



**University of Iowa Student Government
GENERAL SENATE MEETING
Minutes**

August 28, 2012

A.) Call Meeting to Order (7:02pm)

B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call (7:03)

C.) Public Access (7:05)

- ✓ Meagan and Steph – Health Iowa
 - ✓ Educates students about various health topics. All of the services they offer are free. Health ninja is a peer program about peers influencing other peers in a healthy way. Health ninjas are nominated by their peers. Once a month they come to a health ninja meeting, and receive resources and through natural leadership skills they will educate their peers (Video shown from Health Iowa's Facebook.)
- ✓ Jacob Oppenheimer - Women's Resource and Action Center
 - ✓ They would like to encourage students to come into the center and to utilize their resources. There are many volunteer opportunities available as well. They are working to promote an end to violence on Big 10 campuses by 2015. The WRAC is starting a youth mentoring program that will help to develop life skills in youth. Other volunteer opportunities include group facilitation and the men's antiviolence council, diversity programs, and an activism based group.

D.) New Business (7:25)

- ✓ S.S.B. 5 – Committee Chair Guidelines and Expectations
 1. Senator Horsfield drafted the document in collaboration with the committee chairs. Previous question motioned by Senator Sproul and seconded by Senator Branson. S.S.B.5 Passes
- ✓ S.S.B. 6 – Senator Code of Ethics
 1. Senator Horsfield drafted this document. Previous question motioned by Senator Tarnoff seconded by Senator Branson. S.S.B.6 Passes.
- ✓ S.S.B. 7 – Committee Chair Code of Ethics
 1. This document was drafted by Senator Horsfield in collaboration with the committee chairs. Previous question motioned by Senator Branson, seconded by Senator Tarnoff. S.S.B.7 Passes.
- ✓ S.S.B. 8 – Joint Finance By-Law Update
 1. President Pottebaum stated that this document is between SABAC and GPAC. It hadn't been updated in many years and was 29 pages

long. The ECGPS has since simplified the document down to down to 9 pages. Changes include the time period for CFOs to renew (every 2 years), also the student activity fee has been changed to better reflect the distribution of students. Previous question motioned by Senator Sproul, seconded by Senator Tarnoff. S.S.B.8 Passes.

E.) Reports (7:35)

- ✓ Bill Nelson, advisor to UISG and the Director of CSIL and the IMU: congratulated UISG on a successful start of the school year, stating that leadership within UISG was extremely active this summer.
- ✓ Executive Reports:
 - ✓ President Pottebaum:
 1. Safe ride has kicked off this week. Advertisements are all over campus, including the Facebook page. It is a free taxi service for students who find themselves in a dangerous/unexpected/emergency situation. It ambiguous by design. Only takes students home within the IC area. Must have an updated address in the UI phonebook. Partnership with Yellow Cab of Iowa City (who won the bid). Runs 7 days a week, 7pm-7am. It will run through the last day of fall classes (not on breaks.) It will start up again 2nd semester the first Tuesday of classes. Call the number, and they will verify address and student status. Prove yourself by a photo id, and to sign a slip. Only one time per semester. Student can have one passenger, and that doesn't count as their ride. More info is on the UISG website.
 2. ABTS conference was held here this summer for student body presidents to get together every 6mo. Faculty members and alumni spoke. The campus vote challenge was a large drive, and was a result of ABTS. It is a competition between universities on many aspects relating to elections.
 3. Student credit money management. The conference room is utilized by Cathy, with Horizon Counseling W/Th 12:30-4:30pm.
 4. Free Coralridge bus ride continuation. Materials will go out to the residence halls next week.
 - ✓ Vice President Tobin
 1. Chalk talk is completed in the River Room of the IMU. This is a place for student organizations to advertise their events.
 2. Textbook tax rebates. You can get the 7% sales tax back in the form of a rebate (if purchased from Hawk Shop). All of the pre-addressed envelopes, rebates, and FAQs are in the office.
 - ✓ Katherine Valde, Governmental Relations
 1. GOTV (get out the vote). Sept 5th and 6th we are collaborating with Hawkeye Caucus for email blasts to flood the legislators email inboxes. Katherine needs volunteers for each of these days!
 - ✓ Sauvik Goswami
 1. Get to know me campaign went out this summer and was very successful. Check out the video on the UISG website.

2. Diversity calendar. In conjunction with Roy Salcedo, they are working on creating a singular calendar for all of the diversity and cultural
 3. Diversity organization meeting to show them how to operate successfully
- ✓ Alex Kowley
 1. Volunteer fair is tomorrow 11-3.
 2. Hawkeye student leadership conference September 13th. Keynote speaker from Orgsync. The link is on the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership website. If you wish to volunteer let her know.
 - ✓ Kelsey Zlevor
 1. Recycling at Kinnick really needs volunteers to recycle at the tailgates in and around Kinnick on gameday. Visit the office of sustainability website for more info.
 2. Clearainers are free to rent for student groups through UISG.
 - ✓ Matthew Uttermark and Alec Bramel.
 1. Railline between Chicago and Iowa City. Stimulus money was set aside and this will be coming up in City Council in the near future
 2. It would be nice to get an ICDD seat, so that students' opinions will be taken into consideration for the downtown area
 - ✓ Erica Lester
 1. SABAC will meet on Sept 16th. A how to video will go up on Orgsync about how to request funding

F.) Announcements

- ✓ First Committee Meetings – September 4, 2012 2520D UCC.
- ✓ Freshman Applications are due on Thursday, August 30 at 5:00pm in 145 IMU
- ✓ The next General Senate meeting is on September 11th, 2012 at 7:00pm
- ✓ Volunteer Fair – Wednesday, August 29 from 11:00-3:00
- ✓ Game Recycling Volunteers – Office of Sustainability Website

G.) Adjournment (7:51pm)

- ✓ Motioned by Senator Branson, seconded by Senator Heuer.