University of Illinois Springfield

Student Government Association

Performing Arts Center – TV Studio

Sunday, January 26, 2020

1. Call to order
   1. Meeting called to order by President Paoletti at 6:05pm.
2. Roll Call
   1. Present
      1. Trustee Dawoud, President Paoletti, Internal VP Cunningham, External VP Loera, Treasurer Verthein, Parliamentarian Matthews, Senator Flaherty, Senator Diaz, Senator Valente, Senator Garland, Senator Moseley, Senator Akpulonu, Senator Senator Pernitsky, Senator Kinsel. Senator Herrera.
   2. Absent
      1. Secretary Stinson, Senator Shenoy, Senator Gin, Senator Wesley
3. Approval of the Agenda
   1. Senator Pernitsky entertained a motion to approve the January 26th agenda. Seconded by Senator Diaz. Unanimous aye.
4. Approval of the Minutes
   1. President Paoletti entertained a request to consent for the approval of the December 8th minutes. So moved by Senator Moseley, seconded by Senator Pernitsky. Unanimous consent.
5. Audience Participation
   1. None.
6. Administrative Report
   1. Advisor Cynthia Thompson
      1. Upcoming Student Involvement Committee meeting. Looking to developing a survey for students.
      2. Leadership workshop on Wednesday, January 29th in Student Union at 6:30pm.
7. Officer Reports
8. President Ben Paoletti
   1. Attended the latest Senate Executive Committee.
      1. Structure of Thanksgiving Break was discussed. Faculty need more time before finals to grade and there is also less motivation from students.
   2. Midterm grade
      1. Teachers are obligated to make grades available for 100 and 200 level classes. Classes that are 300 and 400 level are structured in a way where assignments are often fluid.
   3. End of Semester Report
      1. A summary will be published in the UIS Journal this Wednesday.
   4. Opening and ribbon cutting of Sangamon Experience is on January 30th.
9. Trustee Rosie Dawoud
   1. U of I System overall enrollment has increased.
   2. Funds allocated to hire more faculty.
   3. President Kileen’s contract has been extended and received a raise.
   4. Tuition has increased for all three U of I campuses.
   5. Interim Dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has been appointed.
   6. Director of Athletics has been appointed.
10. Internal Vice-President Andrew Cunningham
    1. The Undergraduate Council has been working on revisions to curriculum.
    2. Elections Week- 4 things to keep track
       1. Forum for candidates
       2. Fliers with bios and position statements.
       3. Food/T-shirt event
       4. Way of engaging voters to vote on the spot to increase voter turnout.
11. External Vice-President Eric Loera
    1. How to use Trello as a method of keeping track of responsibilities/delegations.
       1. Trello will serve as a supplemental tool for the rest of the semester.
12. Treasurer Austin Verthein
    1. Zero requests passed the new deadline for SOFA fund requests.
    2. Attending Campus Budget and Planning Committee meeting on Thursday.
13. Secretary Kimmie Stinson
    1. No report.
14. Parliamentarian Mackenzi Matthews
    1. Rules and Constitution Committee will be meeting next Thursday at 5:30pm.
15. Senator Reports
    1. Campus Resident Senator: Max Pernitsky
       1. Met with Bryan Kelly, the Director of Reslife.
          1. Spoke on issues of wifi problems, fees for next year, and vending machines.
       2. Met with Jill Hawkins, Director of Volunteer Center.
          1. Looking to have students pay parking fees through donating food to the UIS Cares Pantry.
    2. College of Business & Management Senator: Nolan Flaherty
       1. Met with the new Athletic Director.
       2. Wants to address the enforcement of academic contracts of athletes.
       3. Met with SAC, Student Athletic Committee.
       4. Looking to maintain Blue Crew with UIS Athletics.
          1. Senator Flaherty will be serving as president of the RSO.
    3. College of Education and Human Services Senator: Natty Akpulonu
    4. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Senator: Alex Aviles
       1. No report; looking forward to various Spring semester tasks.
    5. College of Public Affairs & Administration Senator: Miguel Valente
    6. Freshman Student Senator: Caitlin Sherman
       1. Freshman Town Hall
    7. Graduate Student Senator: Addam Kinsel
       1. No report; looking forward to various Spring semester tasks.
    8. International Student Senator: Sneha Shenoy
    9. Online Student Senator: Vyvyan Wesley
       1. No report.
    10. Peoria Campus Senator: Angie Gin
        1. No report.
    11. Senator-at-Large: Aislinn Diaz
        1. Dean of CPAA desires to attend SGA meeting in near future to discuss departmental academic advisor issue.
    12. Senator-at-Large: Collin Moseley
        1. Successful tabling at RSO Fair last week
        2. Facilities department is currently getting bids for new Code Blue lights
        3. Working on getting permissions for SGA President to be able to drive University vehicles for SGA purposes
    13. Transfer Student Senator: Gabrielle Garland
        1. Successful transfer student orientation in early January
    14. Undergraduate Student Senator: Leslie Herrera
        1. No report.
16. Committee Reports
    1. Executive Board Committee - report by President Paoletti.
       1. Met with Chancellor Koch last week to discuss goals and updates with UIS.
    2. Internal Affairs Committee - report by Internal VP Cunningham.
       1. Committee’s focus will be on Elections Week.
       2. Liaisons for departments should keep up regular contact in preparation for SGA’s fund disbursement.
    3. External Relations and Marketing Committee - report by External VP Loera.
       1. Same meeting time as last semester.
       2. Student Advocacy Coalition’s first meeting will be on February 10th at 4pm in the Student Leadership Center.
    4. Rules and Constitution Committee
       1. No report.
17. Old Business
    1. None.
18. New Business
    1. Resolution 17 – Campus to Downtown Shuttle Spring Semester
       1. Resolution to allocate 1500 dollars to fund a shuttle to transport students from university to downtown Springfield on Saturdays 10pm-3am.
       2. A motion was entertained by President PAoletti to approve the Resolution by roll-call vote. So moved by Senator Flaherty. Seconded by Senator Diaz. Resolution passed by roll-call vote unanimously.
19. Discussion
    1. SGA Elections Event
       1. Senator Wesley, Senator Garland, Senator Valente, & Internal VP Cunningham are grouped for this project.
       2. Snapchat Takeover. Could provide a link for voting.
       3. Idea of having an election booth with laptops to vote on outside the U.
       4. Idea of having a forum with candidates in the Ballroom the night before voting.
    2. Clothing / Stars Supply Stop Drive
       1. Senator Akpolonu, Senator Gin, Senator Verthein and External VP Loera are grouped for this project.
       2. Idea of using UIS Cares Food Pantry bins set up around campus as a drop off location for donations.
       3. Collaborate with Reslife for the week of move out for clothing donation.
    3. Increasing Access to Feminine Products on Campus
       1. Senator Diaz is setting up a meeting with Health Services.
       2. Senator Herrera will be meeting with Period Club to brainstorm.
    4. Shelter in Place Drill Awareness
       1. Senator Kinsel, Senator Pernitsky, Senator Moseley, and Senator Shenoy are grouped for this initiative.
       2. Biggest issue is having faculty on board with the drill.
       3. Senator Moseley will be meeting with the police chief.
    5. Lobby Day
       1. Internal VP Loera emailed SGA the agenda for the SAC Training Day on Wednesday, January 29th.
       2. Lobby Day will be on Wednesday, February 26th.
20. Adjourn
    1. Senator Pernitsky entertained a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Senator Diaz.
    2. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.