Springfield

Student Government Association

PAC TV Studio / Zoom

Sunday, September 8th, 2024

Agenda

1. Call to order.
2. Roll Call **Emmanuelle Yakana, Chris Johnson, Sri Charan, Samuel Moore, Bhavana Neelam, Aparna Nadhirigari, Karac Henderson, Abhishek Devdan Bhore, Cassie Goudreau, John Kennedy, Alexander Gerlach, Matilda, G**anesh Chandrashekar Bhat
3. Absent: Chris Combs, JJ Joseph, Sarah Mahler
4. Approval of the Agenda: Emmanuelle Yakana motioned, and Karac Henderson seconded.

* Approval of August 25th minutes: approved

1. Audience Participation: one person
2. Administrative Reports
   1. Advisor Cynthia Thompson: thank you for attending RSO summit. The next step is RSO workshops. Last year we had 70 student organizations. For this election, we have four positions as we always do in the fall (freshman senator, international student senator, transfer student senator and senator at large). We have no candidates for Peoria campus senator and senator for public affairs and education. Congratulations on your SGA photos everyone.
   2. Advisor Steven Johnson: Need to figure out the distribution plan and appreciation for attending leadership summit.
3. Officer Reports
4. Emmanuelle Yakana:

After our meeting on August 25th, I met Mr. Cordero the following week. He is the Associate Vice Chancellor of facilities and services. I initiated this meeting to have clarity on deferred maintenance funds regarding state of roads in the UIS especially on the south of the Student Union. Mr. Coderko had a layout plan regarding the costs if those repairs were to be and they would be very expensive, however we have not received funding to address such repairs. I met Jennifer McDowell of the University Payroll & Benefits office in discussion related to Graduate Assistantship concerns. This past week, I attended campus senate executive meeting, and I attended the student leadership summit this past Saturday which was a helpful training.

Sri Charan:

Looking forward to the summit. Lucky to have been a part of Fall involvement expo. Met new students and gave exposure regarding SGA. And Lunch with vice chancellor was great, met all heads of departments, we had a talk about internships. Last Saturday we spoke regarding expressive policy.

Chris Johnson: Sept 18th and Sept 19th new meeting with public. I did the fall involvement expo and first sac meeting, black summit, tried making myself available for them. Looking forward for election.

Matilda: Got the opportunity to attend a board meeting on Friday and spoke about the new policy by the Chancellor and how we should be aware of it. Looking forward to knowing more about the SGA and getting involved in one or the other activities.

Samuel: Unable to provide the account balances due to technical issues which will be resolved within couple of weeks. In terms of SOFA, we had the first training on Friday morning 7:15am and first meeting on Sunday at 2pm with first SOFA deadline this Friday by 5pm for any registered RSO that would like to submit the funds. Met with the Gecko council for the general education past Monday and talked about review of critical thinking and courses offered by the university and how we can improve it. Sent email to SAC within 48 hrs of our last meeting and received response last Thursday (SAC is happy to hear from us). Having technical issues in balances. This Sunday was the first meeting sofa, I met council for general education talked critical thinking and hoe courses and mailed sac within 48 hours of our meeting.

Bhavana:  
Attended fall involvement expo which was a great success as people and new students were showing curiosity. I attended the meal with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Clark, I met few heads of the departments, and I interacted with new students.

1. Senator Reports

2-minute limit

Ganesh: have been in touch with the assistant professor at the college of business and management, by the end of this week we will be having an in-person meeting.

Cassie: On Aug 26 I met with Dr. Jorge Villegas who is the associate dean and professor of marketing for the college of business and management and went over the information and statistics of undergraduate student population at UIS. We spoke about student retention, increasing the opportunity and bridging the gap between online, commuters, and in-person students. I have been in contact with Sara Powell for the undergraduate council and tried scheduling meeting dates. I have also been in contact with Ashley Earnest to increase campaigns for donor outreach. I am involved with events like involvement expo and Rec palooza.

Abhishek:

I met with Dr. Cecilia Cornell Associate Vice Chancellor of graduate education. We talked about the graduate student population on campus and online, and ways to engage with graduate students. I attended events on campus like Fall involvement expo, rec palooza. I attended the campus senate meeting and gained new perspective and learned a lot about various campus initiatives. I met Japanese exchange students, an event organized by office of Engaged Learning.

Aparna:

I attended the student leadership summit, and I met a few other student organization’s leaders on campus. I have a meeting coming up with the academic technology committee.

John Kennedy: Spoke to Students to see if there are any concerns. I attended the student leadership summit.

Karac Henderson: I attended the student leadership summit, which is a great opportunity to network and reflect on leadership skills. Met with the Japanese student's delegation over that last two weeks. We travelled across Springfield and shared culture.

Alexander: In conversation with friends and colleagues in technology and defense sector to get ideas regarding data collection.

1. Old Business
2. Academic Survey Dr. Johnson

Developing a thoughtful timeline for distribution. Working with figuring out which campus partners are for the survey distribution.

1. Questions for SAC in preparation of September 22 meeting

1. Describe the process SAC takes when planning an event.

2. What analysis does SAC do after an event takes place?

3. When an event fails to meet student participation expectations what review is done?

4. How Many vendors have been booked at NACA in the last three years?

5. How Many vendors have been booked at NACA with a block booking agreement?

6. What was the cost saved for each vendor you booked with a block booking agreement?

7. How many vendors have been booked more than once?

8. When approving large vendor contracts are extra precautions taken/ If so, what?

9. Why does the whole SAC executive board travel to NACA?

10. Why does SAC go to two NACA a year?

11. Has SAC ever conducted a comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness of NACA?

12. How would fewer members of SAC attend NACA affect SAC?

13. How would SAC attending fewer NACA’s affect SAC?

14. What criteria are SAC executive members evaluated by for selection?

15. What safeguards are in place to ensure fair application of evaluation criteria?

1. SGA Retreat Timeline: 22nd Sept generally 2 -4 pm (date suggested).

Location options for SGA retreat:

-UIS Field station

-Brookens 141A conference room.

-conference room on the first floor of Brookens library. No one to volunteer to take leadership on checking locations.

1. New Business
   1. Chancellor Expressive Activity Policy: SGA to review

Chris Johnson provided a summary of the Chancellor’s office expressive activity policy.

Matilda made suggestions on how the students should be aware on the new policy 9SGA could spread the word).

* 1. Provost Academic Portfolio review working group committee: Student Input Needed

No volunteers.

* 1. Campaign Regulation Changes

Resolution: Chris Johnson reads the resolution on chalking

Everyone unanimously voted yes, and the resolution passed.

* 1. Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC): SGA E-board recommendations.

Chris Johnson and Samuel Moore communicated the nominations of the E-board and read some answers of candidates who applied for student fee advisory committee.

Recommendation is approved. Everyone agreed and voted yes.

1. Discussion

Emmanuelle Yakana: The lighting of the colonnade is an event that SGA hosts every semester. It brings the campus community together. Looking forward to seeing the timeline for that.

Samuel Moore and John Kennedy volunteered to take leadership on this event. Samuel remembered the open motion on bylaws for which the internal auditing directors was reached about proposed bylaws changes.

Emmanuelle Yakana: Thank you to our audience participation for attending our meeting.

1. Adjourn. Emmanuelle Yakana motioned to adjourn. Samuel Moore seconded.