



The Office of the Eastern Illinois University
Student Government

"Things do not happen. Things are made to happen." -John F. Kennedy

Student Senate Minutes

The 16th day of October 2019

- I. Call to Order- 7:00pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Yeakel and Archey
 - Approval of Amendment to the minutes "Agenda to Minutes"
 - Justin and Yeakel
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Nance and White
- V. Audience Participation
- VI. Advisor Report – Ceci Brinker
 - a. Ceci informed everyone to wear EIU Blue and participate in the Homecoming events.
- VII. Graduate Report – Sophia Sarver
- VIII. Consent Agenda
 - Nance and Archey
 - b. Appointment of Boye O Adediran to the Apportionment Board.
 - c. Appointment of Marcus Powell to Diversity Action Council.
 - d. Appointment of Arcadus Nance to Diversity Action Council.
 - e. Appointment of Luis Paniagua to Diversity Action Council.
 - f. Appointment of Asher Roper to Diversity Action Council.
 - g. Appointment of Yesensia Muruato to Diversity Action Council.
- IX. Speaker Report – Michael Perri
 - a. Allergy Sheet: Everyone was told to fill out the allergy sheet made by Internal Affairs to make sure everyone is safe and catered for.
 - b. Diversity Requirements: The speaker reminded everyone to turn in their Diversity requirements as they were due on Friday and that he would be giving the senators till Wednesday to have them turned in.
 - c. Homecoming: The members of the senate were reminded to show support of the events for Homecoming, especially the Socktober Drive, as we are student leaders and people look to us to be involved and show school spirit.
 - d. Council of Chairs: Speaker Perri informed the senate that the COC second meeting was on Monday and he added that he would be working with the Graduate Advisor to develop a better structure for the meetings.
 - e. Your Campus, Your Voice: The next tabling event was said to be about Campus Safety and Health, and the speaker talked about potentially having a Sign-up sheet

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on his door the next day, he also showed the senate a copy of what the surveys would look like at the tabling event.

- X. Executive Reports
- a. Student Body President – Carson Gordon
 - Mental Health Awareness Week: President Gordon talked about resources that we can make use of for ourselves and other people who are struggling with mental health issues. Speak Out Boxes are still out and
 - 10/16: "Speaker Day"
 - a. Grand Ballroom at 7PM – forum led by counselors at Life Links
 - 10/17 - "Sexual Assault Awareness Day"
 - a. Info table outside of food court from 1-3PM
 - 10/18 - Wear Green Day – wristbands
 - Salute to Illinois Scholars: The Student body President informed the senate that she attended this panel on Tuesday the 15th and spoke with 250 students and their parents and that a lot of them were interested in EIU, especially the student Senate.
 - Meetings and Goals:
 - 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting
 - Illinois Board of Higher Education: Next Tuesday to discuss Eastern's budget
 - Your Campus, Your Voice series with Speaker Perri
 - b. Executive Vice President – Kathleen Conlin
 - EIU Votes: EVP Conlin told anyone interested in being an Election Judge to reach out to her after the meeting.
 - EIU Votes: Applications were said to be due on October 30th and the actual day will be on the 12th of November from about 9am till 5pm.
 - c. Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Noor-ul-Haash Khamisani
 - Meetings:
 - Faculty Senate: Working on Textbook Rental Committee and the QIP
 - Council of Academic Affairs: October 17th
 - d. Vice-President of Student Affairs – Samira Abdoulaye Pedila
 - Diversity Action Council: Meetings on Mondays at 7pm in the Shelbyville Room, and VPSA Abdoulaye Pedila and members of the

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council went out to support the Race and Our Society event which is geared towards promoting diversity and they also attended the NAACP meeting to talk to them about the Council and potentially recruit new members.

- Diversity Requirements: Senators were given some events that could count as their diversity requirement and the Cultural Fest which would be held from 5-7pm on Thursday.
- Homecoming: The Senate was encouraged to wear EIU Blue during this week and encourage everyone else to do the same.

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

XIII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs – Seth Yeakel

- Meeting at 7pm on Mondays and they talked about having the de-stresser events for the Finals in between the Thanksgiving Break and Finals week, anyone with ideas about potential events was told to reach out to Senator Yeakel.

b. Alumni Relations – Brianna Hogan (Iliana Ingram)

- Senator Ingram reiterated the idea to hand out free stuff in raffle form to the graduating seniors and potentially making the graduation tickets. A little more festive. In addition to that she added that the Senior Winery trip was still in the works.

c. Business Affairs – Randall Becker

- Meeting times changed to Wednesdays at 2pm in the SAC and they listed the goals that the committee was working on as per event planning

d. Diversity Affairs – David Hagler (Marcus Powell)

- Break the Chains potential event which will be a tug of war that'll be a donation event and the proceeds will go towards a good cause.

e. External Relations – Zoey White

- Emails have gone out to High Schools in Charleston, Mattoon, Paris and Central A&M and the emails will be going out to City Council as no one on the committee could attend their meeting and Senator Zoey talked about reaching out to the County Board to see if there was a possible collaboration with them. Ideas for the Off-campus initiative was also reported to the senate.

f. Internal Affairs – Elizabeth Stephens

- Bonfire will happen November 1st and the time was to be determined, sign-up sheets were passed around to help figure out carpooling and food donations. Volunteer ideas were also presented to the senate. Committee heads were told to inform Senator Stephens of the attendance

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for their meetings, and the Senate Stars for the week were Senator Coffey and Yeakel.

- g. Student Affairs – Skylar Coffey
 - Meeting time on Tuesday at 2:30pm, and everyone was tasked with knowing duties of the committees and more brainstorming ideas were brought up during this meeting
 - h. University Enhancement – Zack Archey
 - i. Meetings on Monday at 4pm in the Lounge or the Student Activity Center and the different ideas brought up last week were divided amongst members of the committee.
- XIV. Announcements
- XV. Adjournment: 8:03pm
- a. Archey and Williams