**University of Illinois Springfield**

**Student Government Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

Student Union – Ballroom #225

Sunday, November 18, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by President Dawoud at 6:01pm.
2. Roll Call
   1. Present: President Dawoud, Secretary Loera, Treasurer Qazi, Senator Reuss, Parliamentarian Coultas, Senator Cabantog, Senator Kanai, Senator Ayankojo, Senator D’Elia, Senator Sharma, Senator Hunt, Senator O’Daniel.
   2. Absent: Trustee Humphrey, Senator Rayl, Internal VP Cunningham, Senator Ogunbameru, Senator Meints, External VP Rude, Senator Watts, Senator Meta
3. Approval of the Agenda
   1. A motion was entertained by President Dawoud to approve the agenda of November 18th. So moved by Treasurer Qazi, seconded by Senator Hunt.

Unanimous Aye

1. Approval of the Minutes
   1. A motion was entertained by President Dawoud to approve the minutes of November 4th. So moved by Treasurer Qazi, seconded by Senator Hunt.

Unanimous Aye

1. Audience Participation
   1. None.
2. Administrative report
3. Advisor Cynthia Thompson
   1. Late Night Breakfast will be on Monday of finals week at 9pm in the Union.
   2. Open to suggestions for Welcome Back Week when students return on January 14th. Student organizations can submit an application to host an event. Submission due by November 30th.
4. Officer Reports
5. President Dawoud
   1. Working on gather information regarding how student fees are allocated to inform students how their money is being used.
   2. Received an email from the UIUC SGA president who also contacted the UIC president regarding an initiative that advocates for the U of I system to invest in more renewable energy. Waiting on more information.
   3. President Dawoud entertained a motion to allow Senator Ayankojo to join the meeting and take her seat. So moved by Senator O’Daniel and seconded by Senator Hunt.

