

**Student Government Association
General Assembly Meeting
July 22, 2011
3:15 pm**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from
 - A. Motion from Holzworth
 - B. Second from Molidor
 - 1. Minutes pass
- IV. Executive Officer Reports
 - A. Student Body President Owens
 - 1. Met with roughly 1200 freshman at Preview to discuss SGA and collected hundreds of interest cards.
 - 2. We have used our budget rollover that would have gone back to the division as funds for fixing the damaged carpet and walls from the pipe burst and years of neglect. The work began two weeks ago and is anticipated to be completed by the time school starts. The layout of the office will be changing.
 - 3. The reconfiguring of the office has allowed for the possibility of space for the media lab. The Media Lab has been closed due to high costs and low demand. It is a vital resource to student organizations and as a way to keep the media lab operating and providing support to student organizations SGA has considered taking the responsibility of the Media Lab.
 - 4. There is a Board of Trustees meeting next week and SGA will be informing the board of the smoking referendum outcome. Many thanks to Senator McMahan for her willingness to help benchmark other institutions smoking policies. SGA will approve a revised tobacco use policy and then it will become an Academic Senate item.
 - 5. The alcohol policy will be revised in Academic Senate and I would like all senators to be aware of this. It's important to provide student input on something like this that will directly effect students. I am also meeting with the Bloomington Aldermen about the Downtown Entertainment Task force and student conduct downtown. I also got permission to seat an SGA member on the university's alcohol task force so if you're interested please send me a note through email. One thing I've been pushing for is a Good Samaritan and Medical Amnesty policy. CRR has been willing to work with me on it, and once we figure out logistics it will become an Assembly item.
 - 6. I also had the opportunity to begin discussion on a university wide final exams policy that will codify a "reading and Review period" also known as dead week. Benchmarking and institution research has been completed and I already met with the Provost's office. This will be a tough battle but we've already been through one hurdle and the

Provosts office already understands the final exam policy needs to be rewritten. I want to thank Senator Manno for his willingness to assist me in this project. Also a product of that meeting was a university wide absence policy. The discussions regarding this are preliminary and will require Academic Senate approval, but this is something we desperately need.

7. SGA in the past has struggled with trying to create a textbook fair due to Bloomington Normal non competition clause, but I took a different approach last semester and got approval for an SGA Bloomington Normal partnered textbook exchange. We are hoping to have this live by November and Rick and I are sitting down with web support on Monday. This legislation will come to the assembly in the upcoming weeks.

8. Also there have been some updates during the summer around campus. If you haven't noticed already, University Police have installed several bird watch signs; these are signs regarding the neighborhood watch program that was the product of the SGA safety committee. A camera was also installed underneath the overpass due to student safety concerns. We also welcome several new administrators to campus. Vice President of Student Affairs Larry Dietz, a new Athletic Director Gary Friedman, and a new director of the Bone Student Center Michelle Paul have joined us in their new positions and they will come speak to caucus during the school year to give the Assembly an opportunity to get to know them. The discount card was slated to be in April, but we've pushed back, launched in August, and SGA will distribute the cards to students once school begins in case anyone asks. As far as videotaping meetings, the camera is back ordered so its shipment is questionable right now, but hopefully we can get to it soon.

9. In regards to the student fee process, the Board of Trustees increased student fee rates at the May meeting. I've already expressed my and SGA's disappointment the SGA was marginalized in the fee process since we were not consulted, and I'm working with the Division of Student Affairs to create a budget review process that guarantees student input and SGA approval. I will bring the revised student fee process to the assembly at our first meeting in the fall.

10. Lastly, our constitution is on a two year review period, and the last time it was reviewed was in 2009 which means this association is responsible for its review once again. I will be drafting the charge for the constitution commission and be giving it to the President of the Assembly along with a time line.

11. Questions/Comments

a) Ford- You mentioned the absence policy and military service, could you elaborate?

b) Owens- Will be meeting with administration and have more information after that.

- c) Davis- Will we pass out Discount Cards on the quad?
- d) Owens- Yes
- e) Manno- Do students only get one card?
- f) Owens- We will be distributing them similar to the way Barnes and Noble distributes their coupons.

- B. Student Body Vice President Von Qualen
 - 1. We got a lot of interest in ELP and the external committees from preview
 - 2. ELP timeline is almost set
 - 3. We need ELP mentors
 - 4. Spread the word about ELP and external committees

- C. Questions/Comments
 - 1. Ford- Can you send us a list of committees?
 - 2. Von Qualen- Yes

- D. Student Body Executive Director Davis
 - i. We get a weeks worth of pay for this meeting
 - ii. No more swiping
 - iii. Now paid on 15th and 29th of each month
 - iv. Questions
 - v. Molidor- why the 15th and 29th?
 - vi. Davis- just the way it is, yields to rick
 - vii. Olshak- for bi-weekly employees, that works for their schedule

V. Assembly Officer Reports

- A. President of the Assembly Larson
 - b. Think about selecting a coordinator for your senator groups
 - i. They are the go to member for the cc events
 - ii. Have your coordinators by the first meeting back in august

- B. Vice President of the Assembly McMahon
 - c. Sending out cc email
 - d. Attempting to make emails more appealing
 - e. Festival will be soon after we get back, if you want something at the table let me know.
 - f. Office on the Quad will be once a week; looking at Tuesdays and Wednesdays to accommodate class schedules

- B. Secretary of the Assembly Collins
 - 1. Please hand in a hard copy of your report at every meeting.

