

Student Assembly Minutes

January 9, 2008

Representatives from the classes of 2008, 2009, and 2010 met in the Lincoln Conference Room. The representatives from the class of 2011, along with Linda Herrold, were present via teleconference in Carbondale. The Student Assembly Vice-Chair, Jennifer Creamer, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Present at this meeting were: Dr. Constance, Nancy Calvert, Jackie Harris, Lexie Hillard, Jessica Tonozzi, 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, Christina Doerr, Becca Hook, Jake Sams, Junaia Carter, Eric Garcia, Casey Hollensteiner, Kanayo Okafor, Audrey Tanksley, Josh Turner, and Jennifer Rose.

Minutes: Minutes were approved after being updated. Motion to approve made by Jackie Harris and seconded by Sumer Allensworth.

Old Business:

- A. **Winter Ball:** Winter Ball is to be held February 9th, 2008 this year at the Northfield Inn and Conference Center. The first years were reminded about the block of discounted rooms available. They are filling up quickly and there are a limited number of rooms, so please call soon. The issue of cab service was brought up. In order to have cabs readily available at 10:30 for those who are ready to leave for the downtown, there will be a \$90 fee up front. This will allow for a shuttle service from 10:30 pm-12:00 am. A vote was taken, and the \$90 fee will be added to the total cost of Winter Ball. We want students to be safe. A contract with the taxi service needs to be given to Nancy to set up the shuttle system. The first years also requested a list of cab services to use should they want to leave sooner or later than the shuttle time. Decorations were borrowed from the yacht club, including dice, chips, and a blackjack table. Playing cards have been donated to the event by friends of students who work in the casino business. Nancy mentioned that due to the nature of the theme, "Vegas Style" and the various gambling-oriented decorations, that the committee may need to have a gambling permit. The Winter Ball committee will investigate this and get back to Nancy.
- B. **Parade of Homes:** The parade of homes will be Saturday 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. The students will be meeting at Jen Grusby's home for lunch, then they will be heading out. There are 5 apartments and 7 homes to show. So far Jen has received only 5-6 RSVPs. The first years have been reminded to contact her if they are interested so she can have enough food available for everyone. Please RSVP by February 1.

- C. School Tour: The tour of SIU Springfield will begin at noon on Sunday. Interested students are to meet down by security. Angela Stenga will be organizing the tour. This will be an opportunity for the first year to become acquainted with our campus before they come up next August. Nancy mentioned that they need to notify security of the visitors. Sumer said she would take care of this.
- D. Online Bookstore: Othneil was present for the meeting to discuss the online bookstore. So far there have been only 8 visits to the site in December and only 3 in October. 66 students have signed up for the site, but it appears that no one has actually been visiting the site. We may have to close the bookstore for this year and return to the numerous emails and give the bookstore a try next year. The first years mentioned that maybe the bookstore should be discussed during their orientation, so they know to go there get books, as opposed to waiting for student emails, as these students were told to do. Dr. Constance did not have any answers at this time. He will get some more information, and we will revisit this in the February meeting.
- E. Transcript Changes: This is a done deal and will take effect with the class of 2012. It will not be discussed at the Executive meeting.
- F. Academic Probation and Extracurricular Involvement: The MS2's are discussing it today at their class meeting. This is something going on at most medical schools in the country. Students must get through the curriculum. It was discussed that those who are on academic probation, if holding a 4-year position, would have to resign from that position at the end of the year. If the position is a one-year office, then the student would complete the remainder of the year and would not be able to run for a position in the next academic year. Probation for the first year students does not occur until after the elections for second year positions. Should the student receive academic probation, he/she would have to surrender the position and the class would have to elect a new student to the position. This issue will be discussed again at the February meeting.

New Business: None!

Reports:

- A. Office of Student Affairs: The date for graduation is May 24th. Dr. Levi Watkins is the keynote speaker. March 20th is the match luncheon. March 19th will be the short coat to long coat meeting. Here there will be information regarding financial planning, deductions, handing W2's and more. In the past, representatives from AG Edwards and Jerry Barkmeier. The 4th years will be having to individually go through exit interviews for financial aid. At this point, each student will go through his/her personal financial aid file and the terms for all monies borrowed and/or received. There has also been a change in the financial aid codes used for FAFSA. This is due to the new computer system. The new code will cover both the main campus and SOM. This number has been

emailed to all of the students. Lastly, the MS2s will be registering for the boards today. The MS3's will be there to discuss taking Step 1 and its preparation.

- B. OSR Report: In regards to the Economic Hardship Deferment, Senator Durbin will be back in IL soon. Sameer will be contacting his office to set up a meeting. The hope is to have student representatives at this meeting. Dr. Constance mentioned getting in touch with Sarah (Nelson) Froelich. She is an aid of Senator Durbin's and is a contact person for the medical school. Dr. Constance emphasized the importance of the students discussing the future and how these changes will be affecting us in the next few months.
- C. Chair's Report: Jen attended the Executive Committee meeting on January 7th. At this time the Emergency Medicine residency program was discussed. It will begin maybe in 2009. The program has been approved, but they are not sure of an exact start date. They hope to have 4 residency positions per year to begin, with the possibility of adding more. There is still work to be done on the curriculum. There has been approval for 2 small simulation centers, one per hospital. This is being done because our current surgical skills lab is very overbooked. These centers will be more for the residents (surgical and OB-GYN). The school will also be building it's own simulation center, which be about \$10 million in cost. We are still waiting for last year's budget to go through to begin work on this. Jen also went to the Service Committee meeting. There is a United Way survey being done to evaluate the monetary needs for the community. Many of our faculty members are involved in various community service groups. The survey will also be done to see what they would like to be involved in with SIU SOM. They will meet again later in January.
- D. Class Reports:
- a. *Class of 2011*: The student figured out their profit from their first clothing sale, and they earned about \$4500 total. Due to requests, they will be having a second sale. The SSB midunit exam is in about 2 weeks. Dr. Constance cautioned getting too involved in the clothing sale and not preparing for their studies. The students stated that the work is mostly done, as they are using the same designs and sale sheets as the first sale.
 - b. *Class of 2010*: The second years just started NMB. They also have the Step 1 sign up today during their class meeting. They are also getting ready for Winter Ball.
 - c. *Class of 2009*: Some members of the class will be speaking at the MS2 meeting this afternoon regarding the boards. Half of the class is in Doctoring while the other half has just started shorts.
 - d. *Class of 2008*: The class is still away on interviews, which will be wrapping up at the end of the month. 3 of our class members have already completed the military match. The early match for Ophthalmology is January 17th and Urology is January 21st. The rank lists for the regular match are due February 22nd. Dr. Constance reminded us to get the lists

in sooner than the last day, as the server gets very busy. The rank lists open this week.

E. Dean's Report: Nothing to report.

Next Meeting: February 6th, 2008

Adjournment: Motion was made by Jen Creamer and seconded by Sumer Allensworth. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

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