



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
~ SENATE MEETING MINUTES ~
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

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I. *Call to Order*

- a. Meeting Called to Order at 6:01PM by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler

II. *Roll Call*

- a. 31 out of 31 Senators in attendance

III. *Approval of previous meeting minutes (09/06/2016)*

- a. Senate asked for objections, none raised
b. Vote – unanimously in favor of approval

IV. *Approval of meeting agenda (09/20/2016)*

- a. Senate asked for objections...
- i. Motion made to move line item VIII, subsection a on the agenda to before line item V to allow for new Senators to vote on Old Business.
 - 1. Motion is seconded
 - ii. Floor opened for discussion
 - 1. Point raised that these Senators had not been exposed to the funding bills at the last meeting, and that therefore would be largely uninformed when casting votes.
 - a. Question raised on how this point is applicable when funding voted on at the last meeting when all senators were sworn in.
 - i. Point made that no funding was voted on during the last meeting. Executive Expenditures were presented but did not require a vote.
 - iii. Floor is closed for discussion
 - iv. Vote – approval of meeting agenda passes 29-2 in favor

V. *Executive Reports*

- a. *Jami Hagemann – Executive Assistant*
b. *Gabi Piquini – Treasurer*
c. *Ian Ritchey – Chief of Staff*
d. *Rose Weisenstein – Vice President for Student Affairs*
e. *Ben Handler – Executive Vice President*



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f. *Jared Stern – President*

VI. *Advisor Report – Tena Bennett*

- a. Tena Bennett introduced herself as the faculty advisor for the 2016-2017 academic year. She also describes upcoming events on campus that constituents should be aware of including “Chat with the Chancellor,” and the “State of the University Address.”

VII. *Old Business*

a. *SB 17-03 Sigma Lambda Beta – Event Funding*

- i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, called to the podium to address SB 17-03 – explains that Sigma Lambda Beta has been recommend the amount of \$3,500 for “Noche De Gala.”
- ii. Members of the organization given the floor to speak to the Senate before the vote will commence.
- iii. Vote – unanimously in favor of approval (votes can be found on last page)

b. *SB 17-04 ATMAE – Event Funding*

- i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, called to the podium to address SB 17-04 – explains that ATMAE Beta has been recommend the amount of \$4,500 for “ATMAE Conference.”
- ii. Members of the organization given the floor to speak to the Senate before the vote will commence.
- iii. Vote – unanimously in favor of approval (votes can be found on last page)

c. *SB 17-05 ATMAE – Event Funding*

- i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, called to the podium to address SB 17-05 – explains that ATMAE has been recommend the amount of \$150 for “Machine Day.”
- ii. Members of the organization given the floor to speak to the Senate before the vote will commence.
- iii. Vote – unanimously in favor of approval (votes can be found on last page)

d. *SB 17-06 ATMAE – Event Funding*



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- i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, called to the podium to address SB 17-06 – explains that ATMAE has been recommend the amount of \$400 for “Microbots Event.”
 - ii. Members of the organization given the floor to speak to the Senate before the vote will commence.
 - iii. Vote – unanimously in favor of approval (votes can be found on last page)
- e. *SB 17-07 NABA – Event Funding*
- i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, called to the podium to address SB 17-07 – explains that NABA has been recommend the amount of \$2,400 for “Milwaukee Conference.”
 - ii. Members of the organization given the floor to speak to the Senate before the vote will commence.
 - iii. Motion made to amend the amount to be allocated from \$2,400 to \$3,000.
 1. Second is provided
 2. Vote – does not pass (2 in favor, 29 against)
 - iv. Vote – unanimously in favor of approval (votes can be found on last page)
- f. *SB 17-08 NABA – Event Funding*
- i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, called to the podium to address SB 17-08 – explains that NABA has been recommend the amount of \$900 for “Chicago Conference.”
 - ii. Members of the organization given the floor to speak to the Senate before the vote will commence.
 - iii. Vote – unanimously in favor of approval (votes can be found on last page)
- g. *SB 17-09 MCM Filmmakers United – Event Funding*
- i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, called to the podium to address SB 17-09 – explains that MCM Filmmakers United has been recommend the amount of \$1,600 for “Big Muddy Film Festival.”
 - ii. Members of the organization given the floor to speak to the Senate before the vote will commence.
 1. Point raised that the name of the event is incorrect.



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a. Motion made to amend the bill to read correct event entitled “Red Carpet Event.” Second is given

i. Vote – unanimously in favor of amendment

iii. Vote – unanimously in favor of approval (votes can be found on last page)

h. SB 17-10 STLF – Event Funding

i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, called to the podium to address SB 17-10 – explains that STLF has been recommend the amount of \$400 for “Pay-it-Forward Event.”

ii. Members of the organization given the floor to speak to the Senate before the vote will commence.

iii. Vote – unanimously in favor (votes can be found on last page)

VIII. New Business

a. Swearing in of new Senators

i. Motion made to swear in all new Senators at once

1. Second is given – unanimously in favor

ii. Chief of Staff, Ian Ritchey, affirms that the following Senators have completed the necessary paperwork meet the minimum requirements to hold the office of a Senator:

1. Hailey Duvall
2. Jessica Giacobbi
3. Damaris Gonzalez
4. Brandon Kyles
5. Mallory Leckrone
6. Kevin Lindsay
7. Cedric Nartey
8. Kimberly Rieselbach
9. Lakshila Wanigasinghe

10. Lance Willis

iii. Vote – unanimously in favor of approving all new Senators

iv. President conducts Oath of Office ceremony with all new Senators, officially recognizing them as a USG Senator



b. Swearing in of Judicial Board members

1. Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, affirms that he has received the necessary paperwork from the following undergraduate students, all of which are not affiliated with the legislative branch whatsoever, and that they meet the minimum requirements to hold the office of a Justice to the Judicial Board:

- a. Alex Fox
- b. Jacob Selsor
- c. Carolyn Lodes

2. Motion is made to swear in all new Justices at once

- a. Second is given – unanimously in favor

3. President conducts Oath of Office ceremony with all new Justices, officially recognizing them as a Justice to the Judicial Board

ii. Executive Appointment to the Judicial Board – Kelly Meloy

1. President, Jared Stern, is recalled to the podium.

- a. It is explained that the Constitution allows the President to make one appointment to the Judicial Board without consent of the Senate, and that Kelly Meloy has been selected as that appointment.

- b. It is reiterated that no vote is required as the appointment to the Judicial Board does not require approval from the Senate.

- c. President conducts Oath of Office ceremony with all new Kelly Meloy, officially recognizing her as a Justice to the Judicial Board.

c. Internal Affairs Council – 2 nominations

i. Nominations asked for by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler.

1. Senator Kevin Lindsay – nominated with no objections

- a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council

2. Senator Hailey Duvall – nominated with no objections

- a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council



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d. External Affairs Council – 2 nominations

- i. Nominations asked for by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler.
 1. Senator Cedric Nartey– nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
 2. Senator Brandon Kyles – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council

e. SR 17-01 Multicultural Affairs Council

- i. President Jared Stern called to the podium to discuss the nature of the Executive Ad Hoc Committee – Multicultural Affairs Council
 1. President asked Vice President for Student Affairs, Rose Weisenstein, to explain more about the Committee
 - a. She explains that the idea is to bring students together from across campus to discuss the current climate and issues. The committee is intended to be more of a roundtable discuss for student to come and convey their concerns.
 - b. Question raised on how this is different from other organizations having similar committees
 - i. Rose explains that this platform does not currently exist within USG, and that the committee should provide a neutral and unbiased place for students to express their concerns. It is also explains that Nathan Stephens has been serving in an advisory capacity.

f. SR 17-02 USG Governing Documents Advisory Board

- i. President is recalled to the podium to present an Executive Ad Hoc Advisory Board as allowed per the USG Constitution.
- ii. It is explained that the Board shall be in place to review all documents that govern USG proceedings for accuracy, content and applicability.
 1. The Board will be chaired by the President, and be comprised of four Senators, and four undergraduate students that are in good standing with the University.



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2. Senators are told that nominations to the Board will be accepted at the next scheduled Senate meeting, and that the other four positions will be appointed on a first come, first served basis through a written letter of intent to serve on the Board.

g. SB 17-17 Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Amenophis Colony – RSO

- i. President, Jared Stern, remains at the podium to present legislation recommending the recognition of an RSO.
- ii. Members of the organization called to the podium to speak briefly on what they intend to do as an organization on campus.
- iii. Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, returns to the podium to commence the vote
 1. Vote – unanimously in favor of approval (votes can be found on last page)

h. SB 17-18 Project Love – RSO

- i. President, Jared Stern, recalled to the podium to present legislation recommending the recognition of an RSO.
- ii. Members of the organization called to the podium to speak briefly on what they intend to do as an organization on campus.
- iii. Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, returns to the podium to commence the vote
 1. Vote – unanimously in favor of approval (votes can be found on last page)

i. SB 17-19 SAE Saluki Baja – Event Funding

- i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini recalled to the podium to present Senate Bills 17 (19-31). A list of itemized requests from these bills will be emailed to all Senators by the Treasurer.
- ii. The Student Funding Board has unanimously recommended the amount of \$500 to be allocated for “SAE Saluki Baja Event.”
- iii. No vote is required per the Student Funding Guidelines since the Funding Board was unanimous in their recommendation and the amount requested was less than \$1,000.



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- iv. SB 17-19 passes with no required vote per the Student Funding Guidelines
- j. *SB 17-20 Blacks Interested in Business – Event Funding*
 - i. The Student Funding Board has recommended the amount of \$75 to be allocated to BIB for “BIB Week.”
 - ii. SB 17-20 passes with no required vote per the Student Funding Guidelines as the amount requested was less than \$150.
- k. *SB 17-21 Blacks Interested in Business – Event Funding*
 - i. The Student Funding Board has recommended the amount of \$150 to be allocated to BIB for “Homecoming Tailgate.”
 - ii. SB 17-21 will be voted during the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting per the Student Funding Guidelines.
- l. *SB 17-22 Musicians United – Event Funding*
 - i. The Student Funding Board has recommended the amount of \$450 to be allocated to Musicians United for “Music Equipment.”
 - ii. No vote is required per the Student Funding Guidelines since the Funding Board was unanimous in their recommendation and the amount requested was less than \$1,000.
 - iii. SB 17-22 passes with no required vote per the Student Funding Guidelines
- m. *SB 17-23 Naturalistas – Event Funding*
 - i. The Student Funding Board has recommended the amount of \$100 to be allocated to Naturalistas for “Pamper Party.”
 - ii. SB 17-23 will be voted during the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting per the Student Funding Guidelines.
- n. *SB 17-24 United Nations Association – Event Funding*
 - i. The Student Funding Board has recommended the amount of \$500 to be allocated to UNA for “United Nations Day.”
 - ii. SB 17-24 will be voted during the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting per the Student Funding Guidelines.
- o. *SB 17-25 Alpha Kappa Psi – Event Funding*
 - i. The Student Funding Board has recommended the amount of \$500 to be allocated to Alpha Kappa Psi for “Retreat.”



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ii. SB 17-25 will be voted during the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting per the Student Funding Guidelines.

p. SB 17-26 IEEE – Event Funding

i. The Student Funding Board has recommended the amount of \$1,000 to be allocated to IEEE for “Conference.”

ii. SB 17-26 will be voted during the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting per the Student Funding Guidelines.

q. SB 17-27 Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship – Event Funding

i. The Student Funding Board has recommended the amount of \$600 to be allocated to Chi Alpha for “International Student Christmas Dinner.”

ii. SB 17-27 will be voted during the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting per the Student Funding Guidelines.

r. SB 17-28 Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship – Event Funding

i. The Student Funding Board has recommended the amount of \$1,300 to be allocated to Chi Alpha for “Fall Retreat.”

ii. SB 17-28 will be voted during the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting per the Student Funding Guidelines.

s. SB 17-29 Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship – Event Funding

i. The Student Funding Board has recommended the amount of \$1,200 to be allocated to Chi Alpha for “Thanksgiving Dinner.”

ii. SB 17-29 will be voted during the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting per the Student Funding Guidelines.

t. SB 17-30 Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship – Event Funding

i. The Student Funding Board has recommended the amount of \$600 to be allocated to Chi Alpha for “Chase of America.”

ii. SB 17-30 will be voted during the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting per the Student Funding Guidelines.

u. SB 17-31 Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship – Event Funding

i. The Student Funding Board has recommended the amount of \$1,300 to be allocated to Chi Alpha for “World Mission Summit.”



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- ii. SB 17-31 will be voted during the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting per the Student Funding Guidelines.

IX. *Constituency Comments and Concerns*

- a. Motion made to open the floor for discussion – unanimously in favor
 - i. Suggestion made to spread the USG emblem to RSOs when they receive funding in order to further awareness of USG outreach
 - ii. Question raised as to what process was utilized when the Executive Board recommended event funding before the Funding Board was in place.
 1. President explained that the Executive Board assumed the responsibilities of the Funding Board until it was established.
 - a. This statement was later retracted by the President through an email that explains the mistake made in the meeting and the process that was used when recommending funds to RSOs before the Funding Board was in place.
 - b. It was continually reiterated by the Executive Board that this was conducted with the best interest of students in mind.
 - iii. Question raised as to why the *Swearing in of New Senators* was placed under *New Business* in the agenda.
 1. President explains that the *Swearing in of New Senators* does fall under new business, and that proper procedure places *New Business* after *Old Business* in the agenda.
 - iv. Question raised on whether or not the term of a Senator should be reduced from one academic year to one semester.
 1. President explains that this is something that can certainly be looked at, and that any Senator can propose an amendment to update the constitution.
 - v. Multiple events upcoming on campus discussed to be spread to constituents. This includes the postponement of the Leadership conference.



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1. Suggestion made that the Leadership conference should be split between two days and probably should be on a weekend as not to interfere with class schedules.

vi. Suggestion made to advertise the newly formed Multicultural Affairs Council. External Affairs Council members offered assistance in advertising.

b. Motion made to close the floor for discussion – unanimously in favor.

X. *Public Comments*

a. Motion made to open the floor for discussion – Senate unanimously in favor

i. RSO in attendance inquired about the process necessary to change the name of their RSO

1. President, Jared Stern, advised them to speak with Graduate Assistants in the Student Engagement office and offered assistance throughout the process.

ii. No further public comments

b. Motion made to close the floor for discussion – Senate unanimously in favor

XI. *Executive Board Closing Remarks*

a. Jami Hagemann – Executive Assistant

b. Gabi Piquini – Treasurer

c. Ian Ritchey – Chief of Staff

d. Rose Weisenstein – Vice President for Student Affairs

e. Ben Handler – Executive Vice President

f. Jared Stern – President

XII. *Adjournment*

a. Meeting is adjourned by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, at 7:28PM

