



The Office of the Eastern Illinois University
Student Government

“The greatest honor history can bestow is that of a peacemaker.” -Richard M. Nixon

Student Senate Minutes

The 23rd day of October 2019

- I. Call to Order- 7:00pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Yeakel and White
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Powell and Yeakel
- V. Audience Participation
 - a. New Student and Family Programs- Brooke Tozer and Eliza Daugherty
 - Specialist from NSFP talked to the senate about some of their available orientation and prowl positions, they explained what it was that these positions entailed and the commitments attached to them. They encouraged members of the senate to apply and encourage those that they know to apply too.
 - b. Booth Library – Seth Yeakel
 - Senator Yeakel talked about some of the resources that he and other Library ambassadors were promoting on behalf of the library, he spoke in great detail about the various spaces provided by the library for different functions, the research desk, the inter-library loan system and a host of other things. He encouraged his fellow senators to make use of these resources as they are available for us.
- VI. Advisor Report – Ceci Brinker
 - a. Ceci expressed how happy she was with how much school spirit everyone was showing.
- VII. Graduate Report – Sophia Sarver
 - a. Sophie wished everyone a happy homecoming and encouraged everyone to be at the different events that will be taking place the rest of the week. She also added that everyone take care of themselves and study for the finals as they are fast approaching.
- VIII. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval- Yeakel and Powell
 - Appointment of Noor-ul-Haash Khamisani to the Diversity Action Council.
 - Appointment of Ethan Osborne to the Bond Revenue Committee.
- IX. Speaker Report – Michael Perri

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- a. Diversity Requirements: The were said to be due the week before and that only one person did not have that turned in, and they would need to do so as soon as possible.
 - b. Shirts: The Speaker informed the senate that we would be moving ahead with Wave Graphics for the polos and possible quarter zips and that they would need to be, he also asked the members of the senate to send him shirts sizes individually.
 - c. Council of Chairs (CoC): The meeting was said to have been held on Monday night and the meeting format had been restructured and that two things were passed, the emergency bill and a Student Affairs event that will both be discussed later in the meeting.
 - d. Your Campus Your Voice: Next Tuesday 29th, there will be a tabling series about Campus Safety and Health and what changes students want to see with respect to that, it will be a potential collaboration with University Enhancement and senators were asked to sign up for tabling slots.
 - e. Class Service Project: Individuals who sign up will be given a list of items to fill the bag up to with simple things, and this will go to students who have some need insecurities.
- X. Executive Reports
- a. Student Body President – Carson Gordon
 - New Group Chat: The president informed the senate that here would be a new less formal group chat so that the original one could be kept to a standard.
 - Small Talk: President Gordon asked the senate about which professors and members of staff that have made an impact in their lives and the members of the senate came up with different professors who have helped them develop new skills, helped them build connections and so on. She encouraged everyone to tell someone that they appreciate how much they appreciate them as it could positively impact their mental health.
 - Meetings: The president informed the senate that she attended the 125th Anniversary Committee meeting and how this will be celebrated in 2020, The IBHE Budget meeting and the CUPB Meeting.
 - Homecoming: We were all encouraged to keep attending the events that will be taking place, I addition to that we were told that the Student Government will be participating in the parade and more information about that will be posted in the group chat.
 - Other Projects:
 1. Senate Elections

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2. Presidential Cabinet
 3. Mental Health Legislation
 4. Rich Miller- Capital Facts Edgar Speaking Series.
- b. Executive Vice President – Kathleen Conlin
- Professionalism: EVP Conlin encouraged everyone in the senate to be professional especially in the meeting space.
 - EIU Votes: Beth Gillespie wanted to work with the student government, and the map is still in the works, the senate was encouraged to volunteer to be election judges.
 - Student Action Team: Everyone who wanted to go was told to apply by the night of the meeting, and the people who go will be given a tour of the Capitol and introduced to the representatives. This will be happening on Tuesday November 12th
- c. Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Noor-ul-Haash Khamisani
- Meetings: VPAA Khamisani informed the senate of her Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for the 28th and CAA on Friday in the Booth Library.
 - Pumpkin with the Prez: The senate was reminded to come out to the event and reminded everyone about the Prowlin event scheduled for the 29th of November in the south Quad.
 - Projects:
 1. Thank a Professor
 2. Newsletter
 3. Tabling Event with Student Deans and Academic Affairs
 4. Student Dean Advisory Council
- d. Vice-President of Student Affairs – Samira Abdoulaye Pedila
- Diversity Action Council: Meeting on Monday and everyone was tasked with bringing up other events, and at the Culture Fest students were asked what it was they wanted to see on campus and overall they asked for diverse food at events. An event with the president and diverse organizations would be having questions that they will be asking.
 - Events:
 1. BSU Week
 2. Student Drag Show: November 7th
 3. Homecoming Events
- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business
- a. Emergency Senate Bill 19-20-04:
- Approval of releasing funds for date rape drug testing kits.
 1. Open for Questioning : Noll and Yeakel
 2. Close Questioning : Hagler and Powell
 3. Open for Discussion: Williams and Hagler

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4. Close Discussion: Franklin and Yeakel
5. Calling Bill to Question: Powel and Ingram
 - a. Bill Passed with 23-0-0

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Seth Yeakel
 - Meeting on Mondays, and a potential department appreciation series event, and the Finals de-stresser events are in the works, there had to be a change of date for the events.
- b. Alumni Relations – Brianna Hogan
 - Meeting with grad advisors and waiting on responses from appropriate individuals.
- c. Business Affairs – Randall Becker
 - Tabling Event potentially on the 21st of November, and working on templates for demos and reports.
- d. Diversity Affairs – David Hagler
 - Meeting with Grad advisor to talk about potential tug of war event and having that go through the proper channels for approval, and more information will be on that at the next meeting
- e. External Relations – Zoey White
 - Meeting in Matton's High School on Friday at noon on Friday and reaching out to the others such as Charleston, Paris and Central A and M.
 - Will be emailing City Council and County Board.
 - Will be meeting up with Ceci to discuss the Off Campus Housing, and then send ISU's senate an email to get temporary access to off campus housing website to get some tips on how to proceed.
- f. Internal Affairs – Elizabeth Stephens
 - Advisor recommended planning for the event and not making it a compulsory event, the budget would need to be revised and game and activities ideas were welcomed. Direction cards will be made to help people get to the location. Alcohol was highly prohibited right before and at the Event.
 - Dates for the Potluck are still TBD
 - Senate Star: Justin Franklin
- g. Student Affairs – Skylar Coffey
 - The committee will be called Baby It's Finals Outside, and a lot of the food will be donated by Senator Coffey's mum, and work on marketing is ongoing.
- h. University Enhancement – Zack Archey
 - The chair thanked the senate for approving the Emergency Bill and they were working on survey questions from members of the committee.

XIV. Announcements



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- a. Can Drive Appreciation
 - b. Support Homecoming.
 - c. Political Science Association Trivia Night
 - d. Socktober for One Stop Community Christmas
- XV. Adjournment- 8:25pm
- a. Powell and Yeakel