

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
FIFTH MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2006
7:00 PM – OFFICE OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA – TV STUDIO**

I. Roll Call

Present: BOT S. Doyle, President S. Drews, Vice President B. Hudkins, Secretary U. Singh, Treasurer H. Fowler, Sgt. at Arms R. Skorczewski, Senator V. Ojha (PAA), Senator R. Brewbaker (EHS), Senator L. Cline (Cap Sch), Senator A. Camp (Peoria), Senator A. W. Mingo III (Transferring), Senator A. Rook (At Large), Senator S. McFarland (At Large), Senator S.A. Carter (Grad), Senator R. Rathjan (LAS).

Audience Members: Cynthia Thompson, Jim Korte, Ed Wojcicki, Danny McClain, Vera Leopard, Daniel McCarthy, Julian Borjas, Guila Ahern and Mohe Mihulshi.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Pledge of allegiance taken by all SGA committee members.

III. Announcements

Ed Wojcicki commended the student representation showed by the student leaders by telling their stories and representing UIS well in a talk on Friday morning.

IV. Administrative Reports

E-mails have been sent out for nominations in the Sangamon auditorium's student advisory board. Response has been forwarded to the personnel from the auditorium for consideration and appointments.

V. Officer Reports

- President - S. Drews:

Lobbyist panel: hosted on Wednesday night in Brookens Auditorium.

Podcast: Sherry Hudson suggested to podcast the SGA meetings now through office of electronic media which will then be put up in the media quad rather than SGA secretary doing it through ITS. Everyone ok with it.

- Vice President - B. Hudkins:

New York Times: Asked it have any leads on this. Cynthia to look into the mater more and get back.

➤ Secretary - U. Singh:

Wireless: ITS had submitted a proposal to housing regarding the solution to the internet problem. A permanent solution can be found only if housing approves it. ITS ready to work with students and provide a secure temporary solution if housing does not approve the proposal.

➤ Treasurer - H. Fowler:

SGA Website: Webmaster has been removed. Samantha, Holly and Uttra to work as webmasters now. Sherry Hudson to set up everything in terms of Contribute, an application which will be used to develop and maintain the website. Workshops to learn the necessary skills will be held in soon. The webmasters to meet on an as needed basis.
Budget allocation: more in next meeting.

➤ Sgt. at Arms - R. Skorczewski:

Urged all members to have a picture taken by the end of the meeting to be put up on the website.

➤ BOT - S. Doyle:

Global campus: Later on the agenda.

VI. Reports

➤ Campus Senate:

Voted to be removed from the agenda as nothing was discussed in the last campus senate meeting apart from the Global Campus.

➤ Office Hours – B. Hudkins:

Asked all to fill in the office hours and mention if dividing the hours between SGA office and voluntary work. Can be flexible with hours and can choose to do them all at once or some hours each day depending on schedules. Cannot do volunteer hours in the department where one works but otherwise free to choose the department and responsible for contacting the right person in the department to fix the timings and keep Samantha or Brie in the loop. Senators to work 4 hours and Executive board to work 6 hours per week. Preferred time of work to be from 9AM till 9PM as most constituents would not be coming in after that time. Asked to have an escort when coming to office after the 5PM for security reasons. Senators and Executive board can work in the office at the same time but prefer to spread the hours as that the office is always staffed. Talk to Cynthia to get the

keys for the office.

VII. Old Business

➤ Approval of Committee Appointments:

Asked if everyone ok with the appointments so far. There are still some places to be filled. All voted positive to the appointments made so far.

➤ Approval of Previously Approved Items:

Cum Laude resolution, ICCB budget request for Blue Crew, ICCB Bylaw changes and the resignation of the LAS and CBM Senators was done without full body. All the information will be made available to the Senators if requested. All voted to approve all four items as they were.

➤ Student Fee Resolution:

Second reading. All voted to approve the resolution. Resolution will be sent to Dr. Miller and then the board as the official resolution.

VIII. New Business

➤ Know Your Rights Campaign:

Has been on the mind for many years now. UIUC did this campaign two years back. Did research of all the policies and rules (academic and student affairs) that effect students and made a concise document of it. Also made door hangers to bullet some of the policies and put it all around campus so that students become more aware of their rights. Want to do same thing for UIS. It is not so easy here because our rules embedded within departments and are not always public. Propose to make an ad-hoc committee which will consist to SGA members and other interested students. The committee will spend first semester researching all the different policies affecting us (academic rights, plagiarism, police dept. procedures, safety, off and on campus housing) and gather required data. Second semester start distributing this information to students from time to time to increase awareness and accountability. Involve sponsors and different departments to help with the process. All feel that this should be done. Samantha will draw up the charges of this committee. Student ACLU member, Mr. Korte, housing representative, international student representative, Samantha and other SGA members to sit on it. Will create different sections to work on various issues. Need to involve more and more people to work on it.

Senate also making a similar ad-hoc committee of senate for academic honesty to talk about honor code, and appeal procedure of student disciplinary action etc.

Samantha to work as a liaison and be the student representative on that committee.

➤ Spring Timeline:

Allocate the Spring 2007 meeting dates. Sunday night 7PM always worked. Had suggestions to do it other dates or times to encourage more student participation but would not work out for all. It was mentioned that student participation will be encouraged in other ways like teleconferencing, open office hours, information sessions, suggestion drop box etc. also. Looking at the academic calendar for Spring 2007 decided on meeting dates. Meet every other week and make adjustments for holidays and other important events accordingly. The dates decided on:

January 28th - 1st Meeting

February 11th – 2nd Meeting

February 25th – 3rd Meeting

March 18th – End of Spring break so can reconsider if have attendance issues

March 26th - Applications available for next elections

April 1st – 4th Meeting

April 9th - Applications due

April 10th - Mandatory candidates meeting; start campaigning

April 12th - Forum

April 15th – 5th Meeting (last official meeting)

April 18th & 19th - Elections happen

April 20th - Election results certified

April 29th – SGA Banquette

May 1st - New officers go into effect

May 6th – Transitional meeting

➤ Global Campus Discussion/Plans:

Campus senate meeting happened to discuss this. President White was present. U of I ranked low in terms of innovation and access. Mission of global campus is high quality affordable education for all. Want to enhance capability development, increase resources etc. President White wants faculty to work with them and make sure that this campus would not bring down the U of I name. If by Jan. '08 things do not look right they will not go ahead with it at that time. Students mainly concerned with what does this mean for the UIS degree and there aren't any answers yet. Need to make sure that their marketing would not emphasize the same things as that of UIS. So we need to start asking questions. Global campus start up team is formed where SGA President and Trustee should be involved to communicate student's major concern along with SGA from UIUC and UIC. Suggestion to have a forum where can ask students to voice their concerns and each member to talk to their constituencies. Samantha to open and

e-mail dialogue soon to talk more about how this will be taken forward.

➤ Resignation:

Resignation of Daniel McClain, Senator for Business and Management was approved.

➤ ICCB Approval:

National Model United Nations asking for registration fee and other associated cost. A simulation of what UN does where 12 students do research and work. All members approved the budget.

Pi Sigma Alpha doing a voters guide to promote students to vote and increase their awareness about the upcoming elections. Requesting budget for making the 500 copies that will be distributed everywhere. All members agreed on budget request.

IX. Audience Participation

➤ LGBTQ Proposal:

Requesting SGA support in the efforts to have a visible resource to serve LGBTQ needs/concerns on campus. Funding request proposal and student petition was presented to SGA members. Various issues like visible presence of LGBTQ student population and counseling services catering to their needs were discussed. The dialogue with Dr. Miller was discussed. The difference between QSA (club) and LGBTQ (student population) was given. Issue was also raised that QSA is given an office space on campus whereas no other student organization has been showing different treatment and causing differences between student organizations. SGA is ready to offer support but most of the members felt that it would be premature to vote on any sort of resolution before the members were given time to read through the proposal. It was also suggested that the LGBTQ representatives and Dr. Miller be present in the next meeting to discuss more into this issue before SGA takes a stand.

➤ Recycling Initiative – SAGE:

Students have been collecting recycling items but do not have a convenient way to take care of it. It was also raised that the housing website includes recycling service for every housing unit as one of the services but that is not the case except for in LRH. Mr. Ringle responded to this saying that the website has not been updated in two years and that was included because at that time student volunteers were doing it. Two options are present, one that they remove it from the website so it does not provide a false marketing point or leave it there and have the initiative active again. Housing also suggested that recycling bins can be

provided in the laundry rooms and building services can pick them up once a week and housing cleaning crew can work to make sure that they are emptied if they get full. No response has been heard from building services regarding this matter yet. SAGE requests SGA to draw up a resolution to include all units of housing in a recycling program if nothing is heard in the next two weeks. All members agreed.

X. Adjourn

- Next Meeting on November 5th.