



The Office of the Eastern Illinois University
Student Government

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.” -Unknown

Student Senate Minutes

The 18th day of September 2019

- I. Call to Order: 7:02pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Agenda
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- IV. Audience Participation
- V. Advisor Report – Ceci Brinker
 - a. The advisor welcomed everyone both new and old to the senate and she stated how excited she was to see the achievements of this group of Senate, stating how the last senate was very productive. She also encouraged the members of the Senate to come to either her, Laurel Fuqua or any of the staff in the Student Activity Center for help with whatever is it that they need. She also introduced Sophie Sarver, the main Graduate Student in charge of Student Government.
- VI. Graduate Report – Sophia Sarver
 - a. The Graduate Assistant introduced herself and added that there would be some of her other colleagues that will help with the different committees when they become fixed, she added that any concerns or questions could be directed to her.
- VII. Motion for Agenda Amendment to remove Monie Lewis, Kindal Boatright and Taylor Waggoner from the Consent Agenda
 - a. Coffey and Ingram
- VIII. Consent Agenda
 - i. Becker and Coffey
 - b. Appointment of David Hagler to the Student Senate
 - c. Appointment of Marcus Powell to the Student Senate
 - d. Appointment of Garrett Fisher to the Student Senate
 - e. Appointment of Justin Richards to the Student Senate
 - f. Appointment of Zack Archey to the Student Senate
 - g. Appointment of Arcadus Nance to the Student Senate
 - h. Appointment of Elizabeth Stephens to the Student Senate
 - i. Appointment of Keegan Noll to the Student Senate
 - j. Appointment of Xavier Franklin to the Student Senate
 - k. Appointment of Emma Curtin to the Student Senate
 - l. Appointment of Sydney O’Rourke to the Student Senate
 - m. Appointment of Logan Williams to the Student Senate
 - n. Appointment of Hawah Abdulrasaq Coker as Secretary of the Senate
- IX. Speaker Report – Michael Perri

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- a. Office Hours: The Speaker started by talking about the Office Hours requirement for all Senators which is 2 hours every week and senators could potentially do up to an hour outside the office. Office hours were said to be due at 5pm every Wednesday and during this time Senators could work on putting out marketing, talking to other students and asking their opinions, event planning, research and Legislation drafting. For the time being, Senators were told to read up on their binders and help with putting out marketing.
 - b. Committees: The speaker handed out a sheet so the Senators could fill out their top three choices for Committee placements and he emphasized the fact that no committee is greater of more important than the other. He also talked about the benefits one could gain from applying to be a Committee chair and that interviews for those will be taking place during the week and the applications were on the table.
 - c. Headshots: Handouts were passed around and filled and the senators were asked to return those to the Speaker by the end of the night. He also added that senators need to stay behind to take pictures for their headshots.
 - d. ‘Your Campus, Your Voice’ Initiative: The Speaker talked about this new tabling initiative and reemphasized the purpose of the program which included getting student feedback, continuous recruitment for committees and senate seats, promoting upcoming events, and to generally establish a presence on campus so the student body sees the Senate as being representative of them. Dates for this event were said to be tentative.
- X. Executive Reports
- a. Student Body President – Carson Gordon
 - i. Small Talk: Student Body President Gordon started out by asking everyone why they chose to come to EIU and a lot of responses were based on Financial and sentimental.
 - ii. Sexual Violence Prevention Team: President Gordon talked about meeting with this team September 9th and some of the things they discussed included coming up with consent posters and potential ideas for events over the course of the semester, she also added that the next meeting would be on the 23rd of September.
 - iii. EIU Naming Committee: The president mentioned that this committee met on the 3rd of September and that they discussed potentially naming a suite in O’Brien after a family that donated a huge amount of money towards the remodeling of the space.
 - iv. Goals for the Semester: President Gordon listed out some of the things that she hopes to achieve during the course of the semester

