



The Office of the Eastern Illinois University

# Student Government

*“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.” -Booker T. Washington*

## Student Senate Minutes

The 13th day of February 2019

- I. Call to Order- 7:01pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Douglas and Hogan
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Conlin and Perri
- V. Audience Participation
  - a. The President of the Cloud Appreciation Club came in this week to answer any of the questions that the Senate might have about the RSO. He mentioned cloud watching events and sharing of picture of clouds within its members.
  - b. The Representative of the Japanese Student Association came in to answer any questions that the Senate had about the RSO. He mentioned that he has been having informal lessons to teach people Japanese, and he mentioned another event involving Japanese-style story-telling that he has had planned in the semester.
  - c. A student Representative of the American Sign Language came in to present a proposal for the potential RSO.
- VI. Advisor Report – Ceci Brinker
  - a. Ceci apologized for being absent from meetings and her office, she said that if anyone needed any type of support, they can always ask her or make use of other resources that are available in the Student Activities Center.
- VII. Graduate Report – Sophia Sarver
  - a. Sophie Congratulated the new chairs and mentioned that if anyone needed any type of support, they could always reach out to her.
- VIII. Speaker Report – Tarve’a Durant
  - a. Council of Chairs- Chairs were told by the Speaker to start reaching out to their members, Graduate Advisors will also be reaching out to the Chairs and start making plans for the semester. The COC Meeting will be held at 8:00pm Mondays in the bridge Lounge.
  - b. Access Granted- VPSA Matusiak and the Speaker were set to represent the Senate at the Access Granted Showcase which will be happening Feb 17<sup>th</sup> in Thomas Basement form 5:00pm.
  - c. Group Me: The Speaker reiterated that the Group Me Chat Room be used for only important information so as not to overload everyone with too much information at a time.
  - d. Office Hours- Senators were reminded to turn them into the wooden boxes and that they were due at 4:30pm on Wednesdays.

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- e. Let You Voice Be Heard Series- First of the Series happened on Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Food Court from 11am-2pm with a lot of great responses. The speaker ended by informing everyone that Business Casual is a must and that the members of the senate need to be more involved and communicate.

## IX. Executive Reports

- a. Student Body President – Rebecca Cash
  - i. President Cash spoke briefly about the It's On Us Campaign and her plans to revitalize the program, she also went on to talk about the Upcoming Elections and the dates for the next Q&A on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February and on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February would be when the Election packet would go out. Allarah Miles- L'Hote was said to be the election commissioner.
  - ii. Panther Service day was highlighted by President Cash, and for the year, it would be on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 16 site leaders were needed and Senators were highly encouraged to volunteer for this.
- b. Executive Vice President – Zachary Cohen
  - i. EVP Pierce shared recent developments about the Panther Statue and that he would be going to see the stones that would be at the base sometime next week.
  - ii. As per the Judicial Branch, he reported that the current semester would be used to do research and determine roles and the upcoming semester is when the actual selection process will happen.
  - iii. Student Action Team 's first Lobbying date was said to be on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March and so there will be a training for the participants a week prior to the trip.
- c. Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Carson Gordon
  - i. VPAA Gordon updated the senate concerning the Love Bugs that were made, stating that they had been delivered to the kids at St Jude's. Concerning the Pets with the Prez event, she talked about rescheduling the event till April.
  - ii. As per Student Deans, VPAA Gordon said she was in the process of scheduling their next meeting time and that the new dean of the Lumpkin College of Business and Technology was Tess McArthy. She ended by promising to update the Senate after their next meeting.
  - iii. She reported that Faculty Senate discussed Upcoming Elections, and there was a presentation from the Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Services.
  - iv. It was reported that the Council on Academic Affairs approved two new courses and two revised minors.
  - v. VPAA Gordon ended by reporting that she would be speaking with a group of International students about Student Government.
- d. Vice-President of Student Affairs – Alicia Matusiak

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- i. VPSA Matusiak talked about InterVarsity and the things that went wrong with the representative's presentation and she cleared the air about the conflicting presentation and constitution. She also mentioned that apportionment Board would not be having a meeting the next day because of Valentine's Day.
    - ii. VP Matusiak also spoke about allocation of \$200 left over from Panther Palooza to help support EIU Cares and she hopes that the members of the senate will do a good job in helping to promote the event.
    - iii. The last thing VPSA Matusiak went over was the review of the RSO Process which included the review by the Student Affairs committee in order to make the process more student based.
- X. Old Business
  - a. Emergency Bill 19-18-10
    - i. Question: Osborne and Garvey
    - ii. Vote: 21-0-0
  - b. Emergency Bill 19-18-15
    - i. Question: Perri and Yeakel
    - ii. Vote: 21-0-0
- XI. New Business
  - a. Emergency Bill 19-18-17
    - i. Question: Yeakel and Becker
    - ii. Vote: 21-0-0
- XII. Committee Reports
  - a. Academic Affairs – Katie Conlin
  - b. Alumni Relations- Brianna Hogan
  - c. Business Affairs- Zoey White
  - d. Diversity Affairs- Noor-Ul-Haash Khamisani
  - e. External Relations- Seth Yeakel
  - f. Internal Affairs – Ethan Osborne
  - g. Student Affairs- Nia Douglas
  - h. University Enhancement – Bradley Malloy
- XIII. Announcements
  - a. It was reiterated that President Cash's name was REBECCA and not Rachael.
- XIV. Adjournment-8:01pm
  - a. Osborne and Douglas.

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