

**Student Government Association**  
**General Assembly Meeting**  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**  
**7:30 pm**

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

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

**Also Present:** Advisor Olshak, ALAS, APAC, ARH, Student Trustee Palme, BSU, Pride.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011
  - A. Motion from Senator Farrell
  - B. Second from Senator Holzworth
  - C. Vote
    1. Minutes are approved
- IV. Executive Officer Reports
  - A. Student Body President Owens
    1. Report
      - a) Advisor Olshak is sick
      - b) Senator work teams have been assigned
        - (1) Collegiate Readership Program: Ben Adams, John Ford
        - (2) Financial Aid Workshops: Ashley Souk, Justin Holzworth, Mary McMahon
        - (3) Off-Campus Housing Improvements: John Ford, John Olszewski, Chris Molidor, Erin Rolando
        - (4) Green Maps: Ed Gallagher
        - (5) Majors on Diploma: Ed Gallagher, Andy Manno
        - (6) Bike Share: Ed Gallagher, Chris Molidor, John Olszewski, Matt Tomlin
        - (7) Student Involvement Projects: Neo Chung
        - (8) Personal Finance Class: Kevin Farrell, Justin Holzworth

- (9) Reusable To-Go Containers: Abbie Elliott, Ryan Ehmen
      - (10) Textbook Guidelines: John Olszewski, Ryan Ehmen
      - (11) Dry-Cleaning Service: Whiteny Mittons
      - (12) Tax Clinic: Whitney Mittons
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - B. Student Body Vice President Von Qualen
    - 1. Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - C. Student Body Executive Director Davis
    - 1. Report
      - a) Reminder to make sure that you are doing your 3 in office hours that you all picked for the semester. If you can't make your office hours and you move them to another day, just send me an email with the reason why. If you need to change your office hours because the times you originally picked aren't working out, you can change them. Just let me and Trevor know so he can update the website.
      - b) Lastly; I would like to quickly honor a senator as Member of the Month for October 2011. This senator has been working diligently on looking at extending Milner's hours including a survey for student feedback on the issue. Andy Manno is the Member of the Month for October 2011.
- V. Assembly Officer Reports
  - A. President of the assembly Larson
    - 1. Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - B. Vice President of the Assembly McMahon
    - 1. Report
      - a) Lots of people are short on canvassing hours; please sign up in the Cabinet office!
      - b) Please notify me 24-hours in advance if you cannot attend anymore.
      - c) Neo and Thanesh (upon appointment) talk to me after to discuss your canvassing hours.
  - C. Secretary of the Assembly Collins
    - 1. No Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
- VI. Advisor Report
  - A. Advisor Olshak is not present
- VII. Cabinet Member Reports

- A. Secretary of Governmental Relations Kubik
    - 1. No Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - B. Secretary of Programming Murphy
    - 1. Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - C. Secretary of Public Relations Gill
    - 1. Report
      - a) Wrote press releases for registrar training, lobby day, and common sense 101 campaign
      - b) Still updating website
      - c) Starting the State Your Art Campaign in the next few weeks
      - d) Distributing new batch of wear red posters this week.
      - e) As soon as Leif finishes editing the handouts and flyers for the Media Lab and Calculator Lending Program I'll get them printed
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - D. Secretary of Diversity Affairs Mackins
    - 1. No Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - E. Secretary of Information Technology Kramer
    - 1. Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - F. Secretary of College Affordability Eschenbaum
    - 1. Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - G. Secretary of Sustainability Tomlin
    - 1. Report
      - a) Tree Campus was awesome; thanks to everyone who participated
      - b) Next meeting for the sustainability committee is Monday- I'll be sending out an agenda; we will be discussing the adjustment of the deadline.
      - c) Zach and I met with Tracy Widegren and Susan Joww from Campus Dining to talk about reusable to-go containers; we will be bringing ARH into the discussion
      - d) Ryan Ehmen and I are meeting with Miss Nergard tomorrow on Reusable to-go containers
- VIII. Committee Chairperson Reports

- A. Membership and Outreach Committee
  - 1. Report
  - 2. Questions
    - a) No Questions
- B. Finance and Allocation Committee
  - 1. Report
  - 2. Questions
    - a) No Questions
- C. Civic Engagement Committee
  - 1. No Report
  - 2. Questions
    - a) No Questions
- D. Policies and Procedures Committee
  - 1. No Report
  - 2. Questions
    - a) No Questions
- IX. Senator Group Coordinator Reports
  - A. On Campus Senators
    - 1. Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - B. Off Campus Senators
    - 1. No Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - C. Academic Senators
    - 1. Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - D. RSO Senators
    - 1. No Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - E. Graduate Senators
    - 1. No Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
- X. Ex-Officio Reports
  - A. ALAS (not present)
    - 1. No Report
  - B. APAC
    - 1. Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - C. ARH
    - 1. Report

