



The Office of the Eastern Illinois University
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"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Student Senate Minutes

The 23rd day of January, 2019

- I. Call to Order: 7:01pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. White and Douglas
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Yeakel and Douglas
- V. Audience Participation
- VI. Advisor Report – Ceci Brinker
 - a. Ceci welcomed everyone back and talked specifically to the new senators about resources they could make use of especially with regards to the office of Student Life and the Student Activity Center. She also talked about GIA Scholarship which she encouraged Senators to apply for, the scholarship is monetary and is given to Student Leaders to appreciate all their efforts and encourage them.
- VII. Graduate Report – Sophia Sarver
 - a. Sophie welcomed everyone back and she emphasized her role as the graduate advisor for the Executive Board of the Senate, she also mentioned that we all take good care of ourselves during the duration of the semester.
- VIII. Consent Agenda
 - a. Appointment of Randall Becker to Student Senate
 - b. Appointment of Iliana Ingram to Student Senate
 - c. Appointment of Isaiah McClarien to Student Senate
 - d. Appointment of Michael Perri to Student Senate
 - e. Appointment of Ean Watson as Parliamentarian
- IX. Speaker Report – Tarve'a Durant
 - a. The Speaker started off his report with a motivational video which he also mentioned will be a regular feature whenever he gives his reports henceforth. He then talked about Office Hours which are 2 hours that need to be done before 4:30pm on the Wednesday of the meeting. These hours were to be used for Student Government Projects specifically and so senators need to ensure that they are fulfilling this requirement.
 - b. The Speaker also talked about Diversity Requirements were also said to be a must and the first one will be due on Friday, March 8th and the second one is due Friday, April 12th. The University Board Passport to Fun: France Event was said to be a good example of events that will fulfill this criteria.
 - c. As per committees, the Speaker mentioned that the applications were out, they were said to be due by Wednesday, January 30th at 4:30pm and people who were

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interested could meet up with him after the meeting. Emails will be sent out to set up an interview and the Executive Board with the Speaker will decide the people who fit the positions the best. All Senators were asked to fill out the committee preference sheet.

- d. The Speaker mentioned a new incentive titled the, “Let Your Voice Be Heard” Tabling Series which will be used as an avenue for the Student Body to gain more insight into the events that are going on and hopefully to recruit new senators. He potential dates for these include, February 12th, March 19th and April 9th , the time for these would be from 11am- 2pm and the locations have not been finalized.
 - e. The Speaker also mentioned he was working on a transition binder, updating the Panther Palooza Board and the new Senate Applications.
- X. Executive Reports
- a. Student Body President – Rebecca Cash
 - i. The Student Body President started by talking about her roles in the senate after which she asked if anyone in the Senate would be interested in the position of Social Media Manager which would be a partnership between her and whoever was interested. The job description will include posting about Student Government Events on the various social media platforms.
 - ii. President Cash also talked about upcoming Student Government Q&A sessions that will be happen in the Effingham Room in the Union at 6pm on February 12th and 7pm on February 26h. She encouraged everyone to make an effort to attend these as they are helpful and insightful.
 - iii. As per CUPB report, she mentioned that a lot of transfer students that we got have been from out of state and this helped to reinforce the work that has been done with Marketing. Works on the Union Bridge Panels and the Doudna painting were said to be completed when the weather became a little more favorable, Wi-Fi updating was also another thing that is in the works.
 - iv. President Cash talked about making a printed copy of the calendar and having events be written on them so people don’t end up having overlapping events. She also talked about Board of Trustees being on Friday the 25th of January at 1pm, and the appointment of an Election Commissioner to help with the upcoming Student Body Elections.
 - b. Executive Vice President – Zachary Cohen
 - i. EVP Cohen went on to talk about the Board of Trustees Meeting coming up. On Friday in the Grand Ballroom.
 - ii. He then talked about the Student Action Team which is a group of Students that go up to Springfield to lobby for EIU and other higher Institutions.
 - iii. For the Dean of Lumpkin Search, Applicants were said to be coming in on Thursday and then Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st.
 - c. Vice-President for Academic Affairs – Carson Gordon

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- i. VP Gordon talked about the first “...with the Prez” which will be the “Valentines with the Prez on the 4th of February from 5-6pm in the Grand ballroom, there will be light refreshments and love bugs will be made to help St. Jude’s kids, this event will be in partnership with the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism.
 - ii. VP Gordon went on to talk about Student Deans and the ideas that they brainstormed during their monthly meeting, she also talked about setting up personal meetings with the deans to help with event planning.
 1. CLAS: Get to know chairs/administration event
 2. COE: Teacher’s panel
 3. CHHS: Community service event
 4. LCBT: Pending
 - iii. VP Gordon also informed us that Faculty Senate discussed New General Education Coordinator and they were also going to be revising by-laws.
 - iv. It was reported that the Council on Academic Affairs(CAA) talked about a new Anthropology course as well as a new Criminology course, in addition to a new Nutrition and Dietetics Minor.
- d. Vice-President of Student Affairs – Alicia Matusiak
- i. VP Matusiak talked about Apportionment board and she mentioned that she will get the dates for all the meetings to the senates.
 - ii. She also went over the result of the Panther Palooza survey that she had sent out to the RSOs that attended. The results were said to be generally positive with a lot of positive feedback.
- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Committee Reports
- a. Academic Affairs and Alumni Relations Committee: Zoey White
 - i. Senator White talked about the Finals week events that were held in collaboration with University Board. She also mentioned that this committee was focused on ways to help students with resources on how to be successful in areas concerning their academics.
 - b. Student and Business Affairs: Nia Douglas
 - i. Senator Douglas went on to talk about the “Show Me The Money” event that the committee had held and the event was used as an avenue to inform students about how much of their Student Fees goes into what exactly. The committee found ways to help bridge the gap between students and the senate and educating students about where their money goes.
 - c. Diversity and Internal Affairs: Noor-Ul-Haash Khamisani
 - i. Senator Khamisani talked about the different bonding events that were held in the senate and how this has helped to develop and strengthen bonds; in addition the committee is dedicated to helping senators go outside their comfort zones by fulfilling their diversity requirements.
 - d. External Affairs and University Enhancement: Seth Yeakel

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- i. The major event for this committee as pointed out by Senator Yeakel was the Safety Walk which was a huge success, and the result of event was broken down and explained to the senate. This committee focuses also on creating and maintaining ties with the City of Charleston.
- XIV. Announcements
 - a. GO GREEK!!
- XV. Adjournment- 7:59pm
 - a. Douglas and Khamisani