



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
~ SENATE MEETING MINUTES ~
TUESDAY MARCH 21, 2017

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- 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. 33 out of 38 Senators in attendance
- III. *Approval of previous meeting minutes (03/07/2017) – 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 (03/21/2017) – 6:03PM*
 - a. Senate is asked for amendments to this meeting agenda
 - i. Motion is made to strike section IX, subsection b from the agenda as the member of the Judicial Board that will be sworn in will not be in attendance tonight, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of striking from the agenda
 - ii. Motion is made to move SB 17-196 on the agenda to immediately after subsection c in section IX, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of moving SB 17-196 forward on the agenda
 - iii. Motion is made to strike the report for the Governing Documents Board, as they do not have a report, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of striking from the agenda
 - iv. Motion is made to strike SB 17-183 from the agenda as the organization has withdrawn their request for funding, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of striking from the agenda
 - b. No further amendments or objections to this meeting agenda are raised



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V. *Executive Reports*

a. *Executive Assistant – Jami Hagemann – 6:06PM*

- i. Executive Assistant Hagemann reports on matters from the Student Health Advisory Board regarding the new Student Health Insurance plan

b. *Treasurer – Gabi Piquini – 6:07PM*

- i. Treasurer Piquini reports that we have approximately \$24,000 left to allocate to RSO as event funding for the rest of the year, and to keep that information in mind when allocating funds during meetings

c. *Ian Ritchey – Chief of Staff – 6:08PM*

- i. Chief of Staff Ritchey reports that a majority of the Senate has still not turned in Constituency reports that were due during the last meeting, and the next final reports for the year will be due on April 18, 2017 during the last Senate meeting of the semester.

d. *Rose Weisenstein – Vice President for Student Affairs – 6:09PM*

- i. Vice President Weisenstein reports that Senators need to let her know if they have any dietary restrictions for the banquet on May 2, 2017. More information on the USG Banquet will be released when it is available.

e. *Ben Handler – Executive Vice President – 6:10PM*

- i. No report as Vice President Handler has not arrived at the meeting yet

f. *Jared Stern – President – 6:10PM*

- i. President Stern reports that after the last meeting USG is now represented on 30 committees across campus. He also states that he did an interview with the Chicago Tribune during Spring Break regarding the state budget crisis. He also reiterates the importance of constituency reports.

VI. *Advisor Report – Emily Spann – 6:12PM*

- a. Emily Spann reports that Tena Bennett is out of town and will be back for the next meeting. Then, she introduces Dr. Ted Grace, the Director of the Student Health Center, who provides a detailed presentation on the new Student Health Insurance plan and explains the reasoning for the 8% increase in the plan moving forward into next year.

- i. Dr. Grace fields questions from the Senate upon completion of his presentation



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VII. *Committee Reports*

a. *External Affairs Committee – Brandon Kyles – 6:43PM*

- i. Vice President Handler arrives and takes over his responsibilities as chair of the meeting from Chief of Staff Ritchey
- ii. Senator Kyles reports that the EAC has not had the chance to meet since Spring Break, but they continue to work to help organizations fundraise. He also states that he is still working on a T-Shirt design for the Senate, and welcomes suggestions. He closes by reminding the Senate of Saluki Palooza that will be happening on April 30, 2017.

b. *Internal Affairs Committee – Elizabeth Lewis – 6:48PM*

- i. Senator Lewis reports that the IAC has not had the chance to meet since Spring Break, but that IAC will continue to work on operating procedures for the Student Funding Board and will present those procedures when they are completed.

c. *Judicial Board – Kelly Meloy – 6:50PM*

- i. Chief Justice Meloy provides a closing report on the investigation of the Funding Board that they were assigned. She states that they have determined, through looking at what has actually been allocated thus far, that no organization has received more or less money based on their identify factors. However, she suggests that more objective operating procedures for allocating funds be implemented as soon as possible to remove the subjectivity that exists in the current process. She answer questions from the Senate and welcomes further questions or concerns outside of this meeting.

d. *Diversity and Equity Affairs Committee – Rose Weisenstein/Marissa Jackson – 6:54PM*

- i. Vice President Weisenstein reports that the DEAC will meet next Tuesday at 6:00PM, and that they are currently working with Disability Student Services to ensure that students will disabilities are being treated fairly. She also states that they continue to work on operating procedures for the DEAC and those will be presented when they are completed.

e. ~~*Governing Documents Advisory Board*~~

f. *It's On Us – Senator Trebor Mann – 6:55PM*

- i. No report, Senator Mann is not in attendance.



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g. *Additional Committee Reports – 6:55PM*

- i. Vice President Handler asks for any further committee reports, none raised

VIII. *Old Business*

a. *SB 17-161 Funding Guidelines Amendment – The Funding Process – 6:55PM*

- i. Senator Schefelbein presents SB 17-161, which proposes to allow the Funding Board to make the final determination on funding requests with approval from the organization. He fields a series of questions from the Senate
- ii. Motion is made to amend the bill to state that the process described within will begin starting in the Fall 2017 semester in the hopes that more comprehensive Funding Guidelines will exist at that time, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of amending SB 17-161
- iii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-161 as amended, second is given
 1. Vote – 2/3 majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)

~~b. *SB 17-183 Aviation Technologies Ambassadors – Event Funding*~~

c. *SB 17-188 SIU Rover Design Team – Event Funding – 7:00PM*

- i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-188
 1. SB 17-188: \$400 for “2017 Solar Eclipse”
- ii. Treasurer Piquini reminds the Senate that no other requests for Eclipse funding have been submitted at this point
- iii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field a series of questions from the Senate.
 1. The organization states that they need \$400 more than what is presented to pay for the equipment they need for this event
 2. Motion is made to raise the amount to be allocated to \$800, second is given
 - a. Debate amongst the Senate continues regarding the decision to allocate \$800 out of the \$2,000 they have to allocate for Eclipse events
 3. Motion is made and passed to recognize President Stern
 - a. President Stern states that since this is only request that has been submitted for Eclipse events thus far, he is willing to increase the



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amount available for Eclipse events by \$400 if the total amount requested is more than \$2,000, since it appears that the only reason there is hesitation is because of the \$2,000 budget.

b. Vote to raise the amount to be allocated to \$800 – majority in favor

iv. Motion is made to approve SB 17-188 as amended, 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 – 7:07PM*

i. Chief of Staff Ian Ritchey confirms that he has received all of the necessary paperwork from the following undergraduate student, and that he has met the minimum requirement to hold the office of Senator in USG: Treyonne Rawls.

ii. Motion is made approve the nominations of the new Senator, second is given

1. Vote – majority in favor of approving the nomination

iii. Oath of Office is conducted by the USG President.

~~b. Swearing in of Judicial Board member~~

c. *Confirmation of Appointments to Special Committees – 7:14PM*

1. President Stern comes forward to explain the process used to appoint the two Election Committees, and the present the appointments and his reasoning for each appointments to each of the following committees:

ii. *USG Presidential Election Committee – 3 confirmations*

1. Senator Matthew Schmidlin – Chair

2. Senator Toussaint Mitchell – Member

3. Senator Lakshila Wanigasinghe – Member

a. Motion is made to confirm all three appointments as presented to the USG Presidential Election Committee

i. Vote – 2/3 majority in favor of confirming all three appointments

iii. *SIU Student Trustee Election Committee – 3 confirmations*

1. Senator Jessica Giacobbi – Member

2. Senator Trebor Mann – Member



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3. Senator Cecilia Miranda – Member

a. Motion is made to confirm all three appointments as presented to the SIU Student Trustee Election Committee

i. Vote – 2/3 majority in favor of confirming all three appointments

d. *SB 17-196 Economics Club – Event Funding – 7:15PM*

i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-196

1. SB 17-196: \$1,104.86 for “SIU Economics Society Federal Reserve Trip”

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 17-196, second is given

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

e. *SB 17-190 Tau Kappa Epsilon – Event Funding – 7:17PM*

i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-190

1. SB 17-190: \$900 for “Crawfish Boil”

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 increase the amount to be allocated to \$1,100, second is given

iv. Motion is made to kill the previous motion, second is given

1. Vote – majority in favor of killing the previous motion

a. The Senate discusses the manner in which funds are allocated, and the importance of following the same process that they have been using for every other organization

v. Motion is made to approve SB 17-190 as originally read, second is given

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

f. *SB 17-191 Association of Black Psychologists Student Circle – Event Funding – 7:36PM*

i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-191

1. SB 17-191: \$100 for “Don’t Believe the Hype”

ii. No members of the organization are in attendance to speak on their behalf



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iii. Motion is made to table SB 17-191 until the next meeting, second is given

