**University of Illinois Springfield**

**Student Government Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

Sunday, November 22, 2020

1. Meeting Called by President Diaz at 6:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call
   1. Present
      1. President Aislinn Diaz, Representative Austin Verthein, Internal VP Collin Moseley, External Vice-President Nolan Flaherty, Treasurer Max Pernitsky, Secretary Citlaly Velazquez, Parliamentarian Mackenzi Matthews, Campus Resident Senator: Beatriz Acosta, College of Business & Management Senator: Menno Servaes, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Senator: Antone Evans, JR, College of Public Affairs & Administration Senator: Taryn Christy, College of Education & Human Services Senator: Lesa McMahon-Lowe, Graduate Student Senator: Addam Kinsel, Online Student Senator: Tony Shomshor, Peoria Campus Senator: Angie Gin, Senator-at-Large: Joseph Partain, Senator-at-Large: Diego Prats, Freshman Senator: Molly Harms, International Student Senator: Emmanuelle Yakana
   2. Absent
      1. Graduate Student Senator: Addam Kinsel, Undergraduate Student Senator: Leslie Herrera, Transfer Student Senator: Samantha Wetter
3. Approval of the Agenda
   1. A motion was entertained by VP Mosley to approve of the agenda of November 8. So moved by Treasurer Pernitsky, seconded by Undergraduate Student Senator: Herrera

Unanimous Aye

1. Approval of Minutes
   1. A motion was entertained by VP Mosley to approve the minutes of November 21. So moved by Treasurer Pernitsky, seconded by Senator Kinsel.  
      Unanimous Aye
2. Audience Participation
   1. None
3. Administrative report
   1. Advisor Cynthia Thompson
      1. No report
4. Officer Reports
   1. President Diaz
      1. Absent and no reports
   2. Representative Verthein
      1. He participated in an Academic Planning Committee. Spring calendar was not discussed at the meeting.
      2. Discussed whether or not to extend credit/no credit grades into the spring semester.
      3. Asked to confirm if it was effective and if students were planning to use it to determine on extending.
      4. Attended another meeting, Campus Tuition and Fees
      5. Chancellor recommended that there is no increase in tuition and fees for the incoming year.
      6. Tuition increase will be necessary.
      7. He also has Trustee meetings coming up and will discuss details in next meeting.
   3. Internal Vice-President Moseley
      1. He said to submit your SGA portrait if it had not been taken.
      2. Will reschedule a retake for those who had missed
      3. Mentioned that past portraits could be used for this year.
      4. Also mentioned that Voices of Democracy was necessary due to how we are currently living.
   4. Eternal Vice-President Flaherty
      1. Looked at elections
      2. Meet with Campus Senate Committee
      3. Starting up basketball and other sports in the spring
      4. Meet with the Chancellor
      5. Reported increases in prices with meal plans and housing
      6. Project with the Office of Advancement
      7. Has not been updated by those who are working on it.
      8. Started with the External Affairs Committee and hopes to branch out to the rest of SGA.
      9. He will have a meeting with Ann from the department
      10. Reach out for fund from donors
   5. Treasurer Pernitsky
      1. Mentioned that many groups do not need funds for events due to everything being transitioned to online
      2. Past Thursday, was in the meeting with Campus Fees Committee
      3. Number do not look good for us and will not support tuition increase
   6. Secretary Velazquez
      1. No report
   7. Parliamentarian Matthews
      1. Met with IDHE board
      2. Starting to get through the strategic plan and create a northern star plan to guide them through the rest of the year
      3. Made tweaks for accessibility and affordability
      4. The car committee will be meeting November 18, and will discuss details at next meeting.
5. Senator Reports
   1. Senator Acosta
      1. Trying to focus on getting surveys out from residence halls and is waiting for response
      2. Will give responses to Senator Wetter to make residence halls more welcoming.
      3. On Wednesday, November 18, ask the RA on call, to be in charge of social media account and push updates within residence halls.
      4. Reached out to President Diaz to reach out to the people in charge of orientation and help change orientation to reach students expectations.
   2. Senator Servaes
      1. The head of Internship Center, Rob Wise, has invited him to the Innovate Springfield’s office and will discuss details after going.
      2. Working with External VP Flaherty on seeing different opportunities with internships and help find a way to avoid having students to pay for it.
      3. Also find a donor to help with costs.
   3. Senator Evans
      1. Working with Ted ex committee and had a great number of people nominated
      2. Extended deadlines to Wednesday, November
      3. Developed a rubric on selecting people and worked on budget.
   4. Senator Christy
      1. Sent email to the Dean of Public Affairs and Administration to the process going
      2. Working on Double Major project
   5. Senator McMahon-Lowe
      1. Reached out to the Dean of Education and Human Services and has not heard back
      2. Will be making phone calls
   6. Senator Kinsel
      1. United Safety Tabling event will be taking Thursday, November 19.
      2. Mentioned to read ahead if planning on attending.
   7. Senator Shomshor
      1. Absent and no reports.
   8. Senator Gin
      1. Got emails out and has not heard back
      2. Working on internships with companies to get more opportunities.
      3. Test proctoring issues but will be investigating more.
   9. Senator Partain
      1. Absent and no reports.
   10. Senator Prats
       1. Received an email back from the office of Sexual harassment and going through to expand resources and talked about possible events.
   11. Senator Herrera
       1. Mentioned having a template for the maps.
       2. Has not heard from health services and will be able to finalize map after getting a reply.
   12. Senator Harms
       1. No reports
   13. Senator Wetter
       1. Will start working on surveys for general transfer students to get their experiences will transferring.
   14. Senator Yakana
       1. Absent and no reports
6. Committee Reports
   1. Executive Board Committee
      1. Met with the Chancellor and finalized Spring break plans
   2. Internal Affairs Committee
      1. Did not meet
   3. External Relations and Marketing Committee
      1. Did not meet
   4. Rules of Constitution
      1. Did not meet
7. Old Business
   1. None
8. New business
   1. Resolution #10 Temporary SOFA Bylaw Change
9. Discussion
   1. Parliamentarian Matthews
      1. Spring Break and increase in room and board
      2. Next meeting will include a presentation.
   2. Eternal Vice-President Flaherty
      1. 3% increase in dorms and townhouses.
      2. Mentioned that the silver meal plan was not enough for first two-year students.
   3. Treasurer Pernitsky
      1. Discussed increase in room and board but pushed off until incoming fall.
10. Adjourn
    1. Internal VP Mosely entertained a motion to adjourn. So moved by Treasurer Pernitsky, seconded by Senator Herrera.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06