**University of Illinois Springfield Student Government Association Meeting Minutes**

Performing Arts Center – TV Studio Sunday, September 22, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by President Paoletti at 6:00pm.
2. Roll Call
   1. Present
      1. President Paoletti, Internal VP Cunningham, External VP Loera, Treasurer Verthein, Secretary Stinson, Senator Valente, Senator Flaherty, Senator Akpolonu, Senator Garland, Senator-at-Large Moseley, Senator Sherman, Senator Wesley, Senator Shenoy, Senator Gin, Senator Pernitsky.
   2. Absent
      1. Trustee Dawoud, Parliamentarian Matthews, Senator Diaz, Senator Mustafaoglu, Senator Ebel.
3. Approval of the Agenda
   1. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to approve the agenda of September 22th. So moved by Senator Nolan Flaherty, seconded by Treasurer Verthein. Unanimous Aye
4. Approval of the Minutes
   1. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to approve the minutes of September 8th. So moved by Treasurer Verthein, seconded by Senator Flaherty. Unanimous Aye
5. Audience Participation
   1. None.
6. Administrative Report
   1. Advisor Cynthia Thompson
7. Senator for Liberal Arts and Sciences still vacant.
8. Dr. Bertice Berry is speaking on campus Wednesday, September 25th at 6:30pm in the Student Union Ballroom.
9. Officer Reports
   1. President Paoletti
10. SGA has established relationships with the State Journal-Register, WCIA News, WCIS, and the Journal in order to make SGA’s work made known across those platforms.
11. Request for all members to bring technology to meetings to be able to take notes and view resources.
12. Committee assignments should be made this week. Each committee should meet once per week, before the biweekly SGA meetings.
13. Currently looking for more members for Campus Senate committees.
14. Met with Dr. Van Vieregge, the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Reported that there is no increase in student fees or tuition this year. They also discussed that there was a change in the policy of the recruitment company for international students, and UIS is now paying per student that chooses to attend UIS. Enrollment for international students has now increased.
15. Upcoming meeting with Dr. Jerry Joseph, Associate Provost for Budget & Administrative Planning, to discuss tuition and fees for this year.
16. Met with Chuck Coderko, Associate Chancellor of Facilities, to discuss the repair of the road by the Student Union, a popular subject on campus. The road was not repaired due to the University having to previously use its reserves in order to maintain awards and grants for students. Because of this the University did not have reserves to repair the road because it wanted to maintain financial aid for students. Road repair would cost $1.5 million.
    1. Trustee Dawoud

a. No report.

* 1. Internal Vice-President Cunningham

1. Met with undergraduate council regarding curriculum. Currently UIS only offers degrees in elementary education and secondary education. A middle school teaching degree is currently in the works and hopefully will be finalized soon. This corresponds with the type of work done on a Campus Senate committee.
2. Spoke with UIS Bookstore management regarding advertisement of policies for textbook returns. Plans to work with Internal Affairs Committee and Senator Wesley on potentially putting together materials for distribution.
   1. External Vice-President Loera
3. Meeting on September 24th with co-hosts of the SGA suicide awareness event “Kicking my Blue Genes in the Butt” on November 14th at 7pm in the Student Union Ballroom. Dr. Clarice Ford’s office will cover the expense for tshirts for the event. An ad hoc committee for the event will be launched when it gets closer.
4. President of Student Advocacy Coalition, External VP Loera, and President Paoletti are flying to Washington, D.C. on Tuesday September 24th for the U-of-I System to advocate.
   1. Treasurer Verthein
5. Second SOFA meeting was today, September 22nd.
6. On Campus Senate’s Campus Planning and Budget Committee, which will be meeting soon with Dr. Clarice Ford and Chuck Corderko regarding recent budget cuts and the campus master plan.
   1. Secretary Stinson

a. Introduction as new member.

