I. Call to Order
The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on March 14th, 2022 in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Vice President Pruitt Called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll call

Members Absent: Senator Burnett (excused), Senator Byers (excused), Senator Cubukcu (excused), Senator Long (excused)
Others Present: Advisor Delaney, Student Secretary Nosek, Vice Chancellor Waple, Chancellor Minor, and IBA Representative Befaucut

III. Guest Speakers
a. Dr. James Minor- Chancellor of SIUE

Chancellor Minor: Good morning. That was a joke. Hello, thank you for inviting me it's great to be here, good evening. This is day 14 and I cannot think of a better way to spend my 14th day than being here, I really appreciate the invitation and the opportunity, just to share a few words with you in the 10 minutes that I have. It’s been an amazing fourteen days I have to say. But it's also been a very intense 14 days so I’ll only have three messages for you all this evening and they're pretty straightforward. And the first two weeks there lots of questions about institutional priorities the vision of the Chancellor, the future of the institution. And in the first two weeks, I really want to boil it down to two things that I want to focus on most intensely maybe I’ll share three the first is my intent to listen. Some of you all may have noticed that I launched a listening tour that takes me to lots of different places all three campuses I spent much of the last week in the East St Louis campus I spent. The latter part of last week in Alton and of course lots of different departments and divisions here at the Edwardsville campus. My intent is to listen, as much as I possibly can, and not really be ahead of the university community in terms of development of priority, so I want to make sure I understand clearly what the big opportunities are for this university and to make sure I understand, with some precision what the challenges are quite honestly. The good news I will say is that SIUE is in a unique position to take a bold step forward. Now you go, this is just Chancellor talk. It is not. When I say to you when I meet people who were here 10 years ago, they have a story about SIUE. When I meet people who were here 20 years ago, they have a story about SIUE and what it was compared to what it is today. True story, earlier today I was just sitting across the way in Rendelman Hall I’m sitting there and I’m in a meeting with two gentlemen, both of whom one graduated in 74 and the other graduated in 75. Think about this. One graduated in 1974 and the other graduated in 1975 and they talked about the fact that there were just four buildings here and that this was a commuter institution. It has stepped out of the shadows of Carbondale. We have all heard this narrative, but what they all recognize and what most people recognize is that the season is changing for this
university. It’s not just because you have a new Chancellor. I think if the new Chancellor was Susan or Mark or Jerry, it doesn’t matter. The season is changing and that’s pretty exciting. So, there are two or three things that I will ask questions about very intently as it relates to the future of the university number one thing has to be student success. The number one thing has to be student success, I don't have to tell you all you can look at the graduation rates but to me it is the primary indicator of how well the institution is performing relative to its mission. There are lots of components moving parts to a university, but none of them matter if the students who arrived here do not graduate four or five or six or seven years later, you all define the number. So, for me priority number one has to be student success. Okay, and some people will argue, should we measure that on the four-year time frame some degree programs take longer I understand that my point is for student who comes to SIUE and their plan is to graduate in four years, it should not take them six. Their plan is to graduate in four years, it should not take them five right, we have to create clear pathways from enrollment to degree completion, one of the things that I noticed first was the photo that cohorts take in front of the MUC. That just sort of stood out to me, it was very representative at that point, maybe after the announcement was made January, February, I was looking at SIUE on paper. And so that those photos were the first time that I saw faces of students from communities all across the state all across this region represented now numerically and statistically also knew how many of them would graduate. That was heartbreaking, to know that young people find their way to this campus and for whatever reason don't cross the commencement stage okay I won't belabor the point on the student success priority, or my interest, but I hope you all get my point. Second priority for the university, and my view as i’s listening so when I say priority, these are things, these are my prioritize questions, if you will, so I it's hard for me to get out of a conversation, without asking about student success, and the second thing, which is the financial position of the university. And I don't mind sharing this with a group of student leaders today SIUE, is a 308-million-dollar institution in terms of its operating budget and I think it needs to be a lot closer to $400 million to go right to accomplish the aspiration for the institution. Now that might not be as interesting as the topic of student success, but I think it lies beneath what we need to do in order to advance student success. So when you talk about the scholarship, when you talk about the availability of counselors, when you talk about the availability of advisors, when you talk about the quality of student experience when you talk about the quality of residence halls, labs, internships, the list goes on and on. And we want to be able to provide that experience for students, so those are the two things that I want to share the one thing that I will invite your participation your advice and your feedback on is the issue of mental health and wellness as we approach finals week for the term. Now, this was brought to my attention it’s something that I’m completely willing to partner on an interest at the partner on. And we’d love to have your feedback about how we do a much better job and more powerful job at supporting students, as they approach finals week and through finals week so with that I will conclude my remarks and thank you again for your time and the opportunity to be here.

A motion to open the floor for discussion was made by Senator Nichols and seconded by Senator Dummerth.

Senator Sheahan: Thank you so much for coming today Chancellor Minor we really appreciate it. On the topic of mental health and finals, in particular, what do you think the odds are that we could coordinate with the Chancellor and the provost to create a more or less structured final system that prioritizes student success in terms of grades, and things like that creating optional finals?
Chancellor Minor: Just one point of clarification, when you say less structure, can you please clarify?

Senator Sheahan: Whether that be in terms of a long-term project throughout the Semester if the student has a specific grade creating an optional system. For the final if they're going to already move on and that course or specifically to the school of business, especially in my program of accounting in the spring time creating a system in which finals are earlier on in the term outside of the quote unquote tax season.

Chancellor Minor: So thank you for that question it's a great question, and it really speaks to the evolution of the teaching and learning environment, I have a suggestion. As a Chancellor of the university, I really try my best to leave teaching learning and the assessment of learning to our university faculty and not to weight in to what they do in the classroom and I really am committed to respecting that. What I am willing to do is to go together with you to the Faculty Senate, for example, and to raise this issue to have a discussion about ways that we might support students with the structure of final exams are or what is happening in the classroom during the latter weeks of the term, but I want to defer to them as the experts in their discipline. And I want to respect their privilege to assess the learning of students and to evaluate that learning for letter grades for the term.

Senator Nichols: Thank you so much for coming out tonight so last semester, I had a class, where we had like an exam right before the week of final exams um do you think that there's a possibility that that like could be monitored among professors, because I understand that professors all have like their own teaching like schedule, but I feel like that would definitely help with like stress around finals if professors weren't necessarily like allowed to give exams the week before.

Chancellor Minor: So this is, this is an interesting point so again I’m really glad that you're raising this issue and I support the idea of engaging the Faculty the Faculty Senate on this issue, but it raises a question that what I just a follow up question on this is are you suggesting that the exam that is given is not consistent with the syllabus for the course and you're suggesting that the final exam is giving is being given prior to the week of finals? Or, or are you suggesting that there is an exam prior to the week of finals?

Senator Nichols: I would say just that there’s an exam that was planned the week before finals. So, then it doesn’t really give the students much time to figure out what they did wrong on the exam to fix it for finals.

Chancellor Minor: Good point, duly noted thank you.

President O'Dell: Hi Dr. Minor, thank you so much for coming out again. Just to expand on Senator Nichols point there, it's also just like having that exam the week before finals week takes a toll on the student’s mental health in the sense that, like we're studying for that exam like because I know a lot of professors do like quarterly exam so, four exams throughout the semester and then the final exam is cumulative. So that fourth exam right before finals week is like that's what you put you're putting your time into, and then you don't have time to study for that exam next week and it’s just in the same breath, like Senator Nichols said it's also like you can't you don't know what you did wrong on that exam to help with the cumulative exam. So I know that that's something that many student governments before us have also tried to accomplish and it just hasn't nothing's
really been done about it, so I really really wanted to say that I agree with that point, but also, I have something on my phone. us as a student government, we also do mental health awareness weeks once a semester is the goal but they're kind of just like things that we can do as a student government, I guess, and so we were wondering if there was a way that we could The students could really benefit by working with upper level admin and kind of having the university more involved in our mental health weeks, just because I know like I see like reviews reviews it's this my source is yikyak. But students saying like how come I had like this super stressful mid-term during mental health week and it's like we're not really, we don't really have an impact on your actual class schedules like that sort of thing so.

**Chancellor Minor:** So, the short answer, thank you for the question the short answer is yes, absolutely I do think that there is a benefit and a level of institutional coordination on this issue If it means that we're offering more effective programming that reaches a greater number of students in a way that makes a difference for them that week that term, and it will be different for every student, but one of the unique features of university life is a lack of coordination, and that is pretty consistent in lots of colleges and universities across the country doesn't necessarily need to be that way. I have spoken to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs about this I’ve spoken with the staff in my office about this, and it is an invitation and an opportunity for us to work together. With better collaboration in order to offer a more powerful intervention for students who need it right some students who may go this is nice. But I’m good this week, thank you very much, but if there are students who who could benefit from a more coordinated effort, my hope is that we can actually accomplish that.