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1. Sending out E-postcards
 2. Finish planning Mental Health Awareness week with student athletes who are very involved with their governing bodies.
 3. Finish planning Student Appreciation Day
 4. Mental Health Legislation
 5. Establishing a connection with Lake Land's SG as they are close to we are distance wise, having a good relationship with them would include going to each other's meetings to share ideas and thoughts amongst each other.
 6. Helping with the Your Campus, Your Voice Initiative.
- b. Executive Vice President – Kathleen Conlin
- i. EIU Votes: EVP Conlin informed that the registration to vote dates will be on the 24th and 26th of September FROM 11:00am till 2:00pm at Taylor hall and on the 1st and 3rd of October in Coleman Hall from 11:00am till 2:00pm. Volunteers were said to be needed for this event and so all senators were encouraged to ask at their other RSOs for volunteers. In addition to that, EVP Conlin mentioned that she will be meeting with a representative of the Political Science Association and that anyone who volunteers will be featured in a video. She passed around a sign-up sheet for anyone that wanted to volunteer.
 - ii. Board of Trustees: The Vice President informed the Senate that she attended her first BoT meeting on the 13th of September and one of the things they talked about was the 3.7% increase in enrollment and the passing of the new Nursing Program and Masters in both Exercise Physiology and Sport Administration all of which would help keep students in the institution and potentially attract new students. The last thing voted on was the naming of the victory Suite as the Schnorf Family victory Suite.
 - iii. Upcoming Plans: EVP Conlin updated the senate about her plans moving forward which included
 1. Continuing work on the EIU Votes initiative
 2. Attending the next Board of Trustees workshop in Bloomington on the 28th of September.
 3. Starting work on Student Action Team by updating the applications and reaching out to the Lobbyist to potential schedule a meet-up with the members of the SAT.
 - iv. The Executive Vice President ended her report by challenging the senate to make a new friend and reaching out to someone in their class and asking about their hobbies.
- c. Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Noor-ul-Haash Khamisani

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- i. Student Deans: VP Khamisani informed the senate that she has successfully filled all the positions of Student Dean. For all four colleges.
 1. Jason Tabit- College of Business and Technology
 2. Sarah Vilt- College of Health and Human Resources
 3. Dakota Crowther: College of Education
 4. Jaida Brockman: College of liberal Arts and Sciences

- ii. Prowlin with the Prez – VP Khamisani talked about her first Prowlin event of the semester and said that although there was an okay turnout, it could have could have been better and having more members of the senate present and helping with marketing leading up to the event.
- iii. Faculty Senate- This meeting was said to have taken place on the 17th of September and they listened to presentations from Catherine Polydore (RISE conference), Grant Sterling (General Ed. Committee Chair) and VPUA Ken Wetstein (University Advancement). The Faculty Senate also started working on testing accommodations for students with disabilities.
- iv. Council of Academic Affairs: VPAA Khamisani attended the CAA meeting held on the 5th of September and mentioned the approval of the nursing program by the council, and in addition to that they were creating a committee to work on the structure of the General Education Program that the school has. Their next meeting was said to be on the 9th of September.
- v. VPAA Khamisani mentioned that she would be working on the following over the course of the semester
 1. Monthly Newsletter and that for the month of September she already has most of all the information she needs. She asked the members of the senate if she could get a picture so she could also include that in the newsletter. All information
 2. Next Prowlin event which will be on October 29th – Pumpkins with the Prez
 3. Thank a Professor: which will be held sometime in November
- d. Vice-President of Student Affairs – Samira Abdoulaye Pedila
 - i. Student Involvement Fair- VPSA Abdoulaye Pedila mentioned that it had been a while since the Student Involvement Fair formerly known as Panther Palooza was held outside and so that in itself was a welcome change, and she went over the responses that she got from attending RSOs about the event. In general, the responses were said to have been positive with some remarks about the weather conditions and the fact that the tables could have been spaced better.

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- ii. Diversity Action Council: VPSA Abdoulaye Pedila talked about the newly introduced DAC and the reasons behind why it had to be brought back, she mentioned that she would be working with the students who proposed the Black Lives Matter Flag petition and that together they would send out emails to interested students on Friday the 20th of September and they would have until the 27th to respond, after which they would be meeting with these students between the 30th of September and the 4th of October and. A final Decision will be made the week of October 7th and hopefully the first informational will be on the 14th of October at 7:00pm with the location TBD as it would be determined by the amount of people that express their interest.
 - iii. Statue Tradition: VPSA Abdoulaye Pedila mentioned that she was working on a tradition in relation to the statue that the students could take part in.
 - iv. Some events that she highlighted that were happening on campus included the
 - 1. Latino Heritage Month
 - 2. The 400th
 - v. Ending Quote: Go As Far As You Can See; When You Get There, You Can See Further.” – Thomas Carlyle
- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Committee Reports
- a. None
- XIV. Announcements
- a. Earth Wise will be having a Climate Rally on Friday from 5-6pm at Morton Park
 - b. Political Science Club will be having a meeting on October 1st
 - c. Pre-Law Society will be having their meeting at 7:30pm next Tuesday
 - d. The Senate was encouraged to reach out to the Mindfulness Club about ways that we can take a step back and relax.
 - e. French Club will be having their meeting next Friday
 - f. A Brown Bag Table- will be happening from noon till 1pm on September 23rd in Tarble Arts for poster making ideas.
 - g. Black Student Union General Body Meetings every Monday at 6pm
 - h. Association of International Students Bowling Event on Friday
 - i. We were advised to not start packing up before the meeting actually ends.
- XV. Adjournment-7:52pm
- a. Noll and Williams

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