

Student Assembly Minutes

December 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 present via teleconference in Carbondale. The Student Assembly Vice-Chair, Jennifer Creamer, called the meeting to order.

Present at this meeting were: Dr. Constance, Nancy Calvert, Jennifer Creamer, Sumer Allensworth, Tyler Allison, Katie Eichinger, Ashley Starwalt, Othniel Doolittle, and Sameer Vohra. Attendance was not collected from the class of 2011.

Absent from this meeting were: Jen Grusby, Jessica Tonozzi, Christina Doerr, Jackie Harris, Becca Hook, Lexie Hillard, Jake Sams, Junaia Carter, Eric Garcia, Casey Hollensteiner, Kanayo Okafor, Audrey Tanksley, Josh Turner, and Jennifer Rose.

Minutes: Minutes were approved.

**I apologize for these minutes, as I was not present at the meeting. I tried to compile them the best I could off of the notes taken. Please let me or Rose know if changes need to be made. Thanks! Jessica

Old Business:

- A. Winter Ball: Winter Ball is to be held February 9th, 2008 this year at the Northfield Inn and Conference Center. The theme is "Vegas Style." The DJ has been booked for the event. There has also been food tasting. The invitations have been completed and the ticket prices set. The cost will be \$6 for the first years and \$10 for the second years. Rooms have been blocked at the hotel for the first years to stay if they like for a reduced cost. The Winter Ball committee is currently working on the decorations. The plan is to have taxis available at around 10:30 pm to encourage students to stay and mingle with the first years. There is mention of a seating chart?
- B. Parade of Homes: This will be discussed at the January meeting.
- C. Online Bookstore: Dr. Constance is currently working on gaining intranet access for the project. The update is that there are 61 users, but no one is actually using the bookstore. We hope to have someone come to the next meeting that will be able to help with logistics. The first years are just starting SSB and are looking for books. They are interested to know how they should approach buying books from the upper classmen. What the students need to decide is who will manage this bookstore or if there should be a committee. To place the bookstore on Firefox, it would be \$30/year, but there would be no ads present on the site. Othniel will be sending an email to encourage students to use the website.

- D. Branding: Several students from the Student Assembly went to the meeting to give input on the PR campaign, logo, mission, etc. The logo mentioned is "Big city care with a small town feel."
- E. Transcript: Most students are in favor of the changes. There should be an S* added to transcripts if a student has to remediate a portion of a clerkship.
- F. Academic Probation: The 3rd years are in favor of the changes regarding issues discussed at the last meeting. The 2nd years are not in favor of the change. They have concerns regarding the class member elected to SPC. Should that student be placed on academic probation and even need to repeat a year, the student would still be representing the original class and still have access to that class's information. This will be discussed again at the next class meeting for the 2nd years and will be discussed again at the next SA meeting. No 4th years were present for this discussion.

New Business: None!

Reports:

- A. Office of Student Affairs: None!
- B. OSR Report: College Cost Reduction Act has been updated to still be able to defer, but with interest. This is just a temporary change. Sameer will send an email with information and will contact Senator Durbin to set up a meeting with students to discuss this issue. Possibly we'll also get to meet with Obama.
- C. Chair's Report: Jen Grusby went to the Executive Meeting and the Board of Governors Meeting. In the November meeting with the Executives, it was discussed that there will be a 2-3% increase in tuition. Also, the Branding project was discussed. There is also mention of the Report of Graduates and annual medical committee? At the December meeting, the Children's Hospital's education priority was discussed. Also Dr. Stewart mentioned a research opportunity in Internal Medicine. SIU will have to increase its emphasis on scientific reading. There will also be a research link included on the student webpage. At the Board of Governors meeting, Dr. Aguirre was elected Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. The Cancer Institute will have its ribbon cutting in July. A simulation center is still being worked on and is still in the budget, they are just awaiting the Illinois budget approval.
- D. Class Reports:
 - a. *Class of 2011*: Just getting started with SSB. Dr. Constance was there last Thursday for a meeting. The students raised \$9000 in their fundraiser. Great work class!
 - b. *Class of 2010*: Just finished CRR exams. Their fundraiser went well. Items will be in by December 15th for pick up. They are planning another clothing sale for the spring.

- c. *Class of 2009*: The class is currently finishing up longs and shorts. They will be talking to the MSII's on January 9th about Step I.
- d. *Class of 2008*: Everyone is on the interview trail currently and will be doing so until the end of January. Good Luck!
- E. Dean's Report: Dr. Constance wanted to inform everyone that Anaesthesia is more competitive now. AAMC has compiled previous years' Match Data and it made for a reality check.

Next Meeting: January 9th, 2008

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned.

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