



The Office of the Eastern Illinois University  
**Student Government**

*“If you fall behind, run faster. Never give up, never surrender, and rise up against the odds.”  
-Jesse Jackson*

**Student Senate Minutes**

The 6th day of March 2019

- I. Call to Order 7:00pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Motion by Malloy, Khamisani
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Motion by Perri, White
- V. Audience Participation
- VI. Advisor Report – Ceci Brinker
  - a. Laurel will be out of the office for Spring break until we are back
  - b. Have a safe and enjoyable spring break
- VII. Graduate Report – Sophia Sarver
  - a. Be safe during break
  - b. Diversity Action Council
    - i. The Diversity Action Council is an initiative that the Student Life Office started in 2009 but then in the early 2010s eventually was put onto hiatus. The original concept was to bring RSO’s together to have a council for multicultural organizations and students. Any multicultural organization could join and be apart of the council tha discussed not only issues that happened at Eastern Illinois University but also provided programming for students in a collaborative effort. The Student Life Office will be working on bringing this initiative back and build upon once was created. We as an office will be working with Student Government to reignite this initiative by reaching out to multicultural organizations and students on campus. There will be more information after spring break. However, we wanted to let you know that we are working on this as an office and that this is coming in the future. I will share a presentation with a timeline at a future meeting.
- VIII. Speaker Report – Tarve’a Durant
  - a. First diversity requirement is due by this Friday. Turn it in to me by then.
  - b. Let your voice be heard tabling series
    - i. Next event will be March 19<sup>th</sup> from 11-2
  - c. Enjoy spring break, do not work too hard. Destress.
- IX. Executive Reports
  - a. Student Body President – Rebecca Cash
    - i. It’s on us
      1. Events Monday-Thursday of the first week in April
    - ii. Election packets are due tomorrow by 4pm on Laurel’s desk.

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1. Candidates will be listed by the time that packets are turned in (first turned in will be first on the list.)
2. Candidate have updated schedule once all the names are in.
- iii. Panther Service Day
  1. If anyone still wants to be a site leader who has not told me yet, please tell me.
- iv. Autism Awareness Month
  1. April 2 at 5:30pm in front of Old Main – shirts are available now
- v. Graduation
  1. 59 Days away.
- b. Executive Vice President – Zachary Cohen
  - i. Student Action Team
    1. I will be sending emails to everyone tomorrow with information for student action team.
    2. Survey is going out tomorrow.
  - ii. Have a great spring break and enjoy the break part.
- c. Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Carson Gordon
  - i. Student Deans
    1. We will be meeting again in April
  - ii. Faculty Senate
    1. Heard from Dr. Dobbs about possible improvements for university improvement
    2. Discussion of think tank
  - iii. CAA
    1. Last week we approved 15 items.
    2. Tomorrow at 2pm in Library 4440
  - iv. Awards Ceremony
    1. Met with Lou today, tentatively scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - v. WHAM
    1. Next event is 3/20 from 5-7pm in Doudna lecture hall.
- d. Vice-President of Student Affairs – Alicia Matusiak
  - i. EIU Cares
    1. Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10-4
  - ii. Apportionment Board
    1. Next meeting is after spring break
    2. Departments will be representing budget at that point.
    3. Final Allocations
      - a. Student Recreation Center – \$186,223
      - b. Apportionment Board – \$40,560
      - c. Student Government – \$44,000
      - d. University Board – \$139,227
  - iii. Diversity Action Council

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1. Will have tabling after spring break
  2. We are also looking at similar groups at peer institutions
- X. Old Business
- a. Senate Bill 18-19-07
    - i. Discussion
      1. The purpose of the committee is out create descriptions for the Judicial branch and also outline how the Judicial Selection committee will work.
    - ii. Motion to call bill to vote by Cieslak, Second by Douglas
    - iii. Vote 19-0-0
- XI. New Business
- XII. Committee Reports
- a. Academic Affairs
    - i. Looking at having distressing events the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Also help VPAA Gordon with Prowlin' in the Prez
    - iii. Possible events include co-op with cloud club
  - b. Alumni Relations
    - i. Working on a senior BBQ, possibly April 19<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Want to create a senior video at the BBQ that is a "senior survival guide"
  - c. Business Affairs
    - i. College budgeting
      1. Part time jobs
      2. Working around your schedule
      3. Creating a budget
    - ii. Game of Life
  - d. Diversity Affairs
    - i. Ideas
      1. Cultural Karaoke night
      2. Minority Talk
      3. My food represents me
  - e. External Relations
    - i. City Council
      1. Senator Meents goes
    - ii. Tree campus committee
      1. Earth week
      2. April 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. EIU discounts
      1. Senator feedback
      2. Business and restaurants
  - f. Internal Affairs
    - i. Meeting Mondays at 3:30
    - ii. Possibly a big day trip
  - g. Student Affairs

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- i. Met with Alumni affairs today to discuss senior BBQ
- ii. EIU Talk
  - 1. Administration can talk about the state of the university and Charleston – April 10<sup>th</sup> possibly
- iii. It's on Us
  - 1. Hear their story night of expression
- h. University Enhancement
  - i. Survey's for panther shuttle are still in progress
  - ii. Currently working on events still.
- XIII. Announcements
  - a. March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 Coleman 2210, Political Science is having a doc about north Korea
  - b. Take care of yourself through the semester, if you need anything let someone know who can help.
  - c. Tarble Arts tomorrow at 5pm, Tarble Reads
  - d. Friday is international day of women.
  - e. Model Illinois Government RSO is being created, if you are interested, let senator Perri know.
- XIV. Adjournment – 7:51pm
  - a. Motion to adjourn by Osborne, second by Crockett

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