* 1. Parliamentarian Matthews

1. On Campus Senate’s Library Committee will be meeting soon, although currently does not have anyone as Chair.
2. Looking for members for SGA Constitution Committee; recognizes Constitution and Bylaws need updated/reformed to work together more harmoniously.
3. Senator Reports
   1. Senator Nolan Flaherty
      1. Had meeting with Intercollegiate Athletic Committee. UIS Athletics is currently looking for new athletic director, hoping to hire new one by late November.
      2. UIS Athletics looking to get back Hall of Fame Committee for former UIS athletes. Planning to research more.
      3. Planning to review the ISSG study on athletics department that is done every five years to identify areas for improvement.
      4. May make changes to tailgates. For SGA to host, it poses some issues due to health regulations/liability. Although the first tailgate this past weekend seemed to be successful.
      5. Looking at revamping Blue Crew (student section). Hoping to have it running by Homecoming for soccer. Jake Gillom, a faculty member, offered to sponsor. Potentially need to become established as an RSO.
      6. Concerns about elevators throughout campus have past-due inspections, looking into addressing those
      7. Concerns about some light poles on and near the quad not functioning
      8. Free flu shots from health services
   2. Senator Miguel Valente
      1. Working on Campus Senate’s General Education Review Committee
      2. Complaint about issues with vending machines; emailed Dr. Van Vieregge who reported that the University renewed their vending machine contract, which will be effective November 1st
      3. Business card resolution to be presented later in meeting
   3. Senator Max Pernitsky
      1. Introduction as new member
   4. Senator Collin Moseley
      1. Introduction as new member
      2. Concern for light poles on campus not functioning, as well as blue emergency safety lights not working and also being non-existent in some areas on campus
      3. Interest in supporting the UIS Military/Veterans Club
   5. Senator Natty Akpulonu
      1. Discussion of size of UIS, as well as number and levels of degree programs
   6. Senator Vyvyan Wesley
      1. Goal is to be a liaison between online students, to increase their campus participation if possible for online students who live nearby, and to make online students more aware of resources and events offered by the campus
      2. Met with Student Discipline Committee
      3. Will meet with Diversity, Equal Rights, Opportunity, and Access on September 30th
      4. In touch with Center of Online Learning and Research regarding more avenues to reach online students
   7. Senator Angie Gin
      1. Back with ICC
      2. Working on arranging SGA meeting on Peoria campus to bring more awareness
   8. Senator Gabrielle Garland
      1. Introduction
   9. Senator Sneha Shenoy
      1. As an International student herself, discussed her responsibility as liaison for other international students
   10. Senator Caitlin Sherman
       1. Goal is to increase involvement for commuter students
4. Committee Reports
   1. Executive Board Committee
      1. President Paoletti
         1. Chancellor Koch and Chuck Coderko to attend the next meeting on October 6th to discuss the campus master plan.
   2. Internal Affairs Committee
      1. Internal Vice President Cunningham
         1. Resolution for business cards sponsored by Senator Miguel Valente
         2. Plan for Internal Affairs to contact departments across campus that previously received funding, assign members of committee as liaisons
   3. External Relations and Marketing Committee
      1. External Vice President Loera
         1. External affairs currently working on UIS tailgates, star supply shop, iCards, and campus shuttle
5. Old Business
   1. None.
6. New Business
   1. Resolution #2 – Portrait Photos
      1. Portraits above the SGA office need to be updated with current members.. Resolution was provided by Senator Aislinn Diaz at last meeting.
      2. Photos will be taken October 16th & 17th, details will be sent out via email.
      3. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to approve Resolution #2.. So moved by Treasurer Verthein and seconded by Senator Gin. Unanimous Aye
   2. Resolution #3 – Business Cards
      1. Sponsored by Senator Miguel Valente. Cards will increase visibility on campus, allow members to make connections with outside connections, and allow easier contact in general.
      2. Question by Senator at Large Collin Moseley if 50 cards would be sufficient. President Paoletti responded that the Exec Board had discussed it and 50 would seem to be enough. Internal Vice President Cunningham said as well that more can be ordered later as well.
      3. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to table Resolution #3. So moved by President Paoletti and seconded by Treasurer Verthein. 15 Aye, 1 Opposed.
   3. Resolution #4 – Boost Facebook Posts
      1. Sponsored by President Paoletti. Posts sometimes are seen but not being receiving engagement. Goal is to bring students to SGA Meetings and inform them of what we are doing.
      2. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to approve Resolution #4. So moved by President Paoletti and seconded by Senator Flaherty. Unanimous Aye
7. Discussion
   1. Campus to Downtown Shuttle
      1. President Paoletti
         1. Shuttle not running in consistent 30 minute intervals as it should.
         2. Students must walk to Union to get on the shuttle. However a cab will directly pick them up. Point of question to give out number for cab company.
      2. Treasurer Verthein
         1. Proposed multiple stops for bus to pick up students for downtown shuttle. Multiple bus stops already exist on campus that could be utilized. Gracious cab is current shuttle service.
      3. Senator Akpulonu mentioned SMTD. President Paoletti noted that SMTD is reducing the number of buses and it would be more expensive/SMTD not willing.
      4. Senator Wesley questioned cost of Gracious Cab.
      5. Senator Flaherty commented giving out the number might be effective, making it more Uber style rather than in intervals.
      6. Internal Vice President Cunningham questioned number of riders of shuttle from the past weekend
         1. Currently unknown.
8. Adjourn
   1. President Paoletti entertained a motion to adjourn. So moved by President Paoletti, seconded by Senator Wesley.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.