Springfield

Student Government Association

PAC TV Studio / Zoom

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Agenda

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Roll Call: Emanuel, Chris Johnson, Sri Charan Rao, Samuel Moore, Bhavana, Chris Combs, Matilda, Ganesh, Aparna, Karac Henderson, Cassie, Abhishek, Alora, Romina, Timothy, John Kennedy, Alaba, Alexander, Sarah.
3. Approval of the Agenda: Emmanuel motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Chris Combs,

* Approval of October 20 minutes: Emanuel motioned to approve the minutes of October 20th, seconded by Romina.

1. Audience Participation
   * Public Affairs and Education Senator Nomination

**KWAME DENTEH BRAKO** is the nominated candidate by Emma among the three others.

**KWAME DENTEH BRAKO** introduced himself to the SGA**.**

SGA board has asked some questions to the candidate to which the candidate responded. SGA moved to close session to discuss on the candidate. With majority of votes to NO, the candidate has not been selected.

1. Administrative Reports
2. Advisor Cynthia Thompson: Reminder that the leadership in the digital age session is Thursday at 1:00 PM, in UHB 3080and over zoom, it is the first of the many events that has been planned to focus more on the online students. The session will focus on how to make use of Excel, Qualtrics and Box. The SGA photos are updated on SGA webpage and will be submitting the photos to be printed and will put a work order to have those hung at the SLC. Dr. Johnson Jr and Cynthia are working on the academic survey and are meeting with Lucia Vasquez next week, the week of Nov 14. We have been approved for the survey to go out the week of January 20 to Feb 7.
3. Advisor Steven Johnson: Thanked SGA and the members of SGA who are in student fee committee.

1. Officer Reports:

**Emma**: Past 2 weeks I have conducted public affairs and Education center interviews. I have attended university budget committee meeting, and have noted that we can expect 2%growth in state appropriation and enrollment. There’s a proposed tuition increase for undergraduate students and residents by about 2.2%, but the discussions are still going on. As far as campus senate we had the first reading of resolution 5408, which eliminates the graduate certificate in practical politics that came to us from the graduate council. And 5409 to eliminate the concentrations in the Master of Public Policy program.

**Sri Charan**: Has attended the campus senate meeting on Friday, the guest speaker for the meeting was Vicki Cook. Who is the director of enrollment and retention management, she spoke about why and what are the reasons for the declination of student enrollment this semester. Also spoke about the measures that are to be taken, to increase the enrollment over the period of 5 to 7 years. Have been trying to contact the student disciplinary committee but didn’t get any reply from them. And looking forward to the colonnade lighting.

**Matilda:** Been to meeting with advocacy coalition. Students want to be part of student advocacy and participate in the SGA meetings and be part of lobby day. Al so being part of the academic force, the meeting was about the getting to know about the courses that are doing well in the school. There will be meetings from now to next year regularly. If the meeting has been approved for the student coalition to come here to speak to SGA, I am looking forward to helping them.

**Chris Johnson**: Next board meeting is on November 13 for committees and 14th is the actual board meeting in Chicago. Have been serving in the fee committee, we heard from unit seeking fee increases, we heard from student union, campus recreation, student affairs and athletics. Attended parking appeals hearings which will approve, deny and reduce the fine on the parking tickets. For the students who live in residence hall, Lincoln and founders it hard for them to pay for parking to unload the grocery, they either have to park the vehicles far away and carry the weight or pay for the metered parking which are half time jammed. This is one of the reasons that we are losing students in retention. Attended alternative prom, student advocacy coalition, bingo nights with SAC and spooky bingo night.

**Samuel**: We have $10000 in our account. Served in the student fee committee. In terms of SOFA had a meeting today with 17 requests of which 15 were approved.

**Bhavana**: Have a meeting scheduled with library department in the mid of November.

**Chris Combs**: Attended SAC’s spooky bingo and won TV. Rules and constitution committee is actively trying to find time to get everyone together. The Academic Integrity Council met this week Tuesday, we received words from the campus senate chair to elect executives a chair, a vice chair and established monthly meeting timings.

1. Senator Report:
2. 2-minute limit

**Romina**: Attended the international festival. Volunteered at the alternate prom. I am a member of Rotaract and there was a request from the professor that students struggle in getting cheap winter cloths. I have sent an email to various departments on what are the recommendations would be for orientation.

**Cassie**: Attended the undergraduate council meeting, we discussed the memo request the name of the women and gender study program and minor be changed to the women gender and sexuality study program in minor. We also discussed the URC assessment plan of HA courses as well as department of honors guidelines. I will be attending the undergraduate focused group which I have been working on with Dr. Villegas.

**Alaba**: Along with Abhishek we had two meetings with Dr. Robb, he’s the director of the engaged learning center. We are looking at ways by which we can provide awareness to those who are seeking admissions. Office of engaged learning agreed to help educate students on things thy need to put on CV and make them more attractive. Have been part of parking fee committee and happy to be part of it. Talking about the parking near the residence we request students to turn on the hazard lights.

**Abhishek**: Met with Dr. Robert. The thing is many of the graduate students has no idea about the resources that are available at the university. Attended the campus senate and spoke to Dr. Cook about the Shorelite and have a meeting with Oswald.

**Aparna**: tried to get connected with the interim dean for the college of health science and technology but haven’t heard back from him.

**Alora**: Participated in trick or treat can goods. Attended the CSF and SAC bingo.

**Sarah**: Have trouble attending the university requirement committee they are determined to hold their meetings in person so had to miss 3 meetings. Talking to Cynthia regarding that.

**Ganesh**: had many discussions with assistant dean and director of career development center, to have feedback from the students who attended the IT and Business Fair and have a google sheet.

**John**: I had attended number of events, like alternate prom and trick or treat collecting can goods.

**Timothy**: Preparing and setting the schedule for the rest of the year to include days on which my constituents can meet with me and discuss issues or agreements that they have. I have a meeting with Lisa Mv Guire director of student orientation and parent relations on October 25 and discussed various topics most important was about the focused groups for the transfer students.

1. Old Business
   * SGA Colonnade lighting November 15 updates

Music will be playing at 5:30 pm and we are going to have cookies and cocoa at 5:15pm. It will also be streamed over zoom.

1. New Business
   * SGA Resolution 3: Abhishek Bhore and Alaba Kunlere

Resolution Title: To Organize a Campus Resources Webinar for Graduate and Online Students

Resolution Sponsor: Abhishek Bhore & Alaba Kunlere

Resolution approved unanimously.

Discussion: Chris Combs discussed about the letter to recognize indigenous people day, stated that it has been edited. But Maricela Arce mailed back 2 hours ago with more requirements and changes. Will have to see on how that works.

Chris Johnson bought up a discussion about the continued relationship with SAC and our standing requirements and our bylaws. We do have attached the recommendations about how the funds should be used and we are working on it the rules and constitution are revising the process, we are already having standing processes that aren’t being followed. By monthly report hasn’t been received from the SAC. Alaba started a discussion about thinking of programs that can unify students and bring people together. Emma stated that when we received an email about the townhall SGA as a whole has welcomed it, we must be intentional about the timeline of townhall maybe in the next meeting.

Adjourn: Emma motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sri Charan. Meeting adjourned.