

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2005, 1:00 P.M.
PAC CONFERENCE ROOM G

I. Call to order:

- Samantha Drews (President) call to order

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

- No flag in the room
- Motion to skip pledge of allegiance passed

III. Roll Call:

- Present: Carrie Bauer (BOT), Samantha Drews (President), Robert Skorczewski (Vice President), Brace Clement (Sergeant of Arms), John Morris (Treasurer), Sarah Doyle (Secretary), Senator Ryan Morrison (LAS), Senator Donzhella Alford (Graduate Studies), Senator Evan Wilson (PAA), Senator Latrice Nettles (BUS), Senator Adam Beaty (Capital Scholars), Senator Dan Johnson (Transfer), and Senator Matt Riedel (At Large)
- Not present: Senator Eric Cromer (At Large)
- Audience Members: Dr. Miller, Jim Korte, and Cynthia Thompson

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- motion to table approval of minutes until the next meeting, passed

V. Announcements

- no announcements

VI. Administrative Reports

- Provost Harry Berman
- planned to say words of tuition and to elaborate on current situation
 - a. we are all in position to benefit from being an institution of higher education
 - b. most of what is costs in tuition is covering operating expenses of institution, salary increases in prices with utilities or library
 - c. the state is no longer assisting higher education with the increases
 - d. we are going into the fourth year of flat funding from the state
 - e. only a few places left for UIS that is possible to get additional resources from
 - f. reallocation is painful for the campus and you can only do so much
 - g. the pain is then put onto students and their families
 - h. tuition increases is in light of the situation where the state is not helping UIS to address the increases needs
 - i. increases now only affect the class coming in, none of the classes that are already here because of state law
 - j. in the early 1970's, the state provided \$12 for every \$1 that was collected in order to keep tuition low

- k. today, the state provides \$1.40 for every \$1 earned
- l. Dan Johnson questioned if there was going to be a substantial increase, Berman answered that they will be significant
- m. Ryan Morrison questioned what the increases were for the previous years, Berman answered that he could bring them in but the Vice President of SGA is on the UIS tuition and fees committee
- n. Samantha – Harry is here to tell us about the increases to let us know, from the last committee meeting that increases are more substantial now with the guaranteed tuition is set for four years so you need to set it a little higher because you will not be able to raise it later – classes who have guaranteed tuition are class of 2008 and above as well as transfer students who transfer in
- Dr. Miller, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs
 - a. looks forward to discussion with respect to tuition because these are difficult times with respect to the university
 - b. state support is weighing, if we are going to continue to provide resources that you all demand, then we have to make increases
 - c. we are completely in support of student involvement of this process and when we get the “go ahead,” we will include you all in that
 - d. the recreation center, for those we have design phase completed and are moving into selecting a construction manager
 - e. we have athletic director candidates on campus and are interested in what the students have to say about it
 - f. there will be a search conducted on assistant to student life
 - g. housing has just completed search for new Resident Director and Dana Rodriguez-Sejas was selected
 - h. Evan Wilson asked if Dana is east campus resident director and Dr. Miller confirmed that she is
- Jim Korte, Assistant Dean of Students
 - a. I do not have anything to report unless anyone has any questions
- Cynthia Thompson, Advisor
 - a. apologized about the search for assistant director to student life, Jim has agreed to be the chair of that committee
 - b. Carrie was on it before and would like her to be on it again as will SAC chair in addition to Marcellous Leonard, Thomas Bartl, and Tammy Craig
 - c. The committee will be pulled together within the next few weeks and hope to begin the search in January
 - d. Congratulations on the SAC committee for fall festival and congratulations to Bob and Brace as representative to homecoming court as well as to James Lyons and Heather Keller who are the new king and queen of UIS
 - e. \$600 was raised for the student foundation

VII. Reports

- Campus Senate – S. Doyle, S. Drews, and R. Skorczewski

- a. no reports made
- Board of Trustees – C. Bauer
 - a. next meeting is November 10, 2005 in Springfield
 - b. she wants to have something on the agenda every meeting that involves UIS
 - c. it is healthy for our name to be brought up at each meeting
 - d. if you want to put something on the agenda, contact Ed Wojicki
- Campus Planning and Budget – S. Doyle
 - a. discussed last years budget and how what as requested was not gotten
 - b. discussed meeting schedule for the rest of the semester
 - c. budget for FY08 is due in February so a lot of work is about to begin on that

VIII. Old Business

- Committee Appointments and Openings
 - a. committee assignments for AY 05/06, you can see the openings schedule
 - b. each SGA representative should serve on at least one committee
 - c. ideally you should be on two committees
 - d. if you are interested in any committee, contact Sam
 - e. Brace is interested in Campus Senate as is Donzhella
 - f. Adam questioned if there are any prerequisites for committees, no there are not
 - g. Donzhella wants the graduate council and strategic planning committees but needs the times – Sam will provide her with the times
 - h. Ryan is interested in the graduate council as well he is also interested in the campus planning and budget committee because the times work with him
 - i. Adam was interested in police review panel but it doesn't exist so he is moved to the parking and appeals committee as well as the committee on continuing education and public service
 - j. Latrice is interested in the undergraduate council, she is an accounting major and would be interested in the strategic planning committee
 - k. If there is more then the required number of people wanting to serve on a committee, Sam will review committee and each person to appoint the appropriate person
 - l. Matt Riedel is interested in the academic technology committee
- MSLC Update – Bob Skorczewski
 - a. the applications will be taken late but they do not know how many applications they have as of now
 - b. a van has been reserved and once the times are known of who is going, they will go online to register

- c. the housing for the conference should be free or close to free once they know how many people are going
- d. Ryan asked how many people are they able to take, 10 at the most

IX. New Business

- Resolution on student Fees
 - a. Evan does not feel comfortable voting because she does not have enough information on the housing fees and her unanswered questions have yet to be answered
 - b. Roll call vote passed with all but two votes for "I"
- General SGA Information
 - a. SAB office has moved to the other side of campus
 - b. Within the SAB is the SGA office and the executive office with a computer
 - c. The senators office is welcome to any SGA senator to use
 - d. There will be a computer and printer for anyone to use
 - e. If Sam is not there to let you in, Cynthia should have a key to that room
 - f. Need to decide on SGA hours, we usually did two hours a week in the SORC where people would go to just do homework until someone had a question
 - g. Think about doing community service or office hours and provide feedback ASAP
 - h. Give shirt sizes to Sam for the SGA shirts, try to wear them every Wednesday
 - i. Carrie – we need to decide office hours or community service really soon so if we decide to do office hours, we need to run them in the paper so the public knows about it.
 - j. Adam – what would the office hours entail, hours we are available to the students, on an average day we should be there from 8-4
- committee on committees
 - a. we have not had this on SGA yet, committee assignments are taken very seriously as is your attentiveness to those committees
 - b. Jim and Sam discussed standard document that to fill out of what is of substance from the meeting that students should complete after each meeting
 - c. Committee on committees should have five people on the committee
 - d. Sam and Sarah will put together a committee binder to email to each student representing the student
 - e. Please fill out sheet to keep for our records
 - f. Members will be Latrice, Bob, Matt, Donzhella, and Sarah
 - g. Email will be sent out to determine time to meet to discuss how to conduct committee on committees
- Forum

- a. forum should be where students can come to voice their opinions of SGA and answer any questions
- b. the forum will be open to hear what students have to say as well as draft goals for the year/semester to be held accountable for
- c. the goals will be put into the student journal and we can make a difference if we are either accountable to our goals or if we are not able to hold ourselves to them
- d. Brace – make it fully participated throughout campus, also that people are able to get their concern out in the manner of the constitution forum on campus a few weeks ago – invited classrooms to Brookens, three speakers spoke and questions were written on a piece of paper collected
- e. Sam – it would be good to invite classes to the forum – an email will be sent out to give to your professor that you feel would want to attend this forum
- f. We could make the times from 7:30-9:00 but classes only have to stay until 8:30 – ideal date of this is October 25 but could wait until November 1
- g. Send Samantha a list of professors who would be interested in this

X. Announcements

- Donzhella and Evan
 - a. propose that the meetings be tape recorded and the television or radio stations should be present
 - b. we should send out emails before SGA meetings to students to remember that we are meeting
 - c. we should have a SGA suggestion box and put more information on the website about meetings times, places, and what we are doing
 - d. Sam – the website is more geared towards here are the events, the TV and radio funding is that issue and the TV is not able to come here and do that
 - e. Jim – we have had discussions in the past with the TV station, there are options with campus cable expenses but it is not something that will happen soon

XI. Adjourn