



## University of Iowa Student Government GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Minutes

October 2, 2012

A.) Call Meeting to Order (7:00pm )

B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call

C.) Public Access

- ✓ Kristin Loupee-Beckman – Foundation's Phil Was Here® campaign

To date, the foundation has raised over 2 billion dollars for the university. PHIL's mission is to raise awareness about philanthropy and to recognize that philanthropy is impacting their education. PHIL was here is hosting an event in Burge on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Student Philanthropy Group serves as ambassadors to the University and as a connection to the greater student body. Gracie, Em, and Hannah are all on the SPG and discussed their reasons why they joined SPG and how they have personally witnessed the impact of philanthropy. They ask senators to be advocates for the foundation in their peer groups, to promote it, and to be aware of PHIL. Recruitment for the SPG takes place in the spring.

- ✓ Janet Lyness (County Attorney) and Lonny Pulkrabek (County Sheriff) – Justice Center

Lonny wanted to point out the inaccuracies in the Daily Iowan news article. He notes that there simply is not enough room in the jail currently, and that they spend nearly one million dollars shipping inmates to other providers (as they have housed people in over 8 different counties). They currently cannot provide a safe and secure environment. The courthouse is 111 years old and has never been expanded, despite the increase of 100,000 residents. Janet has been working through her office to have jail alternatives for small misdemeanors and programming but there is not current space in the courthouse, already decreasing the inmates per day by 8 people. The building is also not ADA accessible which poses an issue for staff and visitors, as well as the lack of security and metal detectors. Senator Gillette asked what the operating expense would be for a typical day. Lonny said that they can operate with the current staff but with 3 exceptions: they need to hire a nurse and 2 additional deputies. The building will be more sustainable, and operate more efficiently. Senator Seay asked if the jail alternative programs would still be active with this building. Janet said that they are still planning on continuing this programming and even expanding the alternatives.

D.) New Business (7:34pm)

- ✓ S.S.R. 10 – Endorsing Proposed Tuition Freeze

Senator Gao asked what the average increase is. Senator Walsh yielded to President Pottebaum, who said that the increase is typically around 4 percent. Senator

Phillips asked how this would affect the out of state tuition rate. Senator Clifford responded that it will most likely be a lower increase and that since the Iowa tax dollars pay for the university, this is why they are focusing on instate students. Senator Brown, Senator Hanson and Senator Branson spoke in favor of this legislation. Senator Sproul motioned for previous question, second by Senator Cumming. S.S.R. 10 passes.

✓ S.S.R. 11 -- Endorsing Johnson Country Justice Center

Senator Dvorsky urged the senate to vote on this issue and claims that it is basic community engagement. Senator Tarnoff spoke against this legislation claiming that the money would be better spent on prevention. Senator Clifford spoke in favor of the legislation. Senator Subramanian spoke in favor of this issue as she was in an uncomfortable situation when she needed to be at the courthouse and spent a morning with inmate who had raped, and abused their partners. She claims that this does in fact have an impact on our constituents. Previous question by senator Phillips, seconded by Senator Branson. S.S.R. 11

✓ S.S.B. 12 – SABAC Supplemental I Funding

SABAC had a cap of \$40,000 and were less than \$1000 away from that budget. Senator Tarnoff thanked Erica for her recommendations Senator Subramanian asked how she was to explain the allocations to student organizations. Senator Tarnoff asked her to send all questions about funding to him or Erica. Previous question motioned by Senator Sproul, and seconded by Senator Heuer. S.S.B. 12 passes.

✓ S.S.B. 13 – Student Senate Committee Assignments Update

Senator Phillips motioned to add Senator Ansari into student services with a friendly amendment. The motion passes. Previous question motioned by Senator Branson, seconded by Senator Tarnoff. S.S.B. 13 passes.

✓ S.S.B. 14 – Speaker Pro-Tempore

Previous question motioned by Senator Tarnoff, seconded by Senator Turner. S.S.B. 13 passes.

✓ S.S.B. 15 – Committee of Student Services Name Change

Speaker Horsfield yielded to Dr. Nelson, who states that he believes that this will compliment the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership. Previous question motioned by Senator Branson, seconded by Senator Madia. S.S.B. 15 passes.

✓ S.S.B. 16 - Endorsing Presidential Charter and All-University Committee Nominations

Friendly amendment motioned by Senator Cumming to change Mary Schaffer to Andrea Pyburn. Senator Jay Brown motioned, and Senator Wampler seconded. Senator Cumming believes that these are the people the committee found best fit for the positions. Previous question motioned by Senator Phillips, seconded by Senator Turner. S.S.B. 16 passes.

E.) Reports (8:10)

- ✓ Advisor: Dr. Nelson wants to encourage applications to the Leadershape Institute. It is very competitive and he would like people to talk to the alumni of Leadershape if

they have any questions.

✓ Executive Reports

- ✓ President Pottebaum: The next board of regents meeting will be in IC on the 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of October. Campus Vote Challenge is a national competition on many colleges and universities. There are 10 challenges and we have reached 8 of them. On Wednesdays-Thursdays Student Credit Money Management is in the office. There has been a huge increase due to the marketing and mass emails by UISG. This is one of the great things that UISG has to offer. During the first week of the beginning of the semester to make the add/drop process online. Also, finals are more spread out and start at 7:30am and go until 10pm. Senator Cumming and Pottebaum have been meeting to promote good sportsmanship at the sporting events especially considering our next game versus Penn State.
- ✓ Vice President Tobin. 606 students pledged to be a wingman. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> debate we are hosting a debate watch in the bijou theatre. Senators are encouraged to come and to bring a friend. Arrive around 7:30pm for voter registration and possibly some free food.
- ✓ Katherine Valde: Thanks to everyone who helped out with the legislature email dates. It was so successful that they will be doing it again next week. GOTV is doing a huge voter registration push at the old capital mall. They ordered voting is sexy shirts.
- ✓ Matt Bopes: If senators have any ideas for blog posts please talk with Matt. If you are looking at going through IMU marketing and design please also talk to Matt. Like the Facebook page, and add your friends so that we can get our message out to more people.
- ✓ Jeralyn Westercamp: Thanks for passing the justice center legislation. Saferide is still going strong and there have not been issues. She is passing around a sheet to reach out to student organizations/residence halls/ and Greek Life to educate peers about Saferide and wingman.
- ✓ Erica Lester: Thanks for passing SABAC supplemental 1 allocations. The applications for CFOs will be live on Orgsync on Friday. They will be due Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> as well as supplemental II.
- ✓ Sauvik Goswami: We are going to be doing a Get to Know Me blitz posting it all over social media. He asks that the senators post the video as well as the tagline of what makes you diverse.
- ✓ Kelsey Zlevor: Went to the Iowa recycling and waste management conference today in promoting the hydration stations. She will be making a tutorial video about clearainers and composting ideally by the end of the semester. It will be on the UISG and office of sustainability websites.
- ✓ Alex Kolwey: Attended the student organization review committee, approving several new student organizations. In the next week Alex will be manning the desk in the SOOS. Senators can serve their office hour in this space if they choose to do so. WRAC also has their red flag campaign promoting domestic violence prevention. You can volunteer, help by social media, and they have many ways to get involved.
- ✓ Alec Bramel: The Closed Door ordinance passed by the city council and went on effect on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. A mass email will go out to students explaining

what it is and how it affects students.

- ✓ Committee Chairs
  - ✓ Senator Jay Brown yielded to Senator Subramanian who says that UISG can paint one of the lovely benches around Iowa City. John Kaeting will be the painter as well as arts LLC students.

F.) Announcements (8:20pm)

- ✓ Committee Meeting – October 8, 2012 2520D UCC.
- ✓ Debate Watch – October 16, 2012

G.) Adjournment (8:24pm)

- ✓ Motioned by Senator Branson, seconded by Senator Cumming