1. Vote – majority in favor of approval

g. *SB 17-192 Alpha Chi Sigma – Event Funding – 7:37PM*

i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-192

1. SB 17-192: \$1,390 for “44th Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta”

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 17-192, second is given

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

h. *SB 17-193 Sigma Chi Fraternity – Event Funding – 7:40PM*

i. Motion is made to omnibus SB 17-193 and SB 17-194, second is given

1. Vote – majority in favor approving via omnibus

ii. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-193

1. SB 17-193: \$600 for “Derby Days”

i. *SB 17-194 Sigma Chi Fraternity – Event Funding – 7:40PM*

i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-194

1. SB 17-194: \$709 for “Grand Chapter 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 the omnibus of SB 17-193 and SB 17-194, second is given

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

j. *SB 17-195 Gamma Phi Omega – Event Funding – 7:45PM*

i. Treasurer Piquini presents SB 17-195

1. SB 17-195: \$600 for “National Conference 2017”

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 and passed to recognize President Stern

1. President Stern explains the procedures that can be used in order to fund more aspects of their event in this request



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iv. Motion is made to table SB 17-195 to allow for the organization to submit a new request so that more aspects of the event may be eligible to receive funding, second is given

1. Vote – majority in favor of tabling SB 17-195

k. *SB 17-197 Umbrella RSO Status – Agricultural Student Council – 7:56PM*

i. Senator Lewis and Senator Duvall present SB 17-197 which proposes to grant Agricultural Student Council umbrella organization status

1. Both Senators field questions from the Senate regarding this proposed amendment to the USG Constitution

ii. Motion is made to suspend the rules, approve SB 17-197, and reinstate the rules, second is given

1. Vote – 2/3 majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)

l. *SB 17-198 Umbrella RSO Status – Engineering Student Council – 8:01PM*

i. Senator Schmidlin presents SB 17-198 which proposes to grant Engineering Student Council umbrella organization status

1. Senator Schmidlin fields questions from the Senate regarding this proposed amendment to the USG Constitution

ii. Motion is made to suspend the rules, approve SB 17-198, and reinstate the rules, second is given

1. Vote – 2/3 majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)

X. *Public Comments – 8:02PM*

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. Members of the public comment on the following topics:

i. Umbrella organizations and the structure in which they are represented

ii. Operational Funding allocations for umbrella organizations

iii. The methods and rate in which funds are allocated

iv. The method that motions from the Senate are handled by the Chair

v. Helping organizations to fundraise for their events

c. Motion is made to close the floor for public comments, second is given



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

XI. *Senate Open Forum (15 Minutes) – 8:08PM*

- a. Discussion in the Senate involves the following topics
 - i. Reconsidering the previous vote on the two new umbrella organizations
 - ii. Whether or not the new umbrella organizations have seats in the Senate
 - iii. The vagueness of the Constitution
 1. Motion is made to amend the Constitution to remove “Seats” from the Umbrella Organization section, second is given
 - a. Vote – 2/3 majority in favor of amending the Constitution
 - iv. Upcoming events on campus
 - v. SIU Diversity Council meeting report
 1. Motion is made to suspend the rules, add two minutes to the Senate Open-Forum, and reinstate the rules, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of adding two minutes to the discussion
 - vi. The possibility of lower the GPA requirement for Executive Board members

