

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE STUDENT SENATE
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE
Via Zoom Meeting
Friday, September 18, 2020-12:30 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Student Organization Advisory Board of the Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on Friday, September 18, 2020, Via Zoom meeting. Organization Relations Officer Akpan called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Organization Relations Officer Akpan, Senator Goren, Senator Wheeler, Board Member Johnston, Board Member Beckmann, Board Member Spaenhower.

Members Absent: Board Member Glenn, Board Member Pletscher

Quorum was established with 5 voting members present.

Others Present: Office Support Specialist Ermer, Advisor Laux; HOSA rep. Dana Smith, Pre-Health Hub Rep. Justin Rosales, Delta Tau Delta Rep. Marc Dougherty, Bowling Club Rep. Abby Smith, D & D Rep. Daniel Winham, GSA rep. Emily Stevzinger

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Wheeler, motioned to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Board Member Johnston. Approved via motion and second.

IV. ADDITION TO AGENDA

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. New Organization Review – reviewing constitutions and procedures for reviewing

A. Petitioning Organizations

a. Delta Tau Delta

No Representative present at this time

b. End the Stigma

No Representative present

c. Every Vote Counts

No Representative present

d. HOSA

Representative Dana Smith explained that HOSA is a chapter of a national organization, the focus is on competition, which happens in the Spring. Leadership, pre-health things such as nursing skills, medical terminology, service competitions – where students will have a project that is completely prior to competitions and presented there. In addition to competitions we are going to have speakers, volunteering opportunities, job shadowing opportunities. This group is open to students from other disciplines, it is not all about medical students only. Board Member Beckmann motioned to

open floor for discussion, seconded by Senator Wheeler. ORO Akpan asked, "Do you know any ways that your organization is different than other pre-health organizations on campus?" Yes our organization is focused on the competition part which no other organization on campus is involved on this aspect. Senator Wheeler asked, "This is open to nursing too?" This is actually open to all disciplines – since everyone needs to approve their leadership or speaking skills, which the competition would do. Advisor Laux asked for Dana to speak more on competitive peace on this, to make sure it doesn't overlap our speech club?" It isn't just speech, I just chose that to mention in the presentation, there is a public speaking event, also leadership events, different Nursing (health) event, bio-medical events, infectious disease events, very hands on events. Motion to close the floor made by Senator Wheeler and seconded by Senator Goren. Motion to approve this application made by Senator Wheeler and seconded by Senator Goren. This was passed by Roll Call Vote.

e. Pre-Health Hub

Pre-Health Hub explained that while he was shadowing a doctor last year that collaboration in the health industry is so important, this doctor spoke with pharmacist, physical therapist, and many other people to collaborate on a person's treatment. Wanted to see a club that would help to students to learn about collaboration and work on the collaboration between the schools at SIUE. I modeled the Hub after my church group in high school, I am wanting to have big group sessions where we can all talk about health care and have some medical cases that we can try and work on how theoretically to solve the health issues presented. Building the community of health care students. Senator Wheeler motioned to open the floor for discussion, Seconded by Board Member Beckmann. Board Member Beckmann asked about the GPA requirements, there was a discrepancy between Article II Section 2 and Article II Section 6. One showed 2.0 and one showed 3.0. The GPA is supposed to be 3.0. Senator Wheeler asked "How did you come up with the GPA requirement?" In all honesty, I just picked 3.0, GPA is not important to me and know that a lot of people struggle, I am open to changing the GPA. Advisor Laux suggested to Justin to lower it to 2.5 or 2.75 GPA, and that this needs to be changed prior to it going before the Senate on Monday so that it doesn't have to go through the amendment process. ORO asked Justin to speak about how this group is different from the other pre-health organizations. Justin stated that the Hub is all about how to collaborate and talk to other professions in the real work world. Also will help on undecided students, we have a 2 to 1 of underclassman to upperclassmen, so this is a good place for them to experience the other pre-health disciplines and hope them to decide on a career path. Senator Wheeler moved to close the floor, seconded by Senator Goren. Senator Wheeler moved to approve this application, Senator Goren seconded. This was passed by Roll Call Vote.

f. Delta Tau Delta

Representative Marc Dougherty spoke about what the mission of their club, wanted to provide another fraternity that is open to all kinds of people on campus, we do have a high GPA requirement, about a 3.0 but if people fall below 2.5 GPA then they will be put on academic probation. Will be doing some philanthropy, our major organization we raise money for is JD RF. Advisor Laux asked Marc to speak to the values of Delta Tau Delta and how they may differ from the other fraternities on campus. Our main values is Integrity means the most to us, the four listed are the National organization values but our chapter is Integrity. Responsibility, Lifelong learning, Strengthening Community, Brotherhood all of these are important to us also. Senator Wheeler moved to open floor for discussion, Senator Goren seconded. Senator Wheeler stated that the GPA might be something to look at the fact that other organizations are at 2.5, not that you need to do what other organizations do but to not exclude people. Marc replied that this was a topic that had much discussion which is why the academic probation clause was added so it would give Brothers a chance to bring their grades back to within the standards. We also guided are to the national bylaws and this is their standards. Senator Wheeler motioned to close the floor for discussion, seconded by Senator Goren. Senator Wheeler motioned to approve the application and seconded by Senator Goren. This passed with a roll call vote.

g. Bowling Club

Representative Aby Smith spoke about the Bowling Club. There was a bowling club long ago, and specifically this year with COVID we can't have people from outside the University in the league which is what the league consisted of last year. So, I wanted to get the club back up and running to be able to have a league and get more use out of the bowling alley. Senator Wheeler moved to open floor for discussion, Senator Goren seconded. No questions were asked. Senator Wheeler motioned to approve the application, Senator Goren seconded the motion. This passed with a roll call vote.

2. Constitution Revisions

A. D&D

Representative Daniel Winham went over the proposed changes to the Constitution. The amendments being proposed is to further the goal of providing a safe place for members to play Dungeons and Dragons and other role playing and table top board games. The first amendment is to the preamble to further state the goal of providing a safe environment for members to play. Then the next revision adds for the VP the responsibility to arbitrate disputes between club members. And we added 2 social media officers to run club social media to advertise our gaming events. 2 officers to help each other to manage the multiple platforms of social media. Senator Wheeler moved to open floor for discussion, seconded by Senator Goren. Advisor Laux asked Daniel to talk more about the process of how these

changes were presented to the membership of the organization. Daniel stated he made a google document of the previous constitution and put the revised with changes constitution on the next pages – shared this with the other officers for them to review and make changes they deemed necessary. Once that was done I made all the changes the officers agreed upon on to the discord server which is where we do most of our communicating with our membership and we had it go through a straw poll, where everyone had an opportunity to vote on the revised constitution, needed a 2/3 majority. Advisor Laux – this was not voted on in an official meeting? No this was over summer break that this all happened. Advisor Laux I'm seeing on your constitution that changes need to be made at an official meeting with 2/3 of the active members attending this meeting. So, this wasn't voted on at a meeting, correct? Daniel that is correct. Board Member Spaenhower asked "So do you have a number of members who answered the poll or saw the changes?" Daniel stated that he does not have this information but he can attempt to acquire this information. Senator Wheeler motioned to close the floor for discussion, seconded by Senator Goren. Board Member Beckmann motioned to approve this application, Seconded by Senator Wheeler. This passed by roll call vote.

B. GSA

Emily Steivzinger, the representative gave a run down on the proposed changes, this organization is an activist group that is to provide a community for the members. The main change being proposed is to the Members section: that instead of requiring that they attend 75% of the meetings to that they most attend 3 meetings or social events. Senator Wheeler moved to open the floor to discussion, Board Member Beckmann seconded. No questions were asked. Senator Wheeler moved to approve the changes. Senator Goren seconded. This passed by roll call vote.

VI. OPEN FORUM

None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

OSS Ermer clarified that since we are recording this meeting that when you speak I need people to state their name, for prosperity and clarity to the public.

Advisor Laux please don't be afraid to ask questions and you can vote no on something and things can be tabled to the next meeting, just because they are at the meeting doesn't mean we can't make them come back. Also, even in this formal meeting you can ask about processes so that you know for the future and so we don't pass things that shouldn't be passed. Also, for the D&D will need to be invited to the Senate meeting so that they can clarify somethings before the Senate votes to officially pass this. ORO Akpan and the two Senators may want to present the situation and have D & D answer some questions at Senate.

Board Member Spaenhower asked about a refresher about what constitutes an item to be in bylaws verses constitutions. Also do all officers need to be added to Constitution rather than bylaws – Advisor Laux stated yes officers should be in the constitutions.

Board Member Johnston asked if the clubs need have an election of officers to start out or if the clubs are able to just appoint officers when they are just getting started. Advisor Laux answered this with, "Usually, many of them are elected, there is a lot of times the founding person is the

President but they do usually go through an election process. This might be part of the problem that Emily was having with D&D, as they may not be following this rule. Advisor Laux has been in contact with Emily about this issue and yes that is the concern she is having. She will be meeting with Emily to get more information about this, and will be investigating the matter. This is not really an SOAB area but maybe talk to them about ethics, conflict management, etc.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ORO Akpan called for a motion to adjourn
Board Member Johnston moved to adjourn
ORO adjourned the meeting at 1:31 PM