



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
~ SENATE MEETING MINUTES ~
TUESDAY APRIL 25, 2017

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- I. *Call to Order – 6:05PM*
 - 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 – 6:06PM*
 - a. 26 out of 40 Senators in attendance
- III. *Approval of previous meeting minutes (04/18/2017) – 6:07PM*
 - 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 (04/25/2017) – 6:07PM*
 - a. Senate is asked for amendments or objections to this meeting agenda, none raised
 - b. Motion is made to approve the meeting agenda, second is given
 - i. Vote – majority in favor of approval of meeting minutes
- V. *Executive Reports*
 - a. *Jami Hagemann – Executive Assistant – 6:07PM*
 - i. Executive Assistant Hagemann reports that SNAC is having a fundraiser at cool spoons and support of their event would be appreciated.
 - b. *Gabi Piquini – Treasurer – 6:07PM*
 - i. Treasurer Piquini thanks everyone for the work they have put in throughout the year.
 - c. *Ian Ritchey – Chief of Staff – 6:08PM*
 - i. Chief of Staff Ritchey reminds the Senate that they need to RSVP tonight if they have not already done so or they will not be allowed at the banquet. He also reminds everyone to turn in constituency reports if they haven't done so.
 - d. *Rose Weisenstein – Vice President for Student Affairs – 6:09PM*
 - i. Vice President Weisenstein reports that Senators will be receiving awards and t-shirts at the banquet and to please be decisive in decision making tonight as we have had more than enough time to look over the material and consult with constituents. She recommends that discussion be limited on each item so that we can get through the meeting in a timely manner.



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- e. *Ben Handler – Executive Vice President – 6:09PM*
 - i. Vice President Handler arrives at the meeting and reports that the Rec Center Advisory Board is going to meet to discuss possible cuts to the Rec Center in the wake of the University budget crisis. He also reports on the upcoming open forums for the Chancellor candidates.
- f. *Jared Stern – President – 6:10PM*
 - i. President Stern reports that he met with the Dean of Library Affairs and will pass along his information to the next Executive Board to maintain contact. Also, he recommends that the Senate limit discussion on each item to 10 minutes so we can get through the meeting as efficiently as possible. Finally, he states his intentions regarding operational funding of umbrella organizations. After discussing possible options with the Senate, President Stern states that we will come back to this topic during his closing remarks at the end of the meeting.
- VI. *Advisor Report – Tena Bennett – 6:25PM*
 - a. Tena Bennett reports that the USG Presidential election is open on D2L until 4:00PM tomorrow, and the Student Trustee election will be occurring in the new few weeks. She thanks everyone for their commitment this year and wishing everyone luck on finals.
- VII. *Committee Reports*
 - a. *External Affairs Committee – Brandon Kyles – 6:26PM*
 - i. No report
 - b. *Internal Affairs Committee – Elizabeth Lewis – 6:26PM*
 - i. No report
 - c. *Judicial Board – Kelly Meloy – 6:27PM*
 - i. No report
 - d. *Diversity and Equity Affairs Committee – Rose Weisenstein – 6:27PM*
 - i. No report
 - e. *Governing Documents Advisory Board – Chase Bridges – 6:27PM*
 - i. No report
 - f. *It's On Us – Trebor Mann – 6:27PM*
 - i. No report
 - g. *Additional Committee Reports – 6:27PM*
 - i. The following committees that USG has representation on are reported on by members of the Senate:
 - 1. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee – Senator Schmidlin



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2. University Accreditation Steering Committee – Senator Shereos
3. Associate Chancellor and Chief Diversity Officer Search Committee –
Senator Gonzalez

VIII. *Old Business*

a. *SB 17-219 Constitutional Amendment – Umbrella Organization Guidelines – 6:28PM*