XII. *Executive Board Closing Remarks – 8:25PM*

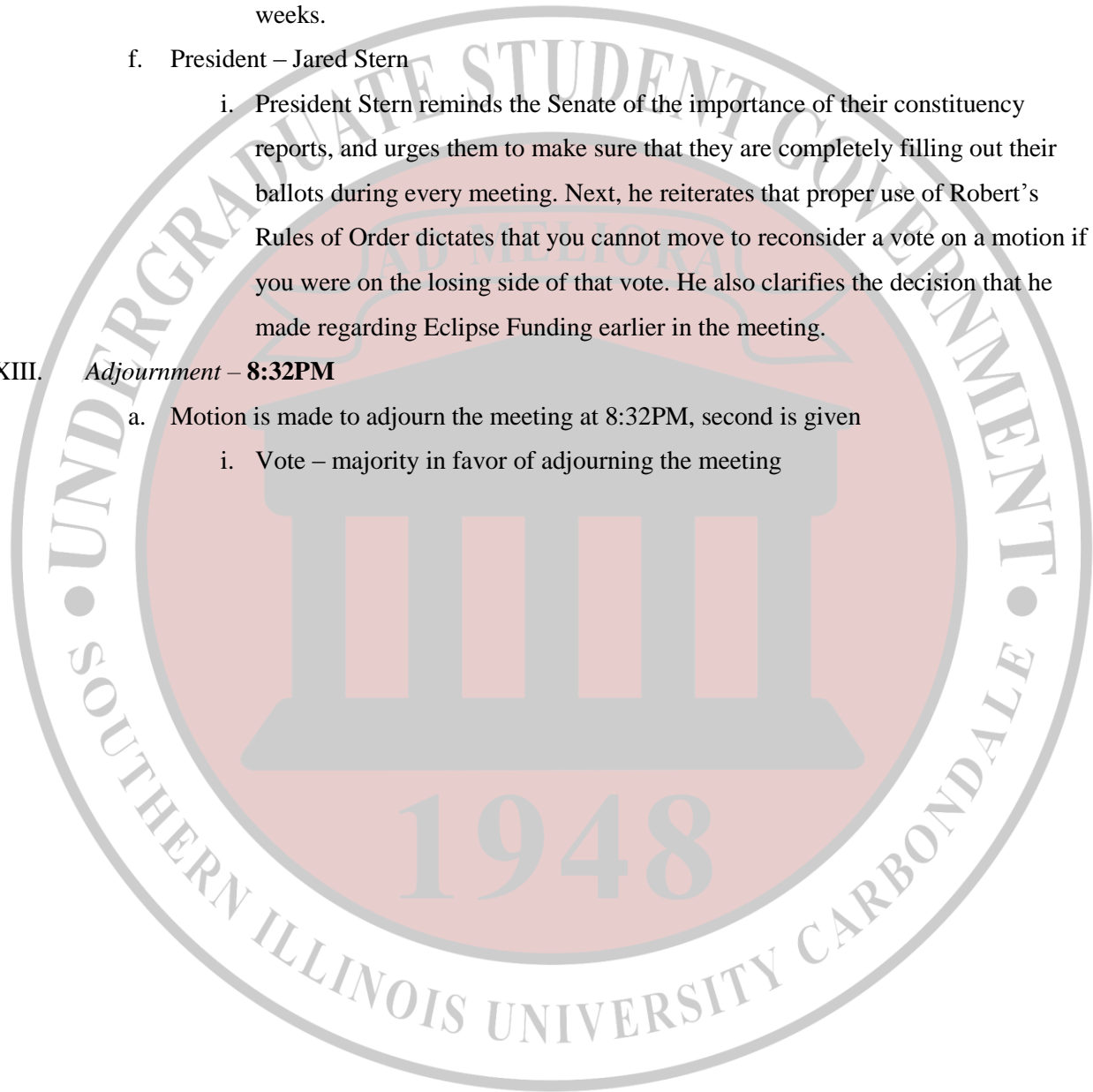
- a. Executive Assistant – Jami Hagemann
 - i. Executive Assistant Hagemann asks the Senate to please speak up so that her and Danielle are able to take better notes during meetings.
- b. Treasurer – Gabi Piquini
 - i. Treasurer Piquini asks the Senate to have organization in their constituency send her an email if they have submitted a funding request and no longer wish for that request to be heard.
- c. Chief of Staff – Ian Ritchey
 - i. Chief of Staff Ritchey asks the Senate to turn in missing constituency reports as soon as possible, and states that proxy forms will be printed and available and the reception desk in the Office of Student Engagement moving forward.
- d. Vice President for Student Affairs – Rose Weisenstein
 - i. Vice President Weisenstein reminds the Senate to let her know if they have any dietary restrictions that we should be aware for the USG Banquet at the end of the year.



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- e. Executive Vice President – Ben Handler
 - i. Vice President Handler states that the Chancellor Search Committee has wrapped up and they have submitted four names to the Board of Trustees for consideration. He is hoping to be able to publicize those names in the next few weeks.
 - f. President – Jared Stern
 - i. President Stern reminds the Senate of the importance of their constituency reports, and urges them to make sure that they are completely filling out their ballots during every meeting. Next, he reiterates that proper use of Robert’s Rules of Order dictates that you cannot move to reconsider a vote on a motion if you were on the losing side of that vote. He also clarifies the decision that he made regarding Eclipse Funding earlier in the meeting.
- XIII. **Adjournment – 8:32PM**
- a. Motion is made to adjourn the meeting at 8:32PM, 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	17-161	17-188	17-190	17-192	17-193	17-194	17-196	17-197	17-198
B. BABNIK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
J. BEYKIRCH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
C. BRIDGES	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
A. DAVIS	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	AB	Y
J. EMMANUEL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
J. GIACOBBI	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AB	AB
D. GONZALEZ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
S. HAITT-LEONARD	Y	Y	NA	Y	NA	NA	Y	Y	NA
D. HOCH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
K. HUDSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AB	AB
R. HUDSON	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
K. HURD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
D. JACKSON	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
M. JACKSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
J. KIRKWOOD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA	NA
B. KYLES	Y	AB	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AB	AB

