

Student Assembly Minutes

September 5, 2007

Representatives from the classes of 2008, 2009, and 2010 met in the Lincoln Conference Room. The representatives from the class of 2011 were not present at this meeting. The Student Assembly Chair, Jen Grusby, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Present at this meeting were: Dr. Constance, Nancy Calvert, Jen Grusby, Jessica Tonozzi, Christina Doerr, Lexie Hillard, Jennifer Creamer, Sumer Allensworth, Tyler Allison, Katie Eichinger, Ashley Starwalt, Josh Turner, and Sameer Vohra.

Absent from this meeting were: Jackie Harris, Becca Hook, Jake Sams, Junaia Carter, Eric Garcia, Casey Hollensteiner, Kanayo Okafor, Audrey Tanksley, and Jennifer Rose.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jennifer Creamer and seconded by Lexie Hillard at 12:06 pm. No changes were needed.

Old Business:

- A. Review of Fall Picnic: Fall Picnic was held on Sunday, August 26th 2007. The event was coordinated by Jennifer Creamer and Audrey Tanksley. Food was catered by Smokey Bones BBQ and more than enough food was available. The coordinators stated that they had run out of plates, a reminder for the class of 2010. The event was a success with many members from each class present. Softball and volleyball games were held between the classes. Second years present at the meeting said there was some interclass mingling. Everyone agreed that the time and weekend were good for scheduling. As a reminder, we are not allowed on the beach after the lifeguards no longer watch the beach.
- B. Winter Ball: Winter Ball is to be held February 9th, 2008 this year at the Northfield Inn and Conference Center. Ryan Reidy and Allison Huff are the second year coordinators of the event this year. Jen Grusby discussed with Class 2010 members that an update on Winter Ball will be needed at each Student Assembly meeting. Sumer Allensworth confirmed that she would speak to the Winter Ball coordinators regarding this matter. Jen Creamer has spreadsheets of all the information and costs from last year's Winter Ball. She will make these available to the second years.

New Business: None!

Reports:

- A. Office of Student Affairs: Nancy Calvert stated that the second years have until the end of September to get their memberships set up at Gold's Gym. Class of 2010 also has until the end of September to sign up for lockers in the school.

After this point, lockers will be available to all students who would like use of one. MS3's are to speak to the MS2's during their class meeting, which is to be held the 2nd Wednesday after school resumes in January. Volunteers from the third year class will be needed at this time.

- B. OSR Report: Sameer Vohra and Audrey Tanksley will be attending the national OSR meeting in November. They will be sending out a survey after meeting with Dr. Constance in early October to all three classes via "survey monkey." Some of the topics to be discussed at the national meeting include curriculum issues and student insurance. The SIU SOM representatives hope to be of help in regards to student insurance, as we have a student committee here. Dr. Constance will get the representatives up to speed on all of issues so they will be prepared for the meeting.
- C. Chair's Report: Jen Grusby will be attending the Dean's meeting on September 10th. Also, the Alumni Committee meeting will be meeting within the next few months. No other news to report.
- D. Class Reports:
 - a. *Class of 2011*: Not present for this meeting. Representatives awaiting election.
 - b. *Class of 2010*: The class has elected members of the class to organize a variety of activities including, Winter Ball, Volunteer and Community Service, Fall Welcome Picnic, and Fundraising. The class is currently in the Hill unit. Sumer Allensworth suggested having a portion of the student webpage dedicated to book selling. It was mentioned that this has been an issue in the past, however, there has never been a student volunteer to run it. She mentioned that Othniel Doolittle may be interested in running this webpage. Sumer stated that she would discuss it with him. The class may have also found a student to run the student webpage.
 - c. *Class of 2009*: The MSIII's are about to have half of the class finish their long rotations. The other half is about half way through their second short rotation. There is no other news.
 - d. *Class of 2008*: The MSIV's are currently all over the place doing away rotations, taking vacation, or doing rotations here in Springfield. The class is working on ERAS applications. Jen has met with the yearbook representative and we will be having a yearbook meeting coming soon. Jackie will also be holding a class meeting soon regarding graduation, yearbook, and match day activities. Dean Dorsey is working on our graduation speakers. Currently Melinda Gates has been ruled out. We are working on trying to get Levi Watkins.
- E. Dean's Report: Dr. Constance discussed the new insurance cards. Medical students are to use these wherever we go for medical care. This will allow the bills to be sent to SIU Family Practice and not to Carbondale. The Insurance Committee does not have any plans to meet soon. They will wait a few months

to see how the new insurance cards do and then reconvene if necessary. If there are any problems with the insurance cards, we can contact Dr. Constance or Julie Baker. The student website was brought up again as a chronic issue. The website is difficult to upkeep, especially without a student to update it. There is discussion to set up an events calendar in which all student meetings and events would be in one location. This would decrease the number of emails sent out. The Student Assembly discussed having the webpage coordinator as an elected position to be started during first year. As for this year, we are going to try to get a committee together to review the webpage in its current state. This will allow for changes to be made until a coordinator can be found. Lastly, Dr. Constance addressed the cleaning of the student lounges with the second year class. The students have set up a system to rotate through the class members each week. The lounges were just cleaned this weekend.

Next Meeting: October 3, 2007

Adjournment: Christina Doerr moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Sumer Allensworth. Meeting was adjourned by Jen Grusby at 12:23 pm.

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