**University of Illinois Springfield**

**Student Government Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

Student Union – Ballroom #225

Sunday, February 10, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by President Dawoud at 6:02 pm.
2. Roll Call
	1. Present: President Dawoud, Secretary Loera, Senator Reuss, Parliamentarian Coultas, Senator Cabantog, Senator Kanai, Senator O’Daniel, Internal VP Cunningham, Senator Watts, External VP Rude, Senator D’Elia, Senator Gin
	2. Absent: Trustee Humphrey, Treasurer Qazi, Senator Ayankojo, Senator Sharma, Senator Meta, Senator Ogunbameru, Senator Hunt, Senator Meints, Senator Rayl
3. Approval of the Agenda
	1. A motion was entertained by President Dawoud to approve the agenda of February 10th. So moved by Senator Ruess, seconded by Internal VP Cunningham.
	Unanimous Aye
4. Approval of the Minutes
	1. A motion was entertained by President Dawoud to approve the minutes of January 27th. So moved by External VP Rude seconded by Senator Reuss.

Unanimous Aye

1. Audience Participation
	1. None.
2. Administrative report
3. Advisor Cynthia Thompson
	1. Commends various members of SGA for being visible on campus events.
	2. Student Life took 20 students to a summit on organizational leadership in St. Louis. Treasurer Qazi attended. There was SGA, SAC, and SOFA representation.
	3. Pass the word on the approved SGA election timeline. The applications will be made available March 5th, prior to spring break. Elections will be April 3rd and 4th.
4. Officer Reports
5. President Dawoud
	1. No report.
6. Trustee Humphrey
	1. No report.
7. Internal Vice-President Cunningham
	1. Attended very informative meetings with the rest of the exec board.
	2. Last Tuesday, Senator Kanai and Internal VP Cunningham met with Kaelan Smith about the downtown discount program.
		1. New representative Mike Murphy is looking to revitalize the program.
		2. Through his office, they are willing to talk to businesses and find out who is willing to participate.
		3. They would like SGA to spread the word, create fliers, write a potential SGA resolution, and promote the program.
		4. This program is separate from the I-Card office.
8. External Vice-President Rude
	1. No report.
9. Treasurer Qazi
	1. No report.
10. Secretary Loera
	1. No report.
11. Parliamentarian Coultas
	1. No report.
12. Senator Reports
	1. Senator O’ Daniel
		1. No report.
	2. Senator Kanai
		1. Meeting with Kaelan Smith and Internal VP Cunningham went well.
		2. Welcomes anyone who would want to help or has creative ideas about raising awareness of a discount program for UIS students downtown. Sees this as a good way of having UIS be a part of Springfield in supporting local businesses.
	3. Senator Cabantog
		1. Congratulated UIS Women’s Track and Field freshman student Taryn Christy who demolished a 5000 meter indoor school record during the first Grand Valley State University meet on Friday in Michigan.
		2. Shout out to the Diversity Center for planning out a whole month of events in recognition of Black History Month.
		3. Working on a newsletter for the class of 2020 freshman. Will be working with President Dawoud and Advisor Cynthia Thompson on that.
	4. Senator D’Elia
		1. Would like to help Senator Kanai with promoting the program. Would like to see more synthesis between UIS and the city.
		2. Working towards finalizing recycling effort.
	5. Senator Reuss
		1. Involved in discussions with the External Affairs Committee regarding how to market through SGA.
		2. Extends help with new downtown program. Thinks they can work together as a committee and SGa members to bring awareness to the program.
	6. Senator Gin
		1. New Senator for Peoria.
		2. Saw the vacant position on SGA and decided to run.
		3. Came back from finishing degree 10 years ago and enrolled at the Peoria campus. Saw need for improvements on Peoria campus. Hopes she can make a difference with this position. Wants to increase opportunities of Peoria campus students.
	7. Senator Hunt
		1. Questioned if there is anyone interested in heading up a project to request nutrition facts for all available Student Union food.
			1. Internal VP Cunningham asked Secretary Loera what Geoffrey Evans had said about nutrition facts for all menu items.
				1. They have that information internally, they just do not have a way of putting that information out. They are looking for ways of doing that. Will be asking for updates. Geoffrey also mentioned that it can be difficult determining the nutritional facts as many menu items can be modified.
		2. Also suggests talking to the marketing team of UIS to get more UIS merchandise in local businesses.
			1. Sees a lot of U of I merchandise for UIC and UIUC but not UIS merchandise in local businesses.
13. Committee Reports
	1. Executive Board Committee
		1. Met with Kelsey Gurski and the Chancellor.
			1. They were thinking about changing meal plans for the upcoming year. a lot of students running out of money last fall and administration had fears of students going hungry.
			2. Administration was moving towards removing the lowest tier meal plan for residents in dorms, the Silver Meal Plan.
			3. The exec board advised against it because there are students who live in townhouses and apartments who choose that Silver Meal Plan instead of the much smaller Bronze Meal Plan.
			4. The Chancellor took that feedback to her meeting with Dr. Ford and informed President Dawoud last Friday that they decided not to change the meal plan for next year.
			5. Housing portal will need to be corrected to reflect accurate meal plans available to students.
		2. It has been advised through the provost office to include information on the UIS food pantry on every faculty’s syllabus.
		3. The Chancellor set her spring forum for April 9th.
	2. Internal Affairs Committee
		1. Committee will have a meeting soon.
		2. Committee might form an unofficial task force for creating posters and other promotion of the downtown discount program.
		3. Idea of informing students at the next SGA tabling.
	3. External Relations and Marketing Committee
		1. Discussed sending out a survey to measure awareness of the TNVR program among students.
		2. Also discussed how SGA can host an end of the year event.
		3. Will continue efforts on marketing and finding ways of building visibility for SGA.
	4. Student Affairs Committee
		1. Secretary Loera has been informing himself on the process of approving a survey through the Survey Research Office.
			1. This is the method of generating the Food Service Survey.
		2. In meantime, will form a meeting with Ann Comerford and Geoffrey Evans.
			1. Invites any SGA member willing to attend.
			2. Will be asking for updates on ideas mentioned for food service, international options, food portions, etc.
			3. Will discuss the food pantry concept and potentially collaborating with them on it.
				1. Also dependent on results of the Food Service Survey.
		3. Encourages other members of the Student Affairs Committee to bring up other relevant student issues and work towards setting up meetings with administration and department heads.
	5. Academic and Administrative Affairs Committee
		1. No report.
14. Old Business
	1. Student Representative on the Student Technology Focus Group
		1. President Dawoud was contacted by the Provost department asking if SGA could send a student representative.
		2. The focus group looks at the possibility of giving some form of technology to all students at UIS regardless if they are traditional or honors.
			1. Also involves looking into the budget and compares how the Honors Program gives students laptops.
		3. If anyone would be interested being a part of this group, email President Dawoud or Internal VP Cunningham.
15. New Business
	1. Resolution # 009 – Baked Act
		1. After meeting with Ann Comerford and Geoffrey Evans last semester, they approved a 100 dollar cap on outside food being brought into the Union. Bake sales are also allowed.
		2. Students are still unaware of this policy change. Thinks the best way to bringing awareness is by hosting a bake sale. This would show progress SGA has made in cooperation with administrators.
		3. Would also like to take a survey.
			1. A 100 dollar cap can still be very limiting for ethnic events.
			2. Asking students what price they think would be more reasonable and appropriate.
		4. This is another opportunity to discuss and engage with the UIS student body and hear more concerns.
		5. Senator Reuss thinks this is a good start. As a member of various organizations, she thinks that the cap is very limiting.
			1. Thinks they should pass this resolution as a starting ground but the survey will be a good measure of what students want.
		6. President Dawoud asked where the funds made from this bake sale will go towards.
			1. Senator D’Elia envisioned SGA doing a form of a potluck.
			2. Internal VP Cunningham mentioned that SGA still has a lot of funds. There can be a budget allocation.
				1. If there are funds left over in the budget, the exec board meets and decides what to do with that money.
				2. Usually those funds go to reserves or towards a student organization that could use the money.
		7. Secretary Loera suggests purchasing and giving away baked goods through a budget allocation of 100 dollars.
		8. Advisor Cynthia Thompson has concerns about SGA having a bake sale. Could see confusion with SGA having a bake sale no matter how it is described. Sees potential questioning of SGA asking for money despite having funds.
			1. Senator O’Daniel questioned the transparency of the SGA budget.
				1. President Dawoud responded that the SGA budget funds is public and is listed in the SGA bylaws.
		9. This bake sale will be to inform students they can have a bake sales.
		10. Internal VP Cunningham wrote up an amendment to the resolution:
			1. SGA will allocate 100 dollars for bake sale goods to be given away at a future event called a “Bake Sale” to raise awareness for the recently changed outside food policy at the Student Union. Any funds not used will go back into the SGA budget.
		11. Secretary Loera suggests making time slots for SGA members to sign up to be there and treat this like typical SGA informational tabling. An email should be sent out asking SGA members to sign up to set up the table, give out baked goods, inform students, and hear out concerns they might have.
		12. Senator D’Elia will create a doodle poll to pick out a time.
		13. President Dawoud entertained a motion to approve Resolution #009 with the amendment stated previously in section x-1.
			1. So moved by Senator O’Daniel. Seconded by External VP Rude.