- i. Senator Giacobbi, Miranda and Shereos come forward to present SB 17-220 proposing to add guidelines for umbrella organizations to the Constitution
- ii. The Senate discusses the contents of the bill in the time allotted
- iii. Motion is made to limit discussion on all items in the New Business to 10 minutes
 1. Vote – majority in favor of limiting discussion on items in New Business
- iv. Motion is made to separate the question into two parts split on line item H
 1. Vote – majority in favor of separating the question
- v. Motion is made to approve the portion of the bill from line item H and below, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of approving SB 17-219 as amended (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- vi. Motion is made to table the contents of the rest of the bill indefinitely, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of tabling the remaining portions of the bill indefinitely

b. *SB 17-220 Funding Guidelines Amendment – Operational Funding Limitations – 6:37PM*

- i. Senator Giacobbi, Miranda and Shereos come forward to present SB 17-220 proposing to create more stringent limitations on the operational funding process for umbrella organizations.
- ii. Motion is made to table SB 17-220 indefinitely, second is given
 1. Vote – majority in favor of tabling SB 17-220 indefinitely

c. *SB 17-251 Funding Guidelines Amendment – Funding Policies – 6:48PM*

- i. Senator Lewis comes forward to present SB 17-251 on behalf of the IAC proposing to amend the Funding Guidelines as it pertains to the policies that are in place to fund RSOs.
- ii. The Senate discusses the contents of the bill in the time allotted
- iii. Motion is made and passed to extend the discussion by 10 minutes
- iv. Multiple friendly amendments are made and accepted by Senator Lewis



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- v. Motion is made to table SB 17-251 indefinitely
 - 1. Motion is made to kill the previous motion, second is given
 - a. Vote – majority in favor of killing the previous motion to table SB 17-251 indefinitely
- vi. Motion is made and passed to recognize President Stern
 - 1. He states that he has multiple concerns with this bills, and recommends to the Senate to think about correcting some of this issues
- vii. Motion is made and passed to extend the discussion by 10 minutes
- viii. Multiple friendly amendments are made and accepted by Senator Lewis
- ix. Motion is made to extend the discussion by 5 minutes
- x. Motion is made to approve SB 17-251 as amended, second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor of approving SB 17-251 as amended (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- d. *SB 17-252 Funding Guidelines Amendment – Funding Policies – 7:20PM*
 - i. Senator Lewis comes forward to present SB 17-251 on behalf of the IAC proposing to amend the Funding Guidelines to add additional limitations on items that can be funded by USG
 - ii. The Senate discusses the content of the bill in the time allotted
 - iii. Multiple friendly amendments are made and accepted by Senator Lewis
 - iv. Motion is made and passed to recognize President Stern
 - 1. He states that he is vetoing SB 17-252 and provides reasoning to the Senate. He recommends that multiple line items be removed as they are either inapplicable or severely hinder student groups
 - v. Motion is made to overturn the veto, amend the bill to remove the line items that President Stern mentioned, and approve the bill as amended second is given
 - 1. Vote – majority in favor if approving the bill as amended by overturning the veto (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- e. *SB 17-253 Constitutional Amendment – Governing Documents Committee – 7:38PM*
 - i. Members of the Governing Documents Advisory Board come forward to present SB 17-253 proposing to make this committee a standing committee in the Constitution
 - ii. Motion is made and passed to recognize President Stern
 - 1. President Stern points out errors in content and grammar that should be corrected by the Senate before approved



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iii. Motion is made to amend SB 17-253 to correct for the content and grammatical errors in the document as pointed out by President Stern

1. Vote – majority in favor of amendments to SB 17-253

iv. Motion is made to approve SB 17-253 as amended

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

IX. *New Business – 7:41PM*

a. Senator Kyles comes forward to present SR 17-08 proposing for USG to recommend that the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs be removed from all involvement in the Student Trustee election.

b. The Senate discusses the purpose of this resolution and President Stern is recognized to provide insight on the events that put us in this situation. He states that he is very much against this resolution as the VC for Student Affairs should be oversight in this election as the Student Trustee falls under her purview.