VI. Advisor Report

- A. Advisor Olshak
- B. Office renovations
 - 1. Senators will be off to the left
 - 2. Cabinet office in same place but opens to the front
 - 3. Ex-officio opens to the front
 - 4. Everything opens into a lounge space

5. Technology arranged so that we have 3 workspaces for senators and a workstation at the front with the reception desk
 6. We will have 5 telephones in the office
 7. First time in a long time that the office has been completely renovated
 8. It is very important that we keep the office looking nice; take care of it. We want to create an inviting, professional atmosphere.
- C. Hours reporting
1. You can check time with the payroll system
 2. There will be a written sign in log on the reception desk that you use to sign out and sign in
 3. Reminder that the fall retreat is on August 26, 27, 28, more information to come.
- VII. Cabinet Member Reports
- A. Secretary of Governmental Relations Kubik
1. Downtown normal, Broadway street may be closed
 2. New Amtrak station is going up, so constitution trail will be closed
 3. Town of normal is hoping to keep Broadway open
 4. Working with Kathy Michael about voter registration and have come up with different suggestions to let students vote.
- VIII. Ex-Officio Reports
- A. ARH
1. Good turnout to volunteer event
 2. Move in shirts have been planned
 3. ARH retreat is September 9th-10th, with changes
 4. General Assembly meetings are back to residence halls and will be every other week
 5. Working on futon and fridge rental system
- IX. Special Items
- A. Executive Cabinet Appointment
1. Executive Director Davis introduces Emilie Gill to be appointed as Secretary of Public Relations
 2. Emilie Gill gives speech
 3. Executive Director Davis introduces Meg Murphy to be appointed as Secretary of Programming
 4. Meg Murphy gives speech
 5. Executive Director Davis introduces Scott Eschenbaum to be appointed as Secretary of College Affordability
 6. Scott Eschenbaum gives speech
 7. Executive Director Davis introduces Trevor Kramer to be appointed as Secretary of Information Technology
 8. Trevor Kramer gives speech
 9. Executive Director Davis introduces Tiara Mackins to be appointed as Secretary of Diversity Affairs
 10. Tiara Mackins gives speech

11. Debate
12. Slate vote
 - a) All candidates are appointed
- B. On Campus Senator Election
 1. Student Body President Owens introduces Abbey Elliot
 2. Abbey Elliot give speech
 3. Debate
 4. Abbey Elliot is appointed
- X. Emergency Legislation
 - A. Bill to Establish SGA Oversight of External Committees (Owens, Larson)
 1. Owens presents bill
 2. Questions
 3. Larson moves Emergency Legislation Item A to Action Item A
 - a) Manno seconds
- XI. Information Items
 - A. Resolution Authorizing SGA Participation in Festival ISU (McMahon)
 1. McMahon introduces resolution
 2. Questions
 3. McMahon Information Item A to Action Item B
 - a) Gallagher seconds
 - B. Resolution Authorizing Request of Funds for SGA Fall Retreat (Davis)
 1. Davis introduces the resolution
 2. Questions
 3. Davis moves Information Item B to Action Item C
 - a) Holzworth seconds
 - C. Resolution Approving Dates for 2012 Student Government Elections (Owens)
 1. Owens introduces the resolution
 2. Questions
 3. Owens moves Information Item C to Action Item D
 - a) Collins seconds
 - D. Resolution Establishing "State Your Idea" Campaign (Owens)
 1. Owens introduces the resolution
 2. Questions
 3. Owens moves Information Item D to Action Item E
 - a) Rolando seconds
- XII. Action items
 - A. Bill to Establish SGA Oversight of External Committees (Owens, Larson)
 1. Owens reintroduces the Bill
 2. Owens moves to approve
 - a) Debate
 - b) Vote, passes
 - B. Resolution Authorizing SGA Participation in Festival ISU (McMahon)
 1. McMahon reintroduces the resolution

2. McMahan moves to approve
 - a) Collins Seconds
3. Debate
4. Vote, passes
- C. Resolution Authorizing Request of Funds for SGA Fall Retreat (Davis)
 1. Davis reintroduces the resolution
 2. Davis moves to approve
 - a) McMahan seconds
 3. Vote, passes
- D. Resolution Approving Dates for 2012 Student Government Election (Owens)
 1. Owens reintroduces the resolution
 2. Owens moves to approve
 - a) Von Qualen seconds
 3. Vote, passes
- E. Resolution Establishing "State Your Idea" Campaign (Owens)
 1. Owens reintroduces the resolution
 2. Owens moves to approve
 - a) Manno seconds
 3. Vote, passes
- XIII. Passing of the gavel
- XIV. Senator Manno moves to adjourn
 - A. Secretary Kubik seconds
- XV. Adjournment at 4:49 pm