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- I. *Call to Order – 6:01PM*
 - a. Meeting called to order by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler
- II. *Roll Call – 6:01PM*
 - a. 37 out of 40 Senators in attendance
- III. *Approval of previous meeting minutes (10/18/2016) – 6:03PM*
 - a. Senate asked for objections – none raised
 - b. Vote – majority in favor of approval of previous meeting minutes
- IV. *Approval of meeting agenda (11/01/2016) – 6:04PM*
 - a. Motion is made to move line item IX, subsection b, to line item VI, subsection b – second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor of moving “Student Fee Presentations” to line item VI, subsection b.
 - b. Motion is made to move line item X to line item VI, subsection c – second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor of moving “Public Comments” to line item VI, subsection c on.
 - c. Senate is asked if there are any further amendments or objections, none raised
 - i. Motion is made to approve the meeting agenda – second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval of meeting agenda.
- V. *Executive Reports*
 - a. *Executive Assistant - Jami Hagemann – 6:07PM*
 - i. Jami reports that she has continued to sit in on the Multicultural Affairs Committee and is excited with the progress that the committee is making. She also reminds everyone that she can help with any and all questions relating to USG.
 - b. *Gabi Piquini – Treasurer – 6:08PM*
 - i. Gabi reports that there are only a few funding requests to work through this week compared the large amount that have been processed previously.



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Also, she reports that the funding board continues to meet weekly to hear funding requests, and asks for the Senate to be patient will we are transitioning back to last year's funding guidelines.

c. *Ian Ritchey – Chief of Staff – 6:09PM*

- i. Ian reports that we will be swearing in four new Senators this week, and that there are only eight remaining vacancies left in the Senate. He asks that Senators continue to help with recruitment in order for us to reach our goal of filling the Senate.

d. *Rose Weisenstein – Vice President for Student Affairs – 6:10PM*

- i. Rose reports that has continued to meet with the MAC weekly and that the committee is beginning to make good progress, including changing the name of the committee. Additionally, she says that the Executive Board has planned a retreat for Senators to get to know each other more, and that more information will be announced during the next meeting.

e. *Ben Handler – Executive Vice President – 6:12PM*

- i. Ben reports that he has been working with GPSC on a few initiatives that include fighting for higher education with the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), and that he will inform the Senate when something actionable that the Senate can participate in arises. He also states that he continues to work on rebuilding the website that it may still take more time.

f. *Jared Stern – President – 6:13PM*

- i. Jared reports that most of his time during the weeks are comprised on sitting on more than a dozen boards and committees that he has been asked to participate in. He asks Senators to let him know of anything that they would to be voiced at any of these committees. Additionally, he reminds Senators that they must turn in their ballots at the conclusion of each meeting, and that all legislation must be turned in by noon on the Monday before a Senate meeting in order for it to be added to the agenda.

VI. *Advisor Report – Tena Bennett – 6:14PM*



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- a. Tena reports that the Senate will be hearing two fee presentations during this meeting, and that they pay attention and ask questions as the proposed increases will be brought to the Board of Trustees after the approval of USG and GPSC is given.
- b. *Student Fee Presentations – 6:15PM*
 - i. Two Professional Staff members representing University Housing come forward and present a proposing increase for students who live in University Housing. They asks for the Senate to approve an increase of 6% for students living in the dorms (East and West campus housing) and an increase of 3% for students living in University apartments. They explain that the increase is necessary in order to begin renovations and demolitions of housing to begin the modernization project that has been needed for many years.
 1. The Professional Staff field a series of questions from the Senate before the increase is voted on.
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of approving the proposed increase (record of votes cast can be found on the last page)
 - ii. Two Professional Staff members representing Student Legal Assistance come forward to present their proposed increase of \$0.50 per semester, raising the amount collected from each student from \$6.00 to \$6.50. They explain that the increase is necessary in order for the department to continue they legal work they do on behalf of students. They show statistics and share poll information on the impact that they have had on SIU students.
 1. The Professional Staff field a series of questions from the Senate before the increase is voted on.
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of approving the proposed increase (record of votes cast can be found on the last page)
- c. *Public Comments – 6:43PM*



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- i. Motion is made to open the floor for discussion for public comments, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of opening the floor for discussion
- ii. Question is asked if the President supports the senate bill regarding the frequency of times that the Senate will meet.
 1. The President, Jared Stern, states that he must remain unbiased as the bill has yet to be voted on, but that he will call special meetings as he deems necessary.
- iii. Point is made that the Senators need to be communicating with their constituents more and their fellow Senators outside of Senate meetings, and that this is a part of their job that they should be taking more seriously.
- iv. Point is made that public comments should not have been moved in the agenda as business has not been conducted yet, and there is less to comment or react to at this point in the meeting.
- v. Public is asked for further comments or concerns, none given
 1. Motion is made to close the floor for discussion, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of closing the floor for discussion.

VII. *Committee Reports*

- a. *Internal Affairs Committee – Elizabeth Lewis – 7:03PM*
 - i. Elizabeth reports that the IAC continues to meet with new prospective RSOs, and that there is one being presented tonight.
- b. *External Affairs Committee – Brandon Kyles – 7:04PM*
 - i. Brandon reports that the committee has meet and is working on advertising strategies that include events and promotions. Additionally, the EAC will continue to work with organizations to allow their voices to be heard through resolutions to be passed on to administration. The EAC will also be monitoring the attendance of Senators and looking at ways to possible amend the policy that is currently in place. Brandon reminds Senators that they may have their picture taken after the meeting for the website to help constituents get to know their Senators.



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c. *Judicial Board – Kelly Meloy – 7:11PM*

- i. Justice Alex Fox comes forward to present the Board report in Kelly Meloy's absence. He reports that the Judicial Board has met to try and find a better way for people to bring cases to them, including implementing a document for them to fill out to make the process for efficient.

d. *Multicultural Affairs Committee – Rose Weisenstein – 7:12PM*

- i. Rose and Marissa Jackson (co-chair) come forward and report that the committee continues to meet weekly, and that the name has changed and voted on by the committee, and will be called the Diversity and Equity Affairs Committee. Additionally, they report that they have begun takes steps towards talking about current student issues.

e. *USG Governing Documents Advisory Board – Nolan McConnell – 7:14PM*

- i. Nolan stands are reports that the Board will begin to meet weekly rather than bi-weekly from this point forward, and that the Board is working on completing amendments to the funding guidelines that will most likely be presented during the next Senate meeting.

VIII. *Old Business*

a. *SB 17-88 National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) – RSO – 7:20PM*

- i. IAC Chair, Elizabeth Lewis, comes forward to present the bill recommending that NOMA be officially recognized as an RSO under USG.
 1. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field questions from the Senate.
- ii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-88, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval of SB 17-88 (record of votes cast can be found on last page)

b. *SB 17-51 Delta Phi Mu Sorority – Event Funding – 7:24PM*

- i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, comes forward to present the bill
 1. SB 17-51: \$1,450 for “Annual Unity Dinner.”



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- a. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field questions from the Senate.
- ii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-51, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval of SB 17-51 (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- c. *SB 17-56 Interfraternity Council – Event Funding – 7:27PM*
 - i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, presents the bill
 1. SB 17-56: \$0.00 for “IFC Open Recruitment Events”
 - a. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field questions from the Senate.
 - ii. Motion is made to open the floor for debate, second given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of opening the floor for debate
 - a. Issues surrounding whether or not to fund RSOs for events that have already happened, and what USG can actually fund per the funding guidelines, continue for approximately 25 minutes
 - iii. Motion is made to amend the bill to raise the amount to be allocated to \$2,710.67, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of amendment to SB 17-56
 - iv. Motion is made to approve SB 17-56, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
 - d. *SB 17-72 Malaysian Student Association – Event Funding – 7:58PM*
 - i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, presents the bill
 1. SB 17-72: \$450 for “International Soccer Tournament.”
 - a. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field questions from the Senate.
 - ii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-72, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval of SB 17-72 (record of votes cast can be found on last page)



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e. *SB 17-79 Panhellenic Association – Event Funding – 8:02PM*

i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, presents the bill

1. SB 17-79: \$0.00 for “Open Recruitment Events.”

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

i. Point is made that this is the same situation as what was presented by IFC, and that it should be handled in a similar fashion

