

Student Assembly Minutes

April 9, 2008

Representatives from the classes of 2008, 2009, and 2010 met in the Lincoln Conference Room. The representatives from the class of 2011 were present via teleconference in Carbondale. The Student Assembly Chair, Jen Grusby, called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Present at this meeting were: Dr. Constance, Jen Grusby, Jessica Tonozi, Jackie Harris, Lexie Hillard, Jennifer Creamer, Melissa Schleeper, Katie Pedersen, Sumer Allensworth, Tyler Allison, Katie Eichinger, Ashley Starwalt, and Sameer Vohra. Attendance was not collected from the class of 2011.

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

This attendance is based off the member for the 2007-2008 school year, I am not sure who the newly elected Student Assembly member are and the roster will be updated by May's meeting.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Sumer Allensworth and seconded by Lexie Hillard at 12:05 pm. No changes were needed.

Old Business:

- A. Winter Ball: Next year's Winter Ball will be held on February 7th, 2009. The class 2010 Winter Ball team is working to find the martini glass centerpieces that were stolen during this past year's Winter Ball. They have been unable to find them at Jeffery Allen and will be trying other stores and possibly online.
- B. Fall Picnic: The place and date have been set, which is August 24th, 2008. Not much else has been done regarding this event.

New Business:

- A. Elections: Elections have been taking place in the classes 2009, 2010, and 2011 over the past few weeks. Due to a tie in the class 2010, there will be a third representative in the class. Even with several elections, the tie could not be broken. The last election took place last Friday. Some of the new SA members are present at this meeting. The class 2011 is being represented by the newly elected group. Student Assembly elections for SA Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary will be held next week. Positions are available to all classes. Everyone was encouraged to run. Elections will take place as discussed previously, which is the same manner as last year.

Reports:

- A. Office of Student Affairs: Nancy was absent from the meeting.
- B. OSR Report: Sameer is still trying to schedule a meeting with Senator Durbin's office. Our contact person has been difficult to reach, as we have had no response over the last three weeks with multiple attempts. The OSR reps will be leaving today for a conference in Florida, which will last until Sunday. Topics will be discussed at next month's meeting. Dr. Constance also mention that the Scramble was different this year, as it was all done electronically. There were no phone contacts this year for many of the programs. This means that during the scramble, each program received over 1500 applications, which make it difficult to decide who to take. Programs will need to work out this issue, especially since confidentiality will be at stake. One big problem is that the Scramble is not really monitored, so there is a lack of coordination.
- C. Chair's Report:
 - a. Service Committee: We will be adding a component to the curriculum at SIU in order to make service a learning experience. We will not be modeling after West Virginia's program, as our schools are far too different.
 - b. Upcoming meetings: Executive Committee (4/14) and Alumni Board (4/28). At the alumni board meeting, the Student Resource Fund will be discussed. Finals decisions will be made as to where the funds should be allocated. One big issue is the Gold's Gym memberships. After surveying the classes, it was found that very few of the students are using the gym regularly. Each class was surveyed regarding amount of usage, types of exercise, what they like/dislike about Gold's, etc. The class 2008 will be receiving a survey regarding Gold's Gym compared to the YMCA, as they are the only class to have experience both. This information will be presented to the Alumni Board Meeting. Some things that were discovered during the SA meeting were: 1) rates for spouses, 2) having the membership expire if not used for an allotted amount of time, 3) a drop out option if not using, 4) 1st years are in favor of the membership, as the state they are an active class.
- D. Class Reports:
 - a. Class of 2011: They are about midway through ERG at this point. Their elections took place 2 weeks ago for SA. The alumni apparel sale has earned them about \$2000. If anyone would like to purchase anything, please contact Julie Robbs.
 - b. Class of 2010: There will be a clerkship meeting soon. The book sale went okay; there is hope that it will be better next time. They are hoping to have a Trivia Night fundraiser at the beginning of the next school year. Those who wanted to take the Neurology clerkship during 3rd year had to interview with Dr. Elble to get a spot. There will be a class meeting on May 7th. Lounge is still making money and the students are hoping to break even with the sales of the remaining goods.
 - c. Class of 2009: The students are currently on electives or vacation. The year four meeting is fast approaching. They are currently planning their schedules for year 4.

- d. Class of 2008: The students are currently post-Match. They are dealing with the paperwork of their residency programs, from contracts to licensing forms. Also, many are beginning to look for housing for next year. Dr. Constance requests that we remove the scrubs from the lounges and make sure that none of our stuff accumulates in either lounge.
- E. Dean's Report: There will be a Year 3/Year 4 reception on April 30th at about 5:30 pm. Dinner will be provided. This will be a chance for the third year students to discuss the various specialties of interest with the 4th year students who matched in those areas. The students will break off into groups for the discussion. Dr. Constance presented Jen with the SA Chair gavel.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2008 The new officers will lead.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lexie Hillard and seconded by Jen Creamer. Jen Grusby adjourned the meeting at 12:35 pm.

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