



The Office of the Eastern Illinois University
Student Government

*“Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence.”
-Colin Powell*

Student Senate Minutes

The 30th day of October 2019

- I. Call to Order-7:00pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Archey and Franklin
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Williams and Becker
- V. Audience Participation
- VI. Advisor Report – Ceci Brinker
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- VII. Graduate Report – Sophia Sarver
 - a. Sophie wished everyone a happy Halloween and encouraged us to start taking care of ourselves and start trying to wrap everything up nicely with respect to our classes and to keep warm as it would be getting colder later in the week.
- VIII. Consent Agenda
- IX. Speaker Report – Michael Perri
 - a. Professional Behavior: The speaker reminded everyone that if people had issues with one another, they needed to talk directly to the party involved and not behind their backs so were maintaining professionalism.
 - b. Shirts: The shirts were said to still be in the works and more information for this will be given out when the time came.
 - c. Your Campus Your Voice: The tabling happened on Tuesday and Wednesday, but due to the weather conditions, a lot of students didn't show up but even with that there was feedback about campus safety which included having more of the blue poles around campus. The next one would be on November 15th, which will be based on representation and the final one will happen on the 19th of November will be the wrap up tabling series and will focus more on mental health..
- X. Executive Reports
 - a. Student Body President – Carson Gordon
 - Meetings: The Student Body President informed the Senate that she will be attending the CUPB meeting on Friday, meeting with Chief Martin about the Panther Shuttle. She mentioned that she will have information about her whereabouts posted on the door so people know where she is if she is not in her office.

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- Senate Election: Ethan Osborne was chosen to be the Election commissioner for the year and he made a good candidate because he was previously on the senate and this gives him needed background knowledge, but him not currently being on the senate make shim impartial and non-partisan. The timeline was said to be presented at the next meeting and the packets will also be handed out at that time.
 - b. Executive Vice President – Kathleen Conlin
 - EIU Votes: The dates for this have been decided for the 18th, 20th, and the 21st of November and the location was to be determined and the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism was wanting to put a spin on it, to which EVP Conlin thought was a great idea.
 - Student Action Team: EVP Conlin thanked everyone who volunteered to go with to the Capitol and she also thanked the graduate students that would be driving the vehicle to Springfield. She asked that those who reached out to her to be election judges to give her their name and address, she finally added that she would want to have a meeting to determine the specifics of what will be happening on the day of.
 - c. Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Noor-ul-Haash Khamisani
 - Meetings: VPAA Khamisani reported that she will be attending the Faculty Senate Meeting on November 4th and CAA will be happening on Friday.
 - Pumpkin with the Prez: The VPAA expressed her disappointment with the low turn-out to the event and reminded people that if they signed up to help do something, they need to follow through with it.
 - Future Projects:
 - Newsletter
 - Thank a Professor Week
 - Student Dean Tabling Event
 - d. Vice-President of Student Affairs – Samira Abdoulaye Pedila
 - Smores with the President: VPSA Abdoulaye Pedila informed the senate that the event was attended by both the Latin American Student Association and Alpha Psi Lambda Fraternity Incorporated and that they talked about hate crimes faced by minorities on campus, the upcoming elections and the effect of this on the minority student populations, Multicultural House, diversity on and off campus.
 - PSO Constitution Reviews: The VPSA informed the senate that the bills for the new RSOs will be sent and that the members of the senate had 48 hours to review them and send her feedback. The bills were said to be presented at the next senate meeting.
- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business

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XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Seth Yeakel
 - No meeting this week, but work was still getting done on the finals week events and scheduling for this was said to be in the works.
- b. Alumni Relations – Brianna Hogan
 - The committee was working on sending out the surveys and thinking of making the cap and gown collection process a more festive event and that they were making appropriate action plans to make this happen.
- c. Business Affairs – Randall Becker
 - The committee had their meeting earlier in the day, and their tabling event on the 21st of November from 11am till 1pm named Don't Monopolize Your Life and the marketing for that was in the works.
- d. Diversity Affairs – David Hagler
 - There was a meeting with the graduate assistant who gave the committee chair a lot of pointers as per the Breaking the Chins Tug-of-War event and that after consulting with others members of the committee the event planning would then proceed from there.
- e. External Relations – Zoey White
 - High School visit to Mattoon was said to take place most likely on the 18th or 20th of November and that emails will be sent to the other High Schools. City Council and County Board Meetings did not have representation in attendance due to personal issues.
- f. Internal Affairs – Elizabeth Stephens
 - The Bonfire was cancelled and the potluck was said to be in the works and a working venue was said to be in the Multicultural House so as to have space for games and potential events for the next semester were also brought up. Senate Stars for the week were announced with Senators Arcadus Nance being the winner, but other senators that attended the Pumpkins with the Senators event.
- g. Student Affairs – Skylar Coffey
 - The Baby it's Cold Outside event will be taking place on November 19th from 11am till 1pm at the top of the stairs of Coleman and everything was ordered and ready to go. Donations of lightly worn clothes were also announced and senators were urged to donate this.
- h. University Enhancement – Zack Archey
 - Survey Questions were still being gathered from the committee members and a meeting with the graduate assistant was scheduled to format the whole thing.

XIV. Announcements

- a. Senator Yeakel encouraged everyone to attend the Perri lectures which will be happening on Thursday and Friday.

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- b. Senator Becker informed the senate that Beta Alpha Psi and the Student Accounting Society was holding necessities drive all next week.
 - c. Senator Coffey encouraged senators to come out to the Coleman 2210 for a trivia event.
 - d. The speaker mentioned that those who signed u to help fill bags with necessities will be getting emails sent to them later in the week.
 - e. Senator Ingram thanked Ceci for her help and support for her project.
 - f. President Gordon said that on November 4th from 4-6pm in Buzzard, there will be a Youtuber couple coming to talk about their relationship and to answer questions that people had, and also following that at 7pm, Rich Miller from Capital facts will be talking about the upcoming elections.
 - g. Secretary Abdulrasaq Coker encouraged everyone to live life to the fullest.
- XV. Adjournment- 7:34pm
- a. Stevens and Yeakel