



The Office of the Eastern Illinois University  
**Student Government**

*"We must always attempt to lift as we climb." -Angela Davis*

**Student Senate Minutes**

The 25th day of September 2019

- I. Call to Order- 7:00pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. Yeakel and Nance
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Williams and Richards
- V. Audience Participation
- VI. Advisor Report – Ceci Brinker
  - a. No Report
- VII. Graduate Report – Sophia Sarver
  - a. The Graduate Assistant talked about how excited they were to start working with the newly formed committees and she ended by saying that if anyone had any questions, she would be willing to answer them.
- VIII. Consent Agenda
  - a. Stephens and Archey
    - i. Appointment of Miranda Martinez to the Student Senate
    - ii. Appointment of Seth Yeakel to Apportionment Board
    - iii. Appointment of Grant Johnson to Apportionment Board
    - iv. Appointment of Theodore Laleian to Apportionment Board
- IX. Speaker Report – Michael Perri
  - a. Office Hours: The speaker started his report b commending everyone for completing their office hours on time, he added that they needed to be turned into the appropriate box and that everyone needed to write what it was that they did during their office hours to get an idea of what has been accomplished.
  - b. Committees: The members of each committee were told to set up a group chat so they can set up a meeting time so he can relay this information to the Graduate Assistants and that the first Council of Chairs will be happening the week of October 7th.
    - i. Academic Affairs: Chair: Seth Yeakel
      - Xavier Franklin
    - ii. Alumni Relations: Chair: Brianna Hogan
      - Iliana Ingram
    - iii. Business Affairs: Chair: Randall Becker
      - Emma Curtin
    - iv. Diversity Affairs: Chair: David Hagler

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- Arcadus Nance
- Marcus Powell
- v. External Relations: Chair: Zoey White
  - Garrett Fisher
- vi. Internal Affairs: Chair: Elizabeth Stephens
  - Justin Richards
- vii. Student Affairs: Chair: Skylar Coffey
  - Logan Williams
- viii. University Enhancement: Chair: Zack Archey
  - Sydney O'Rourke
  - Keegan Noll
  - Miranda Martinez
- c. Your Campus Your Voice Series:
  - i. 10.08.2019: Doudna Overhang (Mental Health)
  - ii. 10.29.2019: Inside Coleman (Health & Safety)
  - iii. 11.05.2019: Union (Representation)
  - iv. 11.19.2019: Union (Wrap Up) - which would include talking about events that students like and don't like and what the senate would need to work on for the future.
- X. Executive Reports
  - a. Student Body President – Carson Gordon
    - i. Question of the Meeting: President Gordon started her report by asking the senate what classes they were excited about for the semester, and different people went over classes from different majors and the reasons they enjoy the course.
    - ii. Diversity and Inclusion Dialogue: The president stressed the importance of the Diversity and Inclusion Dialogue and that it would take place from 6-8pm on Monday in the University Ballroom and she encouraged the senate as student leaders to participate in the event.
    - iii. Calendar: President Gordon recommended everyone adding the calendar link to their regular outlook calendar so everyone has all their events in one place and she also said that for those who do not want to go this route, she would have a copy of the events on her door.
    - iv. Mental Health Awareness Week: The senate was reminded about this initiative which is a collaboration with student athletes and she said it will be happening at the end of October and that she is meeting to finalize plans with those in charge of planning for the athletes and that when everything is confirmed, she will be giving that information to the senate.

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- v. Appointments: President Gordon talked about still needing representatives for the Intercollegiate Athletic Board and Bond Revenue Board and she already had people for the Library Advisory Board and the Textbook Rental Board.
- vi. Future Panther Recruitment: at the Dual Credit Transfer Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October where President Gordon will be giving the closing remarks and we were told to be extra friendly and helpful. She also said that she would be going to Effingham on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October to represent Eastern at the Salute to Illinois Scholars
- vii. Hunger Action Month: There would be a Pie in the Face Event and this will be happening on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October from 11:00am-12 noon and this will be to help raise both money and awareness for food insecurity at EIU and the local community and everyone was invited to come pie President Gordon in the face.
- viii. CUPB; Meeting on Friday to finalize agenda for the next meeting.
- ix. Presidential Cabinet: The president went down the list of the representative groups and said that the only difference she made was the addition of Pride as she thought they were a very important representative organization
- b. Executive Vice President – Kathleen Conlin (by Carson Gordon)
  - i. EIU Votes: President Carson reiterated the fact that EVP Conlin still needed help for both days especially the second one.
    - 9/26 - Union food court – 11:00-2:00
    - 10/1 & 10/3-Outside Coleman Hall – 11:00-2:00
  - ii. Student Action Team: There is a plan to go to Springfield to watch a veto session either the 28<sup>th</sup> October or the 12<sup>th</sup> of November between 12 noon till 4:00pm. Those interested were told to email her.
  - iii. Challenge of the Week: Make someone smile.
- c. Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Noor-ul-Haash Khamisani
  - i. Student Dean Meeting: VPAA Khamisani informed the senate that the second meeting happened on Tuesday at 9pm after which they went bowling.
  - ii. Faculty Senate: Next meeting was said to be October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Library at 2pm next to the computer lab
  - iii. Council of Academic Affairs: Next meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September in the Edgar room.
  - iv. Everyone was encouraged to attend and put out marketing or the next Prowlin Event.
- d. Vice-President of Student Affairs – Samira Abdoulaye Pedila
  - i. Apportionment Board: VPSA Abdoulaye Pedila talked about the first apportionment board meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October at 7:00pm in the 1895

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room and she explained the reasons why she chose the people that were approved in the consent agenda.

- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Committee Reports
- XIV. Announcements
- XV. Adjournment: 7:33pm
  - a. Hogan and Noll