



The Office of the Eastern Illinois University
Student Government

"We are the change that we seek" -Barack Obama

Student Senate Minutes

The 9th day of October 2019

- I. Call to Order- 7:00pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Yeakel and Archey
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Richards and Nance
- V. Audience Participation
- VI. Advisor Report – Ceci Brinker
 - a. No Report
- VII. Graduate Report – Sophia Sarver
 - a. Sophie encouraged everyone to have a great Fall Break and come back ready to take on the other half of the semester
- VIII. Consent Agenda
 - i. Becker and Hagler
 - b. Appointment of Justin Richards as Parliamentarian
- IX. Speaker Report – Michael Perri
 - a. Office Hours- the Speaker stressed that Office Hours are mandatory and that they need to be turned in as soon as the senators get them done and they would be due at 6:45 pm every Wednesday right before the senate meeting.
 - b. Diversity Requirements: The forms for diversity requirement were provided; the next one is due at 4:30pm on Friday October 18th and would need to be turned in to Senator Hagler's inbox. He also mentioned that although it says that the event needs to be at most, a week before the form is turned in, but it would be acceptable for the first ones due to be from anytime in the semester.
 - c. Business Casual: Speaker Perri stressed that everyone needed to be dressed business casual and that we need to be professional as we are student senators.
 - d. Electronic Devices: The speaker informed everyone that having their electronic devices out was not acceptable and that the only ones that should have any device out were himself and the secretary as they were used to keep track of the meeting.
 - e. Council of Chairs: The First Council of Chairs meeting took place on Monday in the Oakland Room and those that were not present were told to meet up with the Speaker after the meeting to catch up on information that they missed.

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- f. Your Campus, Your Voice Series: The speaker informed the senate that the first day which was centered on mental health had to be postponed and that all future events would still be taking place.
 - g. Voting Procedure: The speaker presented and worked on a Cheat Sheet on how voting will work henceforth in the senate just to make sure everyone understood how to make it work and he assured that the senate would get all the information they needed before voting on any bill.
- X. Executive Reports
- a. Student Body President – Carson Gordon
 - i. Mental Health Awareness Week: Speak Out Boxes would be provided around pivotal parts of campus and the senate was encouraged to get the word out about these events to encourage a large turnout.
 - ❖ 10/14: "Become Aware Day"
 - o Info tables in Lantz' Academic Services Center and outside of food court from 12-2PM
 - o Handing out mental health resource info
 - ❖ 10/15: "Suicide Awareness Day"
 - o Acknowledge those who have lost the battle with mental health by pinning up a heart on a board in their honor in the Library
 - ❖ 10/16: "Speaker Day"
 - o Grand Ballroom at 7PM – forum led by counselors at Life Links
 - o Rachel the comfort dog in Academic Services Center in Lantz from 9am-12pm
 - ❖ 10/17 - "Sexual Assault Awareness Day"
 - o Info tables in Academic Services Center in Lantz and outside of food court from 1-3PM
 - ❖ 10/18 - Wear Green Day
 - ii. Dual Credit Transfer Day: This took place on Monday and President Carson informed the senate that she had the privilege of talking to the participating students about student government and her transition from a senator to the Student Body President. She also added that she will be going to the Student

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Panel in Effingham on Tuesday the 15th of October, with President Glassman.

- iii. CUPB: The meeting took place on Friday at 2pm and that there was a budget update from Vice President of Business Affairs, Paul McCann and President Gordon gave the Executive Committee report and after which they heard from the sub-committees and voted on a bylaw change. The next meeting was said to be on November 1st at 2pm.
 - iv. Senate Elections: The president stated that she has started planning for the senate elections that will be taking place at the of the semester and that the appointed senators will need to run in the election if they are interested in continuing on as senators.
 - v. Presidential Cabinet: The Student Body President stated that she is still working on filling the spots on her presidential cabinet and that hopefully she can get that done as soon as possible so the cabinet can get to work.
 - vi. Lake Land Student Government: President Gordon informed the senate that she has reached out to the Student Body President of Lake Land College about a possible collaboration and meeting attendance on both ends in order to bridge the gap between both institutions.
 - vii. Chuck Town: Football Game Reminder for the game on Saturday at 12pm and a member meeting on Monday at 5pm, anyone interested in increasing school spirit was encouraged to attend this meeting.
- b. Executive Vice President – Kathleen Conlin
- i. EIU Votes: EVP Conlin thanked everyone that took part in the process and that this series will happen once a month to help limit the amount of people that come on the day of voting to register to vote. She also added that it was said that it would be a good idea for student leaders to be election judges for Eastern and that anyone interested would need to be registered to vote in Coles County.
 - ii. Student Action Team: The Executive Vice President informed the senate that the Veto Day will be on the 12th of November and that the representatives will leave at 9:00am and come back at 4pm. Interested parties were told to fill out the applications and they were encouraged to have other student who weren't senators to apply to go to this too.
 - iii. Luncheon: EVP Conlin thanked everyone that replied with their representatives and that she will be emailing them, she also added that she

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would possibly have the luncheon on a Wednesday so they could be invited to our Senate Meeting.

