

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
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*SAB 20
March 26, 7:00 p.m. 2006*

I. Roll Call

Present: Representative C. Bauer, President S. Drew, Vice President R. Skorczewski, Treasurer J. Morris, Secretary S. Doyle, Senator R. Morrison (LES), Senator D. Alford (Grad Rep), Senator E. Wilson (PAA), Senator L. Nettles (CBM), and Senator M. Reidle (At Large)

Absent: Sgt. At Arms B. Clement, Senator A. Beaty (CAP), Senator D. Johnson (Transfer Rep), and Senator E. Cromer (At Large)

Audience: Cynthia Thompson, Jim Korte, Emily Martin, Ed Wojicki, and Mike Schlaun

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of February 19, 2006 approved motion by Vice President R. Skorczewski and second by Senator R. Morrison.

III. Administrative Reports

Cynthia Thompson: *Apology for meeting in this room.*

IV. Officer Reports

President S. Drews – *SGA banquet is April 20 at 1:00 at Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in a conference room. SGA, Journal, SAC, and ICCB will be there and the people who receive awards along with Administrators and Staff. Each member is allowed to bring a guest but if you cannot be there, please notify me ahead of time.*

*Award nominations that were sent out are due to Cynthia by April 16th. – **this was misstated by President Drews – the SGA award nominations are due April 14th***

Etiquette Dinner is Monday, March 20 from 5-7:30.

Senator R. Morrison – career center have been working with local businesses to talk about networking and get businesses involved and job interviewing.

Campus Senate – Global campus discussed. BOT and central Administration (U of I) create fourth campus strictly for online education and there are implications for our campus. The Vice President of Academic affairs resigned. President of U of I Joe White told campus summit that it is up to them about whether that position is filled or eliminated. Our campus has a high ration of classes offered online and there are questions about that all three campuses offers MBA so who is in charge of the MBA degree offered online?

Senator D. Alford – Why are they doing this?

Trustee C. Bauer – Money. University of Phoenix is huge and is taking away students because of their online programs. It is very early in the stages. Central Administration and the BOT are taking back “global campus” and the committee is now sure how this will run. There are credibility questions in terms of the degrees offered.

President S. Drews – There is a UIS rep James Hall of CBM on the committee.

Trustee C. Bauer – Our name comes up in the meetings because of Hurricane Katrina, UIS stepped up and offered online courses for those affected by Katrina.

Vice President R. Skorczewski – Campus Senate voted to accept dual credit if high school students receive a “B” or better in a college class taken for dual credit (high school and college credit). It will be a good recruitment tool.

Secretary S. Doyle – nothing to report.

Treasurer J. Morris – we have a few things being debited from our SGA account and once it gets smoothed over we will know how much we have for the banquet.

Trustee C. Bauer – The BOT meeting for this March has been moved to April but we had a phone conference for things that needed to be voted on immediately. The meeting is April 11th if there is anything you want to see on there let me know. The last meeting will be in May in Chicago.

For the display board, I need to meet someone at UIUC Tuesday morning for one.

Cynthia Thompson – we have one in student life I think in a store room.

V. Committee Reports

ROAD – Senator D. Alford – meeting was on Friday and included Jim Korte and Dr. Miller to address Safe Zone and administration is working to address issues such as the chalking incident. Some of the chalk was done by individual students and it is hard to figure out who did it was well as who is taking down the flyers. There are disciplinary issues involved with who has the right to say something and administration has to be careful with freedom of speech. We discussed the hiring of RA’s and they worked on increasing the diversity and did role playing to make sure they were selecting qualified students. A number of GLBT students were hired and the RA’s are now required to go through Safe Zone training.

The value statement passed out will be presented to the BOT, we were hoping to get it into the Strategic Plan but it was no in there. This will be put on our web site and in literature. We did a lot of research on it and looked at other students value statements.

Ed Wojicki – it is not that we do not have a value statement it is just not this one. What I told Maggie Noe as we implemented the Strategic Plan is that we are going to use this language in various ways and she got back to the Diversity Task Force and said we would be using this one. The Chancellor does support this value statement.

Vice President R. Skorczewski – Cynthia emailed me about the Video for the Safe Zone training and I forwarded you all an email. I may be sending out another one with more information. Volunteers are needed to walk and read for the video.