**Vice President Pruitt:** So typically, what people were talking about was dead week that's the name of it or students successfully and Hailie and I have talked to other student body presidents and other student body Vice Presidents and it’s usually the last week before finals or the last three days before finals. in which we still have school it's not necessarily that we don't have school, we still have school but students can use that time to study and get ready for finals rather than having an exam right before finals if that makes sense, I also wanted to add that the and Senator Burbach over there have been working with counseling to do CPE training and I was hoping that in the future, we can get that. For more students more student leaders CPE training is basically certified peer training with mental health, so I just want to add that didn't really have a question just more feedback.

**Chancellor Minor:** Thank you Vice President Pruitt. May I post a question to the body? Ok I’m learning the rules, pardon the formality. I really would like to ask from your experience. And, as representatives of students at this campus, what do you believe are the one or two most effective programs activities that the university could offer to support mental health and wellness. During that stretch right we’ll decide the right week the right combination of weeks, but in terms of activities so everything from Vice Chancellor for student affairs passing out cookies and tangerines in love joy. Animals on campus to massage chairs are maybe you say those things are effective, we need to do a more powerful, or maybe you say we need to do other activities, so what I’m trying to assess in this moment is, what are the one or two things that you go, yes, we must do these one or two things in order to have an effective intervention.

**Senator Eleonu:** Some of these activities might be helpful, but personally I believe no activities, the best activity, I feel, maybe at least a day or two can be given the week
before finals for students to just have time of personally, I always appreciate time and I’m sure, a lot of people here would appreciate a couple of these have no homework nor assignments know projects before finals just take some time of rest.

Senator Richards: I know, in the fall semester we had it was like a mental health day national student day like in honor of that, I believe it was on a Thursday. But you know, it was a day that students could take to you know catch up on work like study so maybe making that Friday before finals week a mental health day or just a study day for students that way, even if there are faculty members that make an exam like that week before. That way students at least have one dedicated day before their finals if they have a final on Monday. Just to be able to study and you know, maybe if they have classes that day and they get canceled they don't have to work or they don't have to necessarily like be in school learning new material the week or the day right before finals week starts so maybe starting to implement something like that would be beneficial for students.

Secretary Nosek: I think that having counselors table would be nice. When I was a freshman I had no idea that we had mental health counseling here. I know that is a big ask since we are kind of lacking on counselors I know that it’s kind of hard definitely having something dedicated to get the word out might help people. I know in my public health program we have mental health week in April for national public health week, we have a whole week off always. I think that’s very helpful I’m not saying something as drastic as a whole week I would never mean that, but I do think that the senators have a great point of having a dedicated day off would be great. I think it is very stressful the day before finals, but I also think that we also need to be highlighting our programs. You know we have these mental health counselors and we have this and that and I feel like it’s not well known enough that this is free and accessible for students.

Senator Nichols: I would agree with Secretary Nosek that definitely highlighting the resources offered on campus would be super beneficial, especially around final season. But kind of the activities that you were highlighting I definitely think that, like the therapy dogs are super helpful, especially whenever we have them in the ocean, or in the library everyone really loves those as well as. I thought that the massage chairs were really like destressing So those are super nice just kind of like low profile activities, I guess, so that they don't kind of amp students up, and so they don't feel like you know because students have like Fo mo fear of missing out so like. If they don't really feel like they have to go to something but it's just kind of there whenever they walk by maybe something like that would be nice thank you.

Internal Affairs Officer Salau: Thank you for your question. I was going to go off what Senator Eleonu said about not just activities but no activities hen just add in that the week before midterms is also a very stressful week so as we consider the week before finals we also want to think about week seven before mid-terms.

Senator Abrego: Hey um I don't really have any idea per se, but I did also just want to highlight, I agree with Secretary Nosek um. I think that there should be more than sort of other points in the semester, finals week is a time where mental health crises can happen sort of more often, and I think that during that time, especially there should be sort of a refresher course of the sort given to faculty and instructors just sort of like giving them a reminder and outlining to them what like warning signs of like a mental health crisis are just so that they're on alert for that, because that definitely happens.
Senator Sheahan: Kind of going off of Senator Richards as well, I think that really the students love to see these activities with the massage chairs and the cookies and everything, but at the same time. We need resources during these weeks we are truly struggling mentally and it's some of the hardest weeks throughout the Semester and one wonders if, instead of using the money to buy you know 1000 cookies for students, if adding one or two counselors for that week would be more beneficial, you know for students to have those resources or for trainings to be implemented around midterms to help them cope for finals week and things like that. So while while we love the incentives and the cookies and everything like that, we do want extra help as well.

Senator Holshouser: I also did want to add on to what a lot of my fellow senators are saying about having extra time off I did want to comment on that as well being in the school of pharmacy and I did my undergraduate years here to. Being in like the stem field, it is a little harder to schedule those things. In terms of days off, especially when classes might meet only once a week, so if the entire university got say like a Friday off, but that class only meets on Fridays, then they would be behind in that coursework and it might not be reasonable to schedule, all of the material that needs to be gone over in that time, while I do think it is necessary to give students more time off maybe. Not having a specific day that all students get off, but having it be more programs specific and have them decide what they would want to do.

Senator Burbach: So this is kind of going off what we talked about a little while ago, actually, but and I definitely agree with Senator Sheahan had and what she was saying about how like provide more resources and trainings rather than like handing out cookies and that type of thing, but I do know that, like our golf cart rides we're really, really big hit with students and that's less of like an event or passing out things. And I don't know if you're familiar with that, but in the past, we have like rented golf carts and we have given students like rides from like the red lots and just rides to their classes and stuff. Like even for mental health week or something of the sort, and I don't know like maybe more administration would be willing to take a part in something like that.

Chancellor Minor: Thank you Senator, so what I am hearing is that we have a golf cart. If you could share I’m interested to know how that works and whether you just pick up random students in the parking lot or just offered them a ride maybe is that what you are suggesting.

Senator Burbach: Yes, I’m not sure how like the whole rental process works that might be a better question for the President.

President O’Dell: So, we actually scheduled them over the summer Robin and I did. We just picked I think it was national student day that we picked for when we always do the golf cart ride and there’s a vendor that we go through and just drops off a bunch of golf carts. Mackenzie handles that throughout the year but Robin booked them. There were about 10 or 15 golf carts, so we all just scheduled it. How it works is we would just kind of all go around and we would go to places that were typically further away like the red lots. We had a sign on the golf cart and we were wearing our polos and things like that. So, they kind of like knew who we were and then again we just offer them rides to their classes and converse with them a little bit on the way there and we had candy too which a lot of people loved.
Senator Richards: Going back to what Senator Holshouser was saying about working with different classes and everything I know that earlier, I think it was last semester Vice President Pruitt mentioned that, like in the exercise science department, they have scheduled in mental health days throughout the Semester. Public Health has like an entire week you know so maybe not a whole week but maybe working individually and that's something that I would like to work on, maybe in the future is or with somebody is working on implementing set like scheduled mental health days with different departments that can work for each class so again what Senator Holshouser was saying is working with those specific departments and those deans of the different schools to just. Make sure that their students are you know they have the best resources that they can possibly have because every school is different. The workload that I have as a psychology student is different than what someone would have as a business student so definitely like making sure that is you know it's the best for the students that it works, for you know what I mean.

Senator Williams: Yeah um I think what would help for a lot of students in terms of struggling with mental health, whether it be midterms and finals in general. Is that if we could somehow make counseling services more approachable um I know that I have talked to quite a few number of students and when they do have. A number of different crises, they view going to counseling services as either a stereotype or something of that nature, but they simply do not want to be seeing going into counseling services and they don't want anyone to know that they're going to counseling services, so if there was just I guess. Maybe some way to just make them more approachable so they know that you know they're there for students or maybe if there is a way to I guess, not necessarily hide the fact that they're going to counseling services, I guess, somehow make an anonymous to do going into the counseling services, but I think that would help well.

Senator Holshouser: I did want to add on to what Senator Williams was saying about counseling services, I know personally in the school of pharmacy we do have an orientation, when we are. In that first professional year where counseling services does come in and they do talk to us about the services they provide which I find very helpful I know the freshman orientation programs do that as well and same with orientations for transfer students, however I'm not entirely sure if I can't speak for other schools like. If they have an orientation program that does do this for students. But I definitely think If not, it would be something that would be very helpful to be implemented university wide.

Vice President Pruitt: I have one last comment before sorry I’m just really quick I’m also a public health major. But I was also pre-med as well, and I saw such a huge difference between the majors and how they approach mental health. And in my opinion, the pre-med aspect of that was much difficult more difficult than the public health aspect of that and I found that they cared less about my mental health than public health, so I just think that maybe majors that have historically higher dropout rate should be considered first and should be. Definitely looked at more deeply, because I think those are some of the ones that care the least about giving days off and things like that.

President O'Dell: Thank you, sorry. I just wanted to add one thing onto what Senator Williams said, and that is that we, there is teletherapy now that's going on. With counseling services, so you can just tap on what I believe would be similar to a zoom call or a webex or something it is zoom in zoom yeah. So that way you don't have to be seen just if you want to give that feedback if you guys hear anything like that get that feedback back to students that's all I want to say.
External Affairs Officer Randolph: This doesn't go with mental health at all, but I just wanted to make a quick comment um I I met you a couple weeks ago. At the school of engineering and it was so great, to meet you and that you really you showed how much you cared for students and listening to their experiences and their stories here so. I know you're on your tour right now to the various different schools, but I would love to set up an event or social where you can meet the general population of students whenever you're done with your tour, but I would love to do something like that.

Chancellor Minor: Thank you, thank you, and thank you I accept.

A motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Eleonu. The floor was closed for discussion.

IV. Approval of Minutes- February 21, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Senator Richards and seconded by Senator Gilles. Acclamation was called, and the motion was approved.

V. Senate Reports

Senator Abrego: My report is not in the packet I’m just this week I’m distributing mental health flyer for nursing students and I also want to expand upon that I’m not sure how yet, but I’m trying to come up with ideas for sort of mental health resources for nursing students that can sort of accommodate eight to eight-week classes that nursing school is.

Senator Akpan: My report is in the packet. Since the last senate meeting I’ve been put on two committees. Fee review and the Student Diversity Council.

Senator Ayegbidun: My report is not in the packet, but it was just feedback from the graduate committee that I attended.

Senator Burbach: My report is not in the packet but, I am still working on the CPE training which is a certified peer educator training and we’re going to start a little bit of a test run with that, with five members of student government. Still figuring out all of those members and then we are also student government is also working with the alestle to raise awareness to influence legislators to fund mental health, treatment, education and support on campuses. That is something that we are working on right now. I also attended a traffic and parking committee meeting last week or two weeks ago, I guess, and were also discussing a like a ticketing increased and the prices of the ticket so that's something that is in the works, right now, as well.

Senator Dummerth: My report is in the packet.

Senator Eleonu: My report is in the packet.

Senator Ford: My report is in the packet.

Senator Gilles: My report is not in the packet, I did send it to everyone’s emails. But I wanted to add that myself and my fellow graduate Senator here, we will be doing our meet and greet next Monday and that will be here and it will be nice to get some useful feedback.

Senator Holshouser: My report is not in the packet but since the last senate meeting I have not been able to attend my meetings. I do however hope that everybody has a restful spring break and I’m looking forward to finishing out the semester.

Senator Richards: My report is in the packet.

Senator Sheahan: My report is in the packet. Just a few highlights, there should be a study abroad spotlight coming to social media on the student government Instagram pages and other social media Special thanks to the study abroad coordinator for helping me. Additionally, I’d like to encourage all students and members of student government to take the campus climate survey, it will be very useful, I have a feeling for administration to gauge student feedback.
**Senator Williams:** My report is not in the packet. This week I’m currently drafting working on the draft of a resolution for the complicated situation for international students and housing over the holidays.

**Senator Meyer:** My report is in the packet.

**Senator Nichols:** My report is in the packet, I am currently working on the CPE training and I got a response from the housing leader.

### VI. Executive Reports

**President O’Dell:** Hi okay, my report is not in the packet so my apologies there. But it since the last-minute meeting I have dropped off the charging cables that have been in the works for quite a while, with the muc admin office as I talked about at pre-meeting, but if you weren't there. I am part of the CPE training through counseling services. Trustee Walters and I met with Miriam and talked about great things that are happening on campus.

**Vice President Pruitt:** My report is in the packet.

**Trustee Walters:** My report is not in the packet but I do hope that you all had a restful spring break.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is not in the packet over the last two weeks, I met with the representative of the African student organization for a post evaluation on African night, it was a major success, he said he learned a lot from it and there's gonna be some things they're going to do differently. One of them, mainly being they're gonna be more proactive on scheduling things and making sure that they're not doing it last minute because that was a major headache for them. Aside from that, at finance board, we met with two different organizations and we'll be talking about that in a little bit, we did not have quorum so we'd be voting on that today.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** My report is not in the packet since the last Senate meeting I attended mental health week so shot out for Student Diversity Goren for that. I also attended the town hall on the second floor of the MUC. I think it was a very thoughtful conversation, and I think it really helped administration have a better understanding of student concerns and I hope I look forward to see what the climate survey helps administration achieve, and I just overall look forward to have been students have a better experience on campus. During office hours I finalized the kimmel award nominations. I have been working on appointing committee members. I’ll say that currently we have very few students and the Election Commission So if you would like to be in the electric Commission and you're not running for a position this year, please reach out to me or Commissioner Jones and we'll be able to get you on that.

**External Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is in the packet. I just wanted to give an update on my farmers market initiative, I did get a yes, with the Goshen market, so I look forward to working with them some more.

**Marketing and Communications Officer Wood:** I did mention in my report that groups could potentially win cash, however to clarify that they do not win actual cash.

**Election Commissioner Jones:** My report is not in the packet. Since our last meeting we have closed the applications and we have 16 candidates. Debates will be held next week.

**Fee Review Commissioner Gilles:** My report is in the packet, I am always looking for new members to join the few review committees.

### VII. Additions to Agenda

None.

### VIII. Old Business

None.

### IX. New Business

a. **Resolution- Senator Sheahan**

**Senator Sheahan:** This is just a welcome to Chancellor Minor. It will be the first building block of collaboration between student government and our new Chancellor. I proposed this
resolution tonight to formally take a moment and resoundingly welcome Chancellor minor, so we will also be celebrating his achievements on the path that he traveled to be here with us today. *Senator Sheahan then read the whole resolution aloud. *

A motion to approve was made by Senator Richards and seconded by Senator Gilles. The motion was approved by a roll call vote, with Senator Sheahan abstaining.

b. Travel Request
i. **SP 22 Travel Request- IEEE**

IEEE Region 5 Student Conference; April 1-2, 2022 $600

Financial Officer Beck: So, IEEE came into our finance board last Friday. They talked about what benefits the conference has for IEEE. Essentially, what this conference does it kind of sets the guidelines for electrical engineering talks about the standards, you get to be able to learn a lot about how to be a leader in the electrical engineering world. You like I mentioned earlier there's a surprise competition you don't know what it is until you get there, but there's a learning aspect on that, along with that you learned about the ethics of engineering and how to be a better engineer ethically. Along with this, like I said earlier, as far as the competition goes they usually work on this competition and they bring it back to St Louis and work on it as a legacy project, and what that means is they can work on it here with the robotics club because usually the robotic space thing. So, not only does that impact IEEE, it also impacts another organization on this campus since we did not have quorum and we did not vote on it, but these were the things we asked, and if you guys have any questions feel free to open the floor for discussion.

A motion to approve was made by Senator Eleonu and seconded by Senator Sheahan. Acclamation was called, and the motion was approved.

ii. **SP 22 Travel Request- Socialist Student Association**

DSA Solidarity Forever; April 1-3, 2022 $600

Financial Officer Beck: So this organization also came into our finance board meeting, however, we didn't have quorum, so we couldn't make a vote what they were focusing on is their whole initiative is better future for workers and by going to this conference, they want to learn how to do that, they also want to learn how to grow as an organization, because they have a small amount of people, so they hope to learn tips and tricks on how to become a bigger organization. And they also plan to have an event about what they learned at this conference, and as far as like who's going like I said earlier, three sophomores’ juniors and freshmen So these are younger folks I’d be like bring back what they learn and teach people about what they learned.

A motion to approve was made by Senator Gilles and seconded by Senator Nichols. Acclamation was called, and the motion was approved.

c. Petitioning Student Organizations
i. **SP 22 Petitioning Student Organizations- Pickleball Club**

ORO Moorman: Right, so these guys came into our last SOAB meeting basically pretty straightforward just want to get a club together to play pickleball, we were not able to have quorum to vote on them, but uh that's pretty much all I got.

A motion to approve was made by Senator Akpan and seconded by Senator Nichols. Acclamation was called, and the motion was approved.

ii. **SP 22 Petitioning Student Organizations- International Business Association**

Representative Befaucaut: So international business association or iba for short is a school business organization focused on bringing awareness, to the world of
international business. The official launch date for this student organization will be fall 2022 comprised of a full Executive Board, bi weekly meetings, speaker events, networking opportunities, fundraisers, and finally case competitions. It should be no surprise to anyone that the need for international cooperation today is imperative. Combined with the fact that enrolled into the school of business international business program is an all-time low, my intent for IBA will be to start fresh. This organization will be open, not just to international business majors but also international studies study abroad, students and, lastly, all SIUE students interested in the concept. As with all our campus organizations recruitment efforts have been largely determined by the pandemic and, like many of us we've learned to rebound from the negative implications and continue to thrive. Having been a recent graduate of the international business program at SIUE, and with my experience leading American marketing association. It would be an honor to bring this organization to light and revive interest in this fundamental concept, I will try my best to answer any questions the Senate sees fit.

**A motion to open the floor for discussion was made by Senator Eleonu and seconded by Senator Dummerth.**

**Senator Eleonu:** How many members do you have interested in the organization currently and how many of the executive positions do you have filled up? membership fee or and if not, how do you intend to raise funds for the Organization for these events that you're scheduling.  
**Representative Befaucaut:** So, there's some good questions, the first one, I think you asked was how many Members, we have currently My answer is one and it's me this is a brand-new revived organization so I’m hoping, I can comprise the Executive Board. Hopefully, before the summer starts that's my time the second one was if we're going to have membership fees. At the moment, I’m planning to because these membership fees actually feed into a lot of our budget it's exactly how we did it for American marketing association. And it helps do a lot of our events and your last question, I believe, was it could you repeat that, for me again.  
**Senator Eleonu:** You have to do with the Members if you're the only member that means you also don't have other executive members, because that was my last question, if you have any other executive members.  
**Representative Befaucaut:** Oh, we officially have me, as the President and then one officially and Vice President I will actually be meeting with them tomorrow to be decorating some stuff over at the school business but yeah at the moment it's just starts we're hoping to have our goals, I always shoot for around 15 full time members, but obviously you want to go pass them.  
**Senator Sheahan:** hi Thank you so much for coming tonight kind of going off of Senator Eleonu’s question you have five different Members listed on your Application as potentially interested members I’m, seeing as you now say that you only have one maybe two and the requirement is to have at least five or these other five members, no longer interested in the organization or what is the current status of that?  
**Representative Befaucaut:** So, the names on those are some of the connections that I’ve made through the other school business organizations they're interested in joining, but like I said unofficial. All of that is unofficial right now, because their names are not on get involved rosters and for me having the name on the
roster is official so that's what I mean by that it's not that they've lost interest or anything it's they have interest that they're not on the roster.

**Senator Sheahan:** I have a second quick follow up um would this be attached to any other like national organization or international organization, that is, that other institutions across the United States.

**Representative Befaucaut:** So, there are other organizations that focus on international business, but the big one that we're going to be a part of is NASBY. NASBY is the organization that's in charge of the case, competition and it's very similar to how AMA does it where they have annually NASBY meets towards the fall, they have it towards spring, which in my opinion, is better because we have more people to join that and a lot more free time to do research.

**Student Secretary Nosek:** So, you do not have fees and your Constitution so if we were to approve you tonight, just so you know you cannot implement any fees. You would have to submit your Constitution to be a change to be approved and then you can implement fee, so that is something you're planning on I would recommend either you. Either you withdraw, you know because you're not a club yet and try again with the change or you just to you know you will have to wait then implement fees you have a changed constitution approved by SOAB.

**Senator Williams:** Can you give me a rough estimate as to how many people are interested in your organization and joining, I mean.

**Representative Befaucaut:** I mean, honestly, apart from the Members that are listed on when I put forth the application. I would say, roughly I’d say just five at the moment, and the only reason for it is because the launch date is in the fall so right now, I have to spend all this time, recruiting doing a lot of recruiting efforts so that we can have names for fishing on us, but at the moment, I would say far, thank you for the details.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I know you mentioned networking events and speaker series, so do you have any ideas of companies that have like a focus in international business and getting them to come to your event or anything like that?

**Representative Befaucaut:** I have several potential leads for that, so I work as a GA over. The ITC and a lot of my contacts there, and a lot of my clients handle manufacturing in southern Illinois to Latin American countries, so a lot of these companies are actually local so they could be located in Alton and Edwardsville. You name it as long as there's southern Illinois manufacturer they're probably on our client list and a lot of those people, a lot of the decision makers, there are the ideas or the potential touch points for inviting them here to speak on campus or if we have to research.

**Senator Sheahan:** First off you mentioned an organization that you're going to be working with for case competitions does that organization have an additional an individual member fee that Members would have to pay to join.

**Representative Befaucaut:** For the case competition you don’t have to pay additionally to compete in it I believe, if you're confirmed a member, you should be able to work in case competition, no additional fee it kind of works as like you get placed into a finals. The bracket is I think 25 teams across the country yeah from their human bond to wherever the host city is going to be for the competition.

**Senator Sheahan:** Gotcha i'm not necessarily asking about the case competitions themselves i'm asking like if they are to participate in things through this organization do they have an upfront fee that they have to give them to participate in.
**Representative Befaucaut:** No, they would not.

**Senator Sheahan:** Are you still a student at SIUE?

**Representative Befaucaut:** Yes I am.

**Senator Holshouser:** I know that in your opening statement you did mention COVID and requirement efforts diminished because of that, and how we are all bouncing back from that in terms of your recruitment efforts. Going into the fall, what are you plans for the longevity of the organization because something that we have seen happen with new organizations is it’ll all be seniors and then they all graduate and then the organizations falls flat so do you have any plans for longevity?

**Representative Befaucaut:** Absolutely, so this is actually something that we do a lot with American marketing association, when I was in charge of that, and one of the big things that I saw work was. I would say monthly tabling events, so the Tabling events that are either holding the goshen lounge or even at the school of business it generates a lot of foot traffic, especially on certain days and times. And also, I would say, there has to be an emphasis from the Executive Board on the younger undergraduate students, particularly freshmen and sophomores. For many years, and right now the current President of AMA she’s doing a wonderful job reading that entire thing that actually going to get ready for their case competition in Chicago so mainly those two things so tabling events here at the mcc or the goshen lounge and also emphasis on making sure that freshmen sophomores and juniors are going to be able to meet the requirements me any sort of time commitments that are going to be made for this particular organization, so that they can lead it in the future.

**Student Trustee Walters:** Hi, thank you so much for coming and talking to us. I am sorry if this is putting you on the spot, but I was wondering if you off the top of your head know the names of the five students, that you have I just need it for some clarification.

**Representative Befaucaut:** I have Ashton Roberts who is the current president of AMA, Mackenzie Bass, I’m trying to think of the other three but, honestly, I asked some of the other school business organizations, if they were interested and once they reply to me, I put them int the list so those are really the only two that can come off the top of my head, then I also have my vice president Aisha. Sop I believe that would make four I also have our advisor.

**Student Trustee Walters:** I think that because she is the advisor she would not count as your five people that you gave us. Do you have any additional people you could put down?

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** I think that for this, with it being currently with the issue being having five actual members for your roster, I think you might want to take a little bit more time to just go out and recruit and make sure that you have five guaranteed members that want to be a part of your organization. And then also with the fees, if you wish to implement fees into your organization as well, I would put that in before coming to the Senate again or even before SOAB. And you don’t want your constitution incomplete before we vote on it, because then it becomes a whole issue where you have to come back before you can change your constitution to do anything again so you wouldn’t be able to implement fees until that were to happen.

A motion to table was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Eleonu. The motion was tabled.

X. **Presidential Appointments/ Personnel Appointments.**
XI. Announcements

a. President O’Dell: I just have two quick announcements, for kimmel awards either through student government or an outside organization or anything like that, I know that the email that we all got says that it’ll be done by 6:30 so I emailed Melinda and told her about pre-meeting and she said the programming and the ceremony should be done by 5:30, if it is not done we can all leave. Thank you to Senator Sheahan for writing the resolution for Dr. Minor.

b. Senator Gilles: Happy Pi Day!

c. Senator Richards: Two things really quick, I know that most of you are not psychology students, but the black psychology and allies club is having a discussion tomorrow night, it’s in person. It is a discussion on black psychology with one of our faculty members. I think it would be really relevant, especially with everything going on right now, so if there’s anyone that is interested in that, let me know, and I can send you the link for that. Second, there is the last leadership lunch of the semester next Wednesday at 12 in the Maple Dogwood room.

d. Senator Holshouser: The American Pharmacists Association is having an annual trivia night every year, it is in person this year. It is on April 8th and we will post the flyer. It is at the Collinsville VFW and is $120 a table so that is about $15 a person.

e. Advisor Delaney: It is Rex Jackson from housing speaking at the leadership luncheon. Additionally, it is Women’s History month, and so the HUB is hosting events throughout the month just want to highlight a couple of ones that is going on this week. Tomorrow they have a session on learning to negotiate what you want, and so for those of you who are seniors or who are wanting to negotiate your salary this would be great. The 16th there is women’s history trivia night and then on Thursday Allyship as well as a lecture session that evening. Lasting, this week on March 17th from 12-3 is the virtual spring career fair. A student employment survey was sent out, so please fill that out as soon as possible as well as the campus climate survey. The Kimmel student involvement center will also be open later so organizations will have access to get to their lockers or desk spaces. We will be emailing information on the student listerv on the date for the student organization registration.

f. Vice Chancellor Waple: If you do not know, the campus climate survey has incentives and prizes for students and we are doing drawings for green parking passes and we are doing Starbucks gift cards every week and clothing at the cougar store. At the end, we will do a drawing for free semesters worth of tuition and two separate drawings for fees for the next year. So, a little incentive for you to fill out the content and we need that information, the system and campuses need that information as well.

XII. Adjournment

a. Vice President Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.