

MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE
Zoom Meeting

Monday, August 31, 2020- 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on August 31, 2020, via zoom call. Vice President Akpan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Vice President Akpan, Senator Aslin, Senator Beck, Senator Brimm, Senator Burnett, Senator Childerson, Senator Goren, Senator Ho, Senator Jackson, Senator Jones, Senator Krager, Senator Morkin, Senator Obert, Senator O’Dell, Senator Perry, Senator Pruitt, Senator Randolph, Senator Schurman, Senator Sheahan, Senator Shiau, Senator Wheeler and Senator Wensing.

Members Absent: Senator Hawkins

Quorum was established with 21 voting members present.

Others Present: President Walters, Student Trustee Graham, Financial Officer Dreppard, Internal Affairs Officer Lutz, External Affairs Officer Kyle, Marketing and Communications Officer Ballard, Organization Relations Officer Akpan, Student Diversity Officer Mckenzie, MUC Director Karnes, Office Support Specialist Ermer

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 29, 2020 meeting were approved by motion and 2nd

IV. GUEST SPEAKERS

Director Health Services Raine Greenwalt: Spoke about health services, mentioned that the number to call for both Counseling services and Health services is the same so students can call one number for all their needs. Health services has been on the ground through all of this situation with all staff available on a daily basis. Some changes no walk ins, but students call and are seen the same day. Students experiencing COVID like symptoms we encourage them to do a virtual doctor’s assessment first – if they are found to be exhibiting COVID symptoms they are referred to a testing site depending on their insurance status – if students symptoms are found not to be COVID will come in for other testing, i.e. strep. August 24th a screening process has been established for COVID testing for those university people who are not exhibiting symptoms. The location for this screen is located in the MUC on the lower level where the hair salon use to be. The office is still offering woman’s health and the pharmacy is still functioning and for students who may forget a mask when they get on campus they can stop in for a free mask. All on ground services are still offered but a temp. check and the COVID questions are administered prior to the appointment. **Q&A:** Organization Relations Officer Akpan asked: How long are results taking for COVID testing? Depends on why you are getting tests, symptoms or close contact concerns those are given priority. Also the volume of test being done daily will also impact how long it will take – usually testing because of symptoms it would be 2-3 days whereas if no symptoms could be a week. Senator Schurman asked: Is health services currently offering anti-body test for COVID? Currently the anti-body test has not been passed by the FDA currently, possibly if you are thinking you have the anti-bodies that maybe through your primary care physician since this is not a standardized test currently in labs. Diversity Officer Mckenzie

asked: Is there a running total of cases? So right now we are providing current active, if you wanted a communitive total you could add them up but since this wouldn't show the number of recovered cases, should focus on the numbers from the last two weeks would what would be active on campus. Looking at adding an additional column with past communitive and a recovery rate. Senator Perry asked: Is there any transportation option for students on campus who don't have a means to get to a testing site and for students without insurance? The COVID website lists all of the testing sites that are at no additional charge. Dr. Waple added that Health Services is seeing students for screenings at no charge this was confirmed by Raine. Senator Wheeler asked: In terms of the screening is that the temp check and COVID questions not a test where they get a result? No, screening and testing are the exact same test, it is called screening because there no medical diagnostic to it – i.e. a doctor has not stated that they need tested. Senator Aslin asked: Just wondering if there is a long wait list for students to get screened? So far since we opened last Monday we have not had any wait – M-Th on Edwardsville site, F – Alton and East St Louis. Openings everyday. Student Trustee Graham asked: Asking about communitive total – is the column you are trying to add like the column Madison Cty has listed? Yes Marketing and Communications Officer Ballard asked: If someone associated with SIUE required to report that they have been tested? Any person associated with SIUE is asked to not come to campus if they test positive or close contact, also it is possible for someone not to report but COVID is a disease that is mandated to be reported by the health department so through many different avenues health services find out eventually when someone is positive or close contact – all of this information is confidential data.

Counselor for Counseling Services Lisa Thompson-Gibson: Spoke about the counseling services available through our University, individual assessment and therapy has been going on throughout the covid 19 situation, soon group session will be starting soon – people can go to counseling website to see what these groups are and how to get involved with them. A couple of outreach programs that are coming FreshCheck Day – 2018 and 2019 this was offered in person and will be offered September 9, 2020 virtually 1-2 pm and will be recorded for viewing afterwards. September 10, Suicide Prevention Counseling – reach out to Cindy in Educational Outreach to register. Counseling services can be found on their website on the Emergency tab. Students being seen virtually, and the office is open for crisis coverage 8 am to noon and 1 – 4:30 M thru F. Training for SG or other groups is available from Counseling services. Contact info: lithomp@siue.edu -- **Q&A:** President Walters Asked: Are students using the virtual meeting option? Yes, all the services are being used at this time. Senator Aslin Asked: is there a limit for number of session students can do? Work out the details for each individual – the counseling services is a short-term treatment site. Internal Affairs Officer Lutz asked: Does counseling services take insurance? No. Senator Sheahan asked: What is available for commuting students? Teletherapy is the platform being used – if the student doesn't have the private space needed to do this, they are then referred to therapist in the community. Senator Aslin asked: What are the current wait times? No wait times currently – if someone calls on a say a Monday they should be in to see someone within the week.

Vice Chancellor Waple: How things are the same but different this year for all of our activities that we usually do – do the Blizzard giveaway with coupons for blizzards rather than actual ice cream, Sorority recruitment happened this past week virtually and was very successful. Check out the open food venues on campus – new Starbucks open in the library, the skywalk has grab

and go items, Pavos pizza is a new place on campus – it is great. Campus rec is open, cougar welcome was last week. There is a process for student organizations to hold in person events. There is a core team that meets every morning to review all the health data in the county and the state. And whatever guidance is out there for COVID – also have hired additional staff to help guide us on this journey. Meeting size will probably shift again in the next couple of days since numbers are going up not down.

Asc. Vice Chancellor Roccia: Pulled up COVID website and walked everyone through the website and how to maneuver around the site to find all the information available to students.

Q&A for Waple and Roccia: Senator Sheahan asked: There is no places to eat other than outside, will this change when weather changes? Yes we are looking at the traffic patterns of the students, especially 10:30 to 2 to see where we can add additional seating while still meeting the guidelines but right now it is beautiful but we are working on how we will support students when it gets colder. Student Diversity Officer McKenzie asked: What is the process that organizations have to go through to have events in person? There is a form that needs to be filled out that will specify the plans in place for safe distancing and room capacity allowances. We also have floor markers that are reusable that can be used for these events. Senator Perry asked: How or if we will have on campus voting? Yes we are a polling station for election day , we are currently figuring out how to do that safely, one thing put into place is that there are no classes that day, MUC still open obviously but no classes should cut down on traffic. Internal Affairs Officer Lutz asked: Do you happen to know the Library's current hours: 8am-7pm, M-F 11am-7pm Saturday and Sunday. And the hours are not the same for all the academic buildings. The reason for these shortened hours is the guidelines in place for Restore Illinois require a cleaning and sanitizing of spaces that is more time consuming. Senator Aslin asked: Is there anything that is going to be done for the Graduates of 2020 or if the Virtual is all that is happening? Right now the guidelines for Restore Illinois it is no gatherings of over 25 so it is looking at virtual and Spring unless something major changes it will most likely virtual.

V. SENATE REPORTS

Senator Aslin: Looking forward to this year on Student Government

Senator Beck: Reaching out to the Dean of school of business to see what is needed from us senators, and looking forward to working with everyone this year.

Senator Brimm: Plan on reaching out to the students of School of Education, Health and Human Behavior and looking forward to working with everyone, especially Hailee as she is my counterpart in ED,H & HB.

Senator Burnett: Met with assistant dean for school of nursing and we are brain storming.

Senator Childerson: Looking forward to working with everyone but especially Senator Beck to help out our constituents.

Senator Goren: Looking for a successful semester with you all and will be contact the dean of CAS.

Senator Ho: Looking forward to working with everyone

Senator Jackson: If there is a way to reach out to everybody about doing that Suicide prevention that was mentioned earlier – I will try and find a way on teams to reach out to everyone.

Senator Jones: Am already working on things for the school of Engineering and am looking forward to working with everyone this year.

Senator Krager: Brainstorming ideas for events for constituents whether that be in person or virtual events.

Senator Morkin: Happy to be working with everybody, hoping to get on campus sometime in future.

Senator Obert: Looking forward to working with everyone

Senator O'Dell: Reaching out to constituents to see what can make online learning easier and looking forward to working with everyone.

Senator Perry: Working with Graduate school to get a graduate student facebook page and looking forward to working with you all.

Senator Pruitt: Excited to be working with everyone

Senator Randolph: Looking forward to working with everyone especially Senator Jones for the school engineering

Senator Schurman: Have already reached out to Dr. Wrobbel and this week will be reaching out to the Dean of CAS.

Senator Sheahan: Really excited to be working with you all and am excited to hear what everyone is working on and if anyone needs help with a project send it my way. Also want to look into doing a virtual mental health week, do some trainings like Senator Jackson stated.

Senator Shiau: Pharmacy is running at full speed since we started back in early August, excited to be working with everyone especially Senator Wensing.

Senator Wheeler: Reaching out to dean of nursing as we are headed into second week , and working with them about the canceled summer clinicals and keeping up to date on every thing school of nursing.

Senator Wensing: Creating a platform to letting the pharmacy students know who we are and looking forward to working with everyone.

VI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Walters: Going to be starting a virtual office hours' time, where students can come in and talk to me, thinking Tuesday at noon but haven't solidified that yet – be on the look out for the link

Vice President Akpan: Virtual office hours, Senators have had to have these for different reasons, let me know the zoom link

Student Trustee Graham: The only thing to report at this time is that the next Board of Trustees meeting is September 17th, zoom and youtube – link will be shared when it is available.

Financial Officer Dreppard: Working with finance board to revise the funding manual to support the virtual dynamic.

Internal Affairs Officer Lutz: Committees – will be sent out after senate meeting tonight – be on look out also working on SG bonding events so be on look out for that too

External Affairs Officer Kyle: Student discount programs and the SG meet and greet – will be sending out a doodle poll tonight

Marketing and Communications Officer Ballard: working on the get to know the student officers, please send the forms into me if you haven't yet and keep an eye on our social media so you can read all about us as I post them.

Organization Relations Officer Akpan: Excited to see the full committee at the Friday SOAB meeting, already have a number of organizations applying this year, and with the current situation I think organizations are going to be playing a really big role on campus.

Student Diversity Officer McKenzie: Reaching out to the current 20/21 recognized organizations to introduce myself to the minority groups to see if I can sit in on some of their meetings and see what their needs are. Also working on a presentation for Diversity Day 2020 about Systemic racism in higher education

VII. ADDITION TO AGENDA

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2020-2021 Student Government Elected Members Oath of Office

Dr. Waple swore in the following elected members for the 2020-2021 academic year:

President Walters, Vice President Akpan, Student Trustee Graham, Senator Aslin, Senator Beck, Senator Brimm, Senator Burnett, Senator Childerson, Senator Goren, Senator Ho, Senator Jackson, Senator Jones, Senator Krager, Senator Morkin, Senator Obert, Senator O'Dell, Senator Perry, Senator Pruitt, Senator Randolph, Senator Schurman, Senator Sheahan, Senator Shiao, Senator Wheeler and Senator Wensing

X. PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS/PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Executive Board

Financial Officer Dreppard – Stuck out as being very organized and good at making tough decisions

Internal Affairs Officer Lutz- no committee so need to be very organized and on top of things

External Affairs Officer Kyle – is actually repeat in this office and because of COVID didn't get to do much last semester so will have a chance to do so now

Marketing & Communications Officer Ballard – Experienced working in marketing for other student organizations

Organization Relations Officer Akpan – When Will became a senator last year he was very impressive

Student Diversity Officer McKenzie- served on the Diversity committee last year and has great idea for this year

Proceeded with Roll Call vote, which passed. Executive officers sworn in by taking the oath of office.

XI. OPEN FORUM

Questions from the live streaming: When will the goals and initiatives of this years SG members be posted? Kelly Jo answered that as they were just getting sworn in that the goals and initiatives should be posted some time in the next month.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Jo Karnes: Pay attention to SIUE email – Every Monday Places to be at the E – Several things happening this week – Tonight – Comedy magic show Tomorrow – Kahoot trivia night and Thursday a Jackbox night

Links to register for all the welcome receptions found on the Places to be at the E

Leadership lunches – over lunch hour virtual event – starts this week

Emerging Leaders program – great start for young leaders needing to hone their skills

Cougar Cupboard is opening this week – need to sign up for a time – not walk ins at this time – no prepackage – you shop

Fraternity recruitment happening all week.

Senator Aslin – Hopping on Kelly Jo’s train along with Emerging leaders program, leadership is also doing a Legacy program which is the advanced leadership training, this one does require an application to participate. **Applications and deadlines can be found on the Leadership program Get Involved page.**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:38 pm with a motion and 2nd