

University of Illinois Springfield
Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes

Performing Arts Center – TV Studio

Sunday, November 3, 2019

I. Meeting called to order by President Paoletti at 6:05pm.

II. Roll Call

A. Present

- i. President Paoletti, Internal VP Cunningham, External VP Loera, Secretary Stinson, Treasurer Verthein, Parliamentarian Matthews, Senator Aviles, Senator Ebel, Senator Flaherty, Senator Valente, Senator Garland, Senator Sherman, Senator Moseley, Senator Diaz, Senator Wesley, Senator Natty, Senator Gin, Senator Pernitsky.

B. Absent

- i. Trustee Dawoud, Senator Mustafaoglu, Senator Shenoy

III. Approval of the Agenda

- A. President Paoletti entertained a request to consent for the approval of the November 3rd agenda. Unanimous consent.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

- A. President Paoletti entertained a request to consent for the approval of the October 20th minutes. Unanimous consent.

V. Audience Participation

A. Kristi Barnwell - President of the United Faculty Union (UFU)

- i. UFU represents 141 UIS faculty
- ii. Established in 2014
- iii. Resolved previous issue with “desktop refresh” every 4-5 years for faculty to get new computers

1. At the beginning of this year the “refresh” was suspended by the Provost
 - iv. Keeps financial choices of the University in check
 - v. Open to hearing from students
 - vi. UFU holds the University accountable to be best institution possible for both faculty and students
- B. Kerry Poynter - Director of Gender Sexuality and Student Services (GSSS)
- i. UIS Coalition Builders
 1. Newer organization on campus consisting of faculty, staff, and graduate students
 2. Organization works to reduce bias and prejudice on campus
 3. Responded recently in incident of inappropriate Facebook photos posted by two UIS employees
 4. Held organized listening sessions this past week for those affected by the Facebook photos for them to express their opinions
 5. Seeks to collaborate with SGA in the future
- C. Grace Negron - Secretary of Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS)
- i. OLAS represents Latinx and Latin American backgrounds of all UIS students
 - ii. Grace delivered a statement from OLAS regarding incident of Facebook photos posted by UIS employees
 - iii. Desire for OLAS to work with SGA to represent the voices of OLAS students
 - iv. Desire for increase in training and proactiveness in University policy
- D. Randy Eccles - Development Director for NPR-affiliate WUIS 91.9/WIPA 89.3.
- i. Reporter with NPR Illinois - radio station based on the UIS Campus
 1. Working with ProPublica on sexual misconduct and harassment on U of I campuses

- a. Desire to change U of I System's Title IX policy for reporting purposes on this topic
- b. Current policy does not allow students to go to them due to them being mandated reporters
 - i. Currently are obligated to tell the University about any reports than are made regarding Title IX
- c. Sent an open letter regarding this issue to U of I President Timothy Killeen and the Chancellors of all three U of I campuses
 - i. It is under the U of I System's authority to change the System-wide Title IX policy
 - ii. Will be going to speak to the Board of Trustees in November
 - 1. Senator Moseley noted to connect the reporters with Trustee Dawoud

VI. Administrative Report

A. Advisor Cynthia Thompson

- a. No report.

VII. Officer Reports

A. President Paoletti

- i. Employees' Facebook post does not reflect the intentions of UIS
- ii. Apology for SGA Facebook post
- iii. Rally & Forum on the UIS Quad and in the Student Union to denounce racism and promote diversity - November 7th
- iv. Met with Campus Tuition and Fees Committee - received information from them to handout to members
 - 1. Last 5 years, UIS has had a tuition freeze
 - 2. Now looking at potential 1% tuition increase - will not affect current students, only future students

3. Next meeting: November 22nd
 - v. Idea being discussed regarding giving incoming freshmen clamshells for food services
 - vi. Green Fee Committee's living wall - still working on funding decisions
 - vii. SGA website renovation nearly finished
 - viii. Trello website - for both SGA members and UIS students to be able to see what SGA is/was working on; hopefully will be live within the next two weeks
 - ix. Campus Senate: next year UIS will be switching from Blackboard to a different online education platform
 1. Senator Wesley to reach out to ITS to secure student representative spot so that students can have a say in which new education platform is chosen
 - x. Reminder for SGA Members to state title and name before officer/senator reports
 1. Subtitles for this information will be coming in future on webcast videos

B. Internal Vice-President Cunningham

- i. Undergraduate Council meeting - final exam policy will be changed
 1. Invitation to SGA members to email VP Cunningham with how their individual finals weeks look
- ii. Liaison role model is being utilized in Internal Affairs Committee - potential resolution to be made to amend bylaws to include this model

C. External Vice-President Loera

- i. Sustainability Meeting
 1. Sustainability Week
 - a. November 12th - Low Carbon Speaker Panel
 - b. November 13th - Kim Wasserman Keynote Speaker on environmental justice

c. November 15th - Memorial and Tree Planting for Dennis Ruez

ii. The i'MPOSSIBLE Project

1. Advertisements are up-and-running all around campus
2. SGA has Snapchat takeover on the day of the event to advertise
3. Brown Bag dinner with Josh Rivedal at 7pm following the event
4. Tshirts arriving this week
5. Refreshments will be provided at the event
6. External agency will be tabling at the event
7. SGA members will be tabling for the event to increase student attendance

D. Treasurer Verthein

- i. SOFA will be relaunching Facebook page - looking to make this centralized location to make announcements for RSO events
 1. Future resolution to be made for boosts to SOFA Facebook posts
 2. Potential future resolution to be made for SOFA apparel
- ii. Campus Senate's Campus Budget and Planning Committee meets this Thursday regarding the campus master plan and space planning
- iii. At last SGA Executive Board Committee meeting, volunteered for "Boredom Committee" to counteract complaints of students' boredom on campus

E. Secretary Stinson

- i. Student representative on Campus Senate's General Education Council - had successful first meeting a little over a week ago
- ii. Second meeting is this Wednesday

F. Parliamentarian Matthews

- i. Library Committee to meet again soon - currently not necessary for them to meet every week

G. Trustee Dawoud - report read by President Paoletti

- i. U of I System budget allocation has increased compared to previous years
- ii. Reaching Stellar campaign - over \$30 million raised, goal is \$40 million

VIII. Senator Reports

A. College of Business & Management Senator: Nolan Flaherty

- i. Blue Crew starting off well
 - 1. Instagram page is up and running
 - a. Sock giveaway at soccer game over the past weekend to encourage people to follow
 - 2. Goal is for incoming freshmen to have small booklet of chants

B. Senator-at-Large: Collin Moseley

- i. Met with UIS Food Service
 - 1. Veterans Day meal: 11-2pm free lunch for all Veterans in the Student Union
 - 2. Egg whites to be stocked from now on - resolving the issue of students' complaints
- ii. UIS Police ride-along this past Friday
- iii. SGA Pullovers from Primo Designs

C. Campus Resident Senator: Max Pernitsky

- i. Trash can policy - resolution to be voted on this report

D. Transfer Student Senator: Gabrielle Garland

- i. National Transfer Student Week (NTSW) events were successful
 - 1. Desire for NTSW to be celebrated in future years

E. College of Education and Human Services Senator: Natty Akpulonu

- i. UIS Theater tour
- ii. Name tags/plates for SGA Members during meetings
- iii. Library - concerns with current excessive noise being violation of rules

1. Issue to be brought to the Library Committee by Parliamentarian Matthews

F. Peoria Campus Senator: Angie Gin

- i. Resolution on agenda today

G. Online Student Senator: Vyvyan Wesley

- i. In contact with Accessibility Specialists to improve materials that are sent out to make it easier for students for all students to decipher them
- ii. Meeting with 2 online coordinators on November 6th
 1. Senator Wesley will be taking part in their online orientation
- iii. November 8th - Career Bytes Conference

H. College of Public Affairs & Administration Senator: Miguel Valente

- i. No report.

I. Graduate Student Senator: Jared Ebel

- i. Working on student discounts for UIS students in Springfield
- ii. Reached out to Director of LLCC regarding Local First Springfield, and Illinois Small Business Development
 1. Plans in the works to collaborate small businesses to get more discounts for UIS Students
- iii. Marketing for small businesses - small budget
 1. Seeking Senator Flaherty's opinions from College of Business & Management

J. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Senator: Alex Aviles

- i. Sangamon Auditorium - discussed with Brian Rives having more student-oriented shows

1. Main concern is finances - he will take student requests but the Auditorium cannot lose money
2. Also depends on availability for the request artist
 - a. Other departments could also potentially sponsor, such as Dr. Ford's office
- ii. Exploring certification abilities of UIS Testing Services

K. Freshman Student Senator: Caitlin Sherman

- i. Met with the Director of the Student Union, Ann Comerford, regarding artwork in classrooms
 1. Ben noted Ann is looking for a representative from SGA to be on the Student Advisory Board, Senator Sherman could take that role

L. Senator-at-Large: Aislinn Diaz

- i. Meeting with Provost to discuss the reasoning behind Thanksgiving Break being shortened to only two days
- ii. Organizing Rally & Forum on November 7th
- iii. Lighting of the Colonnade - to be discussed during committee reports

M. International Student Senator: Sneha Shenoy

- i. No report.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Executive Board Committee - report by President Paoletti

- i. SGA will be taking role in active shooter drill
 1. Last year, lack of student education and participation in the previous drills
 2. SGA members should encourage students to check their emails, as documents regarding this will be sent out, as well as promoted on the SGA Facebook page

- ii. SGA Member Portraits will be printed and hung in the Student Leadership Center within the next week or two
 - iii. Trello will play a major role in the future SGA and how to show UIS students what we have completed and hopefully to encourage them to
- B. Internal Affairs Committee - report by Internal VP Cunningham
- i. Last formal meeting postponed, instead went to Forum featuring Chancellor Koch and Dr. Ford regarding concerns about the UIS employee Facebook posts
 - ii. Will take lead on NPR Illinois Reporter issue
 - iii. Will also look at taking lead on collaboration with Coalition Builders
- C. External Relations and Marketing Committee - report by External VP Loera
- i. Lighting of the Colonnade - looking for increased student involvement
 - 1. No longer will be Christmas lights but instead projector lights
 - 2. Possibly having cookies, hot chocolate, etc; playing instrumental holiday music
 - 3. It's up to students on how big they want it to be; can be made more or less significant/formal
 - a. Minimal student attendance previously
 - 4. Previously put on by Student Life
 - 5. Senator Diaz will be working on this
 - ii. November 4th, 5pm in the SLC - Student Advocacy Coalition will be having Randy Witter speak about his lobbying firm
- D. Rules and Constitution Committee
- i. Complaint 1 – Undergraduate Senator Lack of Attendance
 - 1. Removal
 - a. Complaint from President Paoletti regarding lack of attendance, has missed 3 meetings which meets requirements for potential removal

- b. Has not responded to any correspondence, has not attended any other SGA committee meetings
- c. Committee recommended a vote to find the Undergraduate Senator guilty, followed by a vote to remove her
- d. President Paoletti entertained a motion to find Undergrad Senator guilty of not attending three meetings. So moved by Senator Moseley, seconded by Senator Sherman.
Unanimous Aye
- e. President Paoletti entertained a motion for removal of the Undergraduate Student Senator. So moved by Senator Natty, seconded by Senator Sherman. Unanimous Aye
- f. Parliamentarian Matthews will contact the (former) Undergraduate Senator regarding her removal

ii. Complaints 2-7 – Facebook Posts

- 1. Bylaw Change 1 – Section XI: Social Media Policy
 - a. Complaint by student on SGA’s recent Facebook posts regarding matters of the UIS employees’ Facebook photos
 - b. This amendment of the bylaws will change what can be posted and by what authority it can be posted
- 2. President Paoletti entertained a motion for SGA to approve the recommendation made by the Rules and Constitution Committee to change the bylaws. So moved by Senator Natty, seconded by Senator Pernitsky. Unanimous Aye
- 3. President Paoletti entertained a motion to amend the bylaws. So moved by Senator Pernitsky, seconded by Senator Diaz.
Unanimous Aye

X. Old Business

- A. None.

