



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
~ SENATE MEETING MINUTES ~
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

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I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting Called to Order at 6:00PM by Executive Vice President Ben Handler

II. Roll Call

- a. 22 out of 25 Senators in attendance

III. Approval of meeting agenda

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

IV. Swearing in of new Senators

- a. Chief of Staff, Ian Ritchey, declares the following Senators meet the minimum requirements to hold the office of a Senator
 - i. Joel Brown – College of Science
 - ii. Austin Conrod – College of Science
 - iii. Alicia Contreras – Senator at Large
 - iv. Griffin Day – Senator at Large
 - v. Joshua Emmanuel – Senator at Large
 - vi. Stephen Heitt-Leonard – Disability Students
 - vii. Dalton Hoch – College of Business
 - viii. Raheam Hudson – Senator at Large
 - ix. Darren Jackson – College of Mass Communication and Media Arts
 - x. Nathaniel Jordan – College of Liberal Arts
 - xi. Carolyn Katzmann – Sport Clubs
 - xii. John Kirkwood – College of Applied Sciences and Arts
 - xiii. Mallory Leckrone – Senator at Large
 - xiv. Elizabeth Lewis – College of Agriculture
 - xv. Nolan McConnell – Inter Greek Council
 - xvi. Travis Rotheiser – Inter Greek Council
 - xvii. Erik Sabo – College of Liberal Arts
 - xviii. William Schefelbien – College of Business
 - xix. Matthew Schmidlin – College of Engineering
 - xx. Gabriel Swieszcz – College of Education and Human Services



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xxi. Roberto Velazquez – College of Applied Sciences and Arts

xxii. Runyu Zhang – International Student Council

- b. Oath of Office read and recited by all Senators meeting the qualifications, as verified by the Chief of Staff; presentation conducted by the President, Jared Stern.

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*
f. *Jared Stern – President*

VI. *University Committee Nominations*

- a. *Traffic and Parking Appeals Board – 2 nominations*
- i. Nominations asked for by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler
 1. Senator Nolan McConnell – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Board
 2. Senator Joel Brown – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Board
- b. *Affirmative Action Advisory Committee – 1 appointment*
- i. Description of Committee read by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, followed by a request for nomination
 1. Senator Alicia Contreras – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of appointment to Committee
- c. *Honorary Degree & Distinguished Service Award Committee – 1 appointment*
- d. *Intercollegiate Athletics Committee – 2 nominations*
- i. Description of Committee read by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, followed by a request for nominations
 1. Senator Austin Conrod – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Committee
 2. Senator Matthew Schmidlin – nominated with no objections



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- a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Committee
- e. *Naming of University Facilities Committee – 1 appointment*
 - i. Nomination asked for by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler
 - 1. Senator Erik Sabo – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of appointment to Committee
- f. *Saluki Pride/Spirit Committee – 2 nominations*
 - i. Description of Committee read by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, followed by a request for nominations
 - 1. Senator Griffin Day – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
 - 2. Senator Dalton Hoch – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
- VII. *New Business*
 - a. *2016-2017 Undergraduate Student Government Constitution*
 - i. Floor opened for discussion by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler
 - 1. Question was raised on if the Constitution needed to wait until the next scheduled meeting before a vote could commence
 - a. President, Jared Stern, reiterated that operating procedures needed to be voted on during this meeting in order to business to be conducted, no objections raised to this explanation.
 - 2. No further objections expressed from the Senate
 - ii. Vote – 19 (yes) - 1 (no) - 2 (abstain) in favor of approval
 - 1. Constitution passes with approval from the Senate by meeting the minimum requirement of 2/3 majority affirmative vote
 - 2. All votes cast by Senators can be found at the end of all Senate Meeting Minutes
 - b. *2016-2017 Executive Budget*
 - i. President, Jared Stern, called to the podium by Executive Vice President Ben Handler



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1. Description that included an itemized budget reflecting a \$9,000.00 reduction in the Executive Budget was presented to the Senate
2. No questions or objections raised from the Senate
- ii. Vote – 19 (yes) - 1 (no) - 2 (abstain) in favor of approval
 1. Executive Budget passes with approval from the Senate by meeting the minimum requirements of a simple majority affirmative vote
 2. All votes cast by Senators can be found at the end of all Senate Meeting Minutes

c. Executive Succession

- i. President recalled to the podium to present the Executive Succession per the newly approved USG Constitution.
 1. Question was raised if these presentation procedures are outlined in the newly approved Constitution.
 - a. President, Jared Stern, confirmed that this was the case, and that the Executive Succession simply needs to be presented to the Senate and does not require a vote.
 2. Executive Succession as presented by the President is as follows:
 - a. President – Jared Stern
 - b. Executive Vice President – Ben Handler
 - c. Vice President for Student Affairs – Rose Weisenstein
 - d. Chief of Staff – Ian Ritchey
 - e. Treasurer – Gabi Piquini
 - f. Executive Assistant – Jami Hagemann
 - g. Chief Justice to the Judicial Board

d. Student Funding Board – 6 nominations

- i. Description of Committee read by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, followed by a request for nominations.
 1. Senator Travis Rotheiser – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Board
 2. Senator John Kirkwood – nominated with no objections



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- a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Board
- 3. Senator William Schefelbein – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Board
- 4. Senator Raheam Hudson – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Board
- 5. Senator Gabriel Swieszcz – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Board
- e. *Justice to the Judicial Board – 1 nomination*
 - i. Description of Judicial Board read by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, followed by a request for nomination
 - 1. Senator Matthew Schmidlin – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Board
- f. *Internal Affairs Council – 7 nominations*
 - i. Description of IAC read by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, followed by a request for nomination
 - 1. Senator Elizabeth Lewis – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
 - 2. Senator Joshua Emmanuel – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
 - 3. Senator Alicia Contreras – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
 - 4. Senator Nathan Jordan – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
 - 5. Senator Erik Sabo – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
- g. *External Affairs Council – 7 nominations*
 - i. Description of IAC read by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, followed by a request for nomination
 - 1. Senator Elizabeth Lewis – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
 - 2. Senator Joshua Emmanuel – nominated with no objections



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- a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
3. Senator William Schefelbein – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
4. Senator Nathan Jordan – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
5. Senator Runyu Zhang – nominated with no objections
 - a. Vote – unanimously in favor of nomination to Council
- h. *SB 17-01 Saluki Code*
 - i. President, Jared Stern, recalled to the podium to present SB 17-01
 - ii. Member of Saluki Code asked to speak on behalf of organization
 1. Question raised on how the organization was planning on working with other engineering related organizations
 - iii. No further objections raised
 - iv. Vote – 18 (yes) - 1 (no) - 3 (abstain) in favor of approval
 1. SB 17-01 passes with approval from the Senate by meeting the minimum requirements of a simple majority affirmative vote
 2. All votes cast by Senators can be found at the end of all Senate Meeting Minutes
- i. *SB 17-02 Saluki Wishmakers*
 - i. President, Jared Stern, recalled to the podium to present SB 17-02
 - ii. Members of Saluki Wishmakers asked to speak on behalf of the organization
 - iii. Motion made to amend the bill to change the name of the organization from “Saluki Wishmakers” to “Spreading the Knowledge” on request of the organization
 1. Vote – unanimously in favor to amend SB 17-02
 - iv. No further objections raised
 - v. Vote – 18 (yes) - 1 (no) - 3 (abstain) in favor of approval
 1. 17-02 passes with approval from the Senate by meeting the minimum requirements of a simple majority affirmative vote



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2. All votes cast by Senators can be found at the end of all Senate Meeting Minutes

j. SB 17-03 Sigma Lambda Beta – Event Funding

- i. Treasurer, Gabi Piquini, called to the podium to present SB 17-03; reminded the Senate that all funding bills will be voted on during the next scheduled Senate meeting.
- ii. SB 17-03 reflects a recommendation of \$3,500 to be allocated for “Noche De Gala.”
 1. No questions or objections raised

k. SB 17-04 ATMAE – Event Funding

- i. SB 17-04 reflects a recommendation of \$4,500.00 to be allocated for “ATMAE Conference.”
 1. No questions or objections raised

l. SB 17-05 ATMAE – Event Funding

- i. SB 17-05 reflects a recommendation of \$150.00 to be allocated for “Machine Day.”
 1. No questions or objections raised

m. SB 17-06 ATMAE – Event Funding

- i. SB 17-06 reflects a recommendation of \$400.00 to be allocated for “Microbots.”
 1. No questions or objections raised

n. SB 17-07 NABA – Event Funding

- i. SB 17-07 reflects a recommendation of \$2,400.00 to be allocated for “Milwaukee Conference.”
 1. No questions or objections raised

o. SB 17-08 NABA – Event Funding

- i. SB 17-08 reflects a recommendation of \$900.00 to be allocated for “Chicago Conference.”
 1. No questions or objections raised



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p. SB 17-09 MCM Filmmakers United – Event Funding

- i. SB 17-09 reflects a recommendation of \$1,600.00 to be allocated for “Big Muddy Film Festival.”
 1. No questions or objections raised

q. SB 17-10 STLf – Event Funding

- i. SB 17-10 reflects a recommendation of \$400.00 to be allocated for “Pay-it-Forward.”
 1. No questions or objections raised

r. Executive Expenditures for Operational Funding

1. President recalled to the podium to discuss the process and procedures executed to utilize this clause in the Constitution.
2. President also explains criteria and guidelines used when allocating funds to organizations while in use of the “Executive Expenditures” clause
3. No objections or questions raised.
- ii. *SB 17-11 Black Affairs Council - \$10,000.00*
- iii. *SB 17-12 International Student Council - \$10,000.00*
- iv. *SB 17-13 WIDB Radio - \$8,500.00*
- v. *SB 17-14 Latino Cultural Association - \$7,000.00*
- vi. *SB 17-15 Engineering Student Council - \$8,000.00*
- vii. *SB 17-16 Hispanic Student Council - \$5,000.00*

VIII. Constituency Comments and Concerns

- a. Floor opened for discussion; no points or objections made; floor is subsequently closed for discussion.

IX. Public Comments

- a. Floor opened for discussion by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler.
 - i. Question raised on why some organizations were granted more money than other when exercising “Executive Expenditures.”
 1. President, Jared Stern, explained that organizations were granted funds based on the criteria that was published in the Student Funding Guidelines. It was reiterated that USG is by no means



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stating that one organization is more entitled to funds than another organizations through the allocation of funds.

ii. Question raised to Senators regarding the vote that took place on the 2016-2017 Undergraduate Student Government Constitution.

1. Senators were asked if they were familiar with the previous Constitution; unofficially, a majority stated that they are not familiar with the document
2. Senators were asked if they were familiar with the new Constitution that they had voted on earlier in the meeting; unofficially, a majority stated that they were, in fact, familiar with the document that they have voted on.

iii. Question was raised in regards to the procedure executed when the vote approving the 2016-2017 Undergraduate Student Government Constitution was completed earlier in the meeting.

1. The President, Jared Stern, stated that the previous Constitution, including the newly approved Constitution, includes a clause stating that Robert's Rules of Order does not apply fully.
2. This clause allows the Constitution to be voted on during the same meeting that it was presented on. It was reiterated that this same procedure was used to approve the Constitution at the first meeting during the previous year.

iv. Member of the public presented event involving an attempt to increase the number of the students that participate in the national election.

1. Question was raised on how students that are not registered to vote in Jackson County are able to participate in the event.
 - a. Presenter stated that the event is also geared towards awareness of the student participation in voting.

v. Floor closed for discussion by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler.

X. *Adjournment*

- a. Meeting is adjourned by Executive Vice President, Ben Handler, at 7:02PM.



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Record of Votes Casts

Name	Constitution	Executive Budget	SB 17-01	SB 17-02
Joel Brown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Austin Conrod	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alicia Contreras	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Griffin Day	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joshua Emmanuel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stephen Heitt-Leonard	Yes	Yes	No Vote	Yes
Dalton Hoch	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Raheam Hudson	No	No	No	No
Darren Jackson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nathaniel Jordan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carolyn Katzmann	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Kirkwood	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mallory Leckrone	No Vote	No Vote	No Vote	No Vote
Elizabeth Lewis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nolan McConnell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Travis Rotheiser	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Erik Sabo	Yes	No Vote	Yes	Yes
William Schefielbein	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Matthew Schmidlin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gabriel Swieszcz	No Vote	Yes	No Vote	Yes
Roberto Velazquez	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Runyu Zhang	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes