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- I. *Call to Order – 6:00PM*
 - a. Meeting is called to order by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler
- II. *Roll Call – 6:00PM*
 - a. 35 out of 39 Senators in attendance
- III. *Approval of previous meeting minutes (01/24/2017) – 6:01PM*
 - a. Senate is asked for amendments or objections to the previous meeting minutes, none raised
 - b. Motion is made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor of approval of meeting minutes
- IV. *Approval of meeting agenda (02/07/2017) – 6:02PM*
 - a. Senate is asked for amendments to this meeting agenda.
 - i. Motion is made to move SB 17-158 to after External Affairs Nominations in Old Business, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor moving SB 17-158 on the agenda
 - b. Motion is made to approve the meeting agenda, second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor of approving the meeting agenda
- V. *Executive Reports*
 - a. *Executive Assistant – Jami Hagemann – 6:03PM*
 - i. Jami reports that she has taken over some of the duties of the Treasurer while Gabi is away on Vet School visits, and that she will have information on the total amount of funds that have been allocated, and will include the total amount of funds that are left to allocate for the semester. She also reports that she is gathering information on the newly proposed Student Health Insurance Plan that was discussed on the Student Health Advisory Board at their last meeting.
 - b. *Ian Ritchey – Chief of Staff – 6:04PM*
 - i. Ian reminds the Senate that their constituency reports are due in one month during the Senate meeting on March 7, 2016. He also reminds them to be aware of the attendance policies to ensure that they remain in compliance, and the IAC will be moving forward with Bills of Impeachment for Senators that have violated the policy stated in the Constitution.



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c. *Rose Weisenstein – Vice President for Student Affairs – 6:05PM*

i. Rose reports that the Chancellor's Diversity Council meetings have been occurring during one of her classes, and that if the time does not end up being changed Marissa Jackson will be taking her seat on the council. She also states that SafeZone training for Senators is being finalized, and that while it is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged.

d. *Ben Handler – Executive Vice President – 6:06PM*

i. Ben reports that the Rec Center is moving forward with projects for Campus Lake, and that they will be replacing some of the lockers in the lockers rooms. He also states that the Chancellor Search is moving along, and he will provide more information when he able to. He also comments on the Bus Tour that USG and GPSC are working on together, and that the website is being updated frequently with the most current information.

e. *Jared Stern – President – 6:07PM*

i. Jared reports that he has begun to work the other Student Body Presidents across the state of Illinois on a letter to State Legislators in Springfield to find out more information on the budget crisis. Also, he reports that he has been working to ensure that undergraduate students are represented in decisions regarding non-instructional programs that have been asked to provide a plan to eliminate the need for state funding within 5 years. Furthermore, he states that he has reached out to the Executive Board of GPSC to set up a meeting to find a way to work together moving forward, but that they claimed to be unavailable until the end of the month. Jared also reminds the Senate to spend less time worrying about procedures and to focus on the bigger picture. He can be recognized to clear up any issue regarding procedures that the Senate may be unsure of. Finally, he reports that the Executive Board has published a statement of opinion regarding the immigration ban that President Trump has implemented via an Executive Order. That letter is on the USG website. He closes by asking Senators that serve on campus committees to provide a brief report on their working during Good of the Order at the end of the agenda.



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VI. *Advisor Report – Tena Bennett – 6:16PM*

- a. Tena Bennett reports that there are new scholarship opportunities available for students to apply for. She also introduces Emily Spann, the new Assistant Director of Student Engagement (Heather Brake's replacement), and says that she will be working closely with the funding board and USG as a whole moving forward.

VII. *Committee Reports*

a. *Internal Affairs Committee – Elizabeth Lewis – 6:18PM*

- i. Senator Lewis states that the IAC has not met since the last Senate meeting, and therefore, has no report.

b. *External Affairs Committee – Brandon Kyles – 6:19PM*

- i. Senator Kyles reports that the EAC has finalized a first design for the decals and those will be emailed to the Senate shortly. Also, he reminds every one of the Panda Express fundraiser that Senator Willis has put together, and that he will provide more information when it is available. Finally, he reports that EAC is working on a T-Shirt design that each senator will get to wear on campus.

c. *Judicial Board – Kelly Meloy – 6:21PM*

- i. Chief Justice Kelly Meloy states that the Judicial Board has not met since the last Senate meeting, and therefore, has no report.

d. *Diversity and Equity Affairs Committee – Rose Weisenstein/Marissa Jackson – 6:22PM*

- i. Vice President Weisenstein reports that the DEAC has started working on operating papers for the committee, and that they are working with EAC on some student outreach initiatives. She reminds everyone that they will be meeting again next Tuesday.

e. *Governing Documents Advisory Board – Jared Stern – 6:23PM*

- i. President Stern reports that the GDAB has had two productive meetings in the last two weeks, and that the Board has gone through the Constitution and Student Funding Guidelines to identify and prioritize areas that need to be looked. He says that two amendments that are on this agenda have come from discussions of the GDAB.



VIII. *Old Business*

a. *SB 17-120 CRU – RSO – 6:24PM*

- i. Senator Lewis states that no members of the organization are in attendance. This is the second time that they have been absent.
- ii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-120, second is given
- iii. Motion is made to kill the previous motion to approve SB 17-120, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of killing previous motion
- iv. Motion is made to table SB 17-120, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of tabling SB 17-120

b. *SB 17-124 Inter-Greek Council (IGC) – Event Funding – 6:25PM*

- i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-124
 1. SB 17-124: \$6,400 for “Theta Xi Variety Show.”
- ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
- iii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-124, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)

c. *SB 17-136 Constitutional Amendment – It’s On Us Committee – 6:35PM*

- i. Senator Mann comes forward to present SB 17-136 proposing that the committee entitled “It’s On Us,” should be added to the USG Constitution as a standing committee
- ii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-136, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)

IX. *New Business*

a. *Swearing in of new Senators – 6:37PM*

- i. Chief of Staff Ian Ritchey confirms that he has received all of the necessary paperwork from the following undergraduate students, and that they have met the minimum requirement to hold the office of Senator in USG: Braden Babnik, Daniel Nunez, Jennifer Beykrich, Nicholas Shereos, and Marissa Jackson.



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- ii. Motion is made approve the nominations of the new Senators via omnibus, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor if approving the nominations.
- iii. Oath of Office is conducted by the USG President.
- b. *Internal Affairs Committee – 2 nominations – 6:38PM*
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler asks for two nominations to the IAC
 - 1. Senator Shereos and Senator Beykrich are nominated
 - 2. Motion is made to approve the two nominations, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of approving the nominations
- c. *External Affairs Committee – 2 nominations – 6:40PM*
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler asks for two nominations to the IAC
 - 1. Senator Gonzalez and Senator Wanigasinghe are nominated
 - 2. Motion is made to approve the two nominations, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of approving the nominations
- d. *SB 17-158 NAACP – Event Funding – 6:41 PM*
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-158
 - 1. SB 17-158: \$400 for “Blue and Gold Gala.”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - iii. Motion is made to amend the amount to be allocated to \$1,080, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of amending the amount to be allocated
 - iv. Motion is made to approve SB 17-158, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- e. *SB 17-137 Dedicated Young Latinos Embodying Success – Event Funding – 6:46PM*
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-137
 - 1. SB 17-137: \$2,300 for “USHLI Conference.”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - iii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-137, second is given



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1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- f. **SB 17-138 SAE Saluki Baja – Event Funding – 6:48PM**
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-138
 1. SB 17-138: \$1,300 for “California Travel.”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - iii. Senator Lindsay is recognized by the Chair and inquires as to how the Funding Board arrived at their recommendation
 - iv. Senator M. Jackson is recognized and reads a report that she compiled with statistics on the percentage of funds that groups of RSOs received compared to the amount that was requested
 1. Motion is made, seconded, and approved to recognize President Stern
 - a. President Stern states that the numbers that were just presented do not, and cannot illustrate the entire picture of what happens during the funding process as there are multiple variables that exist between different presentations and their associated requests
 2. Multiple Senators are recognized and question the nature in which the Funding Board operates, as it appears to be arbitrary to some
 3. Vamsi Manne interjects and states that he attended the last Funding Board meeting and that we are working to find a way to make the process more efficient and fair for everyone involved.
 - v. Motion is made to approve SB 17-138, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- g. **SB 17-139 Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration – Event Funding – 6:59PM**
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-139
 1. SB 17-139: \$1,250 for “2017 Eastern Collegiate Mine Rescue Competition.”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.



