



The Office of the Eastern Illinois University

Student Government

"There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit" – Ronald Reagan

Student Senate Minutes

The 10th day of October, 2018

- I. Call to Order- 7:04pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Yeakel. Seconded: Durant
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Osborne. Seconded: Durant
- V. Audience Participation
- VI. Advisor Report – Ceci Brinker
 - a. No Report
- VII. Consent Agenda
 - a. Motion- Osborne and Malloy
 - i. Appointment of Katie Conlin to Student Senate
 - ii. Appointment of Olivia Meents to Student Senate
- VIII. State of the University Address
 - a. President Cash made mention of how the school has grown and she reiterated her excitement for all that Eastern is yet to achieve. She highlighted the changes in the Academic colleges and how it is a step forward in making EIU an attractive prospect for new students. She went on to speak about the various activities that mamde up Prowl and how this has helped to shape our students, both past and present. With respect to the great school spirit that we have exuded, she challenged the student body to make use of the power that they have to help shape EIU and to make its future even brighter in years to come.
- IX. State of the Senate Address
 - a. Vice President Cohen and Acting Speaker started his speech by reminding us all how the senate started back up this semester with 3 returning senators and how those numbers were not too encouraging, but as of today, we have 21 newly appointed Senators and the next step will be to get the Committees rolling, and one of his focus this year for us as a Senate will be to help students and turn out a great retention rate because it is important to not always start the new semester by trying to play catch up. He also spoke about fostering great interpersonal relationships between all members of the Senate, including the Executive Board.
- X. Interim Speaker Report – Zachary Cohen
- XI. Executive Reports
 - a. Student Body President – Rebecca Cash

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- Presidential Cabinet- First Meeting after Homecoming and another doodle will be sent out to determine a time that works best for the majority.
 - 1. Open House- This past Open House was a very encouraging one as there was an encouraging turn-out of potential students and the staff that worked directly with this population were said to have left and made an impact.
 - 2. RSO of the Week is the Math Energy and one of their main goals is to help foster an interest in Mathematics
 - 3. CUPB- The Graduate School presented and talked about their increase in enrollment. Also, the FY19 Budget is being Revised due to an increase in general student enrollment from the past semester.
 - 4. President Cash will also be serving on the board that was set-up for the search for the university's new Vice President of University Advancement.
- b. Executive Vice President – Zachary Cohen
- i. Black Lives Matter Flag- Former Senator Colvin suggested that during the Black History Month the Black Lives Matter Flag should be put up, she was said to have gotten this idea from another college and thought this would be a great thing to introduce unto our campus. VP Cohen was said to have been her person of contact during this process, Morgan and Keshyna, another interested party, have started a Petition and they will present this to the Student Affairs Committee, but the time for this is still to be determined and a resolution will be brought to the Senate after this meeting. After this, senators will be able to ask questions and the week after will be for discussions. In addition to all of this, VP Cohen stated that although the Senate passes a lot of things, we do not always have the final say, and so if things turn out different from what was voted on and discussed, we have to understand that it is not a fault of the Senate.
 - ii. Voter's Registration Drive- VP Cohen thanked all the Senators who showed up to help and he mentioned that whenever the time comes to hand over the position, he will do well to inform the successor about the 27 days before election deadline for registration. He also mentioned and appreciated the effort of EIU Votes and National Association of Colored Women's Club during this registration drive.
 - iii. Committee Chairs Applications: Interviews will start next week and hopefully all committee head positions and all committees in general should be filled within the next week.
 - iv. Student Action Team: This is a Group of students that go to Springfield to Lobby, VP Cohen spoke to our Lobbyist and he made the decision to have lobbying dates in the Spring, and so applications for this will be going up in January.

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- v. Panther Statue Update: The President will be discussing a potential Alternate Location for the Panther Statue and the senators were encouraged to talk to their constituents about this idea and prepare them for it.
 - vi. Student Government Audit: The Parliamentarian, Ean Watson, and VP Cohen will be looking over the Governing Document thoroughly to ensure there are no inconsistencies and to also check for any new recommendations. There will be a committee for this and he would appreciate 4-5 people to serve on this committee.
 - vii. Office Hours: Office Hours need to be turned in and time cards should also be turned in properly in order to correctly log in office hours.
 - viii. Dressing: The members of the Senate were asked to make sure to dress properly and professionally because we are a professional and formal organization.
 - ix. New Senators were instructed to meet for Orientation after Meeting.
- c. Vice-President for Academic Affairs – Carson Gordon
 - i. Pumpkins with the Prez- October 29th- This will feature a Pumpkin Craving and Painting Event with the President. All senators are encouraged to go to this and help set-up in advance.
 - ii. Thank a Professor- Nov 14th – This event is to help recognize our professors and all they do just in time for the Thanksgiving break.
 - iii. Student Deans- All the positions are at this moment filled.
 - iv. Faculty Senate- On October 16th – 2pm in the Library 4th Floor
 - d. Vice-President of Student Affairs – Alicia Matusiak
 - i. Graduate Student Advisory Council- Last Friday
October 18th Graduate School Informational
October 25th Student Affairs 101
 - ii. VP Matusiak stated that the Sustainability Club Bill will be brought up and she encouraged all senators to ask whatever questions they would from the would be president of the Organization.
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
- a. Bill 18-19-03
 - i. Sustainability Club- Josh Harden talked about having a Sustainable practices that we can as individuals follow and that one of the plan that the group would like to immediately put into play is to have a keynote speaker come and talk to students about these different practices and how it can be of help in the near future.
 - ii. Motion to Table the Bill: Douglas. Seconded: Malloy
- XIV. Committee Reports
- a. None
- XV. Graduate Report – Sophia Sarver

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- a. The Graduate Advisor welcomed the newest Senators and then went on to encourage each and every senator to participate actively in homecoming and be excited about it.
- XVI. Announcements
- a. EIU Pride Drag Show on Oct 30th and this will also count towards diversity requirement.
 - b. Group Photo
 - c. Homecoming is on it's way and we were all encouraged to participate and be super involved.
- XVII. Adjournment- 7:49pm

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