**University of Illinois Springfield**

**Student Government Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

February 7, 2021

1. Meeting Called by President Diaz at 1:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call taken by Internal VP Moseley
   1. Present
      1. President Aislinn Diaz, BOT Representative Austin Verthein, Internal VP Collin Moseley, External VP Nolan Flaherty, Treasurer Max Pernitsky, 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, Peoria Campus Senator: Angie Gin, Senator-at-Large: Diego Prats, Undergraduate Student Senator: Leslie Herrera, Freshman Senator: Molly Harms, Transfer Student Senator: Samantha Wetter, International Student Senator: Emmanuelle Yakana
   2. Absent
      1. Secretary Citlaly Velazquez, College of Education & Human Services Senator: Lesa McMahon-Lowe, Online Student Senator: Tony Shomshor, Senator-at-Large: Joseph Partain,
3. Amend the Agenda
   1. A motion was entertained President Diaz to amend the agenda to read Sophie Moore’s statement in her report. So, moved by Treasurer Pernitsky, seconded by Senator Acosta.

Unanimous Aye

1. Approval of the Agenda
   1. A motion was entertained by President Diaz to approve of the agenda as amended of February 7. So, moved by Treasurer Pernitsky, seconded by Senator Evans, JR.

Unanimous Aye

1. Approval of Minutes
   1. A motion was entertained by President Diaz to approve the minutes of January 24. So, moved by Treasurer Pernitsky, seconded by Senator Evans, JR.  
      Unanimous Aye
2. Audience Participation
   1. None
3. Administrative report
   1. Advisor Cynthia Thompson
      1. Very excited to see how much SGA members are doing and working on
4. Officer Reports
   1. President Diaz
      1. Explained how there is an issue with TRAC and was going to get a statement from Sophie Moore and how she was dress coded before going to work out
      2. Been in contact with James Koeppe, the director of campus recreation, and made him aware what issues there are with the dress code policy and how it is mostly enforced with women and it is inconstant.
      3. The policy is still intact and will take time before we get any solid information or change.
      4. Extending deadline for Credit/ No Credit because many students do not get grades updated throughout the semester and want professors to be aware of the deadlines
      5. Still working on spirit week
   2. BOT Representative Verthein
      1. Vaccination status: U of I hospital in Chicago deployed 16000 doses of the vaccines and 5000 of those are the second dose.
      2. UIS frontline workers and students in healthcare has received the vaccine
      3. U of I system wise, RA’s in Chicago and Champaign are next in line to get the vaccine, but no update on when UIS will be receiving the vaccine.
      4. Three Board of Trustees have been appointed
   3. Internal Vice-President Moseley
      1. Credit/No Credit issues with professors not updating grades and pushing the deadlines to change grading to credit/no credit
      2. Has not heard updates about Police Chief
   4. External Vice-President Flaherty
      1. Submitted protocol to the Chancellor to allow fans for athletic events and was approved attentively
   5. Treasurer Pernitsky
      1. Working with Dean Smith and Advisor Thompson about COVID engaged series and how our lives will look after COVID with higher education, the economy, and focusing on how we feel and move forward to make sure they make sound decisions for those graduating and applying for loans
      2. Met with Tuition and Fees Committee, only really discussed when they will be meeting.
   6. Secretary Velazquez
      1. Absent and no reports
   7. Parliamentarian Matthews
      1. Will be helping Treasurer Pernitsky and Advisor Thompson
5. Senator Reports
   1. Senator Acosta
      1. Working with RHA and trying to get more students involved with campus events
      2. Want to try to plan something for Valentine’s Day
      3. Trying to look into getting a recycling bin outside in the parking lots on campus in both the dorms and townhouses
   2. Senator Servaes
      1. Internship center and the office of Dr. Vasquez to get a overview of what research is being conducted on our campus and hopefully link professors with students.
      2. Contacted Innovate Springfield office and can help anyone with any opportunities with their office.
   3. Senator Evans
      1. Has been getting first drafts for the topics for the TEDx
      2. Has been making flyers for the event and meeting with people at the University to help publicize the event
      3. Wants to ensure COVID protocols are going to be enforced during the events
      4. Needs to cut down the drafts because it will currently run two hours over the time limit
   4. Senator Christy
      1. Had Student disciplinary Committee meeting
      2. There is an issue with not enough students are on the committee
      3. The rocks around campus are starting to become an issue so wants to come up with another way to keep people off the grass without rocks
   5. Senator McMahon-Lowe
      1. Absent and no reports
   6. Senator Shomshor
      1. Absent and no reports
   7. Senator Gin
      1. Still working on projects and will have further details at next meeting
   8. Senator Partain
      1. Absent and no reports
   9. Senator Prats
      1. Absent and no reports
   10. Senator Herrera
       1. Communicating with President Diaz about the menstrual tabling event
       2. Needs to finalize a date and time for the event and still needs to see the budget to know how much to allocate for it
   11. Senator Harms
       1. Getting survey out to freshman for the upcoming semester
       2. Met with the Library Committee about professor using the library’s resources more
   12. Senator Wetter
       1. Waiting to get statements from people she has been in contact with
       2. Still working on the Transfers student event
   13. Senator Yakana
       1. Attend the International Student welcoming event
       2. Planning to contact International Student Services to know how many new students we received
6. Committee Reports
   1. Executive Board Committee
      1. Talked about new programs that are going to be set in place
      2. Making sure that we’re being adamant about our place because they’re trying to increase the number of students on the Campus Senate Committee
      3. Got a report from Dr. Fisher about how well SGA members are doing in their committees
   2. Internal Affairs Committee
      1. Will be meeting this week
      2. The Student Advocacy coalition went really well and had good amount of attendance
   3. External Relations and Marketing Committee
      1. Wants to create a sexual harassment awareness day to create a sense of safety and unity on campus
      2. Still waiting to hear back from the Office of Advancement
   4. Rules of Constitution
      1. Reviewed over the minutes and sent email out to Secretary Velazquez to update the minutes correctly, was given a two-week deadline
      2. Once received the updates minutes, the committee will look over the minutes and send them out to SGA members to get approval for updated minutes.
7. Old Business
   1. None
8. New business
   1. Resolution 13- We Believe Students
      1. Allows us to reaffirm our beliefs as the Student Government Association to stand with students who come out with any type of misconduct towards any authority figure on this campus.
         1. A motion was entertained by President Diaz to vote on Resolution 13. So, moved by Treasurer Pernitsky, seconded by Senator Evans, JR.  
            Roll Call Vote taken by Internal VP Moseley
            1. President Diaz- Aye
            2. Internal VP Moseley- Aye
            3. Treasurer Pernitsky- Aye
            4. Senator Acosta- Aye
            5. Senator Servaes- Aye
            6. Senator Evans, JR.- Aye
            7. Senator Christy- Aye
            8. Senator Gin- Aye
            9. Senator Herrera-Aye
            10. Senator Wetter- Aye
            11. Senator Yakana- Aye

Motion Passed

* 1. Resolution 14- Recognizing Retired UIS Police Chief Don Mitchell
     1. Present to retired chief don Mitchell and posted to the US community
        1. A motion was entertained by President Diaz to vote on Resolution 14. So, moved by Senator Acosta, seconded by Senator Gin.

Unanimous Aye

* 1. Resolution 15- TEDxUofISpringfield Budget Allocation
     + 1. A motion was entertained by President Diaz to vote on Resolution 15. So, moved by Senator Gin, seconded by Senator Acosta.  
          Roll Call Vote taken by President Diaz
          1. President Diaz- Aye
          2. Treasurer Pernitsky- Aye
          3. Senator Acosta- Aye
          4. Senator Servaes- Abstain
          5. Senator Evans, JR.- Aye
          6. Senator Christy- Abstain
          7. Senator Gin- Aye
          8. Senator Herrera-Aye
          9. Senator Harms- Aye
          10. Senator Wetter- Aye
          11. Senator Yakana- Abstain

Resolution does not pass

Motion was entertained by President Diaz to table Resolution 15 pending to the next SGA emergency meeting. So, moved by Treasurer Pernitsky, seconded by Senator Herrera.

Unanimous Nay

Senator Prats joined the meeting and was added to roll call

1. A motion was entertained by President Diaz to revote on Resolution 15. So, moved by Senator Gin, seconded by Senator Acosta.  
   Roll Call Vote taken by President Diaz
   * + - 1. President Diaz- Aye
         2. Treasurer Pernitsky- Aye
         3. Senator Acosta- Aye
         4. Senator Servaes- Abstain
         5. Senator Evans, JR.- Aye
         6. Senator Christy- Abstain
         7. Senator Gin- Aye
         8. Senator Prats-Aye
         9. Senator Herrera-Aye
         10. Senator Harms-Aye
         11. Senator Wetter- Aye
         12. Senator Yakana- Abstain

Resolution 15 passes

1. Discussion
   1. Senator Evans, JR.
      1. Has a sponsorship letter that has been sent to businesses, and will be meeting with the Treasurer to edit it.
   2. Senator Yakana
      1. Brought up an issue with someone who had thought classes would be on campus but turned out to be remote, but had passed the date to move back home and will have to pay
      2. Asked what can be done about having classes changed from on ground to online in regards to how it affects those students moving onto campus, especially international students
   3. Senator Acosta
      1. Responded to Senator Yakana about how they are being more lenient but are strict with dates in regards to know how much the student will have to pay
   4. President Diaz
      1. Responded to Senator Yakana that they are still trying to figure out a way to let students know ahead of time if their classes will be held online if there is a chance of it being held on campus
      2. Read a statement from Sophie Moore about the TRAC issue
   5. Treasurer Pernitsky
      1. An issue with vending machines not accepting i-cards or are out of order, and has been happening all year and wants to see if another senator can help with trying to fix this issue.
2. Adjourn
   1. President Diaz entertained a motion to adjourn. So, moved by Senator Herrera, seconded by Senator Prats.

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.