University of Illinois Springfield

Student Government Association

Performing Arts Center – TV Studio

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Agenda

1. Call to order - 6:07PM
2. Roll Call
   1. Absent – BoT Representative Verthein, Senator Formea, Senator Nagabhiru
3. Approval of the Agenda
   1. Approved
4. Approval of the Minutes
   1. Approved
5. Audience Participation
   1. Rita Senhaji
      1. Resolution to convince faculty and staff to use open textbooks
      2. Spreading petitions amongst campus to bring awareness
      3. Wants to have a resolution created (has already been presented to an exec member)
6. Administrative Report
7. Advisor Cynthia Thompson
   1. Discussed commuter student statistics
      1. Significant part of campus population
   2. Offered help to SGA members for reaching out to constituents
8. Officer Reports
9. President Knapper
   1. Polos
      1. Looking at different brands
      2. Gathering a size list soon (Google Form through GroupMe)
   2. Bonding Activities
      1. Need ideas for events/places SGA members can go to together
   3. Encouraged creating resolutions & talking to constituents
   4. Vacancies on SGA
      1. College of Education & Human Services Senator
      2. Senator At Large
      3. Parliamentarian
      4. Asked for recommendations for people to fill roles
   5. Needs 2 members for Commission to Review Senate Composition
      1. Need undergraduate & graduate student
      2. Treasurer Simmons (grad) and Senator Abegunde (undergrad) appointed
   6. Needs someone for Academic Integrity Committee
      1. Senator Johnson appointed
10. Trustee Verthein
    1. N/A
11. Internal Vice-President Stauder
    1. Conversed with Rita about presentation
       1. In support of the resolution
       2. Asked for help from other members for creating the resolution
    2. Attended Campus Senate meeting
    3. Talked to Mayor of Springfield
       1. Interested in meeting with SGA
       2. Possible discussion about new transportation system
12. External Vice-President Solorzano
    1. No report
13. Treasurer Simmons
    1. SOFA report
       1. Need request forms 48 hours before meetings
          1. Meetings are right before SGA, Zoom available
    2. Fully staffed
    3. Ideas for bonding
       1. American Student Government Association
          1. Learning experience for SGA
       2. Escape rooms
14. Secretary Wetter
    1. No report
15. Senator Reports
    1. Campus Resident Senator: Zugey Olvera
       1. Water fountain update
          1. Looking to put up fountains in spring
             1. Working with Green Fee Committee
             2. Want the same thing but not enough funds
          2. Working to have RHA and SGA fund this project
          3. Discussion to have RHA fund the entire project
             1. President Knapper – believes that Res Life has enough money to fund the project completely
       2. Plans to send form asking what improvements could be made to campus
          1. Sending this form to West & East campus as well
    2. College of Business & Management Senator: Menno Servaes
       1. Call to Business and Management Team
          1. Takes information from different related clubs
          2. Provides feedback
       2. Survey for business & management students
          1. Prize for students who participate
          2. Sent out in the next week or so
       3. Meet Your Mentor event with Research Society
          1. On Thursday, Oct 14th 5:30PM-7:30PM, Student Union Ballroom
    3. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Senator: Dhara Patel
       1. No report
    4. College of Public Affairs & Administration Senator: Will Formea
       1. N/A
    5. Graduate Student Senator: Sowmith Nagabhiru
       1. N/A
       2. 3rd unexcused absence
          1. Sending notice to Rules & Constitution Committee
    6. Online Student Senator: Sarah Boyle
       1. Committee meeting this Tuesday
          1. Asked what would happen if she wouldn’t be able to attend the meeting due to work
          2. President Knapper – asked for dates and offered to have someone fill in if necessary
    7. Peoria Campus Senator: Angie Gin
       1. First Higher Learning Commission meeting
          1. Going over notes
    8. Undergraduate Student Senator: Molly Harms
       1. Met with Rob Wise
          1. Looking for panelists who have done or are currently in an internship through UIS or have studied abroad through UIS
             1. Thursday Nov 4th, 7pm, Student Union Ballroom
             2. Wants people who can share their experiences
          2. Will have resolution to have SGA sponsor events
             1. Possibly money needed for refreshments
    9. Freshman Senator: Chris Johnson
       1. Going to reach out to grounds crew
          1. Complaints about sidewalk from dorms to union
             1. Stains & bugs
          2. Advised by President Knapper to tread lightly
       2. Plans to meet with campus police
          1. Working on getting epi pens within AED boxes
          2. How to better connect with students
       3. Senator Gin – asking about cost of epi pens & location
          1. Company offers a program for schools
          2. Wants to mainly have police carry them
          3. President Knapper – suggests getting a grant to fund epi pen project
    10. International Student Senator: Ajay Cherukuvada (Kumar)
        1. Looking into events that international students are going to
           1. Not everyone knows about events
           2. President Knapper – advised to reach out to Erika Suzuki (Advisor to International Student Services)
    11. Transfer Student Senator: Alice Abegunde
        1. Transfer Week Nacho Social
           1. Requires money from SGA for food
           2. Wants transfer students to get to know one another and share experiences
           3. President Knapper – noted that Student Life via Cynthia Thompson will be cosponsoring
           4. Thursday October 21st
           5. Cynthia Thompson – encouraged SGA members to attend the event
    12. Senator At Large: Nick Marquez
        1. Discussing with Mary about claiming space internship event
           1. Going to sit in on Molly’s meeting with Rob sometime this week
16. Committee Announcements
    1. Asked to appoint a fifth & final member to Campus Senate
       1. Senator Gin appointed
17. Old Business
    1. N/A
18. New Business
    1. Resolution 8 – SGA Dress Code
       1. Reading/Discussion
          1. President Knapper will notify via email what dress code to follow prior to the meeting
       2. Vote (Majority)
          1. Resolution Passes
    2. Transfer Week Nacho Social
       1. Previously discussed (see Senator Abegunde’s report)
    3. Committees
       1. Previously discussed (see President Knapper’s report & committee notes)
    4. DIB (Diversity for Inclusion and Belonging Committee)
       1. Looking for a chair for the committee
       2. Appointed Alice, Zugey, & Molly as an advisory committee from SGA
    5. Portraits
       1. October 13th 1PM-4:30PM & 14th 9AM-1PM
          1. Business Services Building, Room 95 (map will be sent via GroupMe)
       2. Remote members can submit a photo or use pre-existing SGA portrait (if applicable)
       3. Business casual or business attire
19. Discussion
    1. Treasurer Simmons – Promoting Stop Kiss at UIS Studio Theater
       1. Times & Dates provided in GroupMe
    2. Senator Olvera – Will send a flyer in the GroupMe
    3. Secretary Wetter – Promoting ASL Art Show
       1. The Weird and Whimsical – October 25th-29th
       2. VPA Access Gallery
       3. Halloween Party October 29th, 6PM-8:30PM, VPA Room 56
20. Adjourn – 7:30PM