Unanimous Aye

1. Trustee Humphrey
   1. No report.
2. Internal Vice-President Cunningham
   1. No report.
3. External Vice-President Rude
   1. No report.
4. Treasurer Qazi
   1. No report.
5. Secretary Loera
   1. Expressed some students concerns involving food service, facility issues to Kelsea Gurski, Chief of Staff to the Chancellor with External VP Rude & President Dawoud. Will be setting up a meeting with Mary Umbarger regarding a food service initiative. At the previous SGA exec meeting, there was a lot of discussion regarding the quality of food service and how SGA can work towards improving their service and find ways to support them.
6. Parliamentarian Coultas
   1. No report.
7. Senator Reports
   1. Senator Reuss
      1. Following the parking appeals board meeting, Senator Reuss along with Secretary Loera spoke with Teresa Seacrist. They questioned how parking fees are used and how they benefit the students in terms of improving our roads and parking lots.
      2. Senator Reuss & Secretary Loera also spoke with a USFCO office management about how parking fees are paid. This is addressing a complaint parking operations often receives regarding how parking operation fees are not on the regular bill for students.
      3. Teresa is working on gathering contacts for Senator Reuss for who she can speak with regarding these issues.
   2. Senator D’Elia
      1. Next semester, there will be a recycling dumpster outside of each townhouse and apartment complexes. The only current complex with a recycling dumpster is Clover.
      2. Staff is printing off signage that will label recycling bins around campus that are single stream so students do not have to differentiate what they throw away.
      3. Needs assistance to work on an educational initiative aspect that is maintained by SGA semesterly. Issue of trash in recycling dumpster- it’s $25 to pick up each recycling dumpster and its $50 dollars if there’s trash in it. Reslife is picking up tab and will help with educational initiative. At the start of each semester they will inform students of changes and asking students to appropriately recycle. Senator D’Elia would still like SGA to be involved and use funds towards an educational initiative each semester.
      4. Waiting to hear back from Ann Comerford, Director of Student Union.
         1. When he met with Ann and Jeff, Director of Food Services, Jeff will be working with students to create a student organization friendly catering menu.
         2. At a recent event Senator D’Elia hosted, food he ordered was reasonably affordable because he was able to pick up food himself. He fears many students are not aware of ways students can make their catering prices more reasonable.
      5. Ann said she would speak with the UIS legal team regarding the issue of bringing outside food into Union. Ann said she would put a cap of $75.
   3. Senator Ayankojo
      1. No report.
   4. Senator Hunt
      1. Has been working towards extending the library hours with Treasurer Qazi. Senator Hunt has been in contact with Matthew Case, head of the Research office. They have developed a survey that requires a signature from Cynthia to confirm that our purpose is to survey what students think and how valuable they believe extending the library’s hours would be. A few survey questions include:
         1. How do you utilize the library through computer, wifi, books, meeting space, or other?
         2. which floor do you spend most of your time at?
         3. How much time do you typically spend at the library per day?
         4. how many times do you visit the library per week?
   5. Senator O’Daniel
      1. Has been working with the dean search committee. They have narrowed their field and will have candidates visit campus where students will be able to discuss with those candidates.
   6. Senator Cabantog
      1. Has had meetings with the Director of ResLife, Bryan Kelly along with Senator Rayl. Wants to ensure costs are right amount for residents on campus and have events with RA’s. Discussed fixing windows that must be replaced that are not just in residence halls. Looked over the budget.
      2. Earlier this month, Senator Cabantog was approached regarding a concern about street lights and sidewalk lights not being on outside.
         1. Emailed Chuck Coderko, head of Facilities and Services. Senator Cabantog was happy with response time.
         2. On SGA website, Senator Cabantog would like to work on a way for students to see all the different contacts for their concerns.
   7. Senator Kanai
      1. Still working on the housing situation for students who military personnel.
         1. Will have a meeting with a couple Sargeants of the Air Force to figure out the timeline that is traditional for students who are in the different branches of military.
      2. There is a closet in LRH great room that is not being used except by one group. CSF wants to store sound equipment in there but are not allowed. Will be looking into why certain groups have access to closet.
   8. Senator Sharma
      1. Working with Trustee Humphrey to create the resolution box where students can drop in resolutions.
8. Committee Reports
9. Executive Board Committee
   1. Exec board members had a meeting with Kelsea Gurski, the Chief of Staff for the Chancellor on November 7th. Waiting to hear back.
10. Internal Affairs Committee
    1. No report.
11. External Relations and Marketing Committee
    1. No report.
12. Student Affairs Committee
    1. A lot of the issues that fall on the Student Affairs Committee involve Food Service. Plans to have conversations and a meeting with Mary and Jeff to see where the issue is lies whether it's in the management or student workers.
    2. Find ways to promote variety and increase how many students go to the Union by making meals more wanted.
13. Academic and Administrative Affairs Committee
    1. Meeting with the chancellor coordinator from the admissions office who will be part of the orientation for transfer students next semester. Working on SGA involvement into those orientations.
       1. Provost Papini has expressed interest in discussing issues involving classes and timing.
14. Old Business
    1. None.
15. New Business
16. SGA Outreach Tables November 27th and 28th 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
    1. Students who were not able to make it to the SGA forum are able to meet and speak with SGA representatives at these outreach tables.
    2. President Dawoud is asking SGA members to work 2 half hour shifts.
    3. Tables will be there for students to share concerns, suggestions or general comments on SGA or the campus as a whole.
    4. Tables will have a raffle as incentive for students to approach the tables. Prizes may include SGA crew necks still available, sunglasses and water bottles.
17. Academic Integrity Council
    1. Council is asking SGA to appoint 10 students to be put in their hearing panel. Only a few students will be pulled from the pool of 10 students. Need names by Wednesday.
18. Adjourn
    1. President Dawoud entertained a motion to adjourn. So moved by Treasurer Qazi, seconded by Senator Hunt.

Unanimous Aye

Meeting adjourned 6:19 pm.