VI. Old Business

- a. Relay for Life – *The event is this Friday and Saturday at the event we will sell suckers.*
 - *Secretary S. Doyle – everyone needs to decorate their own coffee can for the Kiss the Frog fundraiser. The person who raises the least amount of money has to kiss the frog.*
- b. Elections – *Elections for Executive office and all college senators are available with applications tomorrow at 10. For those positions that are appointed, SAC chair, ICCB, and Sgt. At Arms please email me. They are not required to be at candidates meeting. I will send out an email and we will start posting flyers tomorrow. Applications are due April 10 at 4:30 to student life and elections are on April 19-20 from 10 am to 4 pm. Announce the elections in class.*
- c. PAA Update – *Harry Berman (Provost) announced at last Campus Senate meeting that they are not merging the colleges of PAA and EHS. Pinky was also appointed Dean of PAA pending the approval by BOT. Trustee C. Bauer – we should pass this Resolution for future SGA's to refer to.*

Second reading for PAA Resolution read today, third reading and vote at April 2 meeting.

VII. New Business

- a. Housing Resolution – Gen Ed Sub-Committee – Senator R. Morrison – *Situation began because there is not enough housing available for the incoming Gen Ed freshmen in the current dorm and a new dorm is needed to be built. The possible dorm that would be built would be a building with only rooms, no lounges, no room for expansion that is needed to support the living learning concept. The Gen Ed council put together a resolution discussion the decisions that needed to be incorporated in the new dorm. We need to make sure the new dorm is functional and has something do to for the community.*

President S. Drews – Jan Droegkamp sent this to me she said it doesn't matter what we do as long as we do something. Ryan and I will work on putting something together.

Senator L. Nettles – there is also a lot of discontent with the Pennyroyal move.

President S. Drews – we will invite John Ringle, Dana Rodriguez-Seijas, Dr. Miller, Steve Chrans, Terry Bodenhorn, Mae Noll, and Heather Dell to discuss what is exactly happening over the dorm and housing situation.
- b. UIS Palooza – *April 8 from 2pm – 10pm on the East Side of campus. SGA will have a table there and there are vendors there from 2-5 and the*

band will be there from 3-7. Wear your SGA shirts and come for as long as possible. This is prime timing because SGA applications are due April 10th.

- c. *COSGA Wrap-Up – The conference was good it was at Texas A&M and we spent a lot of time on the campus which we didn't do last year. I asked the group to write down what they have taken back from COSGA and present their input today. I attended leadership presentation which focused on West Texas A&M and their orientation process. It was presented to the freshmen with a one day conference retreat with roundtable discussions of what they were worried about. It would be a great thing to have on our campus.*
- Jim Korte – there is an orientation over the summer for general education students to register and the cap scholars have one that is two or three days long before school begins.*
- President S. Drews – other schools have common hour which is an hour each day when there are no classes and is a time when there are club meetings and guest speakers come. I think we should think about this. Also with election locations we can set up near cafeteria but there is the concept of staffing it and it cannot be any of us.*
- Trustee S. Bauer – there is a computer at the Bursar's office.*
- President S. Drews – also another thing was SGA going to events together to be visible to the students.*
- Treasurer J. Morris – went to workshop on advertising for elections where they suggested the SGA paying for dorrknobs and advertising through booths and passing out literature. Another thing was the Deuce System where students show their ID and pay \$2 to get a ride back to campus from bars.*
- Trustee C. Bauer – don't ever let this movement stop, it may not be feasible now but as the campus grows, this is an important thing to look at.*
- Senator E. Wilson – I got a hold of state police to contact this summer and go through what the logistics are.*
- Vice President R. Skorczewski – I also went to the leadership conference on the orientation programs at other Universities and we should implement something like that here at UIS.*

VIII. Audience Participation

Ed Wojicki – There has been a lot of talk on our floor about how the UIS Students, LaTrice Nettles, helped with the Tornado Relief Effort. We have been proud of the work you have done and acknowledge that publicly. In terms of housing, we try to keep those lines of communication open but this time that did not work. It is important that you meet with administrators to get it all figured out before people keep talking.

Senator D. Alford – I would also like to speak with housing regarding the appeals process.

President S. Drews – *There are people sponsoring from the Center for State Policy and Leadership on Contaminated without Consent on April 19th with a guest speaker from Ithaca College. The speaker will speak from 7:30-9:30 but there is also a lunch at 11:30 and she will speak for those who cannot make it that night. I will send an email letting you know details.*

Vice President R. Skorczewski – *because of the tornado the St. Patrick's day and we were standing outside the Lite Rock 99 station booth and we mentioned UIS had been a lot of work on it.*

Senator D. Alford – *I want to mention that Sam did an awesome job planning the trip to Mississippi for the Hurricane Relief.*

IX. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Vice President R. Skorczewski and seconded by Senator D. Alford.