2. Motion is made to amend the amount to be allocated to \$2,474.77, second is given

a. Vote – majority in favor of amendment to SB 17-79

3. Motion is made to approve SB 17-79, second is given

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

f. *SB 17-82 National Association of Black Journalists – Event Funding – 8:20PM*

i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, presents the bill

1. SB 17-82: \$0.00 for “NABJ/NABH Joint Convention.”

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

ii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-82, second is given

1. Vote – majority in favor of approval of SB 17-82 (record of votes cast can be found on last page)

g. *SB 17-83 NAACP – Event Funding – 8:31PM*

i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, presents the bill

1. SB 17-83: \$600 for “NAACP Memphis Trip.”

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

2. Motion is made raise the amount to be allocated to \$1,000, second is given



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- a. Vote – majority not in favor of amendment to SB 17-83, amendment does not pass
3. Motion is made to approve SB 17-83, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of approval.
4. Motion is made to suspend the rules to reconsider SB 17-83, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of suspending the rules
5. Motion is made to amend the amount to be allocated to \$1,600, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor amendment to SB 17-83
6. Motion is made to approve SB 17-83, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of approval (records of votes cast can be found on last page)
7. Motion is made to reinstate the rules, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of reinstating the rules
- h. ***SB 17-89 Constitutional Amendment – Meeting Times – 8:52PM***
 - i. Senators Nartey and Heller come forward to present their bill proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the frequency in which USG meets.
 - ii. Motion is made to amend the bill for it read “The Senate may meet weekly rather than bi-weekly for a period of time that not permanent, but that is determined by an affirmative vote of Senate. This vote shall be conducted when the Senate determines that the amount of business needing to be conducted requires for more frequent meeting times.” – second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of amendment to SB 17-89
 - iii. Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, adjourns the meeting due to the time constraints that are put under due to room availability.
 1. President, Jared Stern, states that the Senate should expect to be called for a special meeting in order to conduct the business that was not accomplished during this meeting. He assures Senators



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that they will receive at least forty-eight hours' notice prior to the meeting time that is chosen by the Executive Board.

iv. Meeting is officially adjourned.

~~i. SB 17 90 Constitutional Amendment—Senate Seat Allocation (SRN)~~

~~j. SB 17 91 Constitutional Amendment—Senate Seat Allocation (LCA)~~

~~IX. New Business~~

~~a. Swearing in of new Senators~~

~~b. Student Fee Presentations~~

~~c. USG Governing Documents Advisory Board—1 nomination~~

~~d. Student Legal Assistance Board—2 nominations~~

~~e. SB 17 92 Timmy Global Health—RSO~~

~~f. SB 17 93 MCM Filmmakers United—Event Funding~~

~~g. SB 17 94 MCM Filmmakers United—Event Funding~~

~~h. SB 17 95 Association of Black Psychologists Student Circle—Event Funding~~

~~i. SB 17 96 Saluki Rainbow Network—Event Funding~~

~~j. SB 17 97 SACNAS—Event Funding~~

~~X. Public Comments~~

~~XI. Executive Board Closing Remarks~~

~~XII. Constituency Comments and Concerns (Good of the Order)~~

~~XIII. Adjournment~~



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RECORD OF VOTES CAST

Y: YES

N: NO

NA: NO VOTE

AS: ABSENT

AB: ABSTAIN

NAME	STUDENT FEE PRESENTATIONS	SB 17-51	SB 17-56	SB 17-72	SB 17-79	SB 17-82	SB 17-83	SB 17-88
BROWN, JOEL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
CONROD, AUSTIN	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
CONTRERAS, ALICIA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
DAVIS, AMANDA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DAY, GRIFFIN	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
DEZANEK, ANDREW	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	AB	N	Y
DUVALL, HAILEY	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
EICHELBURGER, BRANDON	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
EMMANUEL, JOSHUA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GIACOBBI, JESSICA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GONZALES, DAMARIS	NA	Y	AB	Y	AB	Y	Y	Y
HELLER, YAHAIRA	NA	Y	AB	Y	AB	N	Y	Y
HAITT-LEONDARD, STEPHEN	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HOCH, DALTON	NA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
HUDSON, KANE	NA	NA	N	Y	Y	N	NA	Y
HUDSON, RAHEAM	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
HURD, KIANNA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
JACKSON, DARREN	NA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
JORDAN, NATHANIEL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
KATZMAN, CAROLYN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
KIRKWOOD, JOHN	Y	Y	N	AB	AB	AB	AB	Y



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KYLES, BRANDON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AB	NA	Y
LECKRONE, MALLORY	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA	NA	Y
LEWIS, ELIZABETH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AB	Y
LINDSAY, KEVIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AB	AB	Y
LUGBOSO, SIMBIAT	NA	Y	AB	Y	Y	AB	Y	Y
MANN, TREBOR	Y	AB	Y	AB	AB	AB	AB	AB
MCCONNELL, NOLAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
MIHALIK, ELIJAH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
NARTEY, CEDRIC	NA	Y	AB	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
RIESELBACH, KIMBERLY	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
ROTHEISER, TRAVIS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
SABO, ERIK	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
SCHEFELBEIN, WILLIAM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
SCHMIDLIN, MATTHEW	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SWIESZCZ, GABRIEL	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
TRINA, COLTON	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WANIGASINGHE, LAKSHILA	NA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
WILLIS, LANCE	NA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
ZHANG, RUNYU	NA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y