**University of Illinois Springfield**

**Student Government Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

Student Union – Ballroom #225

Sunday, December 2, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by President Dawoud at 6:01pm.
2. Roll Call
   1. Present: President Dawoud, Secretary Loera, Treasurer Qazi, Senator Reuss, Parliamentarian Coultas, Senator Cabantog, Senator Kanai, Senator Hunt, Senator O’Daniel, Senator Rayl, Internal VP Cunningham, Senator Watts, Senator Ogunbameru, External VP Rude, Senator D’Elia, Senator Meints
   2. Absent: Trustee Humphrey, Senator Ayankojo, Senator Sharma, Senator Meta
3. Approval of the Agenda
   1. A motion was entertained by President Dawoud to approve the agenda of December 2nd. So moved by External VP Rude, seconded by Treasurer Qazi.  
      Unanimous Aye
4. Approval of the Minutes
   1. A motion was entertained by President Dawoud to approve the minutes of November 18th. So moved by Treasurer Qazi seconded by Parliamentarian Coultas.

Unanimous Aye, External VP Rude abstaining

1. Audience Participation
   1. None.
2. Administrative report
3. Advisor Cynthia Thompson
   1. Closing numbers from Student Life:
      1. There are currently 80 student organizations that have gone through registration process.
      2. There were 957 student organization events this year, 300 of which were in the Union.
   2. Late Night Breakfast will be next Monday, on Dec 10th, from 9am to 10:30am in the student ballroom.
   3. Welcome Back Week will be January 14th to 18th.
      1. The first day celebrates the 1 year anniversary of the Student Union.
4. Officer Reports
5. President Dawoud
   1. Compiled a list of reported issues from SGA tables. The list was divided into different categories to assign the issues to appropriate SGA committees.
   2. President Dawoud was contacted by a student named Sonya Hernandez who would like to see SGA involved in the STARS symposium.
6. Trustee Humphrey
   1. Absent.
7. Internal Vice-President Cunningham
   1. Reminded SGA members to attend their SGA committee meetings. Made the point that SGA committees handle a lot of the work when addressing agenda items.
   2. If an SGA member cannot make a committee meeting, they should let the chair know.
   3. Encourages SGA members to attend Campus Senate meetings. One of the topics currently being discussed is the role that student evaluations have on a professor’s retention. Issues relevant to students do come up frequently.
      1. President Dawoud clarified that the meetings are open to the public and occur once every two weeks on Fridays at 10am in PAC. She also pointed out that there is no audience participation but members of SGA are able to bring forth a resolution or proposal.
8. External Vice-President Rude
   1. Will be proposing a gingerbread building event later on in the meeting.
9. Treasurer Qazi
   1. No report.
10. Secretary Loera
    1. Celebrated SGA’s work in building relationships with faculty and administration.
    2. Will be covering work involving Food Service within the Student Affairs Committee later on in meeting.
11. Parliamentarian Coultas
    1. No report.
12. Senator Reports
    1. Senator O’Daniel
       1. Emails will be sent to students to partake in public interviews as part of a dean search.
       2. Looks forward to working with SGA next semester.
    2. Senator Hunt
       1. The survey will be out soon for increased library hours. Has been talking with Keenan Dungey to confirm the application for the survey. Will be submitting survey questions to Matthew Case. Following that, Senator Hunt will submit a resolution to be approved by SGA.
    3. Senator Ogunbameru
       1. No report.
    4. Senator Meints
       1. Transfer Club had their first meeting. She had a lot of transfer students inform her of their interest through email. The next meeting will not be until next semester. The official name of the student organization is the Transfer Stars. Will be forming a possible co-sponsorship with the Commuter Club during Welcome Back Week.
       2. Will be attending the Transfer Information Fair this Thursday and also the Transfer Orientation on January 8th.
    5. Senator Rayl
       1. No report.
    6. Senator Watts
       1. Has been in contact with some of the online coordinators. The newsletter for online students will include Senator Watts’s contact information.
       2. Senator Watts asked when the UIS website will be updated with the accurate senator information.
          1. President Dawoud responded that there were issues with the Webmaster position and SGA will not be employing or funding that position. External VP Rude will be sending out an email asking for information and will update the site.
    7. Senator Reuss
       1. Met with the Department of Education in the College of Education and Human Services and discussed how Senator Reuss could help promote the college more. The department mainly wants more foot traffic from students. They also want to work with student organizations within the college to put on an event during welcome week. They would like to have tabling for information of the college. The college also has social media pages that not recognized or have a significant amount of followers. They want to work on that as well.
    8. Senator Kanai
       1. Received student interest in installing a water bottle refill station within Lincoln and Founders Residence Halls. He will be looking into it more and will potentially reach out to the Green Fee Committee.
    9. Senator Cabantog
       1. Thought the SGA tables were important to have and suggests having them once a semester.
       2. Wished everyone a great break.
    10. Senator D’Elia
        1. Offered Senator Kanai assistance with communicating with the Green Fee Committee.
        2. Had a final meeting with ResLife and the Green Fee Committee regarding education initiatives. That will be an ongoing process.
        3. Recycling dumpsters are coming next semester.
        4. Students can now have bake/food sales at the Student Union.
        5. Ann Comerford talked to legal and will allow 100 dollars worth as the cap for outside food in the Student Union.
13. Committee Reports
14. Executive Board Committee
