appointments (D. Marquis)
 - a. President Marquis says that it is a 2/3 majority vote to approve appointees.
 - i. All of the Senators will be appointed as Underrepresented Senators tonight and will be reassigned to the new positions once the Constitution is ratified.
 - b. Aaron Von Qualen
 - i. President Marquis believes he will be a good voice for the College of Fine Arts.
 - ii. Von Qualen is approved unanimously.
 - iii. Senator Von Qualen takes the oath of office.
 - c. Heather Knobloch

- i. President Marquis says that she is the President of Hewett-Manchester Student Association and had a great interview.
 - ii. Knobloch is approved unanimously.
 - iii. Senator Knobloch takes the oath of office.
 - d. Zach Owens
 - i. President Maquis says that he has been a Senator for the past year and a half.
 - ii. Owens is approved unanimously.
 - iii. Senator Owens takes the oath of office.
- B. Executive Staff Appointments (E. Bernacki)
 - a. Senator Mason motions to nominate and elect all three Executive Staff appointments as a slate.
 - i. Senator Schlessler seconds.
 - ii. No debate.
 - iii. Motion is approved unanimously.
 - b. Grant Anderson (Secretary of Governmental Relations)
 - c. Katie Colaric (Secretary of Programming)
 - d. Matt Olson (Secretary of Information Technology)
 - e. Senator Mason calls for unanimous consent.
 - i. Senator Barham objects.
 - ii. Call for unanimous consent fails.
 - f. All three appointments are approved unanimously.
 - g. Secretaries Anderson, Colaric, and Olson take the oath of office.
- C. Assembly Officer Elections (D. Marquis)
 - a. President Marquis goes over the procedure for Officer of the Assembly elections.
 - i. Each position will be elected one at a time in the order of: President of the Assembly, Vice President of the Assembly, and Secretary of the Assembly.
 - ii. Each position will have a call for nominations.
 - 1. The person must accept the nomination.
 - iii. Each nominee will have five minutes to give a speech.
 - 1. The nominee will then take questions and answers.
 - iv. Then the next nominee will come into the room and begin the process over.
 - b. President of the Assembly
 - i. Senator Barham nominates Senator Owens.
 - 1. Senator Owens declines.
 - ii. Senator Mason nominates Senator Schlessler.
 - 1. Senator Schlessler accepts.
 - iii. ARH nominates Senator Barham.
 - 1. Senator Barham declines.
 - iv. President Marquis calls for unanimous consent of Senator Schlessler.
 - 1. Senator Barham objects.
 - 2. Call for unanimous consent fails.
 - v. Senator Schlessler wins President of the Assembly.
 - c. Vice President of the Assembly
 - i. Senator Clayton nominates Senator Owens.

1. Senator Owens accepts.
 - ii. Senator Mason nominates Senator Farrell.
 1. Senator Farrell accepts.
 - iii. Executive Director Bernacki nominates Senator Barham.
 1. Senator Barham declines.
 - iv. Senator Owens wins Vice President of the Assembly.
- d. Secretary of the Assembly
- i. Trustee Bagnuolo nominates Senator Mason.
 1. Senator Mason declines.
 - ii. President of the Assembly Schlessler nominates Senator Strauss.
 1. Senator Strauss accepts.
 - iii. Trustee Bagnuolo nominates Senator Farrell.
 1. Senator Farrell declines.
 - iv. Executive Director Bernacki nominates Senator Starosta.
 1. Senator Starosta declines.
 - v. President of the Assembly Schlessler nominates Senator Diaz.
 1. Senator Diaz accepts.
 - vi. Vice President Neely nominates Senator Martin.
 1. Senator Martin declines.
 - vii. APAC nominates Senator Collins.
 1. Senator Collins declines.
 - viii. Vice President Neely nominates Senator Davis.
 1. Senator Davis declines.
 - ix. Senator Diaz wins Secretary of the Assembly.

Passing of the Gavel

- Vice President Neely reminds people to think about if they want to be Emerging Leader Program members.
- Executive Director Bernacki reminds people to send him their office hours for the rest of the year by 5pm on Friday.
 - o He also reminds people that there are no longer any tickets and that we are one Association working together.
- ARH reminds people of their Earth Week Reception on Wednesday, April 21 from 5:30-7pm in the Bone Student Center Prairie Room.
- APAC reminds people of their Cultural Dinner on Sunday, April 18, at 6pm in the Bone Student Center Circus Room.
- ALAS reminds people that their annual cookout will be next Tuesday, April 20 at 7pm.
- Pride reminds people about their Day of Silence in the Schroeder Plaza from 9am-3pm on Friday.
- Trustee Bagnuolo reminds people they should feel free to ask him any questions in the upcoming weeks, especially about the Board of Trustees.
- Senator Martin tells people that Zeta Tau Alpha is getting donations for breast cancer awareness.
- Senator Knobloch tells people that Hewett-Manchester Student Association's kick out will be coming up.

- Secretary Olson says he needs people to send him their bios for the website.
 - o People can email them to him at SGATech@exchange.ilstu.edu.
 - o He wants to take new individual photos for the website at the next Assembly Meeting.
- Advisor Olshak reminds people not to pack up until after adjournment.
 - o He congratulates everyone who ran for a position tonight.
 - o He believes we need to move on from the last election.
 - o He thought tonight was a good first meeting with good discussions and civility.
 - o The Student Government Association flash drives need to be returned if people still have them.
 - They are going to be revamped with new information.
 - They should be done at the summer meeting.
 - o People appointed to positions tonight need to get their new position sheets back to him.
 - o There will be an Executive Meeting tonight.
 - o The newly elected Officers of the Assembly need to set up one-on-one meetings with him this Monday, April 19.
- President Marquis lets everyone know they can put their office hours in Executive Director Bernacki's mailbox.
 - o People need to get signatures for the Constitution.
 - Everyone needs to help with this.
 - The person who gets the most signatures will win an award.
 - He wants to have 2,400 signatures by the next Assembly Meeting.
 - There is no official event for this yet.
 - The rules for getting signatures are not the same as campaigning rules.
 - People can get signatures in the dorms and in their classrooms.

Adjournment

- Senator Farrell motions to adjourn.
 - o Secretary Colaric seconds.
 - o Meeting adjourned at 9:55PM.