



The Office of the Eastern Illinois University

# Student Government

*"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." – Charles R. Swindoll*

## Student Senate Minutes

The 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2018

- I. Call to Order: 7:00pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes- Yeakel and Osborne
- IV. Approval of the Agenda- Durant and Yeakel
- V. Audience Participation
  - a. Black Lives Matter Flag: The Black Lives Matter is a group that is concerned with the development of African American Students and the BLM flag will be flown during the month of February which is traditionally referred to as Black History Month and there would also be a celebration. Morgan Colvin and KeShyra Bluminberg were the students that started this petition and they talked about the concerns that people have brought up especially about All Lives Matter, Blue Lives Matter and the fact that people think that this would lead to mistreatment of people of Caucasian decent and the police. They mentioned that the flying of this flag should act as and will be, if approved, a symbolism of encouragement for African Americans. Those that will be get to decide whether or not the flag gets flown will be Current and Past EIU Students and EIU Parents. The main goal of this is to educate the students and faculty on this campus and eventually they expect to even extend this to the general Charleston Population. They also talked about how they acknowledge the institution is making an effort to really encourage diversity, but there should be more done, and this is why they have taken initiative to start this Movement. They talked about their verification process to really make sure that the people that are signing the petition are actually affiliated with EIU, they also mentioned that there will be more talks about the location and whether or not the flag itself will be hung where the current United States Flag is or if it will need to be placed somewhere else.
- VI. Advisor Report – Ceci Brinker
- VII. Interim Speaker Report – Zachary Cohen
- VIII. Executive Reports
  - a. Student Body President – Rebecca Cash
    - i. The President spoke about the CUPB Overall Meeting which will be held on Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm and the President Are Sub- Committee meeting happening earlier Today.
    - ii. Hunger Action Month: Library Quad-
      1. Pie-a-Celebrity- The president will be participating in a Pie a Celebrity contest in honor of the Hunger Action Month, and the

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winner gets a “Dundie”, she expressed her interest in wanting to win and so implored the Senate to come out to support her and the movement in general. in the Library Quad from 11am- 1pm in the Library Quad. A minimum Donation of \$1 is required.

2. Poverty and Food Insecurity: The Reality of Hunger in the Community and On Campus is a talk that will be led By Dr. Michael Gillespie who is an Associate Professor and it will be held November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Doudna Lecture Hall.
  3. Huddle Up Against Hunger (HUAH is also an initiative taking place this week and we are encouraged to bring canned food to donate and after this there will be different games from the various
- iii. Reviewing Speaker and Senate Elections: Everyone senator except Senator Khamisani will be required to be elected and to do this they require signatures from the student body, 100 of them to be precise. People who were also interested in running for Speaker were also told to speak to EVP Cohen.
  - iv. There will be an Open House- November 12<sup>th</sup> we were encouraged to come out support and show our EIU Pride by wearing Blue.
  - v. Board of Trustees will be happening November 16<sup>th</sup>-at 1pm in the Grand Ballroom. Everyone is invited to go and listen in.
- b. Executive Vice President – Zachary Cohen
- i. Student Action Team- Applications and Marketing are getting updated and will get sent out soon.
  - ii. Final Proofs for the Panther Statue are still in the works, and the President is still looking into two different drops for potential location for it.
  - iii. The Student Government Audit will be Meeting to talk about the Judicial Branch and By-Laws later tonight
  - iv. EVP Cohen was appointed to be a part of the Search Committee for the position of Dean of Lumpkin
- c. Vice-President for Academic Affairs – Carson Gordon
- i. The Pumpkin with the Prez event saw about 50-60 showed up and they are anticipating the next one, and Vice President Gordon appreciated the help that was rendered by Senators and the students from the Association of International Students won the Pumpkin Painting Contest. For the future, she wants to reach out to more RSOs.
  - ii. Next: Trivia with the Prez which will be on November 29<sup>th</sup> and Student Deans will be team captains and will be in the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Underground from 4:30-6:00pm.
  - iii. February: Volunteering –Potentially will be Love Bugs for Saint Jude’s
  - iv. Pets with the Prez
  - v. Thank a Professor: November 14<sup>th</sup>- Sign Up sheet for time slots.

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- vi. Faculty Senate- Working on separation or keeping of different committees and A Potential Think Tank.
  - vii. Constitution Revisions were also discussed during the Faculty Senate Meeting.
  - viii. Mendez Awards
  - ix. Student Deans
    - 1. CLAS: Shay Martin
    - 2. CHHS: Sara Farris
    - 3. COE: Claire Litzenburg, Jordan Thoele
    - 4. LCBT: Kali Harris
  - x. The Senate was encouraged to Vote and make our voices heard.
  - xi. A new course is being discussed and this will affect students in the Organizational Development program.
- d. Vice-President of Student Affairs – Alicia Matusiak
- i. Unity Choir Performance in Wesley Church on Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - ii. Last VP Matusiak met with Mona Davenport and Dr. Peoples, along with Ethan to help gain some insight on the BLM Flag and to help with the formation of a Sub-Committee to help with research about this.
  - iii. Student Affairs Committee will be meeting on Monday
  - iv. Meeting with Execs and Graduate Students Tomorrow
  - v. Friday GSAC meeting for newly formed RSOs
  - vi. Completed the congratulations letter
  - vii. Tabling for Black Lives Matters Flag aimed on Student Opinion.
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- XI. Committee Reports
- a. Student Affairs – Nia Douglas (Senator. Durant)
    - i. First Event- About Student Fees and tabling and also surveys to see what they want to see on campus
  - b. Academic Affairs – Zoey White
    - i. Study with the Senators: November 28<sup>th</sup> or December 5<sup>th</sup>- Food from Panther Catering and will be taking place in the bridge lounge. Senators different with different majors to help connect with the student body.
    - ii. Social Media for Alum
    - iii. Pizza with the Prez in Library during Finals Week
  - c. Internal Affairs – Ethan Osborne
    - i. Intra Murals- Volleyball and WiffleBall
    - ii. Senate Stars- Form to recognize senator and the link will be sent out to senators to send nominations in.
    - iii. Bowling- November 14<sup>th</sup>- Bowling Alley and refreshment will be provided
    - iv. White Elephant- December 5<sup>th</sup>

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1. Ugly Sweater
  2. Milk Cookies
  - v. Cultural Potluck
  - vi. Holiday Caroling
  - vii. Office Hours need to be turned in by 6:30pm of the day of the meeting.
  - d. University Enhancements – Seth Yeakel
    - i. Safety Walk- Nov 12-15 and Nov-29- Dec 2 and VP Lynette was also contacted concerning this and also about Golf Carts.
    - ii. Planting of Trees
      1. The RSO involved will be meeting in Blair Hill 3108-at 3pm to talk about what plants will be planted for Arbor Day.
      2. Discussion was had with the Principal of the High School.
      3. Fast Food Discounts are an avenue that is being looked into.
- XII. Graduate Report – Sophia Sarver
- XIII. Announcements
- a. Volunteering Opportunities with the Charleston Pantry and the Nursing Homes in the Charleston Area.
  - b. Housing Early Bird Extension till November 5<sup>th</sup>
  - c. November 6<sup>th</sup> – Voting Day- Bridge Lounge
  - d. PRSSA Headshots for 5 dollars
  - e. Dia de Los Muertos tomorrow in the Union. Come out and support University Board.
  - f. Last French Club Meeting with Movie Night.
- XIV. Adjournment-8:11pm
- a. Watson and Osborne

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