    1. Will be meeting with Kesley Gurski on Wednesday for SGA’s monthly meeting. Kelsey will communicate with Chancellor Koch and provide feedback on issues we brought up. Kelsey will also be informing us with updates from the previous meeting.
    2. Gingerbread house event proposal was made during the SGA Executive Board meeting.
    3. The Executive Board Committee interviewed and appointed three students to the Academic Integrity Hearing Panel. There are still seven spots left on the panel for students.
    4. Senator Cabantog will be serving on the Director of Marketing search committee. The current director is retiring.
15. Internal Affairs Committee
    1. This committee was tasked with finding frames for SGA portraits. Members went to Hobby Lobby and located affordable wooden frames. Hobby Lobby offered a discount and the total cost is below price of the allocated budget. Hobby Lobby also offers service with engraving.
    2. Internal VP Cunningham believes SGA has possessed a higher level of respect this year.
16. External Relations and Marketing Committee
    1. This committee met on Friday and discussed what should be worked towards in regards to what they have been tasked with. The committee will be sending out a survey potentially next semester. All questions will be ran through SGA. The survey will gauge the knowledge, awareness, and opinion on the TNVR program that was discontinued on campus. The committee will then make recommendation on how to move forward based on the student input.
17. Student Affairs Committee
    1. Secretary Loera had a meeting last Thursday with Cynthia Thompson and Mary Umbarger. They discussed ways SGA can work towards issues involving Food Service and assist them in improving their service. Ideas included:
       1. Decreasing portion sizes for certain sides or meals making it cheaper for students.
       2. An educational program that teaches Freshman during welcome week how to balance their meal plan money for the semester, how to access their meal plan balance, how to make meals under $10 or $5 with menus from the Union, and also the added expense of using a to-go container.
       3. Updates to the Food Service webpage on UIS that would include nutritional facts and menus for the week. Also a chart for students to pace their spending depending on which meal plan they have.
       4. Increased communication between Food Service and the student body through emails, social media posts, etc. Posts on UIS social medias for Starbucks and Food Service to inform students of new items, samples, or adjustments to hours.
       5. A student internship position within Food Service whose duties would include marketing, managing of social medias, and promoting engagement between Food Service and students.
          1. Highlighting the catering events that Food Service puts together on social media.
          2. Developing different ways for Food Service to engage with students. Ideas include highlighting chefs, competing dishes and seeing which one sells more, favorite soup of the week.
       6. Alex Cosner from Campus Recreation might be a contact for creating some healthy budget meals that can be shared with students.
    2. Secretary Loera will be contacting the Student Affairs committee to meet with Geoffrey Evans to discuss these ideas.
    3. Senator Cabantog questioned whether students can view the transactions made on the I-Card account to keep track of spending.
       1. External VP Rude responded that by making a request to the I-Card office, they can print out all the transaction history. He suggests contacting the I-Card office and questioning their ability to make that information more accessible to students.
18. Academic and Administrative Affairs Committee
    1. No report.
19. Old Business
    1. SGA Tables
       1. President Dawoud thanked everyone for helping with the SGA tables.
       2. List of concerns have been divided by committees.
       3. There is one winner for every ten tickets turned in. President Dawoud will be emailing winners next week. They will be given SGA prizes that were purchased previously.
20. New Business
    1. Joshua Rivedal – Potential event
       1. President Dawoud was contacted by Joshua Rivedal who hosts a program for suicide awareness. It is a three part program that includes a theatre performance, an educational section, and a panel. The program is 75 minutes long.
       2. President Dawoud spoke with Chris from Dr. Ford’s office and he suggested co-sponsoring with multiple student organizations to increase participation and split the price. The price could be around $3000.
       3. Joshua Rivedal has been to over 100 campuses and has been on broadway. His theatre performance includes acting out his childhood and how he was affected by a suicide.
       4. Senator Meints and President Dawoud suggested the idea of organizing a Suicide Awareness Day at UIS.
       5. Senator D’Elia said his student organization would be willing to support and put funds towards hosting Joshua Rivedal.
       6. Internal VP Cunningham supports moving forward and making this a main event for SGA next semester.
       7. A motion was entertained by President Dawoud to act towards organizing this event with Joshua Rivedal. So moved by Secretary Loera, seconded by Internal VP Cunningham.  
          Unanimous Aye
    2. Gingerbread House Budget Request
       1. External VP Rude is requesting to allocate 109.35 dollars from the SGA budget to fund a pop up gingerbread house building event. The hope with this event is to provide an activity for students to destress. The pop up event will be in the Union on Tuesday from 2pm to 5pm. Emails will be sent out to students Monday and Tuesday to inform them of the event.
          1. A motion was entertained by President Dawoud to approve the Gingerbread House Budget Request. So moved by Senator Reuss, Seconded by Senator O’Daniel.

Unanimous Aye

1. Adjourn
   1. President Dawoud entertained a motion to adjourn. So moved by Senator Rayl, seconded by External VP Rude.

15 Ayes, Senator De’Elia Nayed

* + 1. Senator D’Elia questions the audience if have are any questions or comments.
  1. President Dawoud entertained a motion to adjourn. So moved by Parliamentarian Coultas, seconded by Senator Reuss.

Unanimous Aye

Meeting adjourned 6:39 pm.