



University of Illinois Springfield Student Government Association End of the Semester Report

Presented by: Internal Vice President Andrew Cunningham

Introduction

In fulfilling my duties as the Internal Vice President of the Student Government Association, I have completed a report that compiles the activities and achievements of our Association's body throughout the 2019 Fall Semester.

The content of this report consists of four sections. The first section will show the voting statistics of the previous two SGA elections as well as the number of people elected to SGA and the number of people currently serving on SGA. The second section of this report will briefly outline the list of resolutions passed by SGA this academic year. The third section will detail the number of students appointed to various campus wide committees and the reach of SGA through those committees. Finally, the fourth section of this report will discuss different activities that SGA has conducted not previously mentioned.

Voting and Member Statistics

Within the past calendar year, the Student Government Association has facilitated two campus-wide elections. These elections have resulted in the seating of the entirety of the elected SGA and the appointment of four individuals.

- Voting Statistics: Spring 2019
 - 407 unique votes were cast
 - 11 members of SGA were elected
- Voting Statistics: Fall 2019
 - 301 unique votes were cast
 - 8 members of SGA were elected
 - Constitutional Amendment 1 – Restructuring of SOFA Board passed with 231 votes
- SGA currently has 21 members, both elected and appointed.

Resolutions

Since the beginning of Fall 2019 the current SGA has passed 16 Resolutions. The outline of these resolutions, as well as a brief synopsis of the content of each resolution, shall follow.

- Resolution #001 Campus to Downtown Shuttle
 - Sponsor: President Ben Paoletti

- SGA allocated \$1500 for a free shuttle from Campus to Downtown on Saturday Evenings of Fall Semester for 10 weekends.
 - The Campus to Downtown Shuttle served on average 15 people per weekend
- Resolution #002 SGA Business Card Allocation
 - Sponsor: College of Public Affairs and Administration Senator Miguel Valente
 - Allocation of appropriate funds for Member Business Cards
- Resolution #003 SGA Portrait Photos Allocation
 - Sponsor: Senator-at-Large Aislinn Diaz
 - Allocation of \$200.00 toward the purchasing of new portraits in the Student Leadership Center
- Resolution #004 Facebook Posts Boost
 - Sponsor: President Ben Paoletti
 - SGA allocate \$66 to reach more than 700 students through Facebook posts
- Resolution #005 UIS United
 - Sponsor: Senator-at-Large Aislinn Diaz and College of Business and Management Senator Nolan Flaherty
 - The establishment of an SGA-sponsored anti-racism rally
 - Creation of a Campus Forum
 - Budget Allocation of \$150 for the above listed events
- Resolution #006 West Side Trash Cans
 - Sponsor: Campus Resident Senator Max Pernitsky
 - SGA will propose a mapping of desired trash can locations on the West Side of Campus
 - Student Affairs and Department of Residence Life will cover the cost of this request
- Resolution #007 SGA Transfer Week Social
 - Sponsor: Transfer Student Senator Gabrielle Garland
 - SGA will host a transfer student social once every year
 - SGA will cover the costs of the event and the Transfer Student Senator will provide details regarding the event
- Resolution #008 Peoria Campus Meeting
 - Sponsor: Peoria Campus Senator Angie Gin
 - SGA will host a special session and “town hall” meeting at the UIS Peoria Center
 - The event occurred on November 22nd 2019 in Peoria
- Resolution #009 SGA Pullover Allocation
 - Sponsor: Senator-at-large Collin Moseley
 - SGA would purchase “pullover” sweatshirts for its members from Primo Designs in Springfield
 - The allocation of \$483 for this expenditure
- Resolution #10 SGA Instagram
 - Sponsor: Freshman Student Senator Caitlin Sherman
 - SGA will create and maintain an Instagram social media page
 - The President, or whoever else delegated, will operate this page
- Resolution #11 UIS Blue Crew
 - Sponsor: College of Business and Management Senator Nolan Flaherty
 - UIS Blue Crew be reestablished