c. Amendments are made to the resolution to correct for grammatical errors

d. Motion is made to approve SR 17-08, second is given

i. Vote – majority in favor of approving SR 17-08 as amended (record of votes cast can be found on last page)

e. No further New Business is brought up by the Senate

f. Motion is made to strike the Senate Open Forum from the agenda, second is given

i. Vote – majority in favor of striking the Senate Open Forum from the agenda

X. *Public Comments – 8:12PM*

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. Members of the Senate need to be more prepared and versed on the legislation that is being discussed during meetings

ii. It is not fair to end a meeting without giving the public a chance to speak

iii. Please don't compare SIU to other institutions such as U of I

iv. The importance of the resolution that was passed regarding the Student Trustee election

~~XI. *Senate Open Forum (15 Minutes)*~~

XII. *Executive Board Closing Remarks – 8:17PM*

a. Executive Assistant – Jami Hagemann



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- i. No closing remarks
- b. Treasurer – Gabi Piquini
 - i. No closing remarks
- c. Chief of Staff – Ian Ritchey
 - i. No closing remarks
- d. Vice President for Student Affairs – Rose Weisenstein
 - i. No closing remarks
- e. Executive Vice President – Ben Handler
 - i. No closing remarks
- f. President – Jared Stern
 - i. President Stern states that he has run the numbers and recommends to cut the funds to be allocated to each umbrella RSO by 33%. This cut would come from amount recommended by the funding board and subsequently approved or amended by the Senate during the last meeting. By doing this, he also recommends to add a clause that allows organizations to ask the Funding Board for further operational funding that shall not total more than 30% of the total USG budget after the Executive Budget has been allocated.
 - ii. He asks the Senate for the thoughts on this recommendation
 - 1. The Senate agrees with the principle that is being proposed, but recommends that the total percentage to be allocated to umbrella organizations be determined by the Funding Board in the fall and subsequently approved by the Senate.
 - 2. President Stern counters by asking how the Senate feels about putting a percentage cap that is higher than 30%, but is still determined by the Funding Board and approved by the Senate in the fall semester.
 - 3. Motion is made and passed to break for a 7 minute recess for the Senate to discuss their options moving forward
 - a. Executive Vice President Handler recalls the meeting to order and the Senate states that they agree upon a 40% cap and is satisfied with this proposal as is moving forward.
- iii. President Stern states that he is vetoing SB 17-244 thru SB 17-250
 - 1. Motion is made to overturn the veto, amend SB 17-244 thru SB 17-250 with the agreed upon recommendation, and approve SB 17-244 thru SB 17-250 as amended, second is given



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- a. Vote – majority in favor of overturning the veto, amending the bills, and approving the legislation as amended (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- iv. President Stern states to please have anyone who has not RSVPed for the banquet that would still like to come to please let him know after the meeting.

XIII. *Adjournment* – **8:52PM**

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





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RECORD OF VOTES CAST

XIV. Y: YES N: NO NA: NO VOTE AS: ABSENT AB: ABSTAIN

NAME	SB 17-219	SB 17-251	SB 17-252	SB 17-253	SR 17-08
B. BABNIK	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
J. BEYKIRCH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
C. BRIDGES	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
A. DAVIS	Y	AB	Y	Y	Y
A. DEZANEK	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
A. DROPIK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
H. DUVALL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
J. EMMANUEL	Y	Y	Y	Y	AB
J. GIACOBBI	AB	Y	AB	AB	AB
D. GONZALEZ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
S. HAITT-LEONARD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
D. HOCH	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
K. HUDSON	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
R. HUDSON	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
K. HURD	Y	AB	Y	Y	Y
D. JACKSON	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
M. JACKSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
J. KIRKWOOD	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
B. KYLES	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



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E. LEWIS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
K. LINDSAY	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
T. MANN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
C. MENEFEE	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
E. MIHALIK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
C. MIRANDA	AB	Y	AB	AB	AB
T. MITCHELL	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
D. NUNEZ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
T. RAWLS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
K. REISELBACH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
E. SABO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
W. SCHEFELBEIN	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
M. SCHMIDLIN	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
N. SHEREOS	AB	Y	Y	Y	NA
G. SWIESZCZ	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
C. TRINA	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
M. VELAZQUEZ	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
L. WANIGASINGHE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
L. WILLIS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
R. ZHANG	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA