



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
~ SENATE MEETING MINUTES ~
TUESDAY MARCH 07, 2017

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AGENDA

- I. *Call to Order – 6:00PM*
 - a. Meeting is called to order by Chief of Staff, Ian Ritchey
 - i. Ian announces that Executive Vice President Handler is currently in a committee meeting and that he will be running late. He states that he will serve as the Chair of this meeting until Ben arrives.
- II. *Roll Call – 6:01PM*
 - a. 29 out of 38 Senators in attendance
- III. *Approval of previous meeting minutes (02/21/2017) – 6:02PM*
 - 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 (03/07/2017) – 6:03PM*
 - a. Senate is asked for amendments to this meeting agenda
 - i. Motion is made to remove the time limit on the Senate Open Forum, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of removing the time limit on the Senate Open Forum
 - ii. Motion is made to approve the meeting agenda, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approving the meeting agenda
- V. *Executive Reports*
 - a. *Executive Assistant – Jami Hagemann – 6:04PM*
 - i. Jami reports that we have allocated a total of \$83,000 this semester to RSOs as event funding. She also states that Student Health Insurance plan was surprisingly voted on during the last Board of Trustees meeting, and the information regarding that plan has been passed out the Senate. She is working on getting a representative from the Health Center to come to the next Senate meeting to explain the insurance plan further.
 - b. *Treasurer – Gabi Piquini – 6:05PM*
 - i. Gabi reports that the Funding Board will be meeting tomorrow due to Spring Break next week. She also reads an email from the Graduate Writers Forum, who



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had their Senate bill tabled during the last meeting. The email states that they have decided to withdraw their request and thanks USG for their cooperation throughout the process. Gabi also reminds the Senate to utilize the funding breakdown sheets that she sends them to help them make funding decisions.

c. *Ian Ritchey – Chief of Staff – 6:06PM*

- i. Ian reminds the Senate that their constituency reports are due today, and the next report is due on April 4, 2017. He welcomes any questions or concerns with completing constituency reports.

d. *Rose Weisenstein – Vice President for Student Affairs – 6:07PM*

- i. Rose reports that 14 Senators attended the Safe Zone training that was held last week, and asks those who could not attend to let her know if they would still like to go through the training.

e. *Ben Handler – Executive Vice President – 6:07PM*

- i. No report has Ben has not arrived yet from the committee meeting.

f. *Jared Stern – President – 6:08PM*

- i. Jared reports that he had the opportunity to have dinner with Adam Carroll, the financial literacy speaker that was on campus last week. He says that they spoke about an event called the “Big Dream Event.” He explains what the event is about and states that he will keep everyone updated on whether or not we are able to bring the event to campus this semester. He also states that he has taken \$2,000 from the Executive Budget and moved into the main pot to be allocated to RSOs that are requesting money for the eclipse event occurring next semester. Finally, he talks about the decision he made to adjourn the Governing Documents Board meeting early last week after Jonathan Flowers came into the meeting and a majority of the members of the committee voted to allow him to stay after he asked him to leave by citing that meeting is open to undergraduate students only. He says that he stands by this decision, but has decided to remove himself from the committee in the hopes that they can continue to be productive.

VI. *Advisor Report – Tena Bennett – 6:11PM*

- a. Tena Bennett advises the Senate of upcoming events that are being held on campus and encourages the Senate to take advantage of Safe Zone training opportunities. Additionally, she reports that she has worked to make some minor changes to the election



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guidelines for the upcoming USG election, and asks that the document be ratified by the Senate.

- i. She fields questions from the Senate regarding the changes made to the election guidelines
- ii. Motion is made to ratify the election guidelines as updated by Tena Bennett, second is given
 1. Vote – 2/3 in favor of ratifying the updated document

VII. *Committee Reports*

a. *External Affairs Committee – Brandon Kyles – 6:18PM*

- i. Senator Kyles reports that EAC has created a new T-Shirt design and would like feedback from the Senate regarding the new design. Also, he states that EAC continues to work with RSOs to help them fundraise. Furthermore, he states that it is a good idea for Senators to get trained on how to speak to professionals in order to best represent their constituency.

b. *Internal Affairs Committee – Elizabeth Lewis – 6:22PM*

- i. Senator Lewis reports that IAC has not met with any prospective RSOs since the last Senate meeting. She states that IAC will continue to monitor the attendance of Senators and they are still working on operating procedures for the Funding Board.

c. *Judicial Board – Kelly Meloy – 6:23PM*

- i. Executive Vice President Handler arrives from the committee meeting and resumes his position as chair of the meeting.
- ii. Justice Alex Fox speaks on behalf of the Judicial Board and states that they will be enforcing procedural rules so in order to keep the Senate respectful of one another throughout the meeting.

d. *Diversity and Equity Affairs Committee – Rose Weisenstein/Marissa Jackson – 6:24PM*

- i. Vice President Weisenstein reports that the next DEAC meeting March 28, 2017, and the last meeting was canceled due to Safe Zone training.

e. *Governing Documents Advisory Board – Jared Stern – 6:25PM*

- i. President Stern restates that this will be the last time that he gives a report on behalf of the Governing Documents Board. He reports that they Board is working



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on operational funding and working towards looking into Umbrella organizations.

f. *It's On Us – Senator Trebor Mann – 6:26PM*

- i. Senator Mann reports that the committee has not been making very much progress lately due to the fact that they are understaffed. He states that they are working to host event in collaboration with the Women's Center, and they are working with the UCOL program to update their curriculum to include information regarding sexual violence.

g. *Additional Committee Reports – 6:27PM*

- i. Senator Schefelbein reports from the Search Committee for the Dean of Students position on campus and states that they continue to vet candidates. He will provide more information when it is available.
- ii. Executive Vice President Handler reports from the Chancellor Search Committee and states that they committee is narrowing down the candidates, and he hopes to be able to share the names of the final three candidates with you shortly.

VIII. *Old Business*

a. *SB 17-164 Woke – RSO – 6:28PM*

- i. Senator Lewis presents SB 17-164 proposing that the organization entitled “Woke,” should be recognized as an RSO by USG.
- ii. Member 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 17-164, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)

b. *SB 17-175 Alpha Kappa Psi – Event Funding – 6:29PM*

- i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-175
 1. SB 17-175: \$493.81 for “Alpha Kappa Psi Retreat”
- 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 17-175, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)



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c. *SB 17-181 Funding Guidelines Amendment – Operational Funding – 6:38PM*

- i. Senator Giacobbi comes forward to present SB 17-181, which proposes to amend the Student Funding Guidelines to change the timeframe in which umbrella RSOs can request operational funding from the month of February to the month of March.
- ii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-181, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)

IX. *New Business*

a. *Library Affairs Advisory Committee – 1 nomination – 6:40PM*

- i. Executive Vice President Handler reads a description of the committee and asks for one nomination from the Senate.
 1. Senator Kane Hudson is nominated, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of nomination

b. *Accreditation Steering Committee – 1 nomination – 6:41PM*

- i. Executive Vice President Handler reads a description of the committee and asks for one nomination from the Senate.
 1. Senator Nick Shereos is nominated, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of nomination

c. *Core Curriculum Advisory Representative (CCAR) – 1 nomination – 6:42PM*

- i. Executive Vice President Handler reads a description of the committee and asks for one nomination from the Senate.
 1. Senator Marissa Jackson is nominated, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of nomination

d. *SB 17-182 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity – Event Funding – 6:43PM*

- i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-182
 1. SB 17-182: \$3,247.50 for “Alpha Week Spring 2017”
- ii. Senator Schefelbein speaks to the reasons that the Funding Board came to their decision as requested by member of the Senate.
- iii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
- iv. Motion is made to approve SB 17-182, second is given



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1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- e. **SB 17-183 Aviation Technologies Ambassadors – Event Funding – 6:48PM**
 - i. Motion is made to omnibus SB 17-183 and SB 17-184, and to also omnibus SB 17-185 and SB 17-186, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of both omnibuses
 - ii. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-183
 1. SB 17-183: \$0.00 for “Uniforms”
- f. **SB 17-184 Aviation Technologies Ambassadors – Event Funding – 6:48PM**
 - i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-184
 1. SB 17-184: \$150 for “Professional Development Day”
 - ii. Senator Schefelbein speaks to the reasons that the Funding Board came to their decision as requested by member of the Senate.
 - iii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 - iv. Motion is made to separate the question and table SB 17-183 to allow for further deliberation on whether or not to fund uniforms, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of separating the question and tabling SB 17-183
 - v. Motion is made to approve SB 17-184, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- g. **SB 17-185 SIUC Society of Non-Destructive Evaluation – Event Funding – 6:56PM**
 - i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-185
 1. SB 17-185: \$65 for “NDE Equipment Training Session”
- h. **SB 17-186 SIUC Society of Non-Destructive Evaluation – Event Funding – 6:56PM**
 - i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-186
 1. SB 17-186: \$45 for “SIUC NDE Club End of Year Meeting”
 - ii. Senator Schefelbein speaks to the reasons that the Funding Board came to their decision as requested by member of the Senate.
 - iii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.



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iv. Motion is made to approve SB the omnibus of SB 17-185 and SB 17-186, second is given

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

i. *SB 17-187 Big Muddy New Plays – Event Funding – 6:58PM*

i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-187

1. SB 17-187: \$1,080 for “Big Muddy New Play Festival 2017 Guest Artist”

ii. Senator Schefelbein speaks to the reasons that the Funding Board came to their decision as requested by member of the Senate.

iii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.

iv. Motion is made to approve SB 17-187, second is given

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

j. *SB 17-188 SIU Rover Design Team – Event Funding – 7:01PM*

i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-188

1. SB 17-188: \$400 for “2017 Solar Eclipse”

ii. Senator Schefelbein speaks to the reasons that the Funding Board came to their decision as requested by member of the Senate.

iii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.

iv. Motion is made to recognize President Stern, second is given

1. Vote – majority in favor of recognizing President Stern

a. President Stern clarifies that the \$2,000 that is from the Executive Budget for eclipse events in the only funding that we can allocate for events occurring next semester. He says that this is not an executive expenditure, it is just a way for us to promote and encourage the eclipse event in the fall to be as effective as possible.



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v. Motion is made to table SB 17-188 until 03/21/2017 to see if any more requests are submitted for eclipse events so that the Senate has a better idea of how they want to allocate the \$2,000 from the Executive Budget, second is given

1. Vote – majority in favor of tabling SB 17-188 until 03/21/2017

k. *SB 17-189 Constitutional Amendment – Statement of Compliance – 7:16PM*

i. Senator Kane Hudson comes forward to present SB 17-189, which is a Constitutional Amendment that proposes to correct a typo in the title of Article XV in the USG Constitution

1. Motion is made to suspend the rules, approve SB 17-189, and reinstate the rules, second is given

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

X. *Public Comments – 7:18PM*

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. The Governing Documents Board meeting that was referenced earlier in the meeting

ii. The importance of Safe Zone Training

iii. Operational funding and umbrella organizations

iv. The need for Robert's Rules of Order training for the Senate.

v. The role that graduate students should have with USG

vi. Rover Design Team RSO invites Senators and the public to come check out the buggy that they have made

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

d. Motion is made to take a ten minute recess before the Senate Open Forum, second is given

i. Vote – majority in favor (Senate is in recess from 7:29PM-7:39PM)

XI. *Senate Open Forum – 7:40PM*

a. Motion is made to censure President Stern and impose a two week suspension as punishment for his actions in the Governing Documents Board meeting



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- b. Motion is made to kill the previous motion, second is given
 - i. Motion is made to roll call the vote on killing the previous motion
 - 1. Roll Call Vote – majority in favor, the motion to censure President Stern and impose a two week suspension as punishment is killed
- c. Motion is made to reconsider the vote to kill the previous motion
 - i. Point is made that you cannot move to reconsider a vote if you are on the losing side of the motion
- d. Motion is made to open the floor for debate, second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor of opening the floor for debate
- e. Motion is made to allow for President Stern to speak on his own behalf, second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor of allowing the President to speak on his behalf
 - 1. President Stern speaks on his behalf and fields questions from the Senate and the public in attendance
- f. Debate continues amongst the Senate regarding the conduct of President Stern and what actions should be taken...
- g. Executive Vice President Handler calls a two minute recess in order to get more clarification on parliamentary procedure regarding the censuring and punishment of an Executive.
 - i. The Senate is called back into order, and Executive Vice President Handler states that a previous motion to kill a motion to censure was out of order and does not stand.
- h. Point of person privilege is made by President Stern where he states than rather to continue and find the correct way to go about this process, that the Senate should simply vote on the original motion to censure President Stern and suspend him for two weeks.
- i. Motion is made to vote on the matter of suspending the President for two weeks, second is given
 - i. Motion is made to roll call the vote
 - 1. Roll Call Vote – majority opposed to suspending President Stern for two weeks.
- j. The Senate ends the open forum by discussing events and programs within their constituency that have occurred and that will be occurring in the near future.



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- k. Motion is made to move to Executive Board Closing Remarks, second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor of moving to Executive Board Closing Remarks
- XII. *Executive Board Closing Remarks – 8:46PM*
- a. Executive Assistant – Jami Hagemann
 - i. Jami states that she has received confirmation that there will be someone from the Student Health Center at the next USG meeting to speak more about the new Student Health Insurance Plan.
 - b. Treasurer – Gabi Piquini
 - i. Gabi reminds the Senate to continue to use the funding breakdown report that she creates for them, and apologizes for any formatting issues that occurred in the most recent document.
 - c. Chief of Staff – Ian Ritchey
 - i. Ian reminds the Senate to turn in their constituency reports as well as their ballots before they leave the meeting tonight.
 - d. Vice President for Student Affairs – Rose Weisenstein
 - i. Rose reminds the Senate to let her know if anyone would like to be Safe Zone trained who has not had the chance.
 - e. Executive Vice President – Ben Handler
 - i. No closing remarks
 - f. President – Jared Stern
 - i. Jared asks for the Senate to applaud Ben for running to this meeting from another committee meeting. He also tells the Senators that we nominated for committees during this meeting how the process will work from here. Finally, he asks members of the Governing Documents Board to let him know who the Chair of the Board will be so that he add the proper name to the agenda.
- XIII. *Adjournment – 8:49PM*
- a. Motion is made to adjourn the meeting at 8:49PM, second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor of adjourning the meeting



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RECORD OF VOTES CAST

Y: YES

N: NO

NA: NO VOTE

AS: ABSENT

AB: ABSTAIN

NAME	17-164	17-175	17-181	17-182	17-184	17-185	17-186	17-187	17-189
B. BABNIK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
J. BEYKIRCH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA
C. BRIDGES	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A. DAVIS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA
G. DAY	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A. DEZANEK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
H. DUVALL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
J. EMMANUEL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
J. GIACOBBI	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA
D. GONZALEZ	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
S. HAITT-LEONARD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	NA
D. HOCH	Y	Y	AB	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
K. HUDSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
R. HUDSON	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
K. HURD	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
D. JACKSON	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
M. JACKSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
J. KIRKWOOD	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
B. KYLES	Y	Y	AB	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

