

**Student Government Association**  
**General Assembly Meeting**  
**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**7:30 pm**

**Executive Members Present:** Student Body President Owens, Student Body Vice President Von Qualen, Student Body Executive Director Davis, Secretary of College Affordability Eschenbaum, Secretary of Public Relations Gill, Secretary of Information Technology Kramer, Secretary of Diversity Affairs Mackins, Secretary of Programming Murphy, Secretary of Sustainability Tomlin.

**Legislative Members Present:** President of the Assembly Larson, Vice President of the Assembly McMahan, Secretary of the Assembly Collins, Senator Adams, Senator Ehmen, Senator Elliott, Senator Holzworth, Senator Olszewski, Senator Ford, Senator Gallagher, Senator Gibbons, Senator Molidor, Senator Chung, Senator Mittons, Senator Farrell, Senator Manno, Senator Souk, Senator Carnahan.

**Also Present:** Advisor Olshak, APAC, ARH, BSU, Student Trustee Palmer.

**Not Present:** Senator Rolando, Senator Rajandran, ALAS, Pride.

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Approval of Minutes from November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

- A. Motion from Senator Farrell
  - 1. Second from Senator Ehmen
- B. Vote
  - 1. Minutes are approved

**IV. Executive Officer Reports**

- A. Student Body President Owens
  - 1. Report
  - 2. No Questions
- B. Student Body Vice President Von Qualen
  - 1. Report
  - 2. No Questions
- C. Student Body Executive Director Davis
  - 1. Report
  - 2. Questions
    - a) Senator Gallagher- How many in office hours do we have to have scheduled?
      - (1) Student Body Executive Director Davis- 3.

**V. Assembly Officer Reports**

- A. President of the Assembly Larson
  - 1. Report
  - 2. No Questions

- B. Vice President of the Assembly McMahon
  - 1. Report
    - a) All members must complete only four canvassing hours this semester.
    - b) Office on the Quad will be starting next week or the week after.
    - c) A constituent email will be sent out on Monday and due by that Wednesday.
    - d) Off campus senators need to email me with possible days and times for one on one meetings.
  - 2. Questions
    - a) Secretary of Programming Murphy- If there is an Office on the Quad next week, how will we find out?
      - (1) Vice President of the Assembly McMahon- I will give information out at the retreat and send out an email.

- C. Secretary of the Assembly Collins
  - 1. Report
  - 2. No Questions

**VI. Advisor Report**

- A. No Report
- B. No Questions

**VII. Executive Cabinet Member Reports**

- A. Secretary of Programming Murphy
  - 1. Report
  - 2. No Questions
- B. Secretary of Public Relations Gill
  - 1. Report
    - a) State Your Art PowerPoint is complete. We decide on Friday which pieces will be hung around campus.
    - b) Working on State Your Art press release and Textbook Exchange press release.
  - 2. No Questions
- C. Secretary of Diversity Affairs Mackins
  - 1. Report
  - 2. Questions
- D. Secretary of Information Technology Kramer
  - 1. Report
  - 2. No Questions
- E. Secretary of College Affordability Eschenbaum
  - 1. No Report
  - 2. Questions
- F. Secretary of Sustainability Tomlin
  - 1. Report
    - a) Received three proposals week prior to break.

b) First hearing on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the Founder's Suite.

(1) All following meetings will be in Schroeder 203.

2. No Questions

**VIII. Committee Chairperson Reports**

A. Membership and Outreach Committee

1. Report

2. No Questions

B. Finance and Allocation Committee

1. No Report

2. No Questions

C. Civic Engagement Committee

1. Report

a) All SGA members should be checking their email for updates about a possible service project next weekend.

2. Questions

a) Secretary of Programming Murphy- Is the service project not mandatory anymore?

(1) Chairperson Souk- Correct; since the event is now too short of notice, it will now be on a volunteer basis.

D. Policies and Procedures

1. No Report

2. No Questions

**IX. Senator Group Coordinator Reports**

A. On Campus Senators

1. No Report

2. No Questions

B. Off Campus Senators

1. No Report

2. No Questions

C. Academic Senators

1. No Report

2. No Questions

D. RSO Senators

1. Report

a) Senator Mittons yields to Senator Chung

(1) Senator Chung- We will be attending more RSO meetings to show our faces and Winter Fest is coming up so look for emails regarding that.

2. No Questions

E. Graduate Senators

1. No Report

2. No Questions

**X. Ex-Officio Reports**

- A. ALAS (Not Present)
  - 1. No Report
  - 2. No Questions
- B. APAC
  - 1. Report
  - 2. No Questions
- C. ARH
  - 1. No Report
  - 2. No Questions
- D. BSU
  - 1. Report
  - 2. No Questions
- E. Pride (Not Present)
  - 1. No Report
  - 2. No Questions
- F. Student Trustee Palmer
  - 1. Report
  - 2. No Questions

**XI. Information Items**

- A. Resolution Authorizing Education Illinois Student Public Forum
  - 1. Student Body President Owens introduces the resolution
    - a) Educating Illinois is the document that describes the vision for the Academics of Illinois. It guides ISU in our vision of what we want to become as a University. The document will soon be revised and the governance groups of the University have been asked to form focus groups to review the document. SGA will be hosting a student caucus for review and questions of the document on February 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7pm. This will be mandatory for Student Government.
  - 2. No Questions
  - 3. Student Body President Owens moves to make Information Item A Action Item A
    - a) Second from Senator Farrell
    - b) Vote
      - (1) Passes; Information Item A becomes Action Item A
- B. Resolution Supporting Majors on University Diplomas
  - 1. Student Body President Owens introduces the Resolution
    - a) ISU is one of the only universities that don't include the academic concentration of each student on their diplomas. More companies are beginning to accept diplomas as a form of a transcript to represent proof of higher education. We will be asking for the University to purchase new software that will accommodate for the concentrations to be put on the diplomas. Many other large Universities practice this form of diploma printing. We will also look into accommodating students who double

major and who have minors. This resolution will act as a statement of opinion of the Student Government Association.

2. Questions

a) Advisor Olshak- Do we currently include graduate fields of study?

(1) Student Body President Owens- I believe we do.

b) Senator Ford- Would you add me as a co-sponsor of this resolution?

(1) Student Body President Owens- Absolutely, I will add you during Action Items.

3. Student Body President Owens moves to make Information Item B Action Item B

a) Second from Senator Elliott

b) Vote

(1) Passes; Information Item B becomes Action Item B

C. Resolution Endorsing a Reading Review Week

1. Student Body President Owens introduces the resolution

a) SGA sent out a survey over break and we received over 1,000 responses. We found that students are extremely stretched out and stressed during finals week. I believe that it is not appropriate for effective learning if students are simply cramming information because of all the other projects and assignments students have on top of studying for finals. We will work out logistics and specifics when this passes. For example, professors cannot make something more than 15% of a student's grade due during finals week.

2. Questions

a) Senator Farrell- What kind of a policy are you trying to enforce?

(1) Student Body President Owens- We're probably looking at limiting the percentages of work teachers can assign.

b) Secretary Tomlin- Do you have the statistics from the survey?

(1) Student Body President Owens- Not with me but I can send them out in an email.

c) Senator Mittons- Could this policy include papers?

(1) Student Body President Owens- Yes, it included papers, reading, homework, quizzes, etc.

3. Student Body President Owens moves to make Information Item C Action Item C

a) Second from Senator Manno

b) Vote

(1) Passes; Information Item C becomes Information Item C

**XII. Action Items**

A. Resolution Authorizing Educating Illinois Student Public Forum

1. Student Body President Owens moves to approve the resolution

2. No Debate

3. Vote

- a) Passes unanimously; 18Y 0A 0N
- B. Resolution Supporting Majors on University Diplomas
  - 1. Student Body President Owens moves to add Senator Ford as a sponsor
  - 2. Student Body President Owens reintroduces the resolution
    - a) This comes down to a philosophical question. Students put in hours of hard work and should be recognized in every way possible.
  - 3. Student Body President Owens moves to approve the resolution
  - 4. Debate
    - a) Secretary of Programming Murphy makes a friendly amendment.
      - (1) Student Body President Owens accepts the friendly amendment.
  - 5. Vote
    - a) Passes unanimously; 18Y 0A 0N
- C. Resolution Endorsing a Reading Review Week
  - 1. Student Body President Owens reintroduces the resolution
  - 2. Student Body President Owens moves to approve the resolution
  - 3. Debate
    - a) Senator Carnahan makes a friendly amendment.
      - (1) Student Body President Owens accepts the friendly amendment.
    - b) Secretary of Programming Murphy- Does this mean that professors will assign all of the other work during the week before dead week?
    - c) Senator Farrell- I believe what she is asking is that will professors take advantage of the policy and plan other assignment right before the week.
      - (1) Student Body President Owens- We have done immense amounts of research and that has not been an issue at other universities.
    - d) Senator Adams- My concern is that students will have to pay for an extra week of meal plans and housing.
      - (1) Student Body President Owens- This policy would not add or subtract any days from the academic calendar.
    - e) Senator Farrell- From my understanding, what this policy is going to do is simply restrict teachers from assigning more homework the week before finals.
  - 4. Vote
    - a) Passes; 16Y 0A 1N

**XIII. Passing the Gavel**

**XIV. Adjournment**

- A. Motion from Senator Ford
  - 1. Second from Secretary Eschenbaum
- B. Adjournment at 8:13pm