

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Seventh MEETING
December 12, 2008
7:00 PM - OFFICE OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA – TV STUDIO.

I. Roll Call

Present: President A. Rook Vice President Guiliano,, Sgt. at Arms L. Nettles, Treasurer C. Olivier, BOT C. McFarland, Senator Felix, Senator Swank, Senator VanVossen, Senator Chislom, Senator Sista, Senator Patel, Senator Sekardi, Senator Kampwerth, Senator Swank, Senator Young

Absent: Secretary Beamon, Senator B. Tate

Audience Members: Cynthia Thompson,

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Pledge of Allegiance taken by all SGA committee members.

III. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda for today's meeting were approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from November 9, 2008 were approved.

V. Administrative Reports

- Cynthia Thompson: Thanked the Senators for all of their hard work this semester. The semester was wonderful and productive and looks forward to an even better spring semester.

VI. Office Reports

- President – A. Rook:

The trip to COSTGA has been fully funded by Student Affairs and we are extremely thankful. Met with Chief Mitchell about adding information on stalking to the website. It is set to include the legal definition of stalking. Also, met with the Lincoln Land SGA about transportation issues and it seems that both campuses are experiencing the same issues. Thanked everyone for a really great semester and their productivity.

- Vice President- B. Guiliano

Seconded President Rook on a having a really great semester.

➤ Treasurer- C. Olivier

Thanked everyone including administration for the semester. Cleared up the cable issues dealing with ITS not housing. The channels should be fixed by the time we get back from break.

➤ Sergeant at Arms- L. Nettles

Thanked everyone excellent character on the board. Recognized Senator Sista and Senator Felix for their outstanding work throughout the semester. Senator has been very influential with his participation with the entrepreneur club. Senator Felix has been great with keeping the board informed of the many issues on campus. Encouraged the senators and the rest of the board on doing a great job.

➤ BOT C. McFarland

Board Meeting discussed three major items that involved this campus. The board did decide to extend President White's contract by 18 months. It allowed his contract to coincide with the academic year. Before, his contract ended in the middle of January. Now he will be ending on June 30th. The second item was global campus, it has been very controversial. The board had decided to move into the direction of accreditation but waiting President's White full recommendation. His decision will decide whether global campus would become a fourth campus or whether it would be embedded into one of the other campuses. Presidents Whites intentions are to put it at the Chicago campus. The third item discussed the update of the Master Plan. The next board meeting will be in January and held at UIC.

VII. Reports

Transportation

- Transportation on this campus has been an ongoing issue on campus. We have Linda Tinsdale from SMTD. Motioned to have line item A moved to in front of reports. A new route of the campus was handed out. A definite date has not been established. The route on Ring Road will be taken out and will be coming through campus closer to the West Side of campus. Steven Black is credited with the suggested change. Adding miles, distance and time is important and doable. Making sure that this route does not interfere with docking at downtown station is important. We will not implement this until schedules are printed again, late January, early February. Night service will be looked at in conjunction with the other services. It is a part of SMTD's budget but the grant for it ran out at the end of October. It is being funded out of the regular budget.

➤ *Aaron Shures and Farohk Eslahi*

Discussed the implementation of an Information Library Assessment on campus. Urban and Chicago has had an assessment for over 2 years. The cost has escalated tremendously. The assessment would be 5 dollars per credit hour. The assessment was broken down 75/25. Seventy Five percent would go to ITS to provide technology renewal and Twenty Five would go to the library. A small amount would go to administrative computer renewal particularly in Student Affairs.

There have been numerous problems with changing the campus infrastructure particularly the network, wireless, course management systems, the emails, etc. This is not a new problem; this has been an ongoing problem. Mainly because the funding that came from 2 sources, the administration with the implementation of the Banner System and the other is the construction source. The funding sources have been one time funding and increasing technology in new and old buildings needs to be funded.

➤ *Mary Umbarger, SAC Chair*

Please with campus involvement this semester and SAC is looking at new marketing techniques. Place mat calendars will be distributed every two weeks this semester and student organizations are able to place advertisement on the place mats. There will be new incentive programs for committee involvement and students in attendance to events.

➤ *Campus Senate*

A report from ISC which focused on the NCAA membership which discussed the academic integrity of our student athletes. We also discussed the campus master plan. There are several plans that discussed the expansion of sports facilities and potential retail space.

➤ *Derek Felix, Senator to the College of Business and Management*

I had a very important discussion with Lynn Pardie pertaining to the GPA system. After talking with her I now understand why we have our current system. She made her main arguments around reliability and validity. She said that with a +/- grading system the reliability is in the range of above 90%, whereas not have +/- is only reliable just a bit over the 80% range. She also used the analogy that if we had 2 beakers of water and one was 1/4 full while the other was almost full, and we poured a tea spoon of food coloring in each one which would be darker. Of course it is the one with less water, and she connected that to the error with in the system. There's more room for error with the full beaker. She also said would you want a final with 2 questions or 50. If you have a final with 50 questions there is more room to test everyone's knowledge because it is different.

Another good point she brought up was, if we didn't have the +/- then whose to say that if you were on the boarder line that you would get the A instead of the B. In our case you are at least you might get an A- or a B+ which is better than receiving a B.

I know that it will be hard to explain to the student population and they probably still won't agree with it, but I don't see this scale going anywhere. We just have to try to educate the students about the advantages. Lynn also said that her and Karen Moranski have been talking about writing up some literature about it so future students understand. I hope this is helpful to everyone. If you have any more questions just let me know.

➤ *Resolution on the creation of the committee on campus parking*

SGA recognizes that campus parking issues are a main concern for the student body. This committee will be committed to finding out to root to the problems of parking. There is a list of issues on the agenda to be discussed within this committee. The date was corrected and was passed on 1st Reading and was approved.

VIII. New Business

➤ *Resolution on the Revised Housing Rate Increases, 1st Reading*

Rules were suspended and motion was carried to vote on increase. There is a great appreciation for the administration working with the board. The next battle is the equalization of the FRH and LRH housing rates. Roll Call Vote Attached

➤ *Resolution Campus Safety, 1st Reading*

The results of the campus safety walk were discussed and explained in the report. Mostly changes involved lighting and code blues. Recommended that a side walk is constructed along Richard Wright Drive with more adequate lighting. The recommendation is for more shoe box lights and more lights closer to the ground. Eventual change is considered but there are more detrimental issues that need to be addressed.

➤ *Transportation Survey Results*

Over view of the survey result show that most students use the bus service in the morning and the evening and weekend services are for grocery shopping and other errands. Most importantly students didn't use the services because they had their own car, were unfamiliar with the routes and times. Most of the issues can be fixed.

- *Resolution on the Revised Health and Counseling Fee, 1st Reading*

Rules were suspended and motion was carried to vote on increase. The increase is no long split 50/50. .75 To counseling and 1.25 going to Health Services. Roll Call Vote Attached

IX. Audience Participation

X. Adjourn Moted to adjourn

- Next Meeting on January 25, 2009.