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- iii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-139, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- h. *SB 17-140 Southern Illinois Dance Company – Event Funding – 7:01PM*
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-140
 - 1. SB 17-140: \$1,300 for “Costumes for Spring Concert.”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - iii. Motion is made to amend the bill to fix an error in the amount listed, changing it from \$1,000 to \$1,300, as the Funding Board recommended, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of the amendment to SB 17-140
 - iv. Motion is made to approve SB 17-140, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- i. *SB 17-141 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority – Event Funding – 7:05PM*
 - i. Motion is made to omnibus SB 17-141 thru SB 17-143, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor moving forward via omnibus
 - ii. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-141
 - 1. SB 17-141: \$600 for “Finer Womanhood Week.”
- j. *SB 17-142 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority – Event Funding – 7:05PM*
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-142
 - 1. SB 17-142: \$3,295 for “Zeta Week 2017.”
- k. *SB 17-143 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority – Event Funding – 7:05PM*
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-143
 - 1. SB 17-143: \$205 for “2017 Regional Conference.”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - iii. Motion is made to open the floor for discussion for five minutes, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of opening the floor for discussion for five minutes beginning at 7:06PM



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- a. Multiple Senators are recognized by the chair where questions continue to be raised over the practices of the Funding Board, including the criteria that is used when making recommendations
- b. Motion is made, seconded, and approved to recognize President Stern
 - i. President Stern clarifies the criteria that is used as stated in the Funding Guidelines, and reminds the Senate to focus on the bigger picture, and that the we are working to find a way to address the practices of the Funding Board
- iv. The floor is closed for discussion after five minutes 7:11PM
- v. Motion is made to reopen the floor for discussion for an additional ten minutes, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of reopening the floor for discussion
 - a. Discussions continue in the Senate over what should be considered when the Funding Board recommends an amount to the Senate
 - i. Two members of the public are recognized during this discussion
 - b. Motion is made to refer and investigation of the Funding Board to the IAC, second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor of this discussion being referred to the IAC via an investigation
- vi. Floor is closed for discussion after ten minutes by Executive Vice President Handler at 7:22PM
- vii. Motion is made to approve the omnibus of SB 17-141 thru SB 17-143, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
1. *SB 17-144 Model United Nations – Event Funding – 7:29PM*
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-144
 1. SB 17-144: \$1,500 for “Midwest Model United Nations.”



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- ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
- iii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-144, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- m. **SB 17-145 MCM Filmmakers United – Event Funding – 7:31PM**
 - i. Motion is made to omnibus SB 17-145 and SB 17-146, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor moving forward via omnibus
 - ii. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-145
 - 1. SB 17-145: \$225 for “Film 1: Plus or Minus”
- n. **SB 17-146 MCM Filmmakers United – Event Funding – 7:31PM**
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-146
 - 1. SB 17-146: \$225 for “Film 2: Pristine”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - iii. Motion is made to approve the omnibus, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- o. **SB 17-147 Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity Inc. – Event Funding – 7:33PM**
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-147
 - 1. SB 17-147: \$1,650 for “US Hispanic Leadership Institute Conference”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - iii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-147, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- p. **SB 17-148 Saluki Rainbow Network – Event Funding – 7:36PM**
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-148
 - 1. SB 17-148: \$2,200 for “Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Ally College Conference”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.



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- iii. Question is raised as to why they were only recommended \$2,200 for this conference, and that they should be allocated more since they are an umbrella organization
- iv. Motion is made, seconded, and approved to recognize President Stern
 - 1. President Stern clarifies that SRN is not an umbrella organization according to the USG Constitution, and that they can only be allocated \$5,000 per semester while this remains true
- v. Motion is made to raise the amount to be allocated to \$5,000, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of amendment to SB 17-148
- vi. Motion is made to approve SB 17-148, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- vii. Motion is made to suspend the rules to add a fifteen minute Open Forum after Public Comments on the agenda to allow for discussion of these issues to continue, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of suspending the rules and adding a 15 minute Open Forum after Public Comments on the agenda
- viii. Motion is made to reinstate the rules, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of reinstating the rules
- q. ***SB 17-149 Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship – Event Funding – 7:48PM***
 - i. Motion is made to omnibus SB 17-149 thru SB 17-153, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor moving forward via omnibus
 - ii. Motion is made to table the omnibus since no members of the organization are in attendance, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of tabling the omnibus
- r. ***SB 17-150 Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship – Event Funding – 7:48PM***
 - i. Tabled in omnibus of SB 17-149 thru SB 17-153
- s. ***SB 17-151 Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship – Event Funding – 7:48PM***
 - i. Tabled in omnibus of SB 17-149 thru SB 17-153
- t. ***SB 17-152 Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship – Event Funding – 7:48PM***
 - i. Tabled in omnibus of SB 17-149 thru SB 17-153



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- u. *SB 17-153 Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship – Event Funding – 7:48PM*
 - i. Tabled in omnibus of SB 17-149 thru SB 17-153
- v. *SB 17-154 Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers – Event Funding – 7:49PM*
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-154
 - 1. SB 17-154: \$1,700 for “2017 Spring RLDC Conference”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - iii. Motion is made to amend the bill to raise the amount to be allocated to \$2,000, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of amendment to SB 17-154
 - iv. Motion is made to approve SB 17-154, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- w. *SB 17-155 SIU Rover Design Team – Event Funding – 7:53PM*
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-155
 - 1. SB 17-155: \$3,800 for “NASA Rover Challenge”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - iii. Motion is made to amend the bill to raise the amount to be allocated to \$4,000, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of amendment to SB 17-155
 - iv. Motion is made to approve SB 17-155, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- x. *SB 17-156 Indian Student Association – Event Funding – 8:00PM*
 - i. Motion is made to table SB 17-156, as no members of the organization are in attendance, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of tabling SB 17-156
 - ii. Point is made that members of the organization are in attendance, and a motion is made to take the bill off of the table to allow them to present, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of taking SB 17-156 off of the table
 - iii. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-156



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1. SB 17-156: \$3,500 for “India Night”
 - iv. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - v. Motion is made to approve SB 17-156, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- y. **SB 17-157 Collegiate Farm Bureau – Event Funding – 8:02PM**
 - i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-157
 1. SB 17-157: \$550 for “2nd Annual Agricultural Public Policy Panel”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - iii. Motion is made to amend the bill to raise the amount to be allocated to \$620, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of amendment to SB 17-157
 - iv. Motion is made, seconded, and approved to recognize President Stern
 1. President Stern states that while the Senate does have the right to amend bills to raise the amount to be allocated, that we have done this more during this meeting than all of last semester combined, and that the Senate should be cautious as not to allocate all of the funds we have for the semester too soon.
 - a. Question is asked as to how much there is left to allocate after the last Senate meeting
 - i. President Stern answers by saying that he does not know for sure off of the top of his head, but that he estimates the total remaining for the semester to be approximately \$60,000, and that the exact number will be sent to the Senate as previously stated by Executive Assistant Jami Hagemann.
 - v. Motion is made to approve SB 17-157, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)



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- z. *SB 17-159 National Association of Colored Women's Club – Event Funding – 8:06PM*
- i. Executive Vice President Handler presents SB 17-159
 1. SB 17-159: \$2,000 for “NACWC Week of Events – Seat at the Table”
 - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - iii. Motion is made to amend the bill to raise the amount to be allocated to \$2,550, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of amendment to SB 17-159
 - iv. Motion is made to approve SB 17-159, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- aa. *SB 17-160 Constitutional Amendment – Disability Students (GPA) – 8:12PM*
- i. Senator Mihalik comes forward to present SB 17-160 proposing to amend the statement in the Constitution that waives the GPA requirement for students with disabilities by adjusting the language in the clause to include the Achieve program and Disability Support Services.
 - ii. Motion is made to amend the bill to capitalize the word Achieve in order to mirror other documents in which the program is mentioned, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of capitalizing the word Achieve in the bill
 - iii. Motion is made to suspend the rules to allow for voting on this matter to occur now, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of suspending the rules
 - iv. Motion is made to approve SB 17-160, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
 - v. Motion is made to reinstate the rules, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of reinstating the rules
- bb. *SB 17-161 Funding Guidelines Amendment – The Funding Process – 8:14PM*
- i. Senator Schefelbein comes forward to present SB 17-161 that proposes that the Funding Board make the final decision regarding funding requests with approval from each RSO.