XI. New Business

A. Resolution 5 – UIS United

- i. Discussion of goal of the November 7th rally and forum on campus - denouncing racism and promoting diversity
- ii. Potential media coverage of event
- iii. Rally and forum's main purpose is for students' expression of opinions and ideas
- iv. Forum is planned for 5-7pm
- v. Secretary Stinson will plan to record the responses from faculty at the forum
- vi. President Paoletti emphasized that this rally will be very organized and formal
- vii. Discussion of having UIS Police at the rally in case of disorder - no plans currently exist, leaning towards review
- viii. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to approve the Resolution. So moved by Senator Aviles, seconded by Treasurer Verthein. Roll-call vote: 15 Aye, 1 Abstention. Resolution 5 passes.

B. Resolution 6 – West Side Trash Cans - Senator Pernitsky

- i. Within 10 feet from townhouse - responsibility of trash falls on townhouse residents
- ii. SGA will not be buying these trash cans - Vice Chancellor Dr. Ford's office approved of this idea
- iii. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to approve the Resolution. So moved by Senator Flaherty, seconded by Senator Diaz. Unanimous Aye by roll-call vote.

C. Resolution 7 – SGA Transfer Week Social

- i. There was an apparent need for Transfer Week events; they were well attended

- ii. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to approve the Resolution. So moved by Senator Flaherty, seconded by Senator Garland. Unanimous Aye

D. Resolution 8 – Peoria Campus Meeting

- i. Apparent need for SGA to hear from Peoria students
- ii. Will be special session SGA Meeting if quorum is met, as well as a “town hall”
- iii. President Paoletti entertained a vote to amend the resolution for allocation of \$160 for transportation to the meeting for SGA members. So moved by Senator Pernitsky, Treasurer Verthein. Unanimous Aye.
 - 1. May not need both vans depending on number of members able to attend, as well as who will drive themselves, and therefore may not spend entire allocation.
- iv. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to approve the Resolution. So moved by Senator Flaherty, seconded by Treasurer Verthein. Unanimous Aye

E. Resolution 9 – SGA Pullover Allocation - Senator Moseley

- i. Pullovers will allow SGA Members to be more uniform and visible at SGA events and around campus otherwise
- ii. White pullover with blue SGA logo
- iii. Original quote was more expensive, so SGA chose to get a less expensive style to save money
- iv. Move to call question by Senator Pernitsky, seconded by Senator Diaz. 14 Aye, 1 Nay. Motion passes.
- v. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to vote on the Resolution. Unanimous aye by roll-call vote.

F. Resolution 10 – SGA Instagram - Senator Sherman

- i. Many students hold presence on Instagram, SGA does not currently have an Instagram account, and therefore it would be beneficial for SGA to have an account on a platform that many students use
- ii. Motion to amend line 7 to from “President” to “Web Advisor” by Senator Pernitsky, seconded by Senator Diaz. Unanimous Aye
- iii. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to approve the Resolution. So moved by Senator Pernitsky, seconded by Senator Diaz. Unanimous Aye.

G. Resolution 11 – UIS Blue Crew - Senator Flaherty

- i. Senator Flaherty will be head of this for SGA
- ii. Student representatives from multiple different groups on campus are taking part in getting Blue Crew off the ground
- iii. Will become established as RSO
- iv. SGA is assisting in re-startup
- v. A motion was entertained by President Paoletti to approve the Resolution. So moved by Treasurer Verthein, seconded by Senator Diaz. Unanimous Aye.

XII. Discussion

- A. No further discussion.

XIII. Adjourn

- A. President Paoletti entertained a motion to adjourn. So moved by Senator Flaherty, seconded by Senator Diaz. 14 Aye, 1 Nay. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.