



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
~ SENATE MEETING MINUTES ~  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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- I. *Call to Order – 6:02PM*
  - a. Meeting is called to order by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler
- II. *Roll Call – 6:02PM*
  - a. 36 out of 40 Senators in attendance
- III. *Approval of previous meeting minutes (11/01/2016) – 6:04PM*
  - 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 (11/08/2016) – 6:04PM*
  - a. Senate is asked for amendments or objections to the 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 agenda
- V. *Executive Reports*
  - a. *Executive Assistant - Jami Hagemann – 6:04PM*
    - i. Jami reports that she continues to sit in on funding board meetings, and that she continues to update the spreadsheet with the amount that has been allocated in order to ensure that we continue to allocate responsibly.
  - b. *Gabi Piquini – Treasurer – 6:05PM*
    - i. Gabi reports that there are only a few funding bills that need to be presented tonight, and to expect a change to voting process that will be explained later in the meeting.
  - c. *Ian Ritchey – Chief of Staff – 6:05PM*
    - i. Ian reports that there is a new proxy form that should be used going forward, and that all the Senators have received a copy of that form tonight. Additionally, he reminds Senators that they need to turn in their constituency reports as soon as possible, and that the next and final report of the semester is due at our last Senate of the semester meeting on November 29, 2016.
  - d. *Ben Handler – Executive Vice President – 6:06PM*
    - i. Ben reports that he continues to work on updating the website, and that he will let the Senate know what it is fully up to date.



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- e. *Jared Stern – President – 6:07PM*
- i. Jared reports that there is an error on the USG website regarding the meeting dates for the rest of the semester, and that the final Senate meeting of the semester will take place on November 29, 2016. He makes the point that this leaves the last two weeks of the semester (finals week and the week before) without a Senate meeting. He asks the Senate to let him know if anyone objects to this, otherwise, it will stand as scheduled.
- VI. *Advisor Report – Tena Bennett – 6:08PM*
- a. Tena reminds the Senate that there is no class on Friday, but that most of the University buildings, such as the Student Center, will be open.
- VII. *Old Business*
- a. *SB 17-89 Constitutional Amendment – Meeting Times – 6:09PM*
    - i. Senator Nartey comes forward to present his amendment moving that the Senate meet on a weekly basis rather than bi-weekly.
      1. Point is made that an amendment was made and approved last meeting to allow the Senate to determine when it necessary (through a majority affirmative vote) for the Senate to meet on a weekly basis.
      2. Point is made that there are significant errors to SB 17-89, and a movement is made to table the bill until the next meeting to allow for the bill to be properly proposed, second is given
        - a. Vote – majority in favor of tabling SB 17-89 until the next meeting.
  - b. *SB 17-90 Constitutional Amendment – Senate Seat Allocation (SRN) – 6:12PM*
    - i. Senator Heller comes forward to present SB 17-90, that moves to allocate an additional seat in the Senate to Saluki Rainbow Network, as to ensure that the constituency group has adequate representation.
      1. Senator Heller fields questions from the Senate regarding the bill
        - a. Motion is made to amend the bill to correct a grammatical error in the document (lowercasing the “T” in Saluki), second is given
          - i. Vote – majority in favor of amendment to SB 17-90
      - ii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-90, therefore granting an additional Senate seat to Saluki Rainbow Network, second is given



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

c. *SB 17-91 Constitutional Amendment – Senate Seat Allocation (LCA) – 6:15PM*

- i. Senator Gonzalez comes forward to present SB 17-91, that moves to allocate an additional seat in the Senate to Latino Cultural Association, as to ensure that the constituency group has adequate representation.

1. Senator Gonzalez fields questions from the Senate regarding the bill

- a. Motion is made to amend the bill to correct a spelling error in the document (Gonzales changed to Gonzalez), second is given

- i. Vote – majority in favor of amendment to SB 17-91

- ii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-91, therefore granting an additional Senate seat to Latino Cultural Association, second is given

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

VIII. *New Business*

a. *Swearing in of new Senators – 6:18PM*

- i. Chief of Staff, Ian Ritchey, presents that the following Senators have met the minimum requirements and recommends that they be approved as Senators by the Senate: Kianna Hurd, Colton Trina

1. President, Jared Stern, asks the Senate to vote on whether or not they are okay with Kianna’s proxy being sworn in as her.

- a. Vote – majority in favor of allowing Bethany Peppers to be sworn in as Kianna Hurd

- ii. Motion is made to approve both Senators

1. Vote – majority in favor of approval

- iii. Both Senators recite the oath of office as conducted by the President

b. *USG Governing Documents Advisory Board – 1 nomination – 6:22PM*

- i. Executive Vice President, Ben Handler asks for a nomination from the Senate to be appointed to the GDAB

1. Senator Kyles is nominated, second is given

- a. Vote – majority in favor of nomination



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c. *Student Legal Assistance Board – 2 nominations – 6:23PM*

- i. Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, asks for two nominations to the Student Legal Assistance Board
  1. Senator Gonzalez is nominated, second is given
    - a. Vote – majority in favor of nomination
  2. Senator Jordan is nominated, second is given
    - a. Vote – majority in favor of nomination
- ii. Motion is made to revisit points B and C to allow for a vote to take place via closed ballot for nominations to each of the previously discussed Boards, second is given
  1. Vote – majority in favor of revisiting points B and C
- iii. Motion is made to nominate Senator Rotheiser to the GDAB, second is given
  1. Vote – majority in favor of nomination
- iv. Motion is made to accept the previous two nominations to the Student Legal Assistance Board, second is given
  1. Vote – majority in favor of approving the previous two nominations

d. *SR 17-04 Freedom of Speech – 6:31PM*

- i. Senator Kane Hudson comes forward to present a resolution stating that USG condemns individuals that trample on other's rights to free speech. He states that this comes as a result of a chalking incident that happened on campus earlier in the semester.
- ii. Senator Hudson fields questions from the Senator regarding the resolution.
- iii. Motion is made to approve SR 17-04, second is given
  1. Vote – majority in favor of approval
- iv. Motion is made to revisit SB 17-04, second is given
  1. Vote – majority in favor of revisiting SR 17-04
- v. Motion is made to defer SR 17-04 to the DEAC to allow for some of language that has been deemed inapplicable to reviewed by the committee, second is given
  1. Vote – majority in favor of deferring SR 17-04 to the DEAC.



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- e. *SB 17-92 Timmy Global Health – RSO – 6:43PM*
- i. Senator Lewis, as the Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee, comes forward to present the bill recommending that the organization be officially recognized as an RSO by 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 17-92, second is given
    1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- f. *SB 17-93 Movie Camera Movement (MCM) – Event Funding – 6:50PM*
- i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, comes forward to present the bill
    1. SB 17-97: \$300 for “Untitled Film 1.”
  - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field questions from the Senate
  - iii. Motion is made to omnibus SB 17-93 and SB 17-94, second is given
    1. Vote – majority in favor of omnibus
- g. *SB 17-94 Movie Camera Movement (MCM) – Event Funding – 6:50PM*
- i. SB 17-98: \$300 for “Untitled Film 2”
  - ii. Motion is made to approve the omnibus of SB 17-93 and SB 17-94, second is given
    1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
- h. *SB 17-95 Association of Black Psychologists Student Circle – Event Funding – 6:55PM*
- i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, comes forward to present the bill
    1. SB 17-95: \$766 for “Fashion Show.”
  - ii. No members of the organization are in attendance
  - iii. Motion is made to suspend the Funding Guidelines to allow for the bill to be tabled until the next meeting, second is given
    1. Vote – majority in favor of suspending the Funding Guidelines
  - iv. Motion is made to table SB 17-65 until the meeting to allow for members of the organization to be in attendance.
    1. Vote – majority in favor of tabling SB 17-95 until the next meeting



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- v. Motion is made to reinstate the funding guidelines, second is given
    - 1. Vote – majority in favor of reinstating the funding guidelines
  - i. **SB 17-96 Saluki Rainbow Network – Event Funding – 6:59PM**
    - i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, comes forward to present the bill
      - 1. SB 17-96: \$900 for “Fall Drag Show.”
    - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field questions from the Senate
    - iii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-96, second is given
      - 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
  - j. **SB 17-97 SACNAS – Event Funding – 7:02PM**
    - i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, comes forward to present the bill
      - 1. SB 17-97: \$300 for “Native American Heritage Month.”
    - ii. Members of the organization come forward to speak on their behalf and field questions from the Senate
    - iii. Motion is made to approve SB 17-97, second is given
      - 1. Vote – majority in favor of approval (record of votes cast can be found on last page)
  - k. **SB 17-98 Constitutional Amendment – DEAC – 7:05PM**
    - i. Senator Heller comes forward to present SB 17-98, moving to amend the constitution to make the DEAC a standing committee within USG to ensure its longevity and effectiveness for students on campus.
    - ii. Point is made that the bill is simply being read during this meeting, and that it will be voted on during the next meeting.
- IX. Senator Nartey reads a resolution that states that USG should demand that administration ask the Board of Trustees to raise the legal by \$1 rather than the previously approved \$0.50.
- a. The Senate asks the President and the USG Advisor to provide background on the topic to provide the Senate with more information
  - b. Motion is made to table the resolution until the next meeting to allow for the Senators to speak with their constituents, second is given
  - c. Motion is made to kill the previous motion, second is given
    - i. Vote – majority in favor of killing the previous motion



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1. Point is made that the resolution needs to be voted on today due to the time sensitive nature of the issue

ii. Motion is made to approve SR 17-05, second is given

1. Vote – majority in favor of approval

X. *Public Comments – 7:19PM*

a. Motion is made to open the floor for discussion to allow for public comments, second is given

i. Vote – majority in favor of opening the floor for discussion

b. No public comments are addressed to the Senate

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

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

XI. *Executive Board Closing Remarks – 7:20PM*

a. Jami Hagemann: thanks the Senators for their attendance at this unscheduled meeting.

b. Gabi Piquini: no closing remark

c. Ian Ritchey: thanks the Senators for their attendance at a last minute meeting, and reminds them to stay on top of their committee reports.

d. Ben Handler: thanks the Senate for their patience in working with him on Roberts Rules of Order, and that we are continuing to learn. He welcomes suggestions from the public and the Senate.

e. Jared Stern: reminds Senators to let him know if they have an issue with the dates and overall schedule for the upcoming meetings. He also thanks a few select Senators for what he believes was outstanding work in representation of their constituencies and USG as a whole.

XII. *Constituency Comments and Concerns (Good of the Order) – 7:22PM*

a. Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, passes the gavel around the Senate for each Senator to have the opportunity to talk about their workings within their constituency, and to provide any further closing remarks.

XIII. *Adjournment – 7:31PM*

a. Motion is made to adjourn the meeting, second is given

i. Vote – majority in favor of adjournment



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**RECORD OF VOTES CAST**

*Y: YES*

*N: NO*

*NA: NO VOTE*

*AS: ABSENT*

*AB: ABSTAIN*

NAME	SB 17-90	SB 17-91	SB 17-92	SB 17-93	SB 17-94	SB 17-96
BROWN, JOEL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
CONROD, AUSTIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
CONTRERAS, ALICIA	Y	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA
DAVIS, AMANDA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DAY, GRIFFIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DEZANEK, ANDREW	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DUVALL, HAILEY	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
EICHELBURGER, BRANDON	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
EMMANUEL, JOSHUA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GIACOBBI, JESSICA	Y	Y	AB	AB	AB	Y
GONZALEZ, DAMARIS	Y	Y	AB	Y	Y	Y
HELLER, YAHAIRA	Y	AB	AB	Y	Y	AB
HAITT-LEONDARD, STEPHEN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HOCH, DALTON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HUDSON, KANE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HUDSON, RAHEAM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HURD, KIANNA	NA	NA	Y	NA	AB	Y
JACKSON, DARREN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
JORDAN, NATHANIEL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
KATZMAN, CAROLYN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
KIRKWOOD, JOHN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y





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