

**University of Illinois Springfield**  
**Student Government Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Performing Arts Center – TV Studio

Sunday, December 8, 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 Flaherty, Senator Valente, Senator Garland, Senator Shenoy, Senator Moseley, Senator Natty, Senator Gin, Senator Pernitsky, Senator Wesley, Senator Herrera.

B. Absent

- i. Trustee Dawoud, Senator Aviles, Senator Sherman, Senator-at-Large Diaz

III. Amendment of the Agenda

- A. Internal VP Cunningham entertained a motion to amend the December 8th agenda. Seconded by Senator Pernitsky. Unanimous aye.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

- A. President Paoletti entertained a request to consent for the approval of the November 17th minutes. So moved by Senator Moseley, seconded by Senator Pernitsky. Unanimous consent.

V. Audience Participation

- A. None.

VI. Administrative Report

A. Advisor Cynthia Thompson

- a. SGA Portraits will be up in the Student Union Student Leadership Center
- b. Late night breakfast tomorrow night, 12/9, in the Student Union Ballroom

## VII. Officer Reports

### A. President Paoletti

#### i. Tuition increase

1. Campus Tuition and Fees Committee - tuition increase will go mainly to salaries, student workers' wages, and maintenance on campus
2. At Campus Senate, SGA members voted no toward tuition increase in order to maintain affordability
3. Chancellor changed recommendation from 1.8% in undergraduate tuition to 1% increase in both undergraduate and graduate tuition
4. Treasurer Verthein voted against this, would rather increase by 1.8% rather than passing a 1% increase now, and then potentially facing another 1% increase in the near future
5. Board of Trustees to vote on this potential increase at their next meeting
6. All three campuses approach tuition increases separately, this specific increase is only for UIS

#### ii. Boredom on campus

1. Survey will be posted to students to fill out to get more information on this issue so that it can be resolved in the best way possible

#### iii. Shelter-in-place drill

1. Discussion at Campus Senate
2. Thoughts that it should be a faculty-led drill
3. Considerations for individuals who have had past negative experiences with shooter drills
4. Potential training in future

#### iv. Clothing drive idea for next semester

#### v. Downtown shuttle

1. Served about 15 students per weekend over the course of the semester
2. There are still bumps to work out with this - communication and efficiency needs to be improved between students and company
- vi. \$20 worth of free Lyft rides thanks to co-op with Sangamon County and Springfield Police
  1. May bring this idea to campus and have this as a regular benefit for students

B. Trustee Dawoud

- i. No report.

C. Internal Vice-President Cunningham

- i. Sponsored Resolution #16 to be discussed later in meeting
- ii. UIS deficit in applications for this point in the year
  1. Dropped application fee and now are ahead of schedule

D. External Vice-President Loera

- i. Trello to be used starting next semester for better communication and delegation among SGA

E. Treasurer Verthein

- i. Change in SOFA requests beginning in Spring 2020 semester - requests will be due on the Wednesday before each meeting
- ii. Meeting with Kristi Barnwell was postponed
- iii. Met with Ann Comerford and Ashley Hall from the Student Union - not experiencing as much faculty traffic during the week as much as desire

F. Secretary Stinson

- i. No report.

G. Parliamentarian Matthews

- i. No report outside of Rules & Constitution Committee.

VIII. Senator Reports

A. College of Business & Management Senator: Nolan Flaherty

- i. Intercollegiate Athletic Committee - new athletic director that was chosen was not at the meeting due to position not technically starting until tomorrow, 12/9
    1. Funding in athletics - teams currently funding about 20% of their budget, so a lot of fundraising is having to be done
    2. Corporate sponsorships - down by 27% from 2018-2019 fiscal year
      - a. Lost biggest sponsorship, Pepsi, when the Student Union was built
    3. Transfer portal system - reforms to be made
      - a. Discrepancies from last year affecting current transfer process
  - ii. Lyft - likes idea of having allotted amount for each student to have for their own personal use
    1. President Paoletti believes this
    2. Senator Flaherty commented that Lyft is a stable corporation and would allow students to go to other areas in Springfield than just downtown, which the shuttle does not offer
    3. Senator Wesley is concerned with withdrawing business from small business (Gracious Cab)
  - iii. Senator Moseley motion to add campus shuttle as topic for discussion later in the meeting, seconded by Senator Pernitsky.
    1. 14 Aye, 1 Nay. Motion passes.
- B. Senator-At-Large: Collin Moseley
- i. Vacancies in UIS Coalition Builders
  - ii. Potential Student Life diversity training
  - iii. Met new UIS Athletic Director, seems excited for Blue Crew
  - iv. Attended the last few Campus Senate meetings
- C. Campus Resident Senator: Max Pernitsky
- i. Lt. Gov. Stratton as potential new U of I Trustee

ii. Food Pantry

1. Idea of rather than a student paying a parking ticket, they would have a grace period to donate 75% worth of their ticket in food to UIS food pantry, still exploring and plans to work on this mainly second semester

iii. Potential UIS and SIU collaboration downtown

D. Undergraduate Student Senator: Leslie Herrera

i. Idea of hosting clothing drive

ii. Idea of increasing accessibility of free menstrual products on campus

1. A lot of support for this idea on campus; many other campuses do this as well

E. International Student Senator: Sneha Shenoy

i. Working with admissions on adding a FAQ section for international students on the UIS Admissions webpage

ii. Not allowed to obtain email distribution list for international students for purposes of reaching out to them

iii. Developed survey for international students/international student organizations

