

Springfield

Student Government Association

PAC TV Studio / Zoom

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

Agenda

- I. Meeting call to order 6:02 pm.
- II. Roll Call: Emma, Chris Johnson, Samuel, Bhavana, Chris Combs, Matilda, Karac Henderson, Cassie, Alora, Sarah, John Kennedy, Timothy, Alaba, Aparna.
Absent: Sri charan Rao
- III. Approval of the Agenda Emma motioned to approve the agenda. John seconded.
- IV. Audience Participation: None
- V. SGA Interim positions nominations

Candidates have been nominated for various positions in SGA, with the process being managed through interviews conducted by the Chair. The candidates are aware of the process and questions will be asked during the nomination meeting. The Peoria Campus Senator position remains unfilled due to the absence of a candidate for interviews.

A motion was made to table the appointments until all candidates are present for questioning. It was seconded and approved.

VI. Presentation on SGA elections

Student Life will manage the elections for fairness, as SGA members cannot oversee their own election. The application deadline is April 28 at 4:30 PM, with voting occurring from April 9 (10 AM) to April 10 (6 PM). Results will be announced on April 11 if no complaints are filed. Candidates must submit a filing form, meet eligibility criteria, and attend one of two candidate meetings on April 1 (either 4-5 PM or 5-6 PM). Campaigning begins after the candidate meeting, with a \$200 spending limit. No campaigning is allowed near polling stations, and candidates cannot tamper with others' materials or use university resources for campaigning. Complaints must be filed by April 11 (noon) for review by the Election Committee.

- A motion was made and seconded to revisit the nominations for interim SGA positions, and the nomination process was resumed. The chair discussed only the present candidates, noting that one

position had a single applicant. The candidate's statement for Public Affairs and Education Senator was read aloud. A question about missing resumes was raised, and the chair explained this was due to the interim nature of the positions, though bylaws require resumes. The discussion concluded with plans to gather resumes for future applications, and the meeting proceeded with candidate presentations.

- Proceeded with a roll call vote for the Public Affairs and Education Senator position. All members present voted "yes," and the candidate was nominated to move forward. The meeting then shifted to the nomination for Graduate Student Senator, where a roll call vote was also conducted. Most members voted "yes," with one "no" and one absent vote. The candidate for Graduate Student Senator was also nominated to move forward.

VII. Administrative Reports

- A. Advisor Cynthia Thompson: Miss Cynthia gave the floor to Miss Marie Watson for an introduction.
- B. Advisor Marie Watson: Miss Watson took the opportunity to introduce herself to the team. She explained that her role is Associate Director in Student Life, and she was present to observe and understand the operations and leadership within the Student Government Association (SGA). Miss Watson acknowledged Cynthia's upcoming retirement and stated that with this transition, she would be taking over the responsibility of advising the student government. She expressed her gratitude for being welcomed and mentioned that her presence was part of the transition process, where she aimed to learn from the team and gain insight into their leadership practices.

VIII. Officer Reports:

Emma: Chose not to share their report due to its length, as it combines the report from the last meeting and the current one.

Matilda: No report.

Chris Johnson: briefly mentioned attending a board meeting at UIS, and mentioned a future report will be provided with a PowerPoint presentation on the board meeting at the next meeting. They also noted ongoing interactions with administrators and students, including scheduled meetings with

the Dean of Students Advisory Committee and Travis Bland, the Dean for the College of Health Science Technology.

Bhavana: No reports.

Chris combs: The Constitution Committee is actively working on the allocation process and other matters that will be discussed later

Samuel: reported that the SPA (Student Programming Association) held a meeting where 15 requests were made, all of which were approved. The Treasurer also shared that several fun events are planned for April, and there are requests already coming in for May.

IX. Senator Reports: 2-minute limit

Sarah: No Report

Cassie: Mentioned they would submit their report in the chat due to timing and service issues.

Aparna: No Report

Timothy: shared that they've been reaching out to exchange students to compare experiences between their home institutions and the school. They also attended the Career Connection Expo, which they found to be a great event.

Alora: Reported on volunteering at the alumni Gamma event, where they met Senator and former House Representative. The event focused on raising awareness for heart health.

Karac: reported volunteering in Memphis during spring break to pick up trash and continuing to volunteer with organizations in Springfield. They're also working with faculty on starting a history book club and planning an upcoming cinema event.

John: John reported that the housing application deadline has passed, but room selection will be available from the 26th to the 28th. No additional updates were shared since the last meeting.

X. Old Business

- SGA Community Conversation: Timeline

XI. New Business

- Promoting SGA elections
- Resolution 6: SGA Coffee hours
- SOFA bylaw revision
- Constitution amendments
- Constitution committee report
- Resolution 7: Dance Marathon co-sponsorship
- Bylaws amendment
- Finals week event

XII. Discussion

XIII. Adjourn