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“I had to make my own living and my own opportunity. But I made it! Don’t sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them.” -Madam C.J. Walker

Student Senate Minutes

The 20th day of February 2019

- I. Call to Order- 7:03pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Douglas and Becker
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Douglas and Garvey
- V. Audience Participation
 - a. Office of Civic Engagement came in and they talked about the opportunities that students have such as Days of Service such as JumpStart, MLK Day and they also have After School Program and One-Time Service Events which go over a range of places. Panther Service Day has seen a lot of Participation from the EIU Greek Community and for this year there will be 13 opportunities and Student Site Leaders are needed to help with this event. Beth Gillespie and Crystal Brown talked about the different places such as Douglas Hart, First Fruits Homestead and the City of Ashmore. Senators were asked to sign up before March 21st so as to get T-Shirts and the site of their choice.
- VI. Advisor Report – Ceci Brinker
- VII. Graduate Report – Sophia Sarver
 - a. The Graduate Advisor reiterated the importance of the Senate being part of Panther Service Day, Chairs were advised to reach out to their Graduate Assistants. Plans for the Diversity Action Council as per the BLM Petition from last semester are in full effect and Student Government was said to be one of the collaborations that will be
- VIII. Consent Agenda
 - a. Appointment of Sophia Sarver to the Diversity Action Council
- IX. Speaker Report – Tarve’a Durant
 - a. The speaker started off by talking Council of Chairs first meeting which happened on Monday, which basically consisted of tips as to how to run their respective meetings and he reiterated the need to contact their Graduate Assistants.
 - b. Diversity Requirements and forms were said to be turned in after the event and the Panther Service Day also counts as a Diversity Requirement.
 - i. 1st Due: March 8th
 - ii. 2nd Due: April 12th
- X. Executive Reports
 - a. Student Body President – Rebecca Cash
 - i. It’s On Us: The Student Government Executive Board had a meeting on Monday and one of the initiatives was to make a video with

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representatives from different RSOs cross campus in an effort to help denounce Sexual Violence.

- ii. Election: President Cash mentioned that Marketing for the Election was to go out on Friday and the Q&A Session will be held the following week.
 - iii. Panther Service Day- Rebecca talked about the upcoming Panther Service Day and how it was important that senators be a part of it, it will be held on April 6th and she mentioned that there are funds available to help support the event.
- b. Executive Vice President – Zachary Cohen
- i. Student Action Team: EVP Cohen mentioned that the applications for the Student Action Team is updated and live and senators were encouraged to suggest the position to people who seem to be active and passionate about lobbying- The date for Lobbying was confirmed to be March 27th and the trainings will be on
 1. Monday March 18th – Martinsville room at 6pm
 2. Tuesday March 19th – Charleston/Mattoon room at 6pm
 3. Wednesday March 20th – Martinsville room at 6pm
 - ii. Judicial Research Committee- To look up other institutions and their Judicial Branches and the steps that they will take in order to create great Judicial branch at EIU
 - iii. IBHE SAC- EVP Cohen talked a potential Meeting for IBHE SAC on Saturday and Sunday.
- c. Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Carson Gordon
- i. Prowlin’: VPAA Gordon mentioned that Pets with the Prez day will be confirmed in a week or two as she has contacted the president’s office.
 - ii. Student Deans – VPAA Gordon mentioned that the bulk of her time has been put into updating the newly appointed dean about her duties and what is expected of her.
 - iii. International Student: VP Gordon gave her presentation t International Students last Friday and she talked about the interest of this population in the Senate.
 - iv. Faculty Senate: VP Gordon updated the Senate talking about the Constitution and Bylaw revisions and also the Textbook IGP49 revisions. She also mentioned that the Interim Dean of CLAS, Anita Shelton shared the challenges and successes of the new college
CAA: VP Gordon talked about a list of items that will be discussed during the next meeting which included potential new courses.
- d. Vice-President of Student Affairs – Alicia Matusiak
- i. Apportionment Board: VPSA Matusiak informed the senate that the next AB Meeting would be on February 21st and at there will be a presentation by University Board, she also listed the departments that presented the last meeting.
 - ii. RSO Perks: Some of the perks that RSOs get include:

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1. Reserve meeting rooms and facilities
 2. Use of the university name, i.e., Chess Club at Eastern Illinois University
 3. Group E-mail and Website accounts
 4. Hold an organizational mailbox in the Student Activity Center, MLK Jr. Union Room #201
- iii. EIU Cares- VPSA Matusiak talked about the contribution being accepted and so their marketing will feature the SG Logo, the event will be on Friday March 22nd.
 - iv. Website: VP Matusiak talked about adding a Panther Palooza and RSO blurb to the SG website so as to give people more information about them.
- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business
- a. Emergency Bill 18-19-18
 - i. Question: Becker and Luter
- XIII. Committee Reports
- a. Internal Affairs- Ethan Osborne (Doniquea Luter)
 - i. Potential Intramural Sports such as Pickle ball
 - ii. Senate Star- Senators could vote on a senator of their choice who is doing a good job on the Senate and this serves as a way to help recognize senators who put effort into their roles.
 - iii. Bonding Event potential ideas: Skating, Escape Room, Kemkundi, Cooking Class and Overnight Retreat.
 - iv. Office Hours: These are mandatory and are to be turned in at before 6:30pm on the Wednesday of the meeting into the wooden mailbox.
 - b. Student Affairs- Nia Douglas
 - i. Meeting on Wednesdays at 5pm in the SAC
 - c. University Enhancement- Bradly Malloy
 - i. Meeting on Thursday at 4pm in the SAC
 - d. Alumni Relations- Brianna Hogan
 - i. Meeting on Tuesday at 11am in the SAC
 - e. Academic Affairs- Kathleen 'Katie' Conlin
 - i. Meeting on
 - f. Diversity Affairs- Noor-UI-Haash Khamisani
 - i. Time for meeting is still to be determined.
 - ii. Events that are coming up Miss Black EIU- Saturday
 1. EIU Mindfulness Club
 2. Healthy Cooking 101- Feb 21st at 6pm
 3. Karaoke Bowling
 4. Movie Hidden Fears- Feb 21st
 5. Reaching out to AIS to help collaborate on events
 - g. External Relations: Seth Yeakel
 - i. Meeting on Monday at 9am in the Library

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- h. Business Affairs: Zoey White
- XIV. Announcements
 - a. Miss Black Pageant starts at 7pm not at 6pm
 - b. PSA Student Debate needs Democrat student for the debate.
 - c. Attend Panther Service Day and volunteer to be Site Leaders.
 - d. Woman Achievement Award- an incentive to help recognize women who are Role Models on Campus.
 - e. PRSSA “Diversity is Me” event to help promote people of color in Public Relations.
- XV. Adjournment- 7:50pm
 - a. Malloy and Perri