

## **Student Assembly Minutes**

**March 5, 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, Nancy Calvert, Jen Grusby, Jessica Tonozzi, Christina Doerr, Jake Sams, Jackie Harris, Lexie Hillard, Junaia Carter, Eric Garcia, 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:** Becca Hook, Jennifer Creamer, Casey Hollensteiner, Kanayo Okafor, Audrey Tanksley, Josh Turner, and Jennifer Rose.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes was made by Tyler Allison and seconded by Lexie Hillard at 12:04 pm. No changes were needed.

### **Old Business:**

- A. **Winter Ball:** Winter Ball was a success! The final number of tickets sold numbered 307. The cost per class was about \$800, which will be taken from the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> years' class funds. Sumer informed the assembly that 2 of the martini glass centerpieces were broken and three were stolen. Attempts have been made to reclaim the stolen glasses. These centerpieces were the property of the Springfield Yacht Club. The classes cost about \$10/glass. The Student Assembly voted to replace the glasses, therefore keeping a good working relationship with the Yacht Club. The first years had a good time. The class had a great turn out. The students who attended the Parade of Homes really enjoyed it and found it very useful. The class plans to use the idea again next year. None of the first year students attended the tour of the school. It may be beneficial to hold the tour at some point on Saturday, prior to the Ball to encourage attendance. The Northfield Inn and Conference Center has been booked for February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for next year's Winter Ball. This venue has been chosen again due to its affordability. It has, once again, been suggested that maybe there should be a seating arrangement for next year's ball in order to encourage mingling of the classes. All classes pretty much agreed that they stuck with their own classmates during the event. A social event to encourage mingling of the classes has been proposed to try next year.
- B. **Fall Picnic:** The place and date have been set. Not much else has been done regarding this event. The class is thinking of using the same caterer as last year. Proposed activities are softball and football. The organizer for this activity is James Waymack.

## **New Business:**

- A. Elections: Per Nancy and Dr. Constance, the bylaws were not adjusted last year. Dr. Constance encouraged them to be left vague, as there will be more flexibility. Class elections for the 2008-2009 school year will begin to take place next week and will be complete by the end of March. As for the Student Assembly positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary, these nominations will take place after the each class's assembly has been elected. The descriptions for each position can be found in the Student Handbook. Nancy will be sending out an email taking nominations for these positions. Each person can be nominated by another student or nominate him/herself. With submission of your nomination for a position, each student must write a paragraph stating why he/she would be qualified for that position. After the nominations have been collected, an email vote will take place per Nancy. The new officers will oversee the final meeting of the year. In regards to the secretary position for each class, this is just a reminder that student will also be responsible for maintain the student website. This would involve working with the website coordinator to make changes.

## **Reports:**

- A. Office of Student Affairs: Winter Ball will be February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Also, Nancy mentioned that she is currently doing Exit Interviews with the 4<sup>th</sup> year students. She also invited all of the classes to the Graduation Ceremony to be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Sangamon Auditorium.
- B. OSR Report: There will be a student meeting with Senator Durbin later this month or in early April. There will be up to 10 students allowed, about 3 from each of the Springfield classes. If anyone is Carbondale is interested in coming up for the meeting, please contact Sameer. In regards to choosing the students, this will be left up to each of the class chairs. The only request is that the students be interested in the issues and be knowledgeable about the issues to be discussed with Senator Durbin. Dr. Constance and Sameer will meet with all of the representatives prior to the meeting to update and educate all the volunteers. Some of the ideas to be discussed include: (a) loan repayment/student debt; (b) patient safety (a big Durbin issue); (c) Primary care in Illinois. Our contact person for this meeting is Sarah Froelich. Dr. Constance and Sameer will be meeting soon and will send out an email regarding a pre-meeting issues session.
- C. Chair's Report:
- a. Service Committee: Jen and the Committee met again. Their recommendations regarding the Service Learning component are going to be started. This will allow the school to be in compliance with LCME regulations. The component will likely consist of a written statement regarding the service done and what the student gathered from the experience.

- b. Executive Committee Meeting: The meeting was held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. One of the issues discussed was increased safety due to the recent NIU incident. On every bulletin board at the school, the emergency policies are posted, be sure to check the second floor. Also, our security badges are going to be a big thing in the near future. The hope is to make the bridge a secure route for students to use 24 hours from the school to Memorial. No plans have been made yet.

D. Class Reports:

- a. *Class of 2011*: Their second apparel order has come in and they will be handing out the merchandise the first week of ERG. The students will receive their SSB scores today. The students are excited to be going on spring break next week.
  - b. *Class of 2010*: The NMB exam will be taken next week. This will be the trial run for receiving their preliminary scores directly upon completion of the exam. The Introduction to Year 3 meeting will be coming up soon with Nancy Mcann-Stone. She will be discussing elective registration. Also present for the meeting will be Dr. Lauer and Dr. Kovach, and the Family Medicine faculty that will be discussing the FM preceptorship. There will be no off-campus Psychiatry rotations this year, we don't have the faculty available. The students are considering another fundraiser, perhaps a Trivia Night. The student lounge snacks have been losing capital and profit. Those in charge have stopped buying goods for replenishment of the supplies. Now that the soda is gone, no more will be purchased unless things turn around. Snacks may not be replenished either. This has never been an issue prior to this year. The class has lost a total of about \$150 so far.
  - c. *Class of 2009*: Those students on longs have about 2 weeks left, as do those on shorts. At the end of March is their year 4 meeting. They are currently signing up for Step 2 exams and working on planning their year 4 schedules.
  - d. *Class of 2008*: All of the class is currently on Doctoring. The rank lists were due on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The class is currently awaiting Match on March 20<sup>th</sup> and planning activities for senior week.
- E. Dean's Report: There will be a Year 3/Year 4 reception on April 30<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> year students who matched in those areas. The students will break off into groups for the discussion.

**Next Meeting**: April 2, 2008

**Adjournment**: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jen Grusby and seconded by Lexie Hillard. Jen Grusby adjourned the meeting at 12:43 pm.

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