- SGA appoint Senator Nolan Flaherty as SGA representative on Blue Crew
- Resolution #12 Support for NPR Responsible Employee Exemption
 - Sponsor: Internal Vice President Andrew Cunningham
 - SGA supports the narrow exemption to the responsible employee clause of the Title IX policy for certain journalists employed by the University
 - SGA considers this the best means to increase awareness regarding sexual misconduct on campus
- Resolution #13 S.O.F.A. T-Shirt Allocation
 - Sponsor: Senator-at-Large Collin Moseley
 - SGA allocate \$170 for the purchasing of S.O.F.A. themed t-shirts.
- Resolution #14 Shelter in Place Drill
 - Sponsor: President Ben Paoletti
 - SGA will coordinate with leaders on campus
 - Student Leaders will strive to follow shelter in place procedures
- Resolution #15 Mention of Peoria Campus in Bylaws
 - Sponsor: President Ben Paoletti
 - SGA will amend Bylaws to mention Peoria Campus
 - SGA will host an annual business meeting at Peoria Center each year
- Resolution #16 BOT Meeting Request
 - Sponsor: Internal Vice President Andrew Cunningham
 - SGA requests the University of Illinois Board of Trustees to host one business meeting during the academic year at UIS

Activity regarding Campus Wide Committees

The Student Government Association is vested with the power of appointing student members to various campus wide committees to fulfill the requirements involving student participation. We have also appointed the entirety of memberships to SGA-sanctioned committees.

- Campus Senate
 - SGA has 5 Permanent Members and 3 Alternative Members
- Campus Senate Committees
 - SGA has appointed student members to the 12 various committees requiring student members
 - Academic Integrity Council
 - Academic Technology Committee
 - Campus Planning and Budget
 - Committee on Admissions, Recruitment, and Retention
 - Committee on Assessment of Student Learning
 - Committee on Sustainability
 - Diversity, Equal Rights, Opportunity and Access
 - Executive Committee
 - General Education Council

- Graduate Council
 - Undergraduate Council
 - Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
 - Library Committee
 - Student Discipline Committee
- SGA –Sanctioned Committees
 - Internal Affairs Committee
 - 7 Members
 - External Relations and Marketing
 - 9 Members
 - Executive Committee
 - 6 Members
 - Constitution and Rules Committee
 - 5 Members
- *Committee Memberships do not include the multiplicity of Task Forces and Ad Hoc Committees that SGA members are currently serving on to improve the lives of students. SGA members have served on Housing Councils, Tuition and Fees Committees, Student Insurance Committee and other established committees to solve special issues on campus. The work that students perform on such committees should be recognized and appreciated but cannot easily be measured quantitatively.

Other Important Information

- Social Media Activity
 - Facebook
 - Reestablished May 2019
 - 856 Followers
 - 807 “Likes”
 - Over 45 unique posts
 - Original Content
 - Support for Campus Organizations
 - Key Posts
 - Advertisement for UIS United
 - 3.4K Reach
 - UIS SGA “Live”
 - 3.5K Reach
 - Posts have reached over 2,000 people in last month
 - Instagram
 - Established November 2019
 - 8 Unique Posts
 - 78 Followers
- Activities in Progress
 - Lobby Day

- SGA representatives will travel to the Capitol to advocate on behalf of students to state politicians for more funding for UIS
- Stars Supply Stop
 - Students get free school supplies at the Front Desk in the Student Union
 - SGA bought the initial supplies and plans to restock the Stop
- SGA Election Week
 - Creation of a Week of Activities
 - Increase Student Awareness
 - Increase Voter Participation
- Increasing Feminine Products on Campus
 - SGA is working with Health Services on getting free feminine products on campus
- SGA Clothing / Stars Supply Stop Drive
 - SGA is working on creating an end of the year clothing and school supply drive to help provide students with free clothes and free school supplies for the following academic year
- Shelter in Place Drill Awareness
 - SGA is working with campus leaders to promote awareness about the Shelter in Place drill to increase safety on campus in the event of an active shooter

Conclusion

This report is a testament of all the work completed by each member of the Student Government Association of UIS. I hope this report encourages all of us to work to our fullest potential in the Spring of 2020.

Best Regards,

Internal Vice President Andrew Cunningham