Springfield

Student Government Association

PAC TV Studio / Zoom

Sunday, September 22nd, 2024

Agenda

1. Meeting Call to order 6:01pm.
2. Roll Call: Emmanuelle Yakana, Chris Johnson, Sri Charan, Samuel Moore, Bhavana Neelam, Aparna Nadhirigari, Karac Henderson, Abhishek Devdan Bhore, Ganesh Chandrashekar Bhat ,Cassie Goudreau, John Kennedy, Alexander Gerlach, Sarah Mahler, Matilda Kwarteng, Alora Greene, Romina Trujillo, Alaba Kunlere.
Absent: Chris Combs
3. Approval of the Agenda motioned by Emma, seconded by Chris Johnson.
4. Approval of September 8th minutes
5. Audience Participation
6. Administrative Reports
	1. Advisor Cynthia Thompson: SGA fall elections have concluded with no election complaints filed. She mentioned SGA photos for the newly elected members.
	2. Advisor Steven Johnson: Mentioned about the official hashtag for the homecoming is #UISHOCO. There are events to encourage online and offline to encourage all populations.
7. Officer Reports:

**Emma**: Officially welcomed newly elected SGA members. Attended Campus senate executive meeting, attended UIS policy and leadership constitution day, it was an informative one where one of the members of the UIS Alumni as part of the presenters, she is the executive director of the local non-profit coalition for the common good in the town. Helped promote SGA elections and has been in touch with associate vice chancellor for Alumni Engagement Mr. Schrage in preparation of alumni board meeting happening on the 26th.

**Sri Charan Rao Ramaraju**: Welcomed the newly elected senate members of SGA. Have been to the campus senate meeting last Friday it was valuable one and interacted with the audience to take some notes. Trying to arrange a meeting with student disciplinary committee to follow up on the changes.

**External vice president**: Have been introduced to the student advocacy coalition and attended a meeting. Got in touch with the alumni office concerning the homecoming on 26th of September. Got opportunity to attend the constitution day event.

**Board of trustees Chris Johnson**: Prepared presentation to provide information on the board meeting that happened on September 19th. This covered the enrollment information, budget planning, shared governance.

**Samuel Moore**: He mentioned the account balances of SGA i.e. $10000 in the account and an additional $8000allocated us from the SAC. SOFA has five events in the upcoming week from the 21 requests. Attended the campus senate meeting we spoke about the budget and Justin rose and chancellor was there and gave presentation. Served in GECO (general education counsel committee) and spoke about critical thinking and how that applies to syllabus across the campus. Working on getting along with admissions committee. And the fees committee meets this Friday.

**Secretary:** Greetings to the newly elected senators. Have been in touch with Amanda who is the associate professor of legal studies and have meeting this week regarding the library senate committee

1. Senator Reports
	1. 2-minute limit

Ganesh: Greetings to the newly elected members of the SGA. Last week had a meeting with assistant dean Miss. Joy and got a chance to meet Som Bhattacharya and discussed the student faculty ratio and issues that students are facing online and on campus classes. Also discussed the benefits that the students are getting from the career fair and conducting management related workshops to keep the business and management students engaged.

**Cassie:** Was selected to serve as the sophomore representative for the cap honor student committee. Selected to be the student ambassador for the office of admissions.

**Alaba:** Is a graduate student and hope to have a positive meeting with you.

**Abhishek:** Greetings to the newly elected members of the board. On September 11th. Attended advising committee meeting and discussed about utilizing a feature in MYUIS. Wish is like a web application to explore the ways to enhance personalities. On sept. 16th met Dr. Rob Weis who is the associate director of engaged learning, discussed how to increase the involvement of graduate students. and also mentioned establish partnership to improve job opportunities for students. Dr. Rob has proposed to have a collaborate event for graduate students with SGA. Talked about shore lite policies regarding GA positions, which are not for UIS Global students, and arranged a follow-up meeting. On sept. 19th had the opportunity to attend the first graduate council meeting.

**Alora:** Is a freshmen studentand afreshmen senator.

**Romina:** goes by Romi, the new international senator. Looking forward to working for accessibility for international students. Already planning on doing stats on incoming and enrolled international students to see what the main concerns are. Looking forward to working on the accessibility to campus in terms of transportation is not very available.

**Karac Henderson:** Last week involved working with extra life which is an essential program to help raise funds to help children in need of medical procedures. In October we are going to have an event at the sports arena where volunteers game and stream for entire day to raise funds.

**John Kennedy:** Went to advising meeting on sept. 11th it was helpful to hear from the advisors and their thoughts on advising. Students approached to complaint that the Icards are nor working at the vending machine

**Sarah**: greetings to the newly elected members of SGA.

**Alex**: Greetings to the newly elected members of the board. Coordinating with the DEI committee. Issues that a lot of online students are facing, they are looking to expand inclusivity in all fronts like job resources, community feel and online safety.

* SAC Representatives

SAC members came with the presentation. Marie Watson advisor of SAC. Spoke about SAC mission statement, inclusivity of SGA and spoke about what and how SAC as an organization works. SAC members of SAC shared the feedback and testimonials of students and members. Came up with the answers to the questions that have been asked by SGA.A set of 15 questions were sent to SAC prior to the meeting seeking clarification so that SGA can have clarity in releasing the funds.

1. Old Business
2. Student Fee Advisory Committee: SGA E-Board Recommendations

The last recommendation made by the SGA E-Board has declined the nomination and had to go with another recommendation. So, they had made two other nominations or recommendations.

Everyone unanimously voted yes and approved.

1. SGA Retreat Timeline

This is the time where very one in the team makes the bonding. Last date that has been decided has been called off due to no availability of space for the retreat. The floor is open to discuss, and a suggestion was made to make a doodle pool also reducing the retreat time to 1 hour instead of 2 hours. The place is decided to be on campus.

1. SGA Colonnade Lighting

This is an even hosted by SGA as a tradition and in partnership with student affairs.

1. New Business
	1. SGA Townhall

During the week the students have reached out and requested for a town hall, it is an opportunity for students to raise concerns on issues on campus. We can look for a possible timeline to host a timeline.

1. Discussion

Chris Mention that in the exec meeting Dr, Johnson have had question on what are we looking from SAC before we return $8000 that we held. For this we have to we need to establish clear and unambiguous benchmarks to the committee to meet. Additional policy to oversee expenditure.

Emma circled back SAC’s main question i.e. how collaborative SGA is with SAC not as an oversight but working together to be more effective.

Dr. Johnson comments on Alex’s words related to SAC’s concern on involvement of SGA by programming or help programming the events but SAC’s concern was having SGA collaborate and involve but never to program or tell how to program. Combining all the feedback. It’s about collaborating and understanding students’ needs, getting the student perspective and make better decisions and better feedback.

Samuel mentioned that we can formulate the internal and external affairs committees to which Emma said that senators must be divided into internal and external affairs committees as it related to which business pertains to what’s internal and what’s external.

Sarah raided a concern if there is a way where we can for a temporary committee to communicate regarding the issues faced by online students between SGA and SAC by keeping a biweekly meeting.

Chris has asked about the necessary training for the newly elected members, to which Emma answered that with the help of Dr. Johnson there is still a fuzz and no clear answer. The candidates can go through training but not mandatory. SGA is not bound to OMA but can follow and get training.

1. Adjourn

Emma motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Sri Charan.

Meeting is Adjourned.