

Student Senate

Minutes

Illinois Wesleyan University

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Student Senate, Illinois Wesleyan University

**IWU Student Senate Meeting
Sunday, October 4th, 2009
Hansen Student Center**

Call to order: 7:02pm

Appointments

Jennie Ceisel
Zahra Lalani
Natalie

Roll Call

The following Senators were absent:

Treasurer approval

Motion: Erick Henderson
Second: Emily Vock
Motion passes with no abstentions or oppositions

Vice President's Report – Matt Hastings

Hey everyone. I have the appointed committee list attached to the back of your agenda. Please take a look and see what committee you are in. If you don't see your name on a committee please come talk with me after the meeting. Also, we need to fill some of the seats in the elected committees tonight. So towards the end of the meeting we will be voting in new committee members via paper ballot.

Questions/comments: Can you be on two committees at once?

Matt Hastings: Yes, you can be on more than one.

Treasurer's Report – Philip Adeleye

Rollover is at \$155,000. Rollover is the amount that was budgeted for organizations last fiscal year that was not spent. The amount left over is rolled over to this year's budget. This way we have our current fiscal year's budget, as well as rollover. Organizations can petition for money out of rollover. If any organizations have questions about funding or the funding process, feel free to email me or come to my office hours. If you want to petition for money then the FAB forms can be found in the RSO Room

Questions/Comments: None.

Parliamentarian's Report – Geoff Clayton

I printed a list of main motions so new and current senators can learn them or review them, really whatever floats their boat. And I will meet with Elections, who needs to meet to pick the new president and vice president.

Questions/Comments: None.

Communication Commissioner's Report – Kathryn Breisch

I would like to entertain a motion to pass the minutes from the September 20th meeting.

Motion: Emily Vock
Second: Jennie Ceisel
Motion passes.

I do not have much of a report this week; I've just been trying to stay on top of the attendance the minutes, the website, etc. Just a side note, if your name wasn't called during roll call, I need to see you after the meeting so I can record your information. Thank you.

Questions/Comments: None.

University Events Commissioner's Report – Casey Jedrzejczak

There is a list of event included with the agenda, please look this over and share all of this information with their constituents. Tell them that the elections for King and Queen this Thursday, Oct. 8th online. The theme for this Homecoming is “Let the games begin.” Be excited!

Questions/Comments: None.

Media Commissioner's Report – Teddy Petrova

During the last couple of weeks I fulfilled my routine office duties including processing PR requests. I strongly urge the participants of the PR committee to meet me after the meeting today so we can discuss. For this purpose, I urge the newly formed PR committee to cooperate in the coordination process. Also, I received a request for potential funding from the equipment budget for a total amount of \$355.36 for broadcaster's headsets for WESN. The radio fund-raised and will partially fund the headset replacement with the fund raised funds. Lastly, I urge anyone interested in expressing opinion regarding the movie choice for November for pick a list and/or email me after the meeting. I need to order the November movies within the following week. There are 10-12 movies per month.

Questions/comments: None.

Awareness Events Commissioner's Report – Brittany Powell

I have picked a week for Discovering A New You Week. It will take place Monday, Nov 16th thru Thursday, Nov 19th. The theme will be sexual health with an emphasis on HIV/AIDS. I am in the middle of discussion with the RSO group Face Aids to co sponsor a program, and I will be reaching out to other RSO's for input and other programs. If you are interested in participating in this week, please let me know after the meeting. If you are in the charity and welfare committee then you will be working on this so see me after the meeting. Thank you.

Questions/comments: None.

President's Report – Babawande Afolabi

We have a great turn out today so I hope that we can maintain this throughout the semester. Senate meetings are once every 2 weeks. Sometimes we have to meet back to back if there are urgent issues; however, we do not have anything like that coming up so far. As a senator you have a chance to represent your constituents. When we vote on things we can do it a few ways, sometime we need 2/3 majority, sometimes we need simple majority, sometimes we just say “I” or opposed. This is a great opportunity to be a leader.

Later today we will have a speaker about the MAP grant which will affect about 25% of the students on our campus, which comes out to a little less than 500 people. Carl Teichman will be coming to talk about it in a few minutes. There are two rallies: one on October 11th and one on October 15th. If you would like to attend one of the rallies I would suggest the October 15th rally because the school administration is supporting it. Please make sure everyone knows about this because it is very important to our university. In 1976, Senate separated money for a Student Senate scholarship. We have enough money this year to fund another scholarship so we encourage you to apply. The deadline is tomorrow at noon. The decision will be made by Wednesday, Oct 7th. The recipients will be presented at the Senate reunion this weekend. Speaking of this weekend, Senate has two functions going on in honor of Homecoming. Friday the 9th, from 5:30-6:30pm, here on the 2nd floor of Hansen, will be the 1st Senate reunion for alumni. We would love for you to come talk to them about their time in Senate and your experience. Saturday the 10th, at 6pm in the Turfler room, will be the reunion dinner. If you have a meal plan then you can exchange your brunch and the Alumni Office will take care of the rest. If you live off campus then the Alumni Office will cover your costs. We will be passing around a sign up list—I encourage all of you to come. We will have alumni from 1960 all the way to the most recent past president. Jm7* will also be performing. I will not have office hours Oct 15th or 16th because I will be out of town.

Questions/Comments: None.

Old Business

Committee Nominations:

Elections:

Geoff: Supervise mainly the Vice President and President elections, making sure no one's breaking the rules, etc. It's not a big time commitment; we'll meet maybe 2 or 3 times this semester. We need 5 people.

Steve Allhoff

Kevin Zaker

Natalie L.

Nate Stevenson

Michael Gorman

FAB

Phil: The Financial Advisory Board listens to petitions and decides whether or not to allocate money to organizations. We meet about once a week.

Eric Henderson

Stefan Stoev

Aleeza Asghar

Dare

SPC

Babawande: This committee comes up with new things to do and new ways to do things. Meetings are not structured; they just happen when people have new ideas. You will meet 2 or 3 times this semester.

Jennie Ceisel

Katie McElheney

Steve Lassaris

Public Relations

Teddy: We have two outstanding projects from last year, which we will be working on this semester—Titan TV and their promotion campaign and distributing posters by giving some to ORL or just putting them up yourself. There are no official meeting times; it's only when we have posters.

Annie Nord

Zahra Lalani

Jordan Pettis

Phoenix

Teddy: This committee mostly involves going to performances to relate with the theater people. We need one more person for that. It's not a lot of time commitment. You do not have to be a theater major; it's just a good way for you to serve.

Scott Bedtke

Savannah Davis

Resolutions

Geoff: Resolutions happens when there needs to be a change to the constitution. It rarely happens—maybe once a semester. A resolution is when there's a problem that we need to fix. The one that Steve presented last meeting was about organizations that over-budget.

Emily Vock: It is important to have some freshman on FAB because it is such an important role and we need to be training them.

Jazmyn: If the committee assignments rollover from last semester, and we're elected to another committee this semester, will we be serving on two committees?

Matt Hastings: Yes.

Elections:

FAB

Eric Henderson

Aleeza Azghar

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Jennie Ceisel

Steve Lessaris
Resolutions
Steve Allhoff
John Lewis
Katie McElheney
Phoenix
Savannah Davis
PR
Annie Nord
Zahra Lalani
Elections
Steve Allhoff
Kevin Zaker
Natalie Lalagos
Nate Stevenson
Michael Gorman

Carl Teichman: Hi, I'm here to talk about the MAP grant. The grant goes to both public and private university students in Illinois. Last year when the state approved the budget, they approved enough money for 1st semester but not 2nd. Currently, there is no more money. First of all, it really needs your attention. It's imperative that we rally as many people as possible to show the leaders that we want additional state funds for the grant. Right now there are 420 IWU students who won't receive as much as \$2,500. There will be a student rally on October 15th. We'd like to gather as many IWU students as possible to show the legislators that it's an important issue. There will be students from almost every college around the state of Illinois. We've talked to our local legislators and there are a few proposals going around like raising cigarette tax by a dollar. Right now, we need about 200 million dollars to fund the program for 2nd semester. Here is my contact information. My office is Holmes 203 and you may e-mail me at cteich@iwu.edu. You may have heard some of this in the news. ISU is doing petitions around their campus and such. It really is going to take all of you to get something moving.

Question: People outside of senate can go to the rally right?

Carl Teichman: Yes.

Kathy Cavins: What's the different between the two rallies?

Babawande: October 11th is more Bradley/ISU driven. It's in Peoria. Oct 15th is more student-driven. It's in Springfield.

Carl Teichman: There was a town hall meeting in the Chicago area that the governor attended; this is just another rally for more students.

Kathy Cavins: What's the time commitment?

Carl Teichman: We will be leaving here around 9:30 or 10:00am. The rally is at noon and should be done by 1 or 1:30 and we'll be back by 3.

Jazmyn: Are you excused from class if you would like to go?

Kathy Cavins: You have to talk to your faculty member because the university cannot excuse you from class.

Question: Can you clarify the amnesty idea?

Carl Teichman: It's just a program that the state may put through in order to get some more money for this program. If you go to representative Dan Brady's website, he's got a press release that you can look at if you'd like.

New Business

Babawande: Senate's budget comes from the activity fee, which comes to about \$300,000. Normally, each year we increase it by \$2 but it was not increased last year which led to a discrepancy in requested money and budgeted money. FAB is the one who decided how much to raise it by, so we're looking for your input on what to do?

Steve Lessaris: Is there a clause in FAB about organizations' longevity and how much money they get?

Phil: No, there is not right now. It doesn't matter--we treat each one equally.

Bianca Spratt: What is the fee now?

Philip Adeleye: \$174.

Babawande: We would have to do it before October 27th.

Question: What do you mean by the fact that organization will be punished by not spending all their funds?

Steve Allhoff: It will be going to the Resolutions Committee. Organizations have been budgeting too much money and they're not able to spend all of it. Then we get rollover, but other organizations lose out on the money for that past year because it was being reserved for other people.

Eddie Johnson: I think it would help if, when organizations budget, we ask them if they spent at least 75% of their budget.

Senator Speakout

Monica Shaw: Maybe we could get more people to rally if people are willing to sit at tables outside of Saga to advertise.

Jazmyn: Is there a limit as to how many can go?

Carl Teichman: No but I'll need to know by the 13th.

Bianca Spratt: I would be interested. Will we have information then and just be passing it out?

Jordan Pettis: I'm not from Illinois but I would be willing to do it. Do you have to be from Illinois?

Carl Teichman: No.

Kathy Cavins: A fee increase would get two readings. It would be proposed and then the next meeting it would be voted on. We have to propose exactly how much we want to increase it by so that the senators can take it back to their constituents.

Babawande: Does FAB have a specific recommendation?

Philip Adeleye: No, not yet because we just found out the rollover.

Kathy Cavins: It has to increase by an even number.

Announcements

Homecoming is next weekend! October 9th, 10th, and 11th. See the agenda for complete list of events.

Kathryn Breisch: Please don't forget to come up and give me your name if it wasn't called during roll call.

Next week there will be sustainability people coming.

Resolutions and FAB please meet up here after the meeting too.

Best Dressed goes to: Casey Jedrzejczak

Motion to Adjourn: Emily Vock

Second: Steve Allhoff

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Breisch