Springfield

Student Government Association

PAC TV Studio / Zoom

Sunday, August 25th, 2024

Minutes

1. Meeting call to order 6:02pm.
2. Roll Call : **Emmanuelle Yakana, Chris Johnson, Sri Charan, Samuel Moore, Bhavana Neelam, Chris Combs, Aparna Nadhirigari , Karac Henderson, Abhishek Devdan Bhore, Cassie Goudreau, John Kennedy, Alexander Gerlach, Sarah Mahler**

Absent: **Priyanka Avisa, JJ Joseph, Ganesh Chandrashekar Bhat,**

1. Approval of the Agenda motion by Emma, moved by Chris Johnson seconded by Samuel Moore. Agenda is approved.
2. Approval of minutes May 5th – Emma motioned to approve the minutes, Chris Johnson moved and seconded by Chris Combes.Approved.
3. Audience Participation :none
4. Guests:

Chancellor Gooch: Welcome greetings and word of encouragement for the services of SGA.The cabinet has been talking about university citizenship, what it means to be good university citizen, to work with SGA effectively to push the initiative forward and how that benefits the university when the faculty take the role of university citizen seriously

Provost Schwab: welcome greeting for the fall semester and spoke about open office hours.

1. External Vice President Process

President Emma nominated Matilda Owusuaa Kwarteng. Emma conducted interviews and she was the finalized candidate and is presented in the meeting as per the bylaws.

The board has unanimously approved Matilda as the new External Vice President of SGA.

1. Administrative Reports
   1. Advisor Cynthia Thompson

Welcome greetings. The fall welcome events are going on and they are going on through September 1st.In consultation with SGA executive board, I have alerted them about the new student fees committee pulled by vice chancellor for finance and it will include two members of SGA (the board of trustees representative and the treasurer with three other members). The information will be provided through email and it will close on sep 3rd, SGA in the next meeting will review the selections and finalize the members of student fee committee. Student fee committee is a committee that reviews allocations involved regarding student fee. The three members will not be from SGA but SGA selects the candidate those who submit the names for consideration.

* 1. Advisor Steven Johnson

Introduction followed by greetings.

1. Officer Reports

Emma: looking forward to working with you to bring changes in the campus. This summer I met chancellor Gooch and had conversation on how SGA can collaborate with our office and along with office of student affairs to implement discussions. Met with representative for the office of external relations to talk about how we want our student advocacy coalition committee to run this year. Attended international student services orientation and met many international students Will be meeting associate vice chancellor of faculties and services. Request meeting with provost to discuss about assistantship funding lowered this year. Will be reaching out to the office of civic engagement to provide volunteering opportunity.

Sri Charan: first year to be on SGA. Met many international students during the fall 2024 orientation and freshmen convocation.

Chris johnson: Past summer had 8 meetings with the vice chancellor of student affairs and met with all of the system leardership., head legal council and familiarized with the other board of trustees. Had first board meeting in Chicago over the summer.Approved the director of atheletics , approved head coach for women’s basketball team.

Samuel Moore: Cannot tell the balance in account as we have not done our budget allocation. Conducted aboud 8 and 9 interviews and got on boarded 7 to 8 people sitting on the SOFA board. We have a training plan within next two weeks and first meeting on sep 15th.

Chris Combs:If any doubts regarding the bylaw and constitutional question you can come and ask me.

Bhavana : Gone through SGA bylaws and constitution and looking forward to interact with all.

1. Senator Reports

2-minute limit

Cassie: Was one of the welcome leaders for the incoming freshmen class and meeting with doctor George billigz whos is the associate dean of professor of marketing for college of business management.

Abhishek :

Attended campus senate,have a meeting lined up with doctor cecila conlin who is a provost for cs grad students. looking forward to working with all.

Aparna:

First time being sitting with you all and I will make sure to connect with everyone and every department.

John kennedy:

Last year we had 839 students on campus and this year I don’t know the exact number and I hope to listen to their concerns and try to solve them and plan events.

Karac Henderson:

Happy to be here and excited to represent student body. I was also an orientation week leader this year.we also have Japanese student delegation that just got here this week.over summer had a chance to go to Japan and be a part of student exchange experience.

Alexander:

I am working out some ways for soliciting feedback from online students as well as some of the faculty. looking forward to working with office of disability services.

Sarah:

Over the summer, I have gone through bylaws and working of sga.

1. Old Business
2. Academic Survey :

Cassie comments on how neutral option can be deceiving later justified by Alex, Dr. Steven johnson and Chris johnson.

comments on this by chris combs, chris johnson, cassie, karac, alexander.

Survey is approved

1. SOFA SAC SGA Allocations

Discussion by chris johnson how the budget is not effectively spent over various events and NACA which does not bring efficient returns.

Emmanuel thoughts on budget, to consider all thahe factors and have a final budget meeting over the next meeting.

Discussion by Samuel moore on urgency to allocate budget inorder to host the events planned by SAC. Also suggested to hold $8000.

Cynthia suggested to plan a meeting with the SAC and SOFA to have an open discussion on the budgeting and more clarity over NACA.

Discussion my Sarah on conducting online events inorder to engage online students.

Total budget – $125,000

SOFA- 45000

SAC-62000

SGA-18000(10000 AND 8000 (HOLD for NACA))

1. New Business
   1. Approval of Fall Schedule and election date - Fall elections are happening on sep 20 . Both the positions of peoria campus senator is vacant along with public affairs and education senator . Samuel motioned to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by karac Henderson.

Approved the fall elections schedule.

* 1. Campus Senate committees :

Committees are assigned to every member in the SGA.Requesting clarity on the number of members that are to be assigned to each committee.

* 1. Involvement Expo August 28th :

Sri Charan Rao, Cassie and Karac Henderson wanted to volunteerthe table at involvement expo

1. Discussion

Discussion on photoshoot session of the new SGA members.

Timeline on SGA retreat. The date has been suggested as September 22nd and changes maybe applicable.

Discussion on student fee committee.

Chris Johnson mentions that during the board meeting they have received a report from enterprise risk management, which states that they are at the system level.

1. Adjourn

Emma motioned to adjourn the meeting, moved by Chris Combs and seconded by Chris.

Meeting is adjourned.