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ii. Executive Vice President Handler states that the bill will be voted on during the next meeting, where further discussion and debate are welcome.

cc. *SB 17-162 Constitutional Amendment – Statement of Non-Discrimination – 8:20PM*

i. Senator Miranda comes forward to present SB 17-162 that proposes to add the word “gender” to the Statement of Non-Discrimination in the USG Constitution

ii. Motion is made to suspend the rules to allow for voting on this matter to occur now, second is given

1. Vote – majority in favor of suspending the rules

iii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-162, second is given

1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)

iv. Motion is made to reinstate the rules, second is given

1. Vote – majority in favor of reinstating the rules

dd. *SB 17-163 Funding Guidelines Amendment – Process of Appeals – 8:21PM*

i. Senator Kyles comes forward to present SB 17-163 that proposes amendments to the appeals process stated in the Funding Guidelines that are geared towards streamlining the process and establishing who has jurisdiction over these matters.

ii. Executive Vice President Handler states that the bill will be voted on during the next meeting, where further discussion and debate are welcome.

X. *Public Comments – 8:23PM*

a. Motion is made to open the floor for public comments, second is given

i. Vote – majority in favor of opening the floor for public comments

b. The public voices their concerns on the following topics:

i. Campus Lake and the process in which the dock is being removed and how the algae may affect this project

ii. The statement in Constitution that was passed earlier in the meeting reads “Disability Students” where it should read “Students with Disabilities”

iii. The fact that SRN is not recognized as an umbrella organization in the Constitution

iv. Why undergraduate students do not have representation on some committees on campus that have a large effect on students

v. It appears that only one side of the room is being addressed by the Chair



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- c. Motion is made to close the floor for public comments, second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor of closing the floor for public comments
- XI. *Open Forum (15 Minutes) – 8:33PM*
- a. Motion is made to open the floor for discussion for fifteen minutes, second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor of opening the floor for discussion
 - b. Members of the Senate are given the floor by the Chair to voice their concerns on issues on campus that are pertinent to undergraduate students. These topics include but are not limited to:
 - i. Meeting weekly to shorten the length of meetings and to get through business more efficiently
 - ii. Concerns over the arbitrary nature of the Funding Board
 - iii. Can the Funding Board take notes during their meetings?
 - iv. We need to spend more time talking about students issues rather than funding
 - c. Motion is made to meet next Tuesday, second is given
 - i. Vote – majority opposed, does not pass
 - d. The floor is closed for discussion by Executive Vice President Handler at 8:48PM
- XII. *Executive Board Closing Remarks – 8:48PM*
- a. Executive Assistant – Jami Hagemann
 - i. Jami thanks everyone for their patience during this meeting, and reminds them to expect to receive more information on the amount of funding allocated and remaining. She yields a portion of her time to Treasurer Piquini, who is in the back of the room after just returning from Mississippi from a Vet school interview. She apologizes for her absence, but says that her schedule should be returning back to normal now.
 - b. Chief of Staff – Ian Ritchey
 - i. Ian reminds the Senate of that they should start working on their constituency reports, and to be mindful of the attendance policies that they are bound in according to the Constitution.
 - c. Vice President for Student Affairs – Rose Weisenstein
 - i. Rose reminds every one of the DEAC meeting that is occurring next week, and to please take the time to respond to the survey that has been sent out by the Diversity Council.



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- d. Executive Vice President – Ben Handler
 - i. Ben states that he continues to update the website with the most current information, and to remember address him when speaking to avoid personal conflicts within the Senate.
- e. President – Jared Stern
 - i. Jared also reminds everyone to address the chair when speaking, and reminds those that serve in committees to please speak about them during Good of the Order. He also restates that need to be cautious when raising the amount of funds to be allocated. Also, he asks the Senate to read the information that is sent to them on the Friday before the meeting and address any concerns beforehand if possible. Finally, he reminds everyone that the next Senate meeting will be in the Student Center Ballrooms with a revised layout that we hope will work better.

XIII. *Constituency Comments and Concerns (Good of the Order) – 8:53PM*

- a. Executive Vice President Handler states that if a member of the Senate would like to speak during this time they need to be recognized by the Chair and they will have the floor for two minutes.
- b. Senators speak on behalf of activities that have been occurring within their constituency, and state the progress that has been made in the committees that they serve on around campus

XIV. *Adjournment – 9:02PM*

- a. Motion is made to adjourn the meeting, second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor adjournment



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