Unanimous Aye

* 1. Class Catalog Selection Issues
		1. Met with Ken R. Mulliken, Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education who informed us that the Provost Office was looking at class catalog issues. Students have not been able to graduate on top due to the overlapping of classes.
			1. The executive board answered his questions. President Dawoud asks senators to reach out constituents regarding the issue to gather more feedback.
			2. They are looking at general education classes but also would like information on upper division classes as well.
			3. President Dawoud asks senators to email her with feedback so she can forward that information to Mulliken.
	2. Peoria Campus Senator Appointment – Angie Gin
		1. Senator Gin will try to make it to meetings in person if the weather permits.
		2. President Dawoud had sent out an email last semester regarding the vacant position open to see if there would be any Peoria student interested.
			1. The exec board voted in favor of Senator Gin who will serve the interim position until this coming fall.
	3. SGA Representative on the Gender Equity Committee for Athletics
		1. Athletics department wants an SGA member to serve on this committee.
		2. Senator Reuss asked what does it all entail?
			1. President Dawoud responded that the committee will monitor and recommend ongoing efforts with the athletic department to maintain gender equity. The committee will meet several times a semester.
			2. She has heard issues within athletics regarding there being more advertisement for free stuff at the men’s basketball game than at the women’s game. This committee might look at an issue similar to that.
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	1. Senator Meints
		1. Asked about updating the UIS SGA website. The separate web pages for each senator has not been updated.
			1. Online students will first check the online webpage to find contact information.
			2. President Dawoud responded that she had mentioned the webmaster position fell through last semester. External VP Rude volunteered to update the web pages. He is the only one who has had wordpress training. He will send that meeting out within the next week.
	2. President Dawoud entertained a motion to adjourn. So moved by External VP Rude seconded by Senator Reuss.

Unanimous Aye

Meeting adjourned 6:34 pm.