- c. Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Noor-ul-Haash Khamisani
 - i. Meetings: VPAA Khamisani informed the senate that the Faculty Senate Meeting would be taking place the next week and CAA will be happening on Friday.
 - ii. Pumpkin with the Prez- The senate was reminded about the Pumpkin with the Prez on the 29th of October and she passed around a sign-up sheet for those that would like to help hand out food at the event.
 - iii. Newsletter: The newsletter was said to be in the editing process, and that it would be sent out soon.
 - iv. Thank a Professor was said to still be in the second week of November.
 - d. Vice-President of Student Affairs – Samira Abdoulaye Pedila
 - i. Apportionment Board: VPSA Abdoulaye Pedila informed the senate that she had to cancel the meeting because the boards did not have their budgets ready to present to Apportionment board and so the next meeting would be on the 7th of November.
 - ii. Diversity Action Council: VPSA Abdoulaye Pedila told the senate that she was in the process of finishing up interviews and that their first meeting will be on Monday.
 - iii. RSO Approval: The VP of Student Affairs informed the senate that she has been working alongside the graduate advisor, Sophie and Ceci to develop a method to make the RSO approval process a little faster so RSOs did not have to wait a long time to get approved.
- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Committee Reports
- a. Academic Affairs – Seth Yeakel
 - i. First Meeting on Monday at 7pm and that they were going to determine how to choose the representative for the CAA and Faculty Senate meetings. The committee tasked themselves with coming up with ideas for Finals week.
 - b. Alumni Relations – Brianna Hogan
 - i. A video from the first ever Senior Barbeque was played which featured a lot of advice and feedback from the seniors that were present at the event. The committee suggested freebies for seniors such as cap and gowns and official transcripts and in addition to that, she suggested having a survey where seniors wrote things that could be improved on the campus.
 - c. Business Affairs – Randall Becker

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- i. The meeting time was changed to Tuesdays at 3:30pm and the committee was going to have a tabling event similar to the Game of Life event from the previous year.
 - d. Diversity Affairs – David Hagler
 - i. The first meeting will be happening on Friday at 2pm in the Student Activity Center.
 - e. External Relations – Zoey White
 - i. Meetings on Monday at 11am in the Student Activity Center and they came up with having high school visits and doing a data compilation for off campus housing which will include tips and tricks on how to live off campus. She also mentioned the City Council seat, and that she will be contacting Mayor Dr. Combs about it.
 - f. Internal Affairs – Elizabeth Stephens
 - i. Meeting on Friday at noon in the Student Activity Center and they started working on bonding events, and everyone that anyone with dietary restrictions was told to privately message her with the specifics so as keep people informed with regards to the potluck. The potluck's destination was said to be at EVP Conlin's house and that the bonfire could be at Senator Stephen's house or the Pavilion. The game night was said to potentially happen in the meeting room.
 - ii. Senator Stephens reminded everyone that Office Hours were due at 6:45pm on the meeting days and that names need to be on timecards and that everyone needed to punch out after their office hours.
 - g. Student Affairs – Skylar Coffey
 - i. First meeting on Tuesday at 2:30pm, and everyone was tasked with knowing duties of the committees and that a lot of ideas were brought up, and that at the next meeting everyone was told to pick their top two.
 - h. University Enhancement – Zack Archey
 - i. First Meeting on Monday at 4pm in the Lounge or the Student Activity Center and he wanted to set-up a Panther Patrol to help students feel safe on and off campus. He also talked about a drink-drug testing kit that help to test if a drink is drugged in any way and to potentially put more stop signs in the O'Brien stadium for safety.
- XIV. Announcements
 - i. Can Drive next week outside Lumpkin and all the proceeds go to the Charleston Food Pantry from 9:00am till 12:30pm
 - ii. Political Science Association Meeting at 6:45pm
 - iii. Criminal Justice Club FBI Informational 3:30- 4:00pm
 - iv. October is National Energy Awareness Month Workshop on October 15th in the Edgar Reading Room in the Library.
- XV. Adjournment: 8:07pm

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