- a) Blood Drive today in Watterson
        - (1) Hoping for 60 unites
        - (2) Last one for the semester; there will be four more next year
      - b) Working on annual Charity Bash
      - c) Beginning to work on Room and Board Fee Review process
        - (1) Restructuring the system due to Cardinal Court
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - D. BSU
    - 1. Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - E. Pride
    - 1. No Report
    - 2. Questions
      - a) No Questions
  - F. Student Trustee Palmer
    - 1. No Report (Not present)
- XI. Special Items
  - A. Senator Appointment of Graduate Senator
    - 1. Student Body President Owens introduces Tanesh Rajandran for appointment
    - 2. Tanesh Rajandran delivers speech to the assembly
      - a) Questions
    - 3. Student Body President Owens moves to approve the candidate
      - a) Second from Senator Ford
    - 4. Debate
    - 5. Vote
      - a) Candidate is approved
- XII. Information Items
  - A. Resolution Supporting the Addition of "Genetic Information" Into the University's Nondiscrimination Policy
    - 1. Student Body President Owens introduces the resolution
      - a) One goal of SGA is to create a diverse and open environment for all students. This goes outside of race and ethnicity and should deal with medical history and genetic information.
    - 2. Questions
      - a) Secretary of Sustainability Tomlin- What does genetic information mean?
        - (1) Student Body President Owens- It means your medical history and genetic make-up.

- b) Senator Ford- Why has it taken SGA so long to pass something like this?
          - (1) Student Body President Owens- There is no federal legislation, but there is a state law mandating it. The University added it at the request of LGBT and other groups.
  - 3. Student Body President Owens moves to make Information Item A Action Item A
    - a) Second from Senator Chung
    - b) Vote
      - (1) Passes; Information Item A becomes Action Item A
- B. Resolution Approving Medical Amnesty/Good Samaritan Provisions
  - 1. Student Body President Owens introduces the resolution
    - a) Many students who are in an emergency medical situation may not seek the proper help because they are scared of the repercussions of drinking. Students will work with CR&R to excuse the disciplinary action. This will promote the health and well-being of our campus. Medical amnesty is when you request exemption for yourself; Good Samaritan policies are when you call 911 for someone else and ensure you don't get into trouble.
  - 2. Questions
    - a) Vice President of the Assembly McMahon- if a student has received two prior drinking tickets before the incident, will they still get a drinking ticket?
      - (1) Student Body President Owens- No
    - b) Senator Farrell- Are illegal drugs included?
      - (1) Student Body President Owens- Drugs were a concern because it is becoming an increasing problem on campus. Because it is a pilot policy, it's easier to start with alcohol; future Student Government Associations can continue to add different substances.
    - c) Senator Farrell- Why doesn't it apply to the students who provide the alcohol?
      - (1) Student Body President Owens- Because the selling of alcohol is a serious crime.
    - d) Senator Gibbons- Have you considered just adding the Samaritan part for illegal drugs?
      - (1) Student Body President Owens- This is a product of Suzette and I sitting down drafting a policy; drugs were specifically not allowed to be in the policy.
    - e) Senator Mittons- Are there any situations where if you call for your friend they won't get into trouble?
      - (1) Student Body President Owens- Yes, they are both protected.

- f) Senator Manno- Were there any ideas about having a separate drug policy instead of attaching it to the alcohol policy?
  - (1) Student Body President Owens- If senators want to sponsor it that's fine, but I wouldn't sponsor something like this.
- g) Senator Souk- Does Good Samaritan cover designated driving?
  - (1) Student Body President Owens- If you drive your friend to the hospital because they're extremely intoxicated then yes.
- h) Senator Farrell- If this does pass Academic Senate, do you plan on drafting something for the town of Normal?
  - (1) Student Body President Owens- No. I will be asking for funding for it and because it's more of a state issue we would have to lobby for it.
- i) Senator Adams- Is there some sort of rule on how much time someone passes between someone receiving a CR&R punishment and then filing the Good Samaritan claim?
  - (1) Student Body President Owens- I believe it is five business days.

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

XIII. Action items

A. Resolution Supporting the Addition of "Genetic Information" Into the University's Nondiscrimination Policy

- 1. Student Body President Owens reintroduces the resolution
- 2. Student Body President Owens moves to approve the resolution
  - a) Debate
  - b) Vote
    - (1) Passes unanimously; 18 votes

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XIV. Passing of the Gavel

XV. Senator Manno moves for adjournment

- A. Second from Senator Gibbons

XVI. Adjournment 8:15pm