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

i. Met with Dennis Papini, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

1. Discussed Blackboard issues/the coming changes in online learning platform
2. Also discussed some departments not having advisors, such as social work department

- a. Students can end up taking classes that are unnecessary for graduation without having advisors to advise them and prevent this

G. Peoria Campus Senator: Angie Gin

- i. Peoria campus meeting was successful
- ii. Registration issues with electives, from her personal experience as a Peoria student

- 1. Knows other Peoria students

H. Online Student Senator: Vyvyan Wesley

- i. Met with two online coordinators regarding online student orientation

I. Transfer Student Senator: Gabrielle Garland

- i. Plans to run table at new student orientation in PAC

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

- i. Working on issues with Blackboard

- 1. Transition from Blackboard should be around Summer 2020

- ii. GERC - last meeting of this semester was this past Friday, 12/6

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

- i. No report.

L. Freshman Student Senator: Caitlin Sherman

- i. No report.

M. Senator-at-Large: Aislinn Diaz

- i. No report.

## IX. Committee Reports

A. Executive Board Committee - report by President Paoletti

- i. Adam Kinsel to be appointed Graduate Student Senator

- 1. President Paoletti entertained a motion to appoint Adam Kinsel as

- ii. SGA Retreat - looking at dinner after January 26th meeting

B. Internal Affairs Committee - report by Internal VP Cunningham

- i. Last meeting cancelled for Thanksgiving

- ii. Senator Herrera will be joining Internal Affairs

C. External Relations and Marketing Committee - report by External VP Loera

- i. Student Advocacy Coalition (SAC) - U of I Lobby day, date TBD (most likely late February/early March)

1. January 29th - UIS Capitol Orientation
  2. Exclusive UIS Lobby Day - April 13th
    - a. University-sanctioned event allows students to be excused from class
    - ii. SAC meetings - 4pm every Monday
- D. Rules and Constitution Committee - report by Parliamentarian Matthews
- i. Amendment to Article III of SGA Bylaws - revisions to Internal Affairs and Rules and Constitution Committee descriptions
  - ii. President Paoletti entertained a motion to amend Article III of the SGA Bylaws. So moved by Senator Moseley, seconded by Senator Pernitsky. Unanimous aye.

## X. Old Business

### A. Campus Tuition Increase

- i. Discussion of ideas for mitigation of cost of attendance
  1. Reducing parking costs
  2. General consensus in desire for creative alternatives to tuition increase
  3. Increasing corporate sponsorships again
  4. Question of donors and where those specific donations
  5. Discussion of repaving road by Student Union
  6. Treasurer Verthein entertained a motion to table this discussion for the next meeting. Seconded by Senator Pernitsky. Unanimous aye.

## XI. New Business

### A. Resolution 16 - BOT Meeting Request

- i. Currently, U of I's BOT meets at UIS only once at UIS Campus in late May, when students are not present.
- ii. Resolution requests the BOT meets at UIS in early May when students are still present for the academic year.

- iii. Senator Moseley entertained a motion to approve Resolution #16.  
Seconded by Senator Pernitsky. Unanimous aye.

B. SGA Election

- i. Voting decreased in the past fall election

C. End of Semester Review - VP Cunningham

XII. Discussion

A. SGA 2020 Goals

- i. Request for each SGA member to present an idea to work on at first Spring 2020 meeting in January
- ii. SGA Budget
  - 1. Discussion of getting reports from groups that have received funding from SGA to review how the money has been utilized
  - 2. Plans for Spring Election Week - significant amount of SGA budget to be used on this
  - 3. Plans to use money to increase SGA marketing
  - 4. Plans to increase SGA's downtown presence
    - a. Reaching out to Mayor of Springfield and Downtown Springfield, Inc. to establish relationships with SGA

B. Lyft

- i. Contract with Gracious Cab Company, which provided downtown shuttle, ended November 23rd
- ii. Senator Pernitsky emphasized that nothing should be done until there is a meeting with Lyft, and to consider favoring Lyft if it would be significantly cheaper
  - 1. Parliamentarian Matthews: emphasis should be placed on providing rides for things like job interviews, help students if their car breaks down, or get them to the grocery store if they do not have their own car
  - 2. Senator Moseley proposed linking Lyft funds to iCards



XIII. Adjourn

A. Senator Pernitsky entertained a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Senator Flaherty.

B. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.