

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
EDWARDSVILLE**

**Monday, January 24, 2022**

**Zoom- 6 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on December 6, 2021, in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Vice President Pruitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** President O'Dell, Vice President Pruitt, Student Trustee Walters, Internal Affairs Officer Salau, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Financial Officer Beck, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Senator Abrego, Senator Blickhan, Senator Burbach, Senator Burnett, Senator Byers, Senator Cubukcu, Senator Dummerth, Senator Francis, Senator Ford, Senator Gilles, Senator Holshouser, Senator Obert, Senator Richards, Senator Sheahan, and Senator Nichols

**Members Absent:** Organization Relations Officer Moorman

**Quorum was established with 15 voting members present.**

**Others Present:** Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Waple, Chancellor Pembroke, Provost Cobb, Secretary Nosek, OSS Ermer, Olufunke Mercy Ayegbidun, Alana Meyer, Ugochukwu Chukw Eleonu, Advisor Delaney.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November were approved by a rollcall vote. Senator Richards motioned to approve the minutes and Senator Gilles seconded

**IV. Guest Speakers**

**1. Provost Dr. Denise Cobb**

**Provost Cobb:** Thanks so much. I appreciate the invitation. President O'Dell asked me to talk a little bit about what a Provost is. My title is Provost and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. I work with Vice Chancellor Waple. The provost is my chief position. I work with our academic programs to make sure that we have high quality options for students and closing equity gaps. I work closely with the Deans and the faculty and supporting the work that they can do to help student success. The other part of my title is that it is not just about academic programs but also about programs that support our academic missions. It is a great opportunity to help support the university's academic mission. I wanted to talk about the University's quality initiative as well. One of the most important things that we do is maintain our university's accreditation. We are asked to engage in a significant continuous improvement project. We took our antiracism taskforce recommendations

and turned them into our quality initiative. There are four goals outlined. Providing on-going diversity and inclusion, equity education, training and resources, enhancing our resources to recruit and retain black professors and staff, and nurturing graduation and develop pipeline programs. The diversity summit will be on March 30<sup>th</sup>. This year we are focusing on speakers who will help with inclusive pedagogy. I am going to talk a little bit about Spring 2022. When we built our Spring 2022 schedule 22% of our courses were scheduled on ground or hybrid or blended. That excludes non-traditional courses. When we created the schedule, it was August of 21. We wanted to create as many diverse options as possible for students. When we had lots of sections of a course we tried to create some online options and diversity with options. Some of the questions I've gotten from students is why can't we choose to be online even if our classes are on ground. I would love to be able to say yes to that I just can't. I asked faculty to return to the originally scheduled modality. When they designed that course, they designed it for their modality. We have also asked faculty to help students who have to quarantine or isolate to stay caught up with course material. We want to make sure that they are able to do that. One of the things we've gotten is that some of our classes seem to be full. When we worked on the class schedule we worked really hard to keep the classes open. Most of our classes right now are at 88% or less of our Pre-COVID capacity. We have three classes that have an enrollment over 200. The highest number is 270. It's located in a class that seats 370-375. Even in the very largest we are trying to create spaces where students can spread out. We are still doing testing, that is very important. We will have more masks available. We ordered thousands of level three and K-95 masks. Those are being distributed and will be available in classrooms. There are cleaning supplies in the classrooms and there are hand sanitizing stations. We have worked to de-densify offices. On Blackboard there are three student success coaches. You can access them through starfish. We'll continue to do the midsemester feedback reports. Those have been very helpful. As we get those from you we will share those with faculty. We've also added some study space options, particularly in the library. We had about 1800 students complete a survey on textbooks for open education sources. I wanted to thank you for that.

**Senator Sheahan motioned to open the floor, and Senator Francis seconded.**

**Senator Sheahan:** Thank you so much for coming tonight Provost Cobb. I just had a question about modality in a different sense. I was curious if you spoke to any students who have been immunocompromised and in the scenario of going to large class sizes and if there's been any accommodation for the immunocompromised status in that sense.

**Provost Cobb:** I have gotten several emails from students directly in that sense and expressing that concern. It is a significant challenge. I

recommended that students reach out to ACCESS but that is not the right direction. I think that some students have reached out to faculty and have gotten temporary help. As a systematic approach we are not requiring professors to teach in two modalities when the courses were not planned in that way. I do worry about a class not being designed in two modalities and it is difficult to run it in both ways. Unfortunately, the guidance I have given is to reach out to their advisor and see if there is another section. 70 something percent is at 60% or less of their pre-COVID capacity. From our historic data on campus, classroom transmission is not a significant problem that we know of. The transmission that we know of has not been classroom oriented. It is really important that students wear masks. Double mask if it is possible and wear a KN-95 or a level three mask.

**Senator Nichols:** Thank you for talking to us tonight. I have a question regarding professors going back in person. If a professor wishes to offer hybrid learning to their students are you allowing them to do that?

**Provost Cobb:** Tell me more about what you mean by hybrid.

**Senator Nichols:** So, if the professor wants to hold in person classes but also wants to hold zooms for students who are out with COVID or are immunocompromised. They can hold classes online and in person?

**Provost Cobb:** I think we are trying to leave that up to the professors. What I don't want to do is put some pressure on faculty to do that. What we've asked of all faculty to keep students who are quarantining or isolating caught up.

**Student Trustee Walters:** I have a quick question about students who are isolating. What steps can they take if their professors are not accommodating?

**Provost Cobb:** The first step is always to contact the faculty and if that doesn't work I would encourage them to reach out to their program director or the department chair. If it is not resolved still they can reach out to their dean or to me.

**A motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Sheahan and was seconded by Senator Richards.**

**OSS Ermer due to lag on the Youtube livestream asked a question from one of the viewers after the floor was closed for discussion.**

**OSS Ermer:** Why are we not continuing the six feet requirement for 2022? The CDC is still recommending six feet for institutions that are not fully vaccinated and we are still hovering at 80%.

**Provost Cobb:** When we planned Fall 2021, the Illinois Board of Higher Education encouraged institutions to provide distancing to the extent practicable. We were one of the few that continued to do six feet in the fall. In the spring we have things finalized by mid-august or so. Six feet greatly reduces seats on ground. We went back to regular classroom capacity and made sure wherever possible we added sections to make sure they were not at their pre-COVID capacity.

## V. Senate Reports

**Senator Abrego:** My report is in the packet, I am also currently working on a flyer for mental health resources for frontline workers to distribute for majors are working in healthcare right now.

**Senator Blickhan:** My report is in the packet I am also working on creating a cosmetics club at the dental school.

**Senator Burbach:** My report is in the packet and I do have a meeting with counseling services to discuss more options.

**Senator Burnett:** Senator Burnett

**Senator Byers:** My report is not in the packet. As far as what to report, with our dental school trying to do a clinic for the students at the school is on a hold for a little bit. I will make sure we get it set up. I have been in the clinic lounge for my fellow classmates.

**Senator Cubukcu:** I have been working on forming a new organization here at SIUE and trying to recruit members. I am working on a survey for engineering students. I have heard concerns about in person classes.

**Senator Dummerth:** My report is in the packet. Our last meeting for SOAB was canceled and I have a meeting on Friday for ICAC.

**Senator Francis:** My report is in the packet. I am currently just working on trying to brainstorm ideas on how to reach out to the business students better.

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

**Senator Gilles:** My report is not in the packet. I have emailed everyone with it. I have an upcoming graduate council meeting. I have been discussing health and safety policies with students in my classes.

**Senator Holshouser:** My report is in the packet. I am eager to report back to my constituency after this meeting.

**Senator Obert:** My report is in the packet and I have my first finance board meeting this Friday.

**Senator Richards:** My report is in the packet but I did make a meeting today with the person I am working with in the advising office.

**Senator Sheahan:** My report is in the packet. It contains student concerns that I have received.

**Senator Nichols:** My report is in the packet. I plan on speaking to President O'Dell and Vice President Pruitt about my new initiative.

## VI. Executive Reports

**President O'Dell:** My report is in the packet. I have a meeting with Julia and Mallory with housing.

**Vice President Pruitt:** My report is in the packet and I am planning on making a COVID-19 to distribute to the senators.

**Student Trustee Walters:** My report is in the packet and the next Board of Trustees meeting is February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is in the packet and I have met with students to do finalizations for their evaluations.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** My report is in the packet and please do the survey about the events. I am very excited to see all the different things we can achieve this semester.

**External Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is in the packet. One thing that I need to add is that I am creating a Meet and Greet it will be February 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the Goshen lounge.

**Marketing and Communications Officer Woods:** My report is in the packet. The only thing that I need to add is that my giveaways are pushed back till March.

**Student Diversity Officer Goren:** My report is not in the packet. I attended the virtual Martin Luther King Junior event and I wanted to give a little shoutout to President O'Dell for her contributions to the event. I have been emailing with my board members and have a meeting on Friday. I have been continuing to work on siueyourstory. I also wanted to encourage you guys to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King Junior awards ceremony.

**Election Commissioner Jones:** My report is in the packet. I am on schedule for the election.

**Fee Review Commissioner Gilles:** My report is not in the packet. I have not covered anything in terms of fee review other than looking for committee members.

**VII. Additions to Agenda**

**None.**

**VIII. Old Business**

**None.**

**IX. New Business**

**1. Petitioning Organization**

**a. College Diabetes Network of SIUE**

**OSS Ermer:** At our SOAB meeting this organization was presented. They are nationwide and want to start a chapter here. “Our Chapter of the College Diabetes Network was founded for the purpose of connecting college students with and affected by type 1 diabetes in the hopes that these connections will create a support network which will enable students to fulfill their potential and limit the negative psychological and physical effects of diabetes. “This was voted on and approved by the board.

**Senator Sheahan motioned to approve and Senator Francis seconded. This was approved by a rollcall vote.**

## **2. Q & A with Chancellor Pembroke**

**Chancellor Pembroke:** We are almost to February and that will be 24 months with COVID. The SIU system is the lowest positivity rates of all of Illinois. This semester the week of January third the first week testing positivity rate was about 15 percent, the next week was 14 percent and this past week was 7 percent. The peak of omicron was during the week of January eighth. We are already through the halflife. Once we drop below five percent testing will move to only unvaccinated individuals. We have 13,000 thousand masks that we are distributing. If you have any problems or concerns getting the masks they are out there. Today is the beginning of almost all Illinois higher education institutions to be on ground. The last two or three weeks that have been incredibly stressful. If you go at your appointment time for testing we are averaging five to ten minutes for turnaround. Class-transmission is practically non-existent.

**Senator Richards:** Thank you so much for coming. Once the positivity rate drops below five percent you are planning to go back to our fall testing plan. For those vaccinated individuals are you planning on requiring boosters?

**Chancellor Pembroke:** We have been trying to follow CDC guidance. Some institutions have defined fully vaccinated as two shots and a booster and two weeks. We have not done that, we are still with the two shots. We do strongly encourage getting your booster.

**Senator Francis:** Hi I was just wondering with the whole booster, you are providing the booster shot on campus along with the first and second dose. Are you going to continue the booster shots every six months?

**Chancellor Pembroke:** I think that we will try to do booster sessions on campus. Yes, I think we will do that. As long as people want it and as long as the science says that it is important we will continue to do it.

**Senator Sheahan:** I had a quick question about the updating of information on the SIUe student dashboard. Is there anyway of combating the

inaccessibility and to send out more information for the students to understand what has changed since last semester?

**Chancellor Pembroke:** I will tell you that in the first week of March 2020 the leadership team met to create the dashboard. If you could give us information about what is hard to find or information you want to be sent and we will address that.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Thank you Chancellor Pembroke. I would like to know your opinion about professors who do not feel comfortable teaching in person. How does administration feel about letting them have their classes online?

**Chancellor Pembroke:** There has been a process from the beginning that we have realized that certain professors, staff, and students are in compromised positions. We developed a process very early on that the person said that this my particular situation there is a way to deal with that. I think if you know of individuals who have that situation underscore to them that there are ways to deal with that. I would encourage people to do that. I encourage faculty who are not in that situation to return to on-ground teaching.

**Senator Holshouser:** I have a couple of questions. Going back to your comment on returning to the fall modality how long do you anticipate that we need to stay at that below five percent number to transition back to that fall testing number?

**Chancellor Pembroke:** As soon as we get to five percent, as soon as we get data for this week, I would think by Wednesday we will start to have an idea to what that number is and we can pivot quickly. We could be talking about as early as the week of the 31<sup>st</sup>. We start at a certain point that is higher than normal and it begins to drop down and we get to a low number and it stays there.

**Senator Holshouser:** Assuming we do go back to that modality, if students are wanting to get a COVID test is it going to go back to students have to have symptoms to get a COVID test? Especially now people who are getting the omicron variant are asymptomatic.

**Chancellor Pembroke:** One of the things that we have done is to try to open up SHIELD testing because we are on grounds even if you are vaccinated and asymptomatic I would encourage people to sign up and get tested. We are trying to provide that service so people know. Do it do it do it!

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Seeing the number of students who have signed the petition, how would you push that information out to students to have them feel safer and come back to school?

**Chancellor Pembroke:** The data seems to indicate that for sure classrooms are a safe environment. Our campus has been one of the safest places in Illinois for the past two years. We are trying to make sure people have masks so they feel safe. We have cut down at the number of people at certain events to make it feel safer. Beyond that I am happy to listen. I am happy to respond.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I can speak on my experience that I feel safe but I have at least three friends from their perspective they don't feel safe in classrooms with 200 people or coming into the MUC and seeing so many people.

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** If your friends and students who are concerned and sitting in their residences not going anywhere not going out to eat, not going out to the grocery store, not going to the bar, they're doing all those things and they are worried about class I have a hard time understanding that. Does that make sense? We have safety measures on campus that keeps people safe and keeps transmission low. It's all happened off campus. If you are living in a hole and not going anywhere then ok. If you are going out and being social then I have a hard time understanding. That's my opinion.

**Chancellor Pembroke:** The Board of Trustees is going to hear information in February relating to tuition and fees relating to 2022-2023. One of the things that I think will be interesting is textbook services and how we support textbook services. Whether we want to keep doing it and have it included in the fees or have everybody get it from an independent vendor. Second, I know there is a lot of question about can things be online or on ground. I want to say as administrators we want to be as responsive as possible for students. The more that you let us know to have more sections of a particular course online, we will try to create more sections for that class online.

## **X. Presidential Appointments/Personnel Appointments**

### **a. Graduate Senator – Olufunke Mercy Ayegbidun**

**Vice President Pruitt:** I chose Olufunke and she is amazing and I appreciated all of the initiatives that she had.

**A motion for approval was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Francis. It was approved by a rollcall vote.**

### **b. Freshman Senator – Alana Meyer**

**Vice President Pruitt:** I really liked her resume and she has a big passion for helping students out.

**A motion for approval was made by Senator Richards and seconded by Senator Sheahan. It was approved by a rollcall vote.**

- c. **Engineering – Ugochukwu Chukw Eleonu**  
**Vice President Pruitt:** He has a great resume and a great passion for involvement.  
**A motion for approval was made by Senator Gilles and seconded by Senator Sheahan. It was approved by a rollcall vote.**

**XI. Open Forum**

**None.**

**XII. Announcements**

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** In the chat I put the link to our coronavirus website. We send a message out every Friday. Everything that we have done since March of 20.

**Advisor Delaney:** First of all, welcome to our new senators! To everyone it is nice to have you all back. I wanted to highlight the Martin Luther King event this Friday. Black History and Heritage month kicks off on February first. You can register online for that. This Wednesday is our first leadership lunch of the semester at noon via zoom. The cougar cupboard has expanded its hours this semester including hours on Saturday as well.

**President O'Dell:** I would like to add on to what Liz said, if you attend the leadership it counts as your office hours.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** For the new senators we have a bonding event this Thursday at 6 pm.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE  
MUC, Goshen Lounge  
Monday, February 7, 2022 – 6 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on February 7, 2022, in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. President O'Dell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** President O'Dell, Student Trustee Walters, Financial Officer Beck, Internal Affairs Officer Salau, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Organization Relations Officer Moorman, Election Commissioner Jones, Marketing and Communications Officer Woods, Fee Review Commissioner Gilles, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Senator Abrego, Senator Ayegbidun, Senator Burbach, Senator Burnett, Senator Cubukcu, Senator Dummerth, Senator Eleonu, Senator Ford, Senator Holshouser, Senator Richards, Senator Sheahan, Senator Nichols, Senator Meyer

**Members Absent:** Senator Blickhan (excused), Senator Byers (excused), Senator Obert (unexcused), Vice President Pruitt (excused)

**Quorum was established with 14 voting members present.**

**Others Present:** Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Waple, Advisor Delaney, Student Secretary Samantha Nosek, COVID Coordinator Mike Schultz

**III. Guest Speakers**

**A. Mike Scultz- COVID Coordinator**

**Coordinator Schultz:** Things have changed considerably. Right now, there are currently 36 active cases for students and 9 faculty and staff. This is coming back down to pre-holiday pandemic numbers. As of last Friday, we had eleven students in housing that were in isolation spaces and we have a positivity rate of 3.7. We are back to testing the unvaccinated and anyone that would like to be tested. We have added space for people that are showing signs of symptoms to take their COVID tests in the study rooms that are across the hallway from health services. We did this because it is less pressure on health services and it is important to keep people with symptoms separate. We have been doing 10-15 tests a day. Starting tomorrow there will be a vaccine clinic with the Illinois Department of Public Health on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:00pm-4:00pm. It will be tomorrow to March 15<sup>th</sup>. I saw a statistic today of a study that only 50% of people who are eligible have gotten their booster.

**Senator Sheahan made a motion to open the floor for discussion and Senator Gilles seconded.**

**Senator Holshouser:** Thank you for coming out. Is there any update on people who are not exhibiting symptoms and want a COVID test, is it possible for them to get tested through the shield system?

**Coordinator Schultz:** Yes, it is still through the Shield system.

**Senator Sheahan:** One of the student concerns that I am getting a lot is why are we back to in person events, but not scanning IDs or having a guest list?

**Coordinator Schultz:** If we are having events we took away our mitigations as of this week.

**Senator Sheahan:** Yes, students are wondering why there are not any event rosters.

**Coordinator Schultz:** Illinois Public Health has changed contact tracing. They have done that in a completely different way. It is voluntary now. If you are positive you can go ahead and do that. So, we have pulled back on tracing. It is getting harder to contact trace. We will contact people we know are positive and we know that they have been exposed.

**A motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Gilles and seconded by Senator Nichols.**

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting. Senator Richards moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Sheahan. Minutes were approved by acclimation.

#### **V. SENATE REPORTS**

**Senator Abrego:** My report is not in the packet, I am working on a mental health flyer to go out to pre-health majors. I will be sending it through the listerv and to the pre-health FICS.

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

**Senator Burbach:** My report is in the packet. I am excited to meet and work with the new senators.

**Senator Burnett:** My report is in the packet and I have Finance Board this Friday.

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

**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 in the packet, I am looking forward to sending out my surveys.

**Senator Holshouser:** My report is not in the packet. I have been doing my office hours in the school of pharmacy this semester, and have an SOAB meeting on Friday.

**Senator Richards:** My report is in the packet, I am getting feedback on my pre-advising survey and am excited to edit the survey and send it out.

**Senator Sheahan:** My report is in the packet. I have heard a lot of concerns from students specifically in Evergreen hall that they were snowed in and unable to leave. They were not able to shovel themselves out and the residence halls did not have shovels.

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

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

#### **VI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**President O'Dell:** My report is not in the packet. In the past two weeks I have met with Dr. Cobb as a way to set some foundation for the President and the Provost to have more of a connection as well as Dr. Minor our new chancellor to touch base on what student government will expect from the new chancellor. I also had a couple of committee meetings that were postponed because of the snow day and I will report back on that. During my office hours the past couple of weeks I had been working on the training that was this Saturday so

again for those of you who came out to that thank you, I hope that it was informative to you all.

**Trustee Walters:** My report is in the packet and do not forget to tune in to the board of trustees meeting on Thursday.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is not in the packet. At the last finance board meeting we met with BAP and HSA to go over some funding things. They both got approved and that will be addressed later on. I have been working on a brochure to give a run down on what everything that finance board can fund and that kind of things. I am going to submit it to MUC marketing in the next couple weeks.

**Internal Affairs Salau:** My report is in the packet. I would like to add that I am very excited to see everybody in person.

**Externals Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is in the packet. I want to give a meeting reminder to my committee members that we have a meeting this week.

**Marketing and Communications Officer Woods:** My report is not in the packet. I met with MUC marketing today to get some new marketing ideas for student government. I am working on updating our social medias.

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** My report is not in the packet. We did not have an SOAB meeting. I did hear that at the last meeting there were one or two people looking to start an organization this semester. If you have any questions at all you can reach out to me.

**Student Diversity Officer Goren:** My report is in the packet. Please attend the Black Heritage month events that is being hosted by the HUB.

**Election Commissioner Jones:** My report is in the packet. Student Government elections are open now.

**Fee Review Commissioner Gilles:** My report is in the packet.

## **VII. Additions to Agenda**

**None.**

## **VIII. Old Business**

**None.**

## **IX. New Business**

### **A. Travel Request**

#### **1. FY21- Virtual Travel Request- Beta Alpha Psi**

**Financial Officer Beck:** BAP requested \$180 for their virtual regional meeting March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and Finance Board did vote to approve.

**Senator Richards moved to approve and Senator Dummerth seconded, the motion was approved by a roll call vote with 13 ayes and 1 abstain.**

### **B. Program Request**

#### **1. FY21 Program Request- Honor Student Association**

**Financial Officer Beck:** Hello again, so the Honor Student Association is hosting their fourth annual event. We had a lot of questions on this and they answered all of them. They had a very detailed excel sheet that was beautiful. This will be on April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This went so well they have been asked to come back and do it again. This was voted to approve at finance board.

**Senator Gilles motioned to approve and Senator Eleonu seconded, the motion was approved through acclamation.**

## **X. Presidential Appointments/ Personnel Appointments**

### **A. Senator At Large- Peyton Williams-**

- 1. President O'Dell:** Peyton participates in the LEAD program, is in club tennis, and is on our very own SOAB.

### **B. Senator of Business- Will Akpan**

- 1. President O'Dell:** Will is an RA on campus and is a finance major and part of the marketing association.

### **C. Senator of CAS Arts and Communication- Olivia Podraza – Tabled.**

### **D. Senator of CAS People and Culture- Trent Long**

- 1. President O'Dell:** Trent is also an RA, a desk manager, and the Make A Wish events coordinator.

**Senator Sheahan made a motion to approve and Senator Nichols seconded.  
The motion was approved through a roll call vote with 14 ayes.**

## **XI. OPEN FORUMS**

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** Just a quick update. Coordinator Schultz did not have the updated guidelines. There is no event capacity anymore. Back to max capacity. There is still a mask policy and distancing guidelines. You can have food and beverage but have to follow safety guidelines. If you are going to have your event here in the MUC you need to go through catering services. You do need to have an attendance list.

## **XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. President O'Dell:** I would like this time to be a reminder to the Senate for the bonding event and to remember everything that we talked about in pre-meeting.

**B. Advisor Delaney:** Hi there everyone, I am so excited to see you all in person. I am glad that we all survived our first little winter storm. Tandem will be hosting a game night this Friday in the foreign language department. There will be board games and trivia. Americorps is hosting a scholarship information session. There is a meet and greet scheduled for student government so I hope that you'll check that out. That is on this Tuesday and Thursday. Lastly, you are encouraged to check out and apply for the Kimmel awards. The applications are open now and until the 25<sup>th</sup> at midnight. Black Heritage Month will have a trivia night on the 15<sup>th</sup> and a black student organization fair on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who participated in the training this weekend.

**C. Molly Lambert:** Hi everyone. Kimmel awards now have FSL awards in it. There is no longer a formal FSL ceremony. They are live until February 25<sup>th</sup> at midnight, and please be detailed and specific.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

**President O'Dell adjourned the meeting at 6:33 PM**

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
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**Monday February 21, 2022  
Alton Campus Building 282/283- 6 p.m.**

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**Members Absent:** Senator Akpan (excused), Senator Burnett (excused), Senator Cubukcu (excused), Senator Gilles (excused), Senator Sheahan (excused), External Affairs Officer Randolph (excused)

**Quorum was established with 13 voting members present.**

**Others Present:** Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Waple, Secretary Nosek, OSS Ermer, Advisor Delaney, Vice Chancellor of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Harris, Housing Director Sidarous

**III. Guest Speakers**

- 1.** Dr. Jessica Harris- Vice Chancellor Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

**Vice Chancellor Harris:** Thank you for having me tonight. I am the Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. I'm just going to provide a brief overview of really the last year, you know that I've been in this position. I'm glad to answer questions. So next Tuesday March first will be my anniversary in the role of Vice Chancellor. You know sort of leading the charge of what is a new division at the institution. I can't remember, maybe it was fifty years ago that there was a new division developed at the institution. So, when I took this role last March, one of the first things that I thought was critical was to determine the foundational pieces that the institution could build its work around inclusive excellence and anti-racism around. I thought carefully about what offices what areas should be a part of the work, what areas are some of the priorities. Essentially what I decided to do was develop the division around found dimension of inclusive excellence framework. Access and success, campus climate, education and development, community engagement. So those are the four dimensions that we had the division organized. So last July, I sent out a series of emails, I don't know if you received some of the emails about some of the areas that were brought into the division. A couple of those transitioned over from student affairs, so the SOAR office that was led by Dr. Patterson is now under the EDI division. The office for EOA and title nine is now part of the division. What was formerly the center for student diversity and inclusion

which is now the hub is part of the division. The SIUE truth, racial healing, and transformation campus center is a part of the division. CDI training which was part of the office of the provost is now part of the division. As of October, ACCESS is now a part of the division. Essentially the main focus is to get a foundation of a division, and together to figure out what our priorities will be. You know how is it EDI can support training among staff and students. What is the work we are doing to create a climate of belonging and situations where all members of the community feel valuable. How is it that we can support the further diversification of our campus community? Whether its in our student population or our staff community. Also making sure that when people come to our community that they have the opportunity to try and be successful and to be taken care of as whole human beings. Then beyond that, what is the impact we're making to relevant social justice and equity? So those are some of our main priorities. I would say that after a year sort of getting people in offices and establishing priorities, there are some challenges and one of those challenges is budget. We only really have a fraction of what is needed to expand to make this work. Particularly where you all as students are concerned is the carrying wall for work and for citizenship. Especially in terms of supporting your developmental cultural competence and humble leaders. It's going to take a bit of investment to do that. You know some of the things under consideration now is you know changes that attention makes to the general education curriculum. You know some of the things under consideration now is you know changes that attention make to the general education curriculum. One proposal on the table to create a foundations course embracing social justice, and of course I'm sure you're familiar with sustained dialog, that's a program we hope to scale and make it a culture for all students and staff. To be able to do that we need staff and teams, that's something on the table. We are also thinking about co-curricular pathway that provides students with very hands on experience around equity, diversity, inclusion, education and also you know travel setting opportunities you know that we're engaging with you know certain geographical locations that were part of the civil rights and black power movement. I think that there are a lot of things on the horizon leadership development opportunities, in fact I just had a conversation with developing an EDI leadership for students. Still a very new division, some of the foundational pieces are still being put up. I am very optimistic and hopeful that we will be able to get this in place and propel the institution forward in terms of our goals around anti-racism, equity, diversity, and inclusion. That is sort of an executive summary of where things are now and what we will be working on.

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

**Senator Richards:** What can we do as student leaders to promote EDI on campus?

**Vice Chancellor Harris:** Your ideas, articulative those needs and ideas. As students walk in your shoes from your own perspective. I think you have some idea of what those needs might be. And I think being able to articulate those needs are also creating opportunities for others to share needs and concerns but also ideas of how to address those needs and concerns. I think being able to articulate those needs are also creating opportunities for others to share needs and concerns but also ideas of how to address some of those concerns. I think you all will play a really good

leadership role in helping to facilitate change and lead change on campus I imagine students look up to each of you and I think that's really critical. I think you know if there are opportunities to do some programming and you know we have a town hall coming up this Wednesday, and I do hope you all are able to participate either in person or via zoom it's this Wednesday at noon. I think a part of what you can do is urge students to participate in events like that. You know I am hopeful that we'll have more of those opportunities moving forward where you know students and members of the community can voice to particular matters and subjects. But you know as student government urging students to speak up and to stand up, I think is really critical and certainly something that you often do know immediately.

**Senator Eleonu:** Relating to the series of events, what has been provided? A lot of students feel discouraged and not comfortable with the situation. A lot of students want to know what is happening.

**Vice Chancellor Harris:** Students faculty and staff should report experiences of bias. Using our bias incidence reporting mechanism or other means to communicated. Once those are reported, you know and I know it's difficult but I would implore students to trust that due process occurs. Our various procedures will be followed. I think that one of the challenges and we have recognized this over the last several weeks is that more communication more often is warranted and needed. When I think about this last incidence and maybe even the one before then, there was like an email in the beginning to announce that something had been reported and then in some cases there was an email to report that the case had been closed and maybe in the other instance there was not an email report on what the outcome was. I think we talked to develop a proper consistent communication strategy, I think we have to educate all about what our policies or procedures are. What we can be transparent about and what we can't be transparent about. There are expectations that certain types of information can be divulged when it's not, and we also need to say why it can not be. Just know that I understand there is some of the feelings that people are feeling but rest assured that we are as an institution committed to addressing incidence of bias and other incidences when they occur as best as we can to mitigate that harm.

**Vice President Pruitt:** What can we expect from the town hall?

**Vice Chancellor Harris:** So, it is primarily a listening session. I'll start with a welcome. Chancellor Pembroke will also make some opening remarks. The bulk of it will be a moderated conversation around procedural justice. Essentially that's the community's perception of transparency and fairness as it relates to our investigate processes. The other topic is communication and trust building. I certainly recognize that part of what's underneath some of the reactions is the lack of trust. I think with the administration and other folks. So how can we as a community come together and think through how to improve our communication, and also how to build trust. So that we can move forward together and address the pressing issues of racism and

other forms of inequity. Those are the two main topics and then Dr. Minor who will start his tenure as our Chancellor on next Tuesday the first will bring closing remarks. There's not necessarily a time limit for the town hall. It starts at noon but our commitment is to be there until the last comment is made. The two main topics are procedural justice and communication and trust building.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Students have reached out with concerns about inconsistencies and transparency. Some students feel that there is bias within the two incidences because in the one instance no names were divulged but in the other names were divulged.

**Vice Chancellor Harris:** So, what I will say in a response to that is to look out for educational opportunities that will address that topic very specifically and thoroughly. That will include our general counsel and director of EOA and title nine coordination. Primarily we can't divulge names because of privacy laws, student privacy laws. That is one of the primary reasons. This is one of things that I can't say but I am going to try to use as much information as I can. Rest assured that if names are included in an email there is a very specific reason for that. Again, we may not be able to tell you all the reasons why or why not, but what we're going to try do throughout the educational sessions is include lanes for what is the context, what are the various scenarios, what can be divulged and what can't be divulged. Hopefully that will be helpful. I will say though its important to raise these issues because if students perceive bias we need to be able to respond to that and address that. But I think in terms of the email and I'm assuming this is about the email that was sent out a couple of Fridays ago there were very specific reasons why those names were released.

**Senator Eleonu:** I appreciate your efforts, I feel for events like this, and this town hall meeting it is mostly the underrepresented attending. The attendants are mostly women and African American students. Most times they understand this already. We should be encouraging those that do not fall into the bracket. What can be done by everyone to encourage people who do not fall into this bracket to attend because they are the ones who need it more.

**Vice Chancellor Harris:** I would say you know that we all need more education around racism and anti-racism, equity, diversity, and inclusion. Even if you're a person who holds a particular marginalized or targeted identity based on your race, gender, sexual orientation or what have you. They have the experiences the position to understand how certain things operate. But as a higher education institution there are ways that there are opportunities in our curriculum to educate people. Not just about all forms of oppression or how systemic inequities operate, but also what is each of our respective roles in addressing this thing and leading change all around this campus and in our community. The problem, the racial problem in this county

should not be address or managed by just people of color but everyone has a responsibility, especially those who have Asian identities in this area, those who identify as white. I'm just going to be frank. How is it that you can be allies and part of this conversation addressing this. This is a conversation we should have and I am hoping to have this conversation or frankly on Wednesday to start to speak about the responsibility that each of us shoulder and carry. You're right, this can't just be the work of people of color. We all have a stake in the game and all can have better lives if we work together and chip away at injustice in all of its forms.

**Financial Officer Beck:** Hi, thank you so much for coming out tonight. My question today is there was a petition and that petition had over 1,000 signatures within a few days. That was before the email that stated that they were cleared. So, my question would be here you have 1,800 people made up of all student body. Which is almost ten percent of the student body. Having that judgement, how can you protect the character of these students?

**Vice Chancellor Harris:** So, I'll just say this. I don't know if the university can protect the character of an individual, you know I think just from my point of view, social media took hold of what was happening and you can't control who posts what and what people's opinions are. What we can do is make sure that we're following our policies and procedures to the letter, we're conducting investigations with integrity and that once we get to an outcome that we can share and make sure that whatever the outcome is that we are providing support one way or another. This is where the bias incidence reporting team comes in. There was a support offer, whether it was taken up or not, it was provided to each of those students throughout the investigation. Support is still being offered in ways that the students had expressed needing. It's challenging because you do have people who have certain opinions and perspectives and I just realized that you can't control who signs the petition or who starts the petition or the comment on Facebook. The amount of times I have wanted to jump in and say no that's not true, this is what, but you just can't. I think what we have to focus on are what are the things that we can control. What we can control is how we as an institution mitigate whatever harm might come as a result of the situation and make sure that we're committed to continuous improvement and making our processes and our care for one another better as we move along.

**Senator Eleonu:** Relating to what Rahmat had said, I don't remember seeing a final decision on the issue last semester. We did see a ruling on the issue last semester because the student was wrong. The one from last semester we did not see a decision. Why if in this situation the victim was not wrong why did we not see a ruling.

**Vice Chancellor Harris:** I do not know which incident you are referring to.

**Senator Eleonu:** The one with the hazing by the fraternity on campus.

**Vice Chancellor Harris:** I was not a part of the investigation and can't speak to any outcomes.

**Senator Eleonu:** Where would have the investigation gone to?

**Vice Chancellor Harris:** EOA title nine investigation and student affairs, the office of student conduct.

**Senator Eleonu:** Was this last incident investigated by EDI?

**Vice Chancellor Harris:** No, it was handled by the police.

**Senator Eleonu:** How is it determined who investigates and where the investigations go to?

**Vice Chancellor Harris:** Just like I mentioned earlier this is another one of the topics that will be investigations one on one. I was going to say all of this on the town hall on Wednesday but Jamie Ball who is the director of title nine and EOA. Is working with the HUB to develop a series of educational opportunities for the campus around these very things. When a bias incidence report comes through where does it go? You know does it go to EOA for investigation? Does it go to the police department for investigation? Does it go to HR or the Provosts office? If it's a faculty related issue. I think that a part of our transparency is making sure that as many people as possible understand who will potentially will be involved in an investigation. What are the potential outcomes of an investigation. Like what are the timelines you can create timeline capacity to give people some sense of how close they are to some kind of resolution. I recognize that a part of the reaction to what has occurred in the last month or so is because of all of those unanswered questions. Again, if we adhere to our goal as an educational institution that's what we can share like we could say look, we will explain all of the questions that you have over this particular type of matter. EOA title nine coordination is under the division but if you want to be very specifics for my role. I am not involved in investigations. I am on the board as an advisor or have you reached out to such and such, how are things going. Do we need to have a town hall? That's my role.

**A motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Richard and seconded by Senator Holshouser.**

**2. Mallory Sidarous- Director of Housing**

**Director Sidarous:** I am Mallory Sidarous the director of housing. What I am here to talk about tonight is that you all should have had a copy of this documents. There was a policy that was put in place at SIUE to support a two-year residency requirement. Students who lived 60 miles outside of campus had to live on campus for their first two years of being a student here. While that was a policy that has been in place it's not a policy that we have actually implemented. So that is it is an activity policy that every year we would evaluate is this going to go into place for the next year or not? The decision up till this point has been no. We are there has been a group that has been made since last September with the Chancellor and representatives from all of the Vice Chancellors student affairs and enrollment management. A lot of our campus partners to talk about housing. And just really what the future where a lot of steps need to change and shift on the horizon as we look to continue to meet the needs of our students. We consistently see our students who live on campus, particularly our first-year students have really positive impacts with retention, GPA and engagement on campus. With those first year supports. So as a part of this we reopened the policy to look at what needed to be different. So that is what I wanted to talk to you all about. I have a meeting with the counsel later on this week. For you to be able to see the revisions that we are considering and then see if you have any feedback and suggestions for those. A couple things I thought I would point out, it's not in color but I hope that you can see the lines. A couple things that are different is a revision to the policy to include one year first year policy not a two-year policy. It is one of the other more significant changes is there is something with being enrolled in all online courses. Someone could now hypothetically now be a first-year student here and live five hours away taking all classes online. As things have shifted it is now probably less and less likely but it is possible. But it is possible, so this is an extension for that. One of the others that is a more significant addition is documented medical needs that we can accommodate. We partner with ACCESS just like we already do now. Whenever someone has an accommodation whether that is related to support animal, the type of space they might need. That all goes through the ACCESS office, we partner really closely with them and then identify what we can do and what we can accommodate and sometimes there are things we can't accommodate. This gives us a pathway for a student who might live outside the 60 miles but could have some medical accommodations that we wouldn't be able to accommodate. There are times that we can do things and there are times that it is not in the best interest of the student. So that is built into this as well as this supplemental information. This is not technically part of the policy in terms of like the policy but it is some information that as we have revised, it is important for us to help spell out so that folks would understand what those options were and related to that. Those exemptions and those specifics for how we would handle accommodations. I am not an accommodations expert so you have those on campus. So those are items that are determined by our office, but in partnership with experts. The original policy you'll see on the middle of the second page says that financial need is cited as a reason and there can be provisions for financial need. We are shifting from that, there are times where financial need could play into this. At the same time, that is not I signed a lease off campus so I do not have the money. That is very different from you knew what the policy was and

chosen not to do it. That is not the financial need that we are talking about. When there are times that there are number of things in conjunction with the financial aid office and the bursar's office where there may be financial need. But something that would be really an undue hardship for a student that we would consider in terms of financial that we did not include in the original policy so that is a part of this as well and that would be part of the appeal group and what it includes very specific outcomes in terms of financial aid. One of the things that is not in here because it is a policy, just an fyi for you folks is that we have started thinking what it would be like to operationalize this. Housing folks how we would receive those exemptions and work with students, one of the populations that we have really looked at and have really been one that we have thought about as we have looked at the revisions as this and continued to be reminded is that we have a number of first year eighteen-year-old students living in off campus properties that we have frequently talked to their parents and the students that those have not been the experience that they thought they would be. I think sophomore, junior, senior to come in and you know what those choices are. Once your upperclassmen or you finish that first year you now know all of you can make a well-informed decision about what's next. There are 17 18-year-old that are coming and think that because they're close its like living on campus. This does help us make sure that we're capturing those students in that first year and that critical piece where they're building that community. They also have those safety nets that they have on campus that they don't have off campus. That would be also so the person who lives in Edwardsville with their parents it's not required to live on campus but the person who lives in Edwardsville and wants to live in Enclave as a first-year student that does not count.

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

**Senator Eleonu:** What is considered university housing?

**Director Sidarous:** University housing is very specifically the housing that is on campus and run by University housing. Bluff, Prairie, Woodland Hall, Evergreen Hall, and Cougar Village.

**Senator Eleonu:** Is cougar village available to first year students?

**Director Sidarous:** No, they have to be a first-year student. So, a first-year student is a student based on when they graduate from high school are not eligible to live in cougar village, they would have to live in a first-year community. We have had some conversations about some specific populations, where we would maybe evaluate where that doesn't make much sense, for example your international students or year-round students. We would have to balance that with cougar village is an apartment complex that is designed for upper class students. There's very different supports and programming in places. Programming in place for first time 18-year-old freshman are much different compared to upper class students. The policy doesn't change the eligibility of where folks could live.

**Senator Eleonu:** Thank you for bringing up international students, that was my reason for asking. What is the age limit for cougar village?

**Director Sidarous:** I wouldn't say that there is an age requirement for cougar village. There is a requirement with high school graduation. If you have graduated high school within the last year, you are a first-year student and eligible to live in the first-year housing. We do not base it on credit hours. It is based on high school graduation.

**Senator Eleonu:** Not all international students come here at 18. I am a victim of not appreciating living in the freshmen dorm. First of all, the meal plan being required when in freshman dorms. I was not aware of the food in this country or used to the food in this country. There should be an exception to the meal plan for the international students. General kitchens are not always accessible, there is no public kitchen. I know how to cook and want to but can't, and also have a meal plan but I do not like the food. It is a general struggle.

**Director Sidarous:** We have directed some international students to ACCESS for accommodations for the meal plan. If there is a meal plan challenge, that is an accommodation process. There are some populations that also has meal plan challenges, that's an accommodation process through ACCESS. We recognize that there are challenges and we do continue to review that. That is one of those things that when you talk about making those balances but we have to balance against that. Whether or not an 18-year-old in a community that is not made for an 18-year-old if that's best. There are definitely tradeoffs, in terms of the dining fees. I have domestic students that would love to cook all of their food in the domestic halls but there is not enough room to do that. I would simply like to, it's different with international students and that's why we direct them towards the ACCESS office. It is good feedback and that is something that we are looking at.

**Senator Holshouser:** I have a quick question; do you know of any other universities that have tried a live on requirement and how has that worked for them?

**Director Sidarous:** Most state schools have a live on requirement. The only schools do not are the schools in Chicago because everyone is going to live there because it's too expensive to not. To be perfectly honest that's a large part of it, the urbaneness of that. Illinois State, Urbana Champaign both have two year live on requirements. Eastern Western and Carbondale all have one year live on requirements. SLU, Washu and UMSL all have live on requirements. Actually, the fact that we have not implemented is more unusual than not.

**Student Trustee Walters:** So, a first-year student is that considered two semesters after graduating?

**Director Sidarous:** So, there are lots of exceptions, in general it's the first two semesters after graduation from high school. When we have somebody who graduates early and comes to SIUE early in January, can that person live off campus in the spring and go through the appeals process for the next fall, yes? That's why there's an appeal process. There will be a process and that will be evaluated.

**Student Trustee Walters:** There is a lot of demand with the freshman halls private suites, with this requirement, will there be enough space for single occupancy?

**Director Sidarous:** There will be enough space for everyone to live in university housing but there will not be enough space for single occupancy. But that was that way this year, regardless of the residency requirement. We had a couple hundred students that we did not accommodate with a private. Our priority the people who need and want to live on campus have the space to do so. Deluxe suites, we have 40 spaces in Woodland that are actually designed as single occupancy spaces. Those spaces stay single occupancy. Our deluxe privates can be one person or two persons living there. We get as many people living in the bedrooms in conjunction with the amount of people who want a private space. Part of that is there an accommodation difference between a preference and documented accommodations.

**Senator Nichols:** Are residents in cougar village required to leave for breaks just like the freshman dorms?

**Director Sidarous:** No, cougar village and evergreen are open during break weeks. So, they are open for fall break, winter break and spring break.

**Senator Nichols:** I know an international student that was evicted from his freshman dorm during thanksgiving break.

**Director Sidarous:** So, I wouldn't say evicted was the right word.

**Senator Nichols:** He had to live during break week and he was a meridian scholar so he wasn't able to go back to Nepal because it is far away. Would it be possible for international students to go to cougar village without any extra pay for them because they are already paying a lot of money to go to our school?

**Director Sidarous:** Rahmat and I have spent a lot of time together and we are working, the short answer is no in terms of are we going to give something for free? The contracts are not built for that break period being open in the freshman spaces. For a student living in freshman housing we give an option to go to cougar village at a daily rate. What we are looking at is are there potentially opportunities to do a discount for international students who never go home over break? Are there

opportunities to recognize that the situations are different, what does that look like in terms of the difference? We actually have a meeting scheduled with some staff for early march.

**Senator Nichols:** Could that be upfront?

**Director Sidarous:** Yes, that is what we are talking about, it is something that would be kind of a I could sign up to do this, it would and could be a fee upfront. Now in terms of when the buildings are closed, so that's important in terms of us not letting them stay.

**Senator Holshouser:** This could apply to any combination for housing, but there has been a discussion about if there is a residency requirement, a potential for running out of those resources with increasing accommodations.

**Director Sidarous:** Yes, it's a pretty common talk. It is new to us but not new in the field. Most first year students are living in shared bedrooms. Our partners at ACCESS there is a real process and documentation through that.

**Senator Long:** Would it be better if students choose to live on campus? What can we do to make students want to live there?

**Director Sidarous:** I agree, if you have feedback in terms if you live on campus right now please reach out to your RA. Be involved in your area counsel. Every student pays a campus activity fee that goes to supporting programming. It's less of how to increase resources but share your ideas. It is a stair stepping piece. It is the social aspect part of that programming. I think that for us, it is a lot of strong partnership with sharing our housing story very early in the housing process. Continue to have those opportunities talking about living on campus. It is our job to be able to present that information in a way for students to see what the true benefit is. It is built around student success and student retention.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I know the overall goal is the college experience, how does this affect the retention rate?

**Director Sidarous:** I don't know in terms of data of requirement verses not having a requirement there is definitely data in terms of retention whether they live on campus or not. We see as an institution; institutional research reflects that we see higher rates for that. In terms of comparison of a place that does or doesn't I'm not sure I see that. It is kind of making sure we continue to build the highest quality as possible.

**Vice President Pruitt:** Do you think this policy was not instituted because we are a commuter school?

**Director Sidarous:** I think kind of two pieces of that. We are a very young institution; woodland hall was built in 1994. There are a lot of schools in the state that their first residence halls were built 50, 60 years ago. In terms of the percentage of students that live on campus, we actually really are at the model of percentage for residence right now for residential. You all sitting here is proof that we are a residential campus, the student life proves that. Do I think that now potentially 100

years from now students live on campus that contributes to engagement? How we take that residential title and continue to support that and see that, that takes time too.

**A motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Holshouser and seconded by Senator Richards. The floor was closed.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes- February 7, 2022**

**Senator Richards motioned to approve the minutes and Senator Holshouser seconded. The motion was passed by acclamation.**

**V. Senate Reports**

**Senator Abrego:** My report is in the packet, I am also currently working on a flyer for mental health resources for frontline workers to distribute for majors are working in healthcare right now.

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

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

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

**Senator Burbach:** My report is in the packet. I have emailed everyone my report, please take a look and let me know if you are interested in the training.

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

**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 Holshouser:** My report is in the packet.

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

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

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

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

**Senator Nichols:** My report is in the packet. My health counseling services meeting was canceled

**VI. Executive Reports**

**President O'Dell:** My report is in the packet. If someone could motion to add the resolution to new business that would be great. **\*President O'Dell then read through the resolution line by line with the Student Government members, the resolution was for Chancellor Pembroke's retirement thanking him for his years of service.**

**Vice President Pruitt:** My report is in the packet. Please respond to Nicole's email. Senator of the month for January and February is Kaia Ford and Kenzie Richards. Kaia and Kenzie both work hard and they are awesome.

**Student Trustee Walters:** My report is in the packet.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is in the packet.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** My report is in the packet. Please fill out the kimmel awards!

**Marketing and Communications Officer Woods:** My report is in the packet.

**Student Diversity Officer Goren:** My report is in the packet. We had a very successful turn out at chalk on the quad.

**Election Commissioner Jones:** My report is not in the packet. I have a meeting on Wednesday to expand the deadline for the election, we are not reaching out very well.

## VII. Additions to Agenda

**Chancellor Pembroke's Resolution.**

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

**Financial Officer Beck:** There is a typo, if we could fix that before the resolution is presented that would be great.

**A motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Holshouser and seconded by Senator Richards.**

**A motion to approve was made by Senator Holshouser and seconded by Senator Dummerth. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.**

## VIII. Old Business

None.

## IX. New Business

### 1. Travel Request

#### a. **FY21 Travel Request- Honor Student Association**

Alternative Spring Break at LifeWise STL; March 6-12, 2022;  
\$330.40

**Financial Officer Beck:** They met with finance board. It is a week of service in LifeWise in St. Louis. They are requesting funds for housing and transportation there. One of our questions was why did they need housing if it is in St. Louis? They said that it helps them have a better sense of community and understand the mission of their trip.

**A motion to approve was made by Senator Dummerth and seconded by Senator Holshouser. The motion was approved by acclamation.**

**2. Program Request**

**a. FY21 Program Request- Indian Student Organization**

Indian Night; April 9, 2022; \$2,200.00

**Financial Officer Beck:** This is an organization that came to finance board and they are looking for funding for food and for decorations. They are celebrating their New Year. The finance board did vote to approve.

**A motion to approve was made by Senator Holshouser and seconded by Senator Eleonu. The motion was approved by acclamation.**

**b. FY21 Program Request- Black Girls Rock**

MASKqerade Prom; April 22, 2022 \$748.75

**Financial Officer Beck:** They met finance board, their prom is a play on words. Their objective is a better sense of community and they have done this in the past.

**A motion to approve was made by Senator Eleonu and seconded by Senator Dummerth. The motion was approved by acclamation.**

**X. Presidential Appointments/Personnel Appointments**

**a. Senator of CAS- Arts & Communication Olivia Podraza**

**Vice President Pruitt:** I chose Oliva because of her passion and her great initiatives.

**A motion to approve was made by Senator Richards and seconded by Senator Dummerth. The motion was approved by acclamation.**

**XI. Open Forum**

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** Thursday from 1-3 PM is the celebration for the Chancellor. If you are there around 1:30 there will be some speakers and some desserts. The President of the system will be there and the board of trustees.

**President O'Dell:** Is there a place for everyone to sign up?

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** I do not believe so, I believe that it is an open event for everyone.

**Secretary Nosek:** What if there is a snow day?

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** I am not sure, it is not my event.

## **XII. Announcements**

**Advisor Delaney:** First of all, information went out today about student ally training for LGBTQIA training. That is sent out through listerv and student organizations. I know that Internal Officers Salau already mentioned it but Kimmel awards are due Friday at 11:59 PM. There are no applications for campus partner, student initiative, student organization member, student organization office, and student organization advisor. The Devine Jamboree will be in the Meridian ballroom and it is one of our Black Heritage month events. There is an Americorps information session coming up. You can get 1,200 dollars in scholarships for service. CAB is hosting a cougar painting studio for beginners and intermediates.

**Senator Richards:** The leadership lunch is next Wednesday with Kylie Adkins, it counts as office hours and as an event.

**Vice President Pruitt:** Mental health week events are this week, please go and support Julia.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
EDWARDSVILLE**

**Monday, March 14, 2022**

**Goshen Lounge- 6:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 Present:** President O'Dell, Vice President Pruitt, Student Trustee Walters, Internal Affairs Office Salau, Organization Relations Officer Moorman, Financial Officer Beck, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Election Commissioner Jones, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Marketing and Communications Officer Wood, Senator Abrego, Senator Ayegbidun, Senator Burbach, Senator Dummerth, Senator Eleonu, Senator Ford, Senator Holshouser, Senator Richards, Senator Williams, Senator Meyer, Senator Nichols, Senator Gilles, Senator Sheahan.

**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 Befaucaut

**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 where 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 I 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 fee 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 Befaucut:** 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 Befaucat:** 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 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 Befaucat:** 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 Befaucat:** 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 its 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 Befaucat:** 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 Befaucat:** 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 Befaucat:** 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 Befaucat:** 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 Befaucat:** No, they would not.

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

**Representative Befaucat:** 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 your 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 Befaucat:** 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 Befaucat:** 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.**

None.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.**

# MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

**Monday, March 28, 2022**

**Goshen Lounge- 6:00 PM**

## **I. Call to Order**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Vice President Pruitt Called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## **II. Roll call**

**Members Present:** President O'Dell, Vice President Pruitt, Student Trustee Walters, Internal Affairs Office Salau, Organization Relations Officer Moorman, Financial Officer Beck, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Election Commissioner Jones, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Marketing and Communications Officer Wood, Senator Abrego, Senator Blickhan, Senator Burbach, Senator Dummerth, Senator Eleonu, Senator Holshouser, Senator Richards, Senator Williams, Senator Meyer, Senator Nichols, Senator Gilles, Senator Sheahan, Senator Long.

**Members Absent:** Senator Ayegbidun (excused), Senator Byers (excused), Senator Dummerth (excused), Senator Ford (excused)

**Others Present:** Advisor Delaney, Student Secretary Nosek, Vice Chancellor Waple, Director of ACCESS Dominic Dorsey, IBA representative Alsha Dincerualu, Black Girls Rock Representative Mohogany Pickett.

## **III. Guest Speakers**

### **a. Dominic Dorsey- Director of Accessible Campus Community & Equitable Support.**

**Director Dorsey:** Hello, I am Dominic Dorsey and my pronouns are he/him/his. Students right now crave attention and grace. Whether it is from their work, professors, faculty, or other students. Since the fiscal year of 2020, we have assisted 7.2% of the student body. We assist students who do have documentation for accommodations and students who do not have documentation for accommodations. We will work with a student for one semester without documentation. Throughout that semester we will help to connect them to whoever they need to be connected to get that accommodation documentation. Accommodations are everywhere. We are using accommodations right now with sitting chairs and with the lights on. Otherwise we would be sitting in the dark and sitting on the floor. You can see exactly to my left that ramp was not here intentionally from the beginning it was advocated for to the left here so that individuals who need access to the space can gain of without having to do more to get the same. So, we are always looking for ways that we can support students, that we can remove barriers so that when students arrive here that they know that they were intentionally thought of before they ever knew that they needed it there's a couple of ways that you can support us, in doing so. One tool that many students aren't aware of is our dark form and dark stands for disability to access response tool it is located on the contact page of the access website. So if you ever see a door that doesn't open or if there's a pathway that's not clear, we have blind students on our campus that when they shoveled those sidewalks out here it's very easy for them to walk into a mound of snow because it's not accessible for them to be able to navigate. Or, there may be an elevator that's out there we're not aware of if there's anything that would impede access to a student in terms of physical barriers, please use that tool to contact us we immediately get in contact with the reporting party get in contact with the key stakeholders who can remedy that situation and keep you abreast of the progress as we move forward to resolution. A couple of other things that we're working on is I'm

sure that many of you have never had to pay attention to the area of rescue in a particular building. And something that has always bothered me is the individuals who have mobility challenges in the event of an emergency they're asked to go to the area of rescue, which is typically the closest stairwell. And when they go to the area of rescue everyone else's evacuated from the premises and gets to go outside while they wait for someone to come in and rescue them. That means that they're in a wheelchair, and if they're lucky in their Professor doesn't leave them in the classroom behind how it has happened to some students. That they are left there on the stairwell hoping and waiting that someone will inform the emergency responders that they need to be evacuated. Well we've been raising money to receive or to purchase evacuation chairs and for those of you have never seen an evacuation chair, it has a base at a slant, with a conveyor on it that will allow the chair to. Actually physically go downstairs so if an individual is able to be transported, out of a wheelchair into the evacuation chair. In the event that they're able to be transported out of their evac chair into their wheel chair we will be able to get them out of the building safely. No one should have to wait and worry about whether or not they're going to be able to see another day because the building was not designed in such a way where they could evacuate safely. Those chairs, run about 1500 dollars each we purchased one chair the goal is to have one chair in every building other universities do SWIC has it in every building we're trying to be on the same page. Actually, I want to be better than every other institution, but our goal right now is to raise about \$15,000 which would get us 10 chairs. The eventual goal like I said, is to have one in every stairwell something else that we're actively fundraising for is a program called glean. One of the probably widely utilized accommodations for our students outside of testing accommodations is that of glean which used to be called sonocent. It's a program that allows students to take better notes I don't know about you, but I was a terrible note taker in school. Sometimes I got good notes, sometimes I get bad notes, sometimes I couldn't understand the Professor sometimes they spoke so fast I couldn't get it down in time. Well sonocent allows you to record it in real time, color code, and go back to the recordings and add notes and replay it as many times as you need to. This helps so many of our students because the current accommodations is to find a volunteer notetaker in a class. What happens if no one volunteers? That student is left waiting. We are trying to foster independence for students, so it's a process that requires them to relate on or rely upon another individual to take notes for them, doesn't really help them to learn how to mitigate these circumstances on their own. Not only that this is a program that's being utilized in over 500 universities and is statistically proven that students can get better grades and have better support and there's higher retention in the usage of this program. Again, we have to find the money for it for people who aren't aware ADA is an unfunded mandate so that means anything above the salary that we've so graciously accepted the budget that we have, we have to find the money for so at the end of this semester sonocent, it goes away. That means, if we don't find \$6,000 students who are dependent upon that service will no longer have it. The goal is that the university would adopt it and then every student, regardless of whether or not they use our services or not, would be able to benefit from better notes better grades higher retention, but again, that money has to come from somewhere. A couple of other things, I just want to put on your radar I currently serve as the Chair of the Illinois Board of higher education is disability advisory council. We're working on established essential abilities and technical standards documents for the programs and schools and universities. What that means is for those of you who may be familiar with a professional school like dentistry or nursing or. Any of those technical schools that would have an established they'll have a document that will state in order to be a nurse, she must be able to lift 15 pounds, you know exactly what's expected of you, before you enrolled. But what if you go into another program that

doesn't have those standards. And you're a student with a disability and you're going into your teaching rotation and you learn that, because you have a diagnosis that causes you to miss periodically. If you don't go to all of your sessions, and you know that that's an eventuality, for you that you won't get to pass and your junior or senior year you have no other options. We hope to have these documents established so that students can make informed decisions about what program of study they're going into before they get to a point where they have no alternatives and no choices, except to drop out. And it happens, much more frequently than you would like to imagine. We're also working with a program I'm sure some of you may have been aware of, called the hidden disabilities sunflower Program. And it's something that we've most recently piloted here at SIUE, and once adopted it'll make us the first institution in North America to adopt the Program. And it's very simple in its application and it's meant to be discreet. But it's just a sunflower meant to help other individuals who notice it to be aware that this is an individual who has a hidden disability and may require some additional assistance. It may mean that they need assistance with navigating a space or with transportation or reaching certain items, or they may experience a diagnosis, such as epilepsy, where, if they were to experience. A event that they may have additional information on their car that will let you know what to do to support them it's been well received and not just by students but by faculty and staff who have adopted this as well. We have done a pre-assessment and we're looking forward to doing the post assessment, but I have no expectations that it would not be fully adopted so we look forward to seeing more students on campus wearing and supporting the hidden sunflower come next semester.

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

**Senator Sheahan:** Thank you so much for coming tonight, and you know, thank you for all that you do, I really appreciate it, I think I saw you is really seeing quite a big change since you have come in terms of access and. The accessibility to access, if you will um, what do you think is the most important for students to know about access and how to even like go How do you try to combat with an access the stigmas that's around some of these disabilities.

**Director Dorsey:** Quite frankly that access is for everybody, and when we talk about accommodations every single person is you in this room is using accommodations as we speak. These lights are an accommodation, otherwise we'd be in the dark, the doors with the handles that we use all these are things that are used and made to make our lives better. When I talk about the difference between a medical and the social model for the longest time they used to put people in asylums for the deaf and dumb. They would lock people away, and they would see them as defective or drains upon society we've grown considerably since then. Not as much as we would like, or as much as we need to but we've grown, I think that the more that we see people unapologetically brandish their identity as having a disability, as being a diverse learner and understanding that everyone is uniquely individually made to be different that we're not monolithic and our presentation. The more that we have people who are able to do that, the less stigma, there is, we went from being the corner of isolation and shame to the place that people turn and walk around and say I don't even feel like I'm on campus anymore. We want to create an environment where people feel safe, we want to create an environment where people feel welcomed. And we want to continue this conversation about it, you know accessibility, not just being ACCESS's responsibility, but the entire campus's responsibility. We've done that, with the help of faculty we've done that, with the help of students and I think

that the more that people talk about it, not in hushed tones the world will continue to see our numbers grow and that stigma to disappear.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Thank you so much for coming to speak with us, and thank you for the work you do. As you mentioned evacuation chairs, I remembered that recently a student mentioned to me that students with disabilities have to request someone to take them down the stairs to the elevators here in the MUC and that is something that they don't really like and when you mentioned fostering independence for all students it's not really independent of them to required that someone else helps them to do that, so is there a plan, do you think of using a program like those evacuation chairs, but something that would be available throughout the year and I just in case of an emergency like do you think there'll be a plan for that anytime the future.

**Director Dorsey:** I think that this is the first time I'm hearing that, first and foremost, and secondly, I think that a better solution would just to be to have students have access to the elevators period right. So, in the same ways that other individuals have access to the elevators on the end by my door next to the ACCESS office if they're on this side next month, then they have the need for the elevators they shouldn't have to wait on someone else. It's frustrating it's not time sensitive, because if you're in a hurry, you need to get to class and you need to find someone who can let you down the elevator that's an additional concern. Outside of trying to use an evacuation chair I probably would like to have a conversation with mcc staff about how we can make some adjustments to that. Because if there's individuals who are wheelchair users who need access to be able to get up and down the stairs. That's not something I'm comfortable with being an ongoing practice that's not something I'm confident can be resolved overnight, but that's something that I will take away from tonight working on immediately.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Do you think there's anything student government can do to help with our like, how can we support you in that way?

**Director Dorsey:** You've already started. ACCESS, I say we make happens better when angry email, at a time, and I say that half joking but I'm actually quite serious a lot of times. Ableism and able body privilege prevents people from being able to see the things that don't intimately impact them and I'm not you know absolved of that. Equity is an afterthought, when you know it's not something that bothers you everybody gets has an elbow but they don't recognize it until it's on their table. So how do we make what's invisible visible, how do we make what's uncomfortable for some uncomfortable for all. It's our responsibility to do that and to weaponize our privilege, as the person who has able bodied is to recognize that a problem exists and for people so that they can make a difference, about it. And as far as a council and, as far as organization don't just speak up about it, what speak up about it until it's changed, and then we can add pressure from multiple sides until we actually reach a resolution.

**Senator Nichols:** Thank you for all the work that you do um I definitely see that it impacts, the students here on campus um so I have a question regarding finals week and ACCESS testing room availability, so I know last semester during vitals they were totally packed and then students had to go into other rooms that weren't as isolated or quiet and like I have ADD, so I definitely didn't test, as well as I normally would on my final so are you guys planning to like extend your testing rooms. Or, I mean like expand your testing rooms, or just anything any better approaches to finals week whenever it's definitely overcrowded.

**Director Dorsey:** Thank you for letting me know that, first and foremost I apologize that was your experience. Secondly, believe it or not, we just expanded so for anyone who has been on the ACCESS testing side. If you can think about it, that entire area used to be the totality of our office and the testing was roughly half of that so we expand it from 15 testing spaces to closer to 30. What happens is during finals time obviously everyone,

even if they hadn't been using accommodations throughout the year. Finals is a pretty significant you know time where you need to make sure that you're at your best, so we do have an influx of requests during that time. What I would advise to you is if because there's people who use testing for a variety of reasons, if we reduce distraction environment is something that is truly going to be a sticking point for you, not just the additional time communicate with myself or someone else in the office to see if we can find you an alternative time or space that we can prioritize that reduce distraction. That way, because we do have to use overflow testing to accommodate. But we can try to make sure that there are some adjustments made for individuals who have very specific or particular needs, and we can kind of shift around those who don't have those needs.

**Senator Holshouser:** Thank you so much for coming out tonight I did want to go off of Internal Affairs Officer Salau's point that she was made earlier and the points earlier with the evacuation chairs, you had said that you serve on the Illinois Board of higher education. I was wondering, in terms of is there anything that that board is doing or that ACCESS is doing, or that the university is doing in terms of advocacy for these concerns, just because, especially safety being a huge concern. In the event of that type of danger and not being able to evacuate so is there anything that's been done on like a legislative level.

**Directory Dorsey:** I am on the disability advisory committee for the Illinois Board of Higher Education. In terms of funding or legislation to provide that as a service, unfortunately, the way that many things revolving around the ADA work is that if it's not a compliance issue then it's not a required issue. So, a lot of the things that we advocate for our for the sake of accessibility. I always say that compliance is the floor here's where accessibility lives right, so instead of doing the bare minimum, in terms of saying, well, we haven't area of rescue that's all we're required to do we're saying we can do more right. Because if it was a situation where they said okay everyone who's black wait by this door to be rescued. Everyone who identifies as female wait by this door to be rescued, there will be a whole lot more conversation and disruption and people who are upset and outrage that that approach. But again, when it comes to disabilities, a lot of times it's looked at as a inconvenience and the question of statistical significance and finance comes up how many people really needed to justify that expense How much money do you put on someone's life? So, I can wait on other people legislation or I could get out there and panhandle and host pie in the face fundraisers which my students are organizing and try to get the money ourselves.

**Senator Holshouser:** Thank you, I did have a follow up question, do you think there's anything that student government can do or students at SIUE we can do to increase those types of like awareness and advocacy efforts.

**Directory Dorsey:** Push your individual schools and departments to put 1500 dollars aside to purchase an evac chair. If they really want to know how much of life costs, I think 1500 dollars, is a drop in the bucket.

**Senator Eleonu:** Is ACCESS in collaboration with other departments in the college, for example, facilities management and housing. Because, especially during the days of inclement weather, I mean not exactly during the implement whatever after inclement weather. I was very aware of times when, especially in house in situations, especially in cougar village, a lot of apartments are totally blocked off, I mean I could make my way out, but Somebody else with a disability couldn't I do people had to stay in for like two three days, is ACCESS able to collaborate with these other departments to get these things done quicker.

**Directory Dorsey:** Absolutely, a lot of times it's making them aware of the issue, again I think that people are doing their job and they're not really intimately aware of how it impacts other people. I've seen snow being pushed into an accessible parking space

before it's like somebody clearly needs that space, but for the person who's doing it is like well I've cleared a path. For you right we clear stairs but the ramp is still full of snow well everybody can use the ramp but only certain people to use the stairs right. So how do we shift the culture, to answer your immediate question in terms of who do we work with we work with everybody who pick up the phone. So if it's a situation where people are in housing and they don't have access, I encourage you to use that dark tool to reach out to us because that's a way for us to keep track of the communication and be to get in contact with the the like I said, the key stakeholders who are in charge of getting things done. If it's becoming a recurrent problem, then we can have a conversation with housing about okay when there's doing snow removal, these are some spaces that are consistently being blocked, is there a better way is all this grass. Can we put the snow in the grass, as opposed to blocking the door blocking a path and what does that look like and we can memorialize that either through email or phone conversations and so on and so forth so yes. Again, it's the first time I'm hearing about it issue over Cougar village, but if you can give us that dark tool we can make documentation of it work to make sure it doesn't happen again.

**Senator Gilles:** As you are well aware of a society has stigmatism towards people with special needs, you know different accommodations. What specific recommendations, can you give for us individuals within our friend groups within our student bodies within you know in public, how can we tackle this stigma and really sort of. reduce that stigma and improve relations and give these people a sense of belonging.

**Director Dorsey:** I think a lot of it starts with what we can know. So how many times have you heard someone make a joke about their ADD that doesn't have ADD or calling somebody skitzo or making fun of someone's you know predicament that particular diagnosis on so forth. How many times we noticed someone with a disability struggling and we did nothing to support them or help them even something as small as opening a door. I think that as a society and social media is greatly assistant, with this in the urgency in the rush for people to be woken become a policing efforts of other individuals, as opposed to a policing of ourselves. So, I like your question in that you say what can we do in our friend groups, if you can look in the mirror every day and say what can I do. To access my disability toolkit to not be abled in the same way, is that we try not to be racist that we try not to be sexist that we not try not to be transphobic or anything else you know just try to be more aware. When you're doing programming and student organizations, think about how would someone who's blind use this program. How would someone who's deaf navigate this, how would someone with autism fair in a program like this, where sensory integration is going to be a concern. Just ask your questions ask questions of your friends try to be mindful and you're never going to be able to capture everything. Just ask your questions ask questions of your friends try to be mindful and you're never going to be able to capture everything. Because the number of diagnosis that we see in our office I could never be exhausted and a single conversation and there's so much more going on with many of them that we don't know there's never just one diagnosis, with a person it's typically as someone who has anxiety which is one in five Americans. A couple with autism a couple with depression a couple with some type of sustainable, you know medical condition, it may be long COVID which is now something else that we help with. We just have to show grace and we have to speak up and when the people who have those concerns are in the room, you get to be that person for them and not speak over them but signal boost their concerns to make sure other people are aware.

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

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes- March 14, 2022**

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

#### **V. Senate Reports**

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

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

**Senator Burbach:** My report is not in the packet but, just to update you guys we are still working on the CPE training. I am hoping to set another meeting with counseling services to kind of go over that again, and then I also wanted to note that President O'Dell and I interviewed with the Alestle on a piece that they're working on to raise awareness on an Illinois bill that will hopefully pass and it will provide more funding and support for counseling services and CPE training.

**Senator Blickhan:** My report is not in the packet. Currently I am working on writing the bylaws for the cosmetic dentistry club.

**Senator Cubukcu:** My report is not in the packet, my friend and I are working on open registration. Also I am working on a survey to send out to the engineering school.

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

**Senator Gilles:** My report is in the packet and I would like to add, I have about 20 responses to our graduate students' survey. We will continue to promote that again that went out to the mailing list of all of the graduate students emails. We are holding a meet and greet next Monday and hope to get more survey responses.

**Senator Holshouser:** My report is not in the packet but since the last senate meeting I have been working in the school of pharmacy to improve student awareness of student government and help bridge the gap.

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

**Senator Sheahan:** My report is in the packet. I am hoping to send out a survey to get feedback for the next senator at large.

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

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

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

#### **Executive Reports**

**President O'Dell:** My report is in the packet, just a highlight please if you are available to volunteer this weekend at the walk wheels festival the sign-up genius for that went out in the slack if you have any friends that would like to volunteer.

**Vice President Pruitt:** My report is in the packet but I wanted to add that Senator of the month is Senator Williams. He is super involved especially as a new senator.

**Trustee Walters:** My report is not in the packet but I did just sign up to volunteer at the event this Saturday.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is in the packet allocations are open, so if you're a part of an organization, please sign up for that you guys get some money.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** My report is not in the packet but I did want to add that Senator Williams and I will be finalizing the housing resolution this week. We want to have as many whereas statements as we can, so if you have any particular inputs, please contact us and send us those statements.

**External Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is in the packet. I just wanted to update you that the self-defense seminar will be moved from April 13<sup>th</sup> from four to five.

**Marketing and Communications Officer Wood:** My report is in the packet, I just wanted to add that if you guys have any fun Instagram pictures just send them my way.

**Election Commissioner Jones:** My report is not in the packet. Last week we have the election debates, the second day it seemed like there is a lot of good student engagement, this week we have elections from tomorrow and the next day here in the Goshen.

**Student Diversity Officer Goren:** My report is in the packet, the only thing I have to add is that our autism acceptance day event will be on the fourth of April from 10-2 at the MUC. The sexual assault awareness prevention month event will be from 10-2 outside of the MUC on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Fee Review Commissioner Gilles:** My report is in the packet, I am going to spend a bit of time here going over the fee increases. \*Senator Gilles then went over the fees line by line with the Senate\* I am going to be sending out a survey to at least everyone in student government to gauge your opinions on each of these individual matters that way I can draft a really comprehensive resolution.

**VI. Additions to Agenda**

**None.**

**VII. Old Business**

**a. Student Employment Policy Change- President O'Dell**

**i. President O'Dell read over the policy change with the Senate.**

**VIII. 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- Pediatric Pharmacy Association**

**ii. Financial Officer Beck:** Alright so we hosted these guys at finance board this last week, and they talked about how the whole idea behind this is that it's people that are on the pharmacy school, there are P threes and they're looking at going into the pediatric specialization and so there were seven people that wanted to go, and so they just know learn more about the specialization of pediatrics. Finance board did vote to approve this as well.

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

**c. Program Request**

**i. SP 22 Program Request- Black Girls Rock**

**ii. Financial Officer Beck:** Alright, so to preface this. Black girls rock did come to finance board sometime in March, I think it was February to get approval for this thing called masquerade prom. it's something they put on for the last couple weeks, the last couple years, however, they did want to change it to something else we have Mahogany Pickett here, and she is representative of black girls rock if you come up here and talk about this change, please.

**iii. Representative Pickett:** Hi everybody I haven't been in this seat in a while. So, yes what he said was true we wanted to do a prom originally because the whole concept was that everyone didn't get a prom especially during the pandemic. But we were kind of on crunch time with getting things done and things shifted in our organization, so we decided to change it to a field day. And said well with the field day we wanted to open up to all students faculty staff outside public as well,

and the funds that we're asking is for flyers. The supplies for the field day it's kind of like if you ever been to a Barbecue that's kind of the concept of what we're trying to do. Have activities so like maybe a water balloon fight a slip and slide kickball. Jump rope just anything you name it as far as a recess kind of like outside that would be the concept of it happening and allowing it to be a space where right before final start that people can clear the mind and really enjoy themselves. As far as where it is going to happen is the rec plex which is right across from the child center and we've working with the Fitness center to see if we are still able to get that space. Cooking wise we are going to provide food so we can't charge for people to get in but we're going to charge to sell food.

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

**Senator Eleonu:** Who is allowed at the event? Is there going to be a ticket price?

**Representative Pickett:** So, it's open to the public, students, faculty, and staff anybody who wants to come honestly. it's no charge at all because we're not allowed to charge individuals to come into the booth but the concept would be like somebody would get a stamp or somebody will get a wristband just stating that you've already checked in with us. That you've already scanned your ID or giving your information to note that you've already been.

**Senator Nichols:** Okay, so I might have overlooked it but um How much are you like requesting for?

**Representative Pickett:** It is \$748 and some change.

**Secretary Nosek:** How much are you charging for food and how much does the food cost you?

**Representative Pickett:** It will be about ten dollars a plate. Price wise as far as food costs we haven't really broken that down yet, but we are just basing it off a three-platter place where you get two sides a meat, and then a drink and chips to go with it. Thank you.

**Financial Officer Beck:** So to go off of that one, you are not allowed to charge more than \$1.50 the price of food.

**Representative Pickett:** But with the fitness Center and talking with the fitness Center that we don't have like we can use outside food, so it doesn't have to be catered so that's kind of where we were justifying the influence from.

**President O'Dell:** I just wanted to make sure that everybody saw the total expenses versus how much there, they are requesting and that's not on the agenda it's on the second page here at the bottom for everyone to see just noticed when we were having hard time finding that that's all.

**Senator Sheahan:** In the past how many students have attended black girls rock events like similar to this or just in general.

**Representative Pickett:** Every fall we have the Jamboree celebration, we had 500 people come in 2018, but since then, since COVID we have had about \$300.

**Senator Williams:** For your field games, what exactly are you guys having?

**Representative Pickett:** So, there's a list of things we really want to do a slip and slide that's like the major thing we also thinking about getting a what is it called a bounce house obstacle course. There was conversation about a mechanical bull don't know how that's gonna work outside.

**Financial Officer Beck:** So as far as the slip and slide goes, do you are you aware of, like any kind of insurance or kind of like waivers you have to have for that.

**Representative Pickett:** Now it is noted.

**A motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Williams and seconded by Senator Nichols.**

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

**d. Petitioning Student Organizations**

**i. SP 22 Petitioning Student Organizations- Chi Alpha**

1. **ORO Moorman:** Right so for these guys, they are a religious organization that helps to bring students to Christ to prayer worship and fellowship. They have the required amount of members and everything was pretty good with their constitution, they had events planned and everything like that semester for recruitment purposes and were able to answer all our questions very well, and they were voted on and approved at SOAB.

2. **A motion to approve was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Long. Acclamation was called and the motion was approved.**

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

1. **Representative Dincerualu:** Hi so basically with the international business association we're going to have like speaker events and then fundraisers networking events and workshops. But we don't really want to make it just for like business students so. We want to make it to where it's more open and welcoming for like other students so whether it being like international students or international studies students in business and non business students. Just to where can get like the diversity in really not make it only focus for business majors, but we also want to have like workshops like linkedin workshops or resume workshops, we also want to. There's also a NASBY certification and we're thinking about having a workshop for that so it's basically a public service institution and it's dedicated for international trade education. So that's just open for like if there's any students that want to try to get that certificate if they're like let's say majoring in international studies. Currently we have 10 members but we're really looking for recruiting more members and also providing leadership roles and we're not gonna have any member fees.

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

**Senator Sheahan:** There is no mention of dues, but your predecessor, who came to student government mentioned that he may be charging a dues of \$75 and it was one of the things that we asked them to go back and potentially right into the Constitution is there a reason why you guys decided not to do that.

**Representative Dincerualu:** What we just want to not have any dues is just where we can like welcome all students and reactivate this club, because this club like kind of didn't. Have any like activity for like a long while, especially with there being like a low rate of like international studies students. So, we just really want to reactivate this club to like provide like events and really focus on that working with students, so I think without the dues, we can able to do a lot more with that.

**Senator Sheahan:** Ok and then the final thing I had was that you mentioned a lot of things that require a bit of cost up front, without dues how are you guys going to fund that?

**Representative Dincerualu:** We're going to plan on doing fundraiser events so like one of those things you're planning on doing is like holiday cards, we might also have some events where we can possibly sell food, but if anything I wouldn't mind donating some of the money to provide for students as well.

**Senator Williams:** Thank you for coming, as you said this will be available to most students, does this also include students who have a minor in business? What are the limitations?

**Representative Dincerualu:** Basically as long as you are a student, you can have any major or minor, all students are welcome. That way we can have diversity and have welcoming and networking.

**Senator Sheahan:** So just looking at your constitution that you are currently proposing and the one that was previously established for the international business association, this one is significantly shorter and less detailed. Is there a specific reason why you guys decided to have a less detailed constitution for your organization this time?

**Representative Dincerualu:** We don't want to have any limitations towards students, we just want to have our meetings where we can talk to our students to see what kind of events they want to do, because if we have that communication with students they can participate more especially if its events that they want to do , we didn't want to make it detailed so we can welcome anyone who wants to join and participate.

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

**A motion to approve was made by Senator Richards and seconded by Senator Long, acclamation was called and the motion was approved.**

**IX. Presidential Appointments/ Personnel Appointments.**

**None.**

**X. Announcements**

- a. **Senator Sheahan:** Hi all, I have a few things from Panhellenic council that I would like to share to you all that are open to the public. So tomorrow night we are having a be bold educational program that is open to all of the members of the SIUE community, this educational programming will be surrounding women's empowerment and how to become a better leader as a woman. If you guys have any questions or are interested in attending let me know. Formal recruitment this fall for sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have not gone through recruitment before or who are interested in recruitment is on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> from two to three pm in the international room.
- b. **President O'Dell:** One thing I forgot to mention in the summer employment policy is that the FICA tax that we talked about before is exempt from this policy, students don't have to pay that over the summer and in case you missed it, please volunteer at the walk and wheels on Saturday.
- c. **Advisor Delaney:** Just some updates some things that are going on this week that you all may want to pass on, the lead program through the Kimmel involvement center has applications open until April 1<sup>st</sup>. It's an opportunity to earn 800 cougar bucks throughout the year for helping with leadership council. There is a blood drive tomorrow and Wednesday. HSA is hosting an event that they will be having puppies at. Please volunteer at the Wheels and Walk event. The link has gone out for student organization space allocations. Please also make sure if you are in an organization that they are updating their primary contacts. There is no programming after the last day of classes in respect of finals week.
- d. **Senator Sheahan:** My sorority Alpha Sigma Tau is currently accepting donations for new or gently used professional attire for the organization dress for success in St. Charles you can drop anything off in their Kimmel space.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. **Vice President Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.**

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
EDWARDSVILLE**

**Monday, April 11, 2022**

**Goshen Lounge- 6:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Vice President Pruitt Called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Roll call**

**Members Present:** President O'Dell, Vice President Pruitt, Student Trustee Walters, Internal Affairs Office Salau, Organization Relations Officer Moorman, Financial Officer Beck, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Election Commissioner Jones, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Marketing and Communications Officer Wood, Senator Abrego, Senator Ayegbidun, Senator Burbach, Senator Dummerth, Senator Eleonu, Senator Ford, Senator Holshouser, Senator Richards, Senator Meyer, Senator Nichols, Senator Gilles, Senator Sheahan, Senator Long.

**Members Absent:** Senator Blickhan (excused), Senator Byers (excused), Senator Cubukchu (excused), Senator Williams (excused)

**Others Present:** Advisor Delaney, Student Secretary Nosek, Vice Chancellor Waple, Interim Dean of Students Terrence McTier, Director Paula Burke, Associate Vice Chancellor Miriam Roccia

**III. Guest Speakers**

**a. Dr. Terrence McTier- Interim Dean of Students**

**Dr. McTier:** Hello everyone. While Interim Dean of students, I have been working on a few things. I have been working on updating the code of conduct, that way students are prepared when they come in to see the dean of students, I have also been working to update the COVID policies. We have been finding ways to make sure that students are testing and providing ways for students to come back in compliance. We originally were suspending students for missing three or more COVID tests which was kind of prolonged. These students were also unable to register for classes for the summer and fall. We have lifted that hold and put an expiration on that hold that ends on April 25<sup>th</sup> so students can register for classes then. We have also been putting students on interim suspension instead of dropping them from their classes. Another thing we are focusing on is we are creating a taskforce to focus on homelessness and food insecurity. These students are part of our invisible population, and there are students who are living in the parking lots or in their car because they want to get an education.

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

**Senator Sheahan:** Hi, thank you so much for coming out tonight. What are some events that you haven't seen that you would like to see in the future?

**Dr. McTier:** I started in January so my assessment is very limited. I do not have much to offer, but what I do have to offer is to create a yearly tradition. Students are eager to get engaged.

**Vice President Pruitt:** Hi, thank you for coming tonight to speak with us. What are some specific initiatives that you have for your homelessness and food insecurity task force?

**Dr. McTier:** I would like to increase what we are getting for the Cougar Cupboard, maybe have a partnership with them. Accommodating students who are homeless,

assessing, providing and recommendations are also important. There are other institutions who have programs for homeless and food insecure students.

**Senator Richards:** What can we do as Student Government to help promote your taskforce and also help it be successful?

**Dr. McTier:** Rally behind your fellow students. Student fees come to student government, invest and become partners in seeing them succeed and engage. We relish in our privilege, we need to partner with and promote other students.

**A motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Long.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes- March 28, 2022**

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

**V. Senate Reports**

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

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

**Senator Ayegbidun:** My report is not in the packet. We had a successful meet and greet for our graduate students.

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

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

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

**Senator Gilles:** My report is in the packet and I would like to add, I have about 65 responses to our graduate students' survey. We had a successful meet and greet.

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

**Senator Richards:** My report is in the packet. I have a tentative meeting scheduled with academic advising to discuss for feedback on my pre-advising survey.

**Senator Sheahan:** My report is in the packet. I had a meeting with Dennis Wobbe after multiple student concerns about health code violations.

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

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

**Executive Reports**

**President O'Dell:** My report is not in the packet, this week I have gone to the autism acceptance day events, and to the university center board.

**Vice President Pruitt:** My report is in the packet there are a lot of events that I am planning on going to this week and I hope that I will see you all there!

**Trustee Walters:** My report is in the packet.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is in the packet allocations are open and close Wednesday.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** My report is in the packet. I have a meeting with health services on international student complaints. The insurance plans are too expensive, do not cover dental or insurance and we do not get the full benefit of the plan. We were told that they will consider more options and will consider more coverage. Executive board positions close tomorrow after three pm.

**External Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is in the packet.

**Marketing and Communications Officer Wood:** My report is not in the packet, tonight is our first meeting with Senate initiatives so thank you to everyone who showed. The April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting's prize is 200 dollars in our 8 account. I am currently working on a graphic with Kaia for who is representing you, working on graphics for rooms of realities, and pushing open positions.

**Election Commissioner Jones:** My report is not in the packet. We had over 1,500 students vote which was the highest in 3 years.

**Student Diversity Officer Goren:** My report is in the packet.

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** My report is in the packet.

**Fee Review Commissioner Gilles:** My report is in the packet, I will cover all of this is in new business.

**VI. Additions to Agenda**

**None.**

**VII. Old Business**

**None.**

**VIII. New Business**

**1. Fee Review**

**a. Presentation of the proposed Fee increase- Shawn Gilles**

**Fee Review Commissioner Gilles:** \*Fee Review Commissioner went over the fee report section by section, highlighting what each of the fee increases were. \* Paula has been very helpful in this process. There is a 5% increase across the board, in the past there has been a 3% increase every year.

**Fee Review Commissioner Gilles then invited Paula Burke up to speak.**

**Director Burke:** I want to say thank you to Shawn, we usually have a couple of months to work on fee reviews, and Shawn did this with a couple of weeks. I can answer any questions that you all may have.

**Senator Sheahan motioned to open the floor for discussion, and seconded Dummerth seconded. The floor was now open for discussion.**

**Senator Sheahan:** For the facilities fees, is there any plan for increases to utilize those facilities in later hours?

**Director Burke:** Yes, the MUC will go back to 24/7 hours, we will also be reopening some venues.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** If not approved, what are some implications?

**Director Burke:** We will not be able to open additional venues, and there will be price increases at the registers for dining services. We are having supply chain issues across the board. Health and counseling services would cut their hours and institute a fee. Textbook services wouldn't be able to get access to all textbooks and there would be out of pocket fees for courses. ITS would have to delay upgrades and facilities would delay renovations. The student success center is paying off its mortgage, and would have to borrow from other areas.

**Senator Sheahan:** Would counseling services and other services increase with this budget? What about accommodations and wheel chair ramps?

**Director Burke:** That is addressed when they do building renovations. There is no expansion in counseling, they will potentially offer evening hours.

**Fee Review Commissioner Gilles:** I know there was talk about dining services unable to expand due to employment, will a fee increase help this?

**Associate Vice Chancellor Roccia:** We will be reopening at least one location on campus, we are getting feedback to determine which location. We are extending hours in Starbucks and hiring additional student employees.

**Senator Nichols:** For Dining Services, Auntie Anne's is reopening in the Fall, it would be helpful to have hours extended by at least thirty minutes in the Fall. Would that be impacted or extended?

**Associate Vice Chancellor Roccia:** Dining Services is basically running a business on university campus. There will be increases at the register, our biggest concern is food cost, we just can't get the product sometimes as well with food chain issues. Changing our hours is not the priority.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** The Student Success Center increase, does that cover the Kimmel and SG?

**Director Burke:** No, it is covered by the SWAF fee.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Will SG get any fee increase?

**Director Burke:** No, they have appropriate levels of cash balances.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** What is the justification for the decrease?

**Director Burke:** There was no decrease.

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

**A motion to approve was made by Senator Akpan and seconded by Senator Dummerth, the motion was approved by a roll call vote with 2 nays, and 12 aye's.**

**2. Ratification of Election- Clinton Jones**

**a. Election Commissioner Jones read off the outcomes of the election.**

**A motion to approve the results was made by Senator Gilles and seconded by Senator Dummerth. The motion was approved by a rollcall vote with 4 abstains .**

**IX. Presidential Appointments/ Personnel Appointments.**

**None.**

**X. Announcements**

- a. Senator Burbach:** I just wanted to mention that all of the CAS positions are open.
- b. Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** The Muslim student association breaking fast dinner is April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm and you are all invited to fast and break your fast with us.
- c. Vice President Pruitt:** We would love to see you coming to upcoming events!
- d. President O'Dell:** There are some SG events coming up! Rooms of Reality is next Monday, the self-defense seminar is Wednesday, and check our social medias for more events.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. Vice President Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.**

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
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**Monday, April 25, 2022**

**Goshen Lounge- 6:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Vice President Pruitt Called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**II. Roll call**

**Members Present:** President O'Dell, Vice President Pruitt, Student Trustee Walters, Internal Affairs Office Salau, Organization Relations Officer Moorman, Financial Officer Beck, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Election Commissioner Jones, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Marketing and Communications Officer Wood, Senator Abrego, Senator Ayegbidun, Senator Burbach, Senator Eleonu, Senator Ford, Senator Richards, Senator Meyer, Senator Nichols, Senator Gilles, Senator Sheahan, Senator Long, Senator Cubukcu, Senator Williams

**Members Absent:** Senator Blickhan (excused), Senator Byers (excused), Senator Dummerth (excused), Senator Holshouser (excused)

**Others Present:** Advisor Delaney, Student Secretary Nosek, Vice Chancellor Waple,

**III. Guest Speakers**

None.

**IV. Approval of Minutes- April 25, 2022**

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

**V. Senate Reports**

**Senator Abrego:** My report is not in the packet. I did turn in my transition packet for the new nursing school senators and I've enjoyed my time on SG and best of luck to everyone in the future.

**Senator Akpan:** My report is in the packet. This past week I went to the Rooms of Reality, Julia did a great job with that. I attended some university events like the block party in Cougar Village and just want to say thanks for this year and good luck to the next group to senators

**Senator Ayegbidun:** My report is not in the packet. I attended meetings with the traffic committee where we discussed construction for the new parking lots and permits for 2022 and 2023.

**Senator Burbach:** My report is in the packet. I also did want to talk about the parking and traffic committee that I attended last Friday. They are talking about putting in new lots possibly near bluff and or woodland. There's still a lot of development with this going on, so I'm excited to see what they'll do with that in the future, and then I also do want to give a big thank you to everybody and I'm really excited for next semester as well to see what we'll do.

**Senator Cubukcu:** My report is in the packet, this week we talked about dining services and the new program. I am glad I am part of the housing community and did our block party.

**Senator Eleonu:** My report is in the packet. Just one highlight we will be having a follow up meeting with the Vice Provost on the issues concerning the international student's health insurance along with the Internal Affairs officer. Thank you for a wonderful semester, and look forward to working with you guys next semester.

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

**Senator Gilles:** My report is in the packet. I have survey results for the graduate students' survey there's about 60 students that responded to that. But instead of reporting extensively

on them, I am going to hand them off to our next year's graduate senators and they can use that information to better serve the roles and I just wanted to say thank you everyone for an awesome four years, it's been excellent, hope to come back and visit some time and keep it frosty.

**Senator Richards:** My report is in the packet but I did just want to add a huge thank you to everybody on SG this past year I've really enjoyed working with all of you and getting to know all of you, and I hope to work with you all in the future.

**Senator Sheahan:** My report is not in the packet, my apologies, two years in SG and this is my first time not doing this, not a ton to report on other than I did submit my transition packet and hope it is helpful for the incoming senators at large. Additionally, I just wanted to thank everyone on SG for an amazing year. Please do not be strangers! It is always lovely to talk to you and see your smiling faces.

**Senator Williams:** My report is in the packet, and I just wanted to say thank you for all the SG members for being just an amazing part of student government and I look forward to being just an amazing part of student government and I look forward to working with you guys next year.

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

**Senator Nichols:** My report is in the packet and since I submitted my report, I did have a health and counseling services advisory board meeting so some announcements that we talked about, there is still an executive order for testing until April 30 so hopefully that'll pass so there won't be any mandated testing. Their next step that they're going to be working on is opening online appointment scheduling for patients and then regarding the international student insurance, they're doing research and they're creating a proposal for the Chancellor, it's not the Health Services policy it is a university policy. Also, I just want to say thank you to everyone who has helped me grow so much over this past year and I look forward to seeing what you all do next year.

### **Executive Reports**

**President O'Dell:** My report is not in the packet, over the last two weeks I've been working on my end of the report to send out to the students, as well as my transition packet for the incoming President. Last week I attended SpringFest events and I'm so excited to share that student government took first place in the spirit competition, so thank you to all those that helped out with that. The banquet was held on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> and was a great success, it was a really great way to close out this successful year and celebrate our accomplishments. I also participated and helped out at the Rooms of Reality on Monday and it was a really well executed event that allows students to see different types of oppression that happened on our very own campus. Over the next couple of weeks I'll be attending some graduation events and things like that closing out my term. It's been a really great year with you guys and this has been my dream, so thank you for being the most awesome executive board and Senate that I could have ever asked for and good luck on your finals and on everything else.

**Vice President Pruitt:** My report is not in the packet, and basically repeating a lot of what Hailie said I also attending springfest and rooms of reality and all that kind of stuff. I have been working with the new Vice President Nicole to get her a transition packet and get that all done, and then I also do want to thank everyone for such a great year, especially since we entered still through COVID and you guys were all very ready and willing to be student leaders and I'm so excited to see what you all do next year.

**Trustee Walters:** My report is not in the packet, the board of trustees meeting is going to be this Thursday and it is in person, which is my first one so very exciting. I also want to let you know that I've really enjoyed working with you this year, good luck on finals, and I hope you have great summers and good luck with everything else.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is in the packet, I'm working on transition packets right now, and I will have that done by the end of the week. It has been a pleasure working with you all and good luck on finals.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** My report is not in the packet, but repeating everything Hailie said I working on creating a successful banquet for you all, I hope you all enjoyed celebrating your accomplishments. I'm also working on creating a transition packet for the next internal affairs officer and I hope you all enjoyed the bonding event last weekend at the escape room. Thank you all for a great year and I look forward to working with you next year.

**External Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is in the packet I just want to give a few updates, the student glow party that SG and CAB planned was a success, and I believe that everyone enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone who has built SG up to what it is, I enjoyed working with everybody and I look forward to seeing what SG will achieve next year.

**Marketing and Communications Officer Wood:** My report is in the packet. I just wanted to add that if you are an organization representative, I just want to remind you that you'll need to stay and check out to be accounted for. I am working on my transition packet for the new marketing and communications officer, and I wanted to thank each and every one of you guys for the connections I've made and the friendships with being in SG the last semester and I wish you all the best.

**Student Diversity Officer Goren:** My report is in the packet. I just wanted to say thank you to everyone in student government who has let me have this opportunity, it's been incredible these past two years working with you all and good luck on your finals and good luck to everyone.

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** My report is in the packet.

**Election Commissioner Jones:** My report is in the packet.

**Fee Review Commissioner Gilles:** My report is in the packet, there was nothing to do with the fee review.

**VI. Additions to Agenda**

**None.**

**VII. Old Business**

**None.**

**VIII. New Business**

**1. Annual Allocations**

**a. 53 organizations applied.**

**Financial Officer Beck:** So finance board approved 53 organizations that applied for annual allocations again that's \$200 to use for whatever keeps their organization and continuous operation.

**A motion to approve all organizations that student government senators are NOT a part of was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Richards, acclamation was called and the motion was approved.**

Separate line items of allocations are as follows:

- ◆ A motion to approve Student Diversity club was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Richards. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.
- ◆ A motion to approve the Pre-Law Association was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Richards, the motion was approved by a roll call vote (with two abstains by Senator Long and Senator Burbach)

- ◆ A motion to approve the Students for Reproductive Rights was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Richards. the motion was approved by a roll call vote (with two abstains by Senator Long and Senator Burbach)
- ◆ A motion to approve the New Horizons was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Eleonu. The motion was approved by a roll call vote (with three abstains by Senator Eleonu, Senator Abrego, and Senator Richards)
- ◆ A motion to approve the Every Vote Counts was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Eleonu. The motion was approved by a roll call vote (with four abstains by Senator Akpan, Senator Burbach, Senator Nichols, and Senator Long.)
- ◆ A motion to approve Phi Eta Sigma was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Eleonu. The motion was approved by a roll call vote (with two abstains by Senator Long and Senator Richards).
- ◆ A motion to approve Phi Lambda Sigma was made by Senator Richards and Senator Sheahan. The motion was approved by a roll call vote with one abstain by Senator Long.
- ◆ A motion to approve Honors Student Association was made by Senator Eleonu and Senator Gilles. The motion was approved by a roll call vote (with three abstains by Senator Long, Senator Sheahan, and Senator Nichols.)
- ◆ A motion to approve the Gay Straight Alliance was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Richards. The motion was approved by a roll call vote (with two abstains by Senator Long and Senator Abrego)
- ◆ A motion to approve the Health Care Ethics and Issues Association was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Richards. the motion was approved by a roll call vote (with two abstains by Senator Long and Senator Abrego)
- ◆ A motion to approve the Panhellenic Council was made by Senator Richards and seconded by Senator Meyer, the motion was approved by a roll call vote (with three abstains by Senator Long, Senator Sheahan, and Senator Burbach)
- ◆ A motion to approve Beta Alpha Psi was made by Senator Richards and seconded by Senator Nichols the motion was approved by a rollcall vote (with one abstain by Senator Sheahan)
- ◆ A motion to approve Political Science Association was made by Senator Richards and seconded by Senator Sheahan, the motion was approved by a roll call vote (with one abstain by Senator Long).

## 2. Program Requests

### a. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

#### Back to School BBQ

**Financial Officer Beck:** Hello everyone, so Alpha Phi Alpha is holding a back to school barbeque, this will be right before school starts they're requesting 1300 dollars and the idea behind this is that they want to make it available for all students, it is for students to socialize and have fun and those kind of things, there's going to be a mechanical bull and a slip and slide which

they have insurance waivers for. Finance Board voted to approve.

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

**b. Black Girls Rock  
10<sup>th</sup> annual Jamboree**

**Financial Officer Beck:** This is their 10<sup>th</sup> annual jamboree, there is going to be a guest speaker, they are also going to have different student performances such as people who are playing drums, signers, poetry, artists, and those kinds of things. The idea behind it is to get students motivated before the semester starts.

**A motion to approve was made by Senator Akpan and seconded by Senator Ayegbidun, acclamation was called and the motion was approved.**

**3. Travel Request**

**a. Lambda Kappa Sigma**

**Lambda Kappa Sigma Annual Convention**

**Financial Officer Beck:** They are a pharmacy sorority and they are requesting \$600 to travel to their annual convention, this is the first time they're going so they will be chartered, three members are going and one of their biggest objectives is learning how to make Lambda Kappa Sigma better.

**A motion to approve was made by Senator Eleonu and Senator Williams. Acclamation was called and the motion was approved.**

**4. Constitution Change**

**a. IFC**

**ORO Moorman:** IFC is just doing their yearly constitution changes, mostly minor changes and clarifications in certain sections and adding certain duties to some of their positions and officers.

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

**5. Petitioning Organization**

**a. Badminton at SIUE**

**ORO Moorman:** Pretty straight forward, they are wanting to start a badminton club.

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

**IX. Presidential Appointments/ Personnel Appointments.**

**Legislative Branch:**

**Senator At Large:**

Alana Meyer  
Peyton Williams  
Bailey Isom

**Senator Burbach:** I don't believe Bailey could join us here tonight, but Bailey is very involved on campus already and she's very passionate about some government so that's why I'm assuming what she was written in.

**Business Senators:**

Mason Hoylman  
Barrett Larkin

**Ed. Health & Human Behavior Senators:**

Hannah Sauerhage  
Kaia Ford

**Engineering Senators**

Logan MacDonald  
Jared Jess

**Senator Burbach:** He was really excited to be involved on campus on a larger scale so I'm really excited to see what he's going to do.

**Nursing Senators**

Courtney Travernor

**Senator Burbach:** Courtney is really excited to make nursing program improvements to the nursing program and also make resources more accessible.

Fatimot Afolashade Onanusi

**Senator Burbach:** Fatimot is excited to make the nursing program and in the university friendlier for lack of a better word for international students and nursing students in general.

**Graduate Senators:**

Olufunke Mercy Ayegbidun  
Ethan Boulanger

**Pharmacy Senators:**

Avery Risinger

**Senator Burbach:** Avery actually both of them, they know each other very well, but both of them are excited to integrate the pharmacy campus more with the main campus and bring resources that they have at the pharmacy campus to the main campus to help educate their peers.

Madison Rogers

**CAS Senators:**

**Science and Math:** Abraham Jones

**Senator Burbach:** When interviewing Abraham, I was super impressed this interview, and I could tell that he was very reliable, he was very prepared for his interview and very ready to step into this position on student government. And he's also very passionate about helping student athletes on campus, which is something that we haven't really seen too much before so I'm excited to see what you will do with that.

**Arts and Communication:** Madison Sample

**Senator Burbach:** Madison is also very passionate about the needs of others and just about helping others and advocating for her peers so that's why I chose her for that position.

**People and Culture:** Trent Long

**Senator Burbach:** Trent has been in the same position previously for about a semester, and he has proved to be very, very reliable so I'm very confident in his ability to see what he'll do.

**A motion to approve the legislative appointments was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Eleonu. The motion was approved by a roll call vote, (with six abstains by Senator Ayegbidun, Senator Ford, Senator Burbach, senator Williams, Senator Meyer, and Senator Long.)**

**Executive Branch:**

**President:**

Rahmat Salau

**Vice President:**

Nicole Burbach

**Student Trustee:**

Hailie O'Dell

**Financial Officer:**

Ugo Eleonu

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I chose Ugo for the position because I was very convinced by his ability to serve and impact the students through SG through the position of financial officer. Ugo is a hard worker and a team player who gets the work done through his current experience in SG as a senator I have seen firsthand his commitment to helping students. I believe such commitment is what we need for a financial officer.

**Internal Affairs Officer:**

Lauren Harris

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Going on to Lauren Harris, when I interviewed Lauren I was very impressed with her commitment to improving the value of student's college experiences on campus. She has so much passion with improving campus due to her experience with Kappa Kappa Gamma. Lauren has extensive experience collaborating with teams to executive plans for events and collaborating and communicating with others consistently. Her dedication to work and her love for the value of school would help her excel.

**External Affairs Officer:**

Mackenzie Richards

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I appointed Kenzie because of her dedication to her work in her current position as a senator and she has gained excellent leadership skills through her

involvement on the Student Leadership Council. Kenzie has also served on the Phi Eta Sigma exec board and has gained so many skills that has made her independent and her value of her work on improving leadership through collaborating for events, and I think all of this will help her excel in a position as external affairs officer.

**Organization Relations Officer:**

Abin Paudel

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I've been really impressed by his passion for contributing towards student musicians and managing people events and organizers and he has been so much experience towards doing this, as the current President of the Nepalese today association. He also had very great initiatives that he plans to implement as relations officer to make sure that student organizations are really benefiting the most from student government and the support that we can provide them. Abin is very dedicated and detail oriented. He is also approachable and fun.

**Student Diversity Officer:**

Rawan Hamed

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Rawan has had excellent leadership training sensitivity training as an RA and is very passionate about creating a healthy environment where students feel safe on campus. Rawan is very interested in how our school can help promote diversity and inclusion efforts specifically from minority groups that feel marginalized. She really wants to work to help everyone feel safe on campus, so I think this would all help her excel in this position.

**Marketing and Communications Officer:**

Izzy Pruitt

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** As current VP I know firsthand how the passion she has for promoting students on campus and I believe through her position as VP she has accomplished so much and gained so much leadership experiences that will complement her and make her an excellent addition to our exec board. She has excellent marketing and communication skills and I think she will contribute towards a great year.

**A motion to approve the Executive Branch appointments was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Akpan. The motion was approved by a rollcall vote (with two abstains by Senator Eleonu and Senator Richards.)**

- X. Open Forum
- a. None.

**XI. Announcements**

- a. **Senator Sheahan:** Hi everybody, just a reminder that tomorrow is the last meeting of panhellenic council so if you are in any of the five sororities on the council we will be voting on the increase induced proposal tomorrow night, so if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to bring forward for your chapter, please let that be at the meeting thank you.
- b. **Senator Nosek:** I really just want to say thank you to Skylar for sharing the mic with me, I know it has not been easy. I also want to say congratulations to everyone, and I am so proud of you. I have spent the whole year listening to our meetings over again, and you can really hear how much you guys have grown and changed and how confident you have become in yourselves and I think that's incredible, congratulations everyone.
- c. **Senator Burbach:** I also want to give a really big shout out to our secretary Sam for doing everyone for everybody so a round of applause for her please.

- d. **Senator Sheahan:** Best of luck to our graduates on student government as well.
- e. **Vice President Pruitt:** Congratulations to everyone, and everyone who has been on student government, I know I didn't say that I have an announcement, but just you guys have been great this year and I'm so excited to see what you guys do, whether in student government or just in the community.

**XII. Adjournment**

- a. **Vice President Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.**

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE  
MUC, Maple Dogwood Room  
Monday, August 30, 2021 – 6 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on August 30, 2021, in the Maple Dogwood room of the Morris University Center. Vice President Pruitt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** President O'Dell, Vice President Pruitt, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Organization Relations Officer Moorman, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Internal Affairs Officer Salau, Financial Officer Beck, Student Trustee Walters, Senator Nichols, Senator Bauchens, Senator Sheahan, Senator Sehic, Senator Richards, Senator Lambert, Senator Jones, Senator Holshouser, Senator Hoang, Senator Hentz, Senator Gilles, Senator Ford, Senator Dummerth, Senator Cason, Senator Burnett, Senator Burbach, Senator Blickhan, Senator Abrego.

**Members Absent:** Senator Byers (unexcused), Senator Jackson (excused), Senator Obert (excused), Marketing and Communications Officer Tucker (excused).

**Quorum was established with 12 voting members present.**

**Others Present:** Advisor Kelly Jo Hendricks, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Waple, Student Secretary Samantha Moxley, and Office Support Specialist Robin Ermer.

**III. GUEST SPEAKER**

Dennis Wobbe Director of Dining Services

Thank you so much for having me. Dining Services operations before COVID overview. Director Wobbe introduced himself, and gave a background on himself. Dining services runs twenty-four hours a day. Dining services feeds ECC, head start programs starting around six o'clock in the morning. Catering is also a big chunk of business for Dining Services. There is no catering kitchen, so existing space is utilized. Dining is much better off this year than last year. Last year was rough for dining services with challenges in the beginning of last year including not knowing how they were going to deal with COVID-19. In specific, social distancing and masking up. More operations were created in different areas in areas that were not utilized prior. Current problems for Fall 2021 include staffing, getting everyone trained, and supplies. Food is currently in short supply. The weekly outages are usually one page long, it is currently eleven pages long of food outages. Out of ten thousand weekly items, two thousand of those items did not come in. Some of these food outage issues is caused by drivers and warehouse workers being in short staff or short supply. Producers are also having similar issues. Tropicana and Pepsi products are having issues. As well as chemicals, paper, dairy, and poultry. Prices are up seventy-five percent from the last year. Seafood is also having issues. There are also issues getting prices in for the machinery in Dining Services. Dining Services is millions of dollars in debt so staffing had to be right sized for the number of on-ground students. Currently, trying to get staff back during a labor shortage is hard. Training is currently a number one priority with this nation-wide shortage. This fall, there are a lot of job positions posted, students are coming in but there are issues with the social security offices. 2019, there were five hundred

plus employees. Fall 2021, there are 833 students and full-time staff. There are some issues with technology and cards. The Chick-Fil-A kiosk is still not up and running. There will hopefully be a solution this week. Traffic is continuing to be monitored in terms of expanding hours for Dining Services. First week numbers, customer counts are down thousands from 2019. The residence hall students and meal plan students are making the preponderance of sales. Which prior to this, residence hall students and meal plan students used to make up around 50% of sales. Commuter sales have not been seen yet. 2019 there were \$8,200 in sales per day, 2021 about \$4,600 in sales per day. This is an improvement from last semester. Priorities include increasing hours, Starbucks appears to be the first spot that will have their hours increased. The Viability of opening Kaldi's, Auntie Anne's, Cocina, and the Starbucks in the library will be looked at. Nutrislice was acquired. This is a program that will help with the nutritional data within dining services. The prior database was too difficult, and they do not stand by their nutritional data. Nutrislice will work with our data and create a database. This data will be on menu boards and on the website. You will be able to type in your diet, and it will tell you what's available today as well as the best choices to eat. This will help reduce questions about dietary options. Entrée's menu board has been updated. More nutritional data will be going into Entrée's and the website. Nutrislice does give a mobile ordering option, and there is already a template made up with Nutrislice. Paavo's will most likely be the place that starts with mobile ordering, hopefully by the spring semester.

**Senator Sheahan:** asked about the new location of Cocina, and about any news of what is going in its previous location.

**Director Wobbe:** says that it is on hold right now, and that they would probably look at putting the Cocina back to its original spot. Express is currently happening in its new spot. On ground demand needs to be looked at as well as staffing and training.

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** says that Cocina is being used to prep meals for students who are in quarantine or isolation.

**Director Wobbe:** states that that is incorrect, that Fixins' and the main kitchen is being used for that purpose. The original location of Cocina is being used as a storage area as it has a freezer and a walk in. We would love to get Cocina put back into its original space.

**Trustee Walters:** asks about mobile-ordering, specifically if it will be through a service that we are hiring, and if students will be able to use their meal plans.

**Director Wobbe:** responds that that is something that we are working on. Nutrislice one looks like it should be compatible with them meal plan and credit cards. The next one would be Chick-Fil-A. Because the meal plan is 60/40 and tax free a lot of systems do have a problem with that. Chick-Fil-A right now if the kiosk worked it would be fine with the meal plan and Nutrislice. Starbucks is currently working towards using a meal plan. Grubhub might be an option with Chick-Fil-A if the kiosk does not work.

**Senator Hