

## **Student Government Association**

### **General Assembly Minutes**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**7:40 P.M.-10:36 P.M.**

**Executive Members Present:** Student Body President Marquis, Student Body Vice President Neely, Executive Director Martin, Secretary of Diversity Affairs Rossi, Secretary of College Affordability Morris, Secretary of Governmental Relations Anderson, Secretary of Information Technology Olson, Secretary of Public Relations Robles, 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 Barham, Senator Collins, Senator Farrell, Senator Ramirez, Senator Clayton, Senator Davis, Senator McMahon, Senator Tomlin, Senator Boldt, Senator Knobloch, Senator Rubashkin, Von Qualen, Senator Olendzki, Senator Mason

**Also Present:** Advisor Olshak

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A. Senator Farrell moves to approve, Senator Knobloch seconds

**III. Executive Officer Report**

A. Student Body President (D. Marquis)

1. Report

a. SHAB committee

i. Looking for 3 student volunteers

b. Off Campus living survey is going to be sent out to graduate and off campus students

i. Make sure to take it if it pertains to you

ii. Use information to create student's tenant union

c. Worked on a S.T.O.P. shift with Senator Olendzki and President Bowman

i. Wants service to be more beneficial to students

d. General remarks on the morale in the association

i. Reviewed "Progress on Pillars" chart

2. Questions/Comments segment

B. Student Body Vice President (L. Neely)

1. Report

a. S.H.A.B

- i. Interested members need to let Neely know
    - b. Need someone to serve on the feed board committee
    - c. Will be sending out Email concerning interest in committees
    - d. ELP
      - i. First meeting went very well
      - ii. Meeting with mentors
    - e. Placed the order for SGA sweatshirts and polos
  - 2. Questions/Comments segment
- C. Student Body Executive Director (L. Martin)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Ordered promotional pens
  - 2. Questions/Comments segment

#### **IV. Assembly Officer Reports**

- A. President of the Assembly (D. Schlessler)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Officially created the Campus Safety Committee
    - b. Senators who have not met with Schlessler or emailed him by Friday to set up an appointment will have their names turned in to Secretary Diaz and they will receive an unexcused absence
  - 2. Questions/Comments segment
- B. Vice President of the Assembly (Z. Owens)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Constituent Email
  - 2. Questions/Comments segment
- C. Secretary of the Assembly (N. Diaz)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Sponsors of Bills and Resolutions
      - i. Need to have amended legislation in by Friday at the latest
    - b. Caucus Attendance
      - i. Will receive a half absence for being late or not attending a caucus
  - 2. Questions/Comments segment

#### **V. Cabinet Member Reports**

- A. Secretary of Diversity Affairs (B. Rossi)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Student Advisory Board through the Dean of Students Office

- b. Meeting with Angela Davenport from Diversity Advocacy Office on a poverty simulation
    - c. Student Diversity Committee
      - i. Putting it together
    - d. Diversity Programs
  - 2. Questions/Comments segment
- B. Secretary of Governmental Relations (G. Anderson)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Discount Card
      - i. Change to include Alumni and staff
      - ii. Redbird Walk: 70 businesses signed
      - iii. Meeting Thursday at 2:15
      - iv. Sakura and UMC finished logo for card
    - b. IBHE-SAC
      - i. Discussed Lobby Day for Spring
      - ii. Approved Program additions
      - iii. NIU Expansion of Nursing
      - iv. Uof I Latino/Latina Studies Major
    - c. Starting a program titled Student Political Consultants
      - i. Main issue: getting paid by Sate and getting paid on time
  - 2. Questions/Comments segment
- C. Secretary of Information Technology (M. Olson)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Email biography information for the website soon
  - 2. Test clickers
  - 3. Questions/Comments segment
- D. Secretary of Programming (K. Colaric)
  - 1. Report
    - a. Off campus housing fair remarks
    - b. Homecoming Float
      - i. Purchased more supplies
      - ii. Everyone has to do 3 hours on the float
    - c. Roll out the Red Bowling
      - i. Picked out food for the event/decoration
      - ii. Event is from 9-Midnight on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in the BBC
      - iii. Join Facebook group, spread the word
    - b. Pack the Arena Volley Ball
      - i. Met with Leanna Bordner of the Athletics department
      - ii. Looking for SGA involvement in pack the Arena event (22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>)

2. Questions/Comments segment

E. Secretary Of Public Relations (S. Robles)

1. Report

- a. Office on the Quad
  - i. Making posters for each pillar
- b. Election Night Live
  - i. Need help with commercial make
- c. Public Relations Intern
  - i. Hiring someone to help Secretary Robles
- d. Make an SGA yearbook
  - i. Professional pictures and bio

2. Questions/Comments segment

F. Secretary of College Affordability (B. Morris)

1. Report

- a. Resolution of the Calculator Lending program
- b. Meeting with Director of Fiscal Management and Planning Wendy Bates and Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Brent Patterson on October 12<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Issues with student fees
  - ii. Email me questions or concerns and it will be brought up at the meeting

2. Questions/Comments segment

G. Secretary of Sustainability (R. Martin)

1. Report

- a. Sustainability Committee
  - i. Looking for faculty members
  - ii. Looking at other college's sustainability programs to see what kind of stuff they do
  - iii. Committee is on facebook
  - iv. Survey questions
    - Quick Clicker surveys
    - Personal surveys by email or face to face out on the quad
- b. Free Water bottles
  - i. First program to promote water conservation

2. Questions/Comments segment

**VI. Advisor Report**

A. Report

- 2. Meet with new appointed senators

B. Questions/Concerns

## **VII. Committee Chairperson Reports**

### **A. Civic Engagement (E. Collins)**

1. Report
  - a. Congressional Debate this week!
    - i. Civic Engagement Committee must be at the Bone at 5:30
    - ii. Attendance for the Association is not required but highly recommended
    - iii. ADP has created a postcard, hand them out on the quad if not busy at the office!
  - b. Voter Registration
  - c. Election Night Live!
    - i. Promotional Video will be done by Sakura
    - ii. Resolution forthcoming
    - iii. Event will be mandatory
2. Questions/Comments segment

### **B. Finance and Allocation (K. Farrell)**

1. Report
  - a. Looking for more senators to join committees
  - b. Approved Vice President Owens request for money for his resolutions
2. Questions/Comments segment

### **C. Policies and Procedures (J. Barham)**

1. Report
  - a. Working on the transparency for SGA
  - b. We found out the SGA used to do an Internal survey
    - i. Designed for personal issues
    - ii. Would like to know if anyone is interested in performing one
2. Questions/Comments segment

### **D. Programs and Recognition (A. Von Qualen)**

1. Report
  - a. Went over possible ideas for programming
    - i. Brainstorming for next semester as well
  - b. RSO of the Month
    - i. Any nominations, please email them to Senator Von Qualen
  - c. Working on Redbird of the Month
2. Questions/Comments segment

## **VIII. Senator Coordinator Reports**

### **A. Off Campus Senators (A. Clayton)**

1. Report
  - a. Spread the word for the vacant Off Campus senator positions

- b. Apartment Decorating Contest
- c. Late Night Ride map is available on the Transportation website
- 2. Questions/Comments segment

B. On Campus Senators (E. Collins)

- 1. Report
  - a. Brainstormed new constituent contact ideas
    - i. Fill out a comments card, get entered in a raffle!
- 2. Questions/Comments segment

C. Academic Senators (A. Von Qualen)

- 1. Report
  - a. Constituent contact with the College of Business, details forthcoming soon
- 2. Questions/Comments segment

D. RSO Senators (H. Knobloch)

- 1. Report
  - a. Senator Hours visibility (put on website)
    - i. RSO's can easily know when to reach us
  - b. Campus Safety Committee
    - i. S.T.O.P
  - c. Requiring members to take a walk with STOP
    - i. Campus Recreation
    - ii. ISU Police Department
    - iii. Will be meeting with Normal Police Department
- 3. Questions/Comments segment

E. Graduate Senators (T. Mason)

- 1. Report
  - a. Facebook group
    - i. Invite graduate senators
- 2. Questions/Comments segment

**IX. Ex-Officios**

A. ALAS

- 1. Reggie Wacky games
- 2. Getting ready for Homecoming
- 3. Questions/Comments segment

B. APAC

- 1. Report
- 2. Questions/Comments segment

C. ARH

1. Report
  - a. Pig out with the Prez was a huge success
  - b. Suicide Awareness month
  - c. "To Write Love on Her Arms"
  - d. Getting ready for Homecoming
  - e. Conducting the Room and Fee Review
    - i. Increase communication
2. Questions/Comments segment

D. BSU

1. Report
  - a. Re ratified the constitution
  - b. Oct 14<sup>th</sup>-Fashion/Step show
  - c. General Assembly meeting
    - i. Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the North Prairie room
2. Questions/Comments segment

E. Pride

1. Report
  - a. Film Festival from today until Sunday at 7PM
  - b. Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Coming Out Day- out on the quad 10 to 3 pm
  - c. "Gay? Fine by Me" shirts will be coming out soon
2. Questions/Comments

F. Student Trustee (S. Palmer)

1. Report
  - a. Trustee meeting
2. Questions/Comments segment

- President of the Assembly Schlessler moves to take a 5 minute recess, Knobloch seconds. Assembly resumes at 9:07.
- Vice President of the Assembly Owens moves to make the Resolution Authorizing the Involvement in the Master Forum to information item F. There is no debate, Knobloch seconds.
- Senator Rubashkin moves to make the Bill to Create Absence Transparency information item G. President Marquis objects. There is light debate and Senator Barham calls the question. After a clicker vote, the bill makes it into the agenda as an information item.

**X. Information items**

- A. Approval of Off-Campus Senator Candidate J. Gentile (D. Marquis)

1. Introduction of candidate
    - a. Candidate introduces herself
    - b. Questions segment
    - c. Candidate steps out of the room
  2. Marquis moves to approve candidate, Knobloch seconds
  3. Debate
    - a. Owens call the question, there are no objections
  4. Move to a vote
    - a. J. Gentile - **APPROVED**
- B. Appointment of A. VonQualen to Chair of Programs and Recognition Committee (D. Schlessler)
1. Schlessler makes remarks about candidate, gives the floor to Von Qualen
    - a. Candidate gives speech
    - b. Questions segment
    - c. Steps out
  2. Move to approve, Farrell seconds
  3. Debate
    - a. Farrell calls for consent, no objections
  4. A. Von Qualen – **APPROVED**
- C. Resolution Authorizing the Expansion of the Calculator Lending Program (Z. Owens)
1. Owens introduces resolution
    - a. Purchase 9 to 10 new calculators, diversify calculators to include TI-89's
  2. Questions Segment
  3. Schlessler moves to make Information Item C, Action Item C. Farrell seconds
- D. Bill Mandating the SGA Budget be Posted on the SGA Home Page (M. Tomlin)
1. Tomlin introduces bill
    - a. Our constituents have a right to know how their money is being spent through the student dollars we use
  2. Questions segment
  3. Keep for future meeting
- E. Bill to Adopt the Position of Student Government Association Historian/Archivist (J. Rubashkin)
1. Rubashkin introduces bill
    - a. Keep track of the documents of past association from past years
    - b. Build actual documented precedents
    - c. Archives are essential to have, institutional memory
  2. Question Segment
  3. Keep for future meeting



- F. Resolution Authorizing Campus Master Forum (Z. Owens)
  - 1. Owens introduces resolution
    - a. Allow student to ask questions about the master plan
    - b. Increase transparency
  - 2. Questions segment
  - 3. Owens moves Information Item F, Action Item D. Farrell seconds
  
- G. Bill to Create Attendance Transparency (J. Rubashkin)
  - 1. Rubashkin introduces bill
    - a. Need to be held accountable for absences and such
    - b. Student need to know we are working for them
  - 2. Questions segment
  - 3. Schlessler moves to make this bill come up again in two weeks as an information item, not an action item. Rubashkin objects
    - a. Debate
      - i. Marquis Calls to Question, Rubashkin objects
      - ii. Secretary Anderson moves the question, Secretary Colaric seconds
      - iii. Vote to end debate
    - b. Vote on tabling this bill or not
  - 4. Bill will not be tabled; will be presented next week as an action item

**XI. Action Items**

- A. Bill Supporting Student Government Association Memorandum of Understanding (T. Mason)
  - 1. Mason reintroduces bill
    - a. Everyone should vote on legislation
  - 2. Mason moves to approve this bill, Farrell seconds
  - 3. Debate
    - a. Marquis's Friendly Amendment to Line 36
      - i. Mason accepts
    - b. Senator Clayton Calls the Question, Farrell objects
    - c. Secretary Morris moves the question, McMahan seconds
      - i. Vote to end debate
      - ii. Does not pass, assembly stays in debate
    - d. Secretary Anderson moves the question, Secretary Colaric seconds
      - i. Vote to end debate
      - ii. Debate ends
  - 4. Move to vote
    - a. **Passes:**
  
- B. Bill to Amend the SGA External Diversity Committee (T. Mason)

1. Mason reintroduces bill
    - a. Clears a lot of ambiguity within the bylaws
  2. Mason moves to approve, Marquis seconds
  3. Debate
    - a. Knobloch calls to question
  4. Move to a vote
    - a. **Passes:**
- C. Resolution Authorizing the Expansion of the Calculator Lending Program (Z. Owens)
1. Owens moves to approve, Tomlin seconds
  2. Debate
    - a. Owens offers a friendly amendment to add Secretary Morris as a cosponsor
    - b. Knobloch calls to question
  3. Move to a vote
    - a. **Passes:**
- D. Resolution Authorizing Campus Master Forum (Z. Owens)
1. Owens moves to approve, Farrell seconds
  2. Debate
    - a. Friendly amendment offered by Farrell
    - b. Farrell calls to question
  3. Move to a vote
    - a. **Passes:**

**XII. Passing of the Gavel**

**XIII. Adjournment**

- A. President of the Assembly Schlessler moves to adjourn, Knobloch seconds