**University of Illinois Springfield**

**Student Government Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

Student Union – Ballroom #225

Sunday, November 4, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by President Dawoud at 6:00 pm.
2. Roll Call
   1. Present: Trustee Humphrey, President Dawoud, Internal VP Cunningham, External VP Rude, Secretary Loera, Treasurer Qazi, Senator Reuss, Senator Kanai, Senator Watts, Senator Rayl, Senator Meta, Senator Ayankojo, Senator Ogunbameru, Senator O’Daniel, Senator Hunt, Senator Sharma, Senator Ogunbameru
   2. Absent: Senator D’Elia, Senator Meints, Senator Cabantog, Parliamentarian Coultas
3. Approval of the Agenda
   1. A motion was entertained by President Dawoud to approve the agenda of November 4th. So moved by Internal VP Cunningham, seconded by External VP Rude.

Unanimous Aye

1. Approval of the Minutes
   1. A motion was entertained by President Dawoud to approve the minutes of October 21th. So moved by Treasurer Qazi, seconded by External VP Rude.

Unanimous Aye

1. Audience Participation
2. Provost Papini & Dr. Villegas – UIS Strategic Compass
   1. Project started last year.
   2. surveys developed- administered by consultants.
   3. Snt to student body and members of community.
   4. Final report is available on academic affairs webpage.
   5. Foundation of report- The general goal to provide students with premier academic experience.
   6. identified directional pillars to go towards goal.
      1. Provide world class teaching.
      2. Personal attention.
      3. Experience engaged.
      4. Active problem solving.
      5. liberal arts skills.
   7. Strategic Compass Steering Committee
      1. Creating a mission, vision, and value statements.
      2. Provided 4 listening sessions.
      3. statements are 1 sentence long.
      4. will take feedback to adjust and get approval from chancellor’s office.
      5. The execution phase will be in spring semester.
      6. have a compass that will serve as a guide.
   8. 10 year plan to evaluate progress.
   9. rosie will email everyone- for feedback on statements.
3. Dr. Dungee
   1. Conference fits with mission of UIS.
   2. Opportunity to present research professionally.
   3. Event is held in April. Conference is in Georgia.
   4. The Undergrad Research Committee is providing funding to take students.
   5. Students must apply by this coming Sunday, November 11th.
4. Administrative report
5. Advisor Cynthia Thompson
   1. Stated how Student Affairs has been very active.
   2. SGA’s goal to be seen and visible.
   3. The last couple weeks, she has seen many SGA representatives at different campus events including Trick or Treat for Canned Goods and the International Festival.
6. Officer Reports
7. President Dawoud
   1. Has been in many meetings with administration and faculty.
   2. Meeting with Jim Serra.
      1. Form a partnership with athletics.
   3. Participation for second session for SGA pictures.
8. Trustee Humphrey
   1. Looking at a resolution on a busing system that takes students to downtown Springfield.
      1. System would run Wednesdays and Sundays.
      2. President Dawoud acknowledged that shuttle was two years ago.
      3. 3000 dollars to operate.
   2. Looking at how UIUC & UIC handled campus cats concerns.
   3. Working on beginning an initiative through the Black Student Union organization to bring students out of their clicks.
   4. Dr. Ford recommended going to athletic games together and giving goodie bags to African American athletes.
   5. Reached out to OLAS and ASA for assistance.
9. Internal Vice-President Cunningham
   1. Attendance at SGA committees needs to improve.
10. External Vice-President Rude
    1. Looking at providing a shuttle to downtown Springfield.
       1. Making it a part of the External Affairs Committee initiatives.
11. Treasurer Qazi
    1. SOFA appointed new members.
       1. Full board meeting for tomorrow.
       2. Funding in future is going to change.
12. Secretary Loera
    1. Trick or Treat for Canned Goods collected over 18,000 pounds of food. Enough to produce 50,000 meals.
    2. Attended campus senate meeting last Friday with other SGA members.
       1. One of the members applauded our Transfer Student Senator and SGA’s continued involvement in the Campus Senate meetings.
    3. The Sustainability Committee is looking at a proposal for a Sustainability Rating Program for Local Businesses from Sustainable Springfield Inc.
       1. Measures sustainable practices and recognizes UIS.
    4. Sustainability Week is being finalizing, running from November 5th to November 9th.

VII. Senator Reports

* 1. Senator Sharma
     1. Has the International Student Senator and Senator D’Elia to take her place on the Graduate Committee due to conflicts with work.
     2. Wants to work creating a resolution box in the Student Union.
        1. Students can drop resolution ideas.
  2. Senator Meints
     1. Created the Transfer Student club and hung fliers to advertise it.
        1. Reached out to many transfer students, got good feedback and many are interested.
     2. Met with the Senator Watts, the Online Student Senator.
     3. It is established that the transfer and commuter student clubs are separate.
  3. Senator Ayankojo
     1. Working on a forum for public affairs.
     2. Working with undergrad students to find their interests and find ways to attract them to events.
        1. Potential mentorship opportunities.
  4. Senator Ogunbameru
     1. Looking at campus cats issue.
        1. Finding ways to reach a compromise.
     2. Working with the International Student Senator to address “segregation” within the student body on campus.
        1. International students don’t typically participate in large campus events.
  5. Senator Hunt
     1. Contacted the dean of the library.
        1. Advocating for 24 hour library days.
        2. Discovered it to be logistically difficult.
        3. Will gauge student interest in proposal by means of survey.
  6. Senator O’Daniel
     1. Will be having a meeting on Tuesday.
  7. Senator Rayl
     1. Meeting with faculty.
        1. Working toward finding a way to allow students take care of other student’s emotional support.
  8. Senator Kanai
     1. Looking at rule that forces students to live in campus min of two years.
        1. members of army should be excused.
  9. Senator Watts
     1. Organizing a potential commuter student meeting.
        1. Gather a group for a welcome week event.
        2. Includes anybody who doesn’t live on campus
        3. Would allow grad students to see what resources they have or are available to them.
     2. UIS LinkedIn includes alumni.
        1. Allowing online students to be added as alumni.
     3. National Distance Learning Week is running from November 5th to November.

1. Committee Reports
2. Executive Board Committee
   1. Exec board members Met with Dr. Ford.
   2. Discussed student funding.
      1. Finding ways of better managing SOFA funds.
   3. Asked for a break down of student fees.
3. Internal Affairs Committee
   1. Decided on 7 by 11 frames.
   2. Found a better location for frames so that the coloring matches the Union colors.
      1. More open location for students to see.
   3. Internal Affairs Committee will be meeting afterwards.
4. External Relations and Marketing Committee
   1. Will be looking at campus cats issue with evidence from administration and animal activist groups and will bring a solution that will be voted on by SGA.
5. Student Affairs Committee
   1. Secretary Loera and Senator D’Elia met with the director of the Union, Ann Comerford and the director of food service, Geoffrey Evans.
   2. Looking at the creation of a student org. friendly menu for catering.
      1. Find ways to cut costs.
      2. Improve transparency on expenses to students know what they’re paying for.
      3. Waiting to hear back from Ann & Evans.
      4. Looking at a potential food services education initiative.
6. Academic and Administrative Affairs Committee
   1. Looking at issues with advising for Juniors and Seniors.
7. Old Business
8. SGA Photos
9. New Business
10. Resolution #007 – Purchase of Name Tags
    1. External VP Rude sponsored resolution that allocated funds towards the purchase of SGA name tags.
       1. Name tags will help us become identified at other functions and events.
    2. Senators expressed concerns with a high allocation of funds and questioned whether it was necessary or not.
    3. A motion was entertained by President Dawoud to approve Resolution #007. So moved by External VP Rude, seconded by Senator Watts.

Two abstentions, rest were Ayes.

1. Resolution #008 – The J.E.R.K. Act
   1. Secretary Loera sponsors to address the lack of a stapler being supplied in the UHB computer lab.
   2. A motion was entertained by President Dawoud to approve Resolution #008. So moved by Internal VP Cunningham, seconded by Senator Reuss.

Unanimous Aye

1. National Conference on Undergraduate Research
   1. Addressed in the audience participation section of the meeting.
2. Adjourn
   1. President Dawoud entertained a motion to adjourn. So moved by Treasurer Qazi, seconded by Senator Rayl.

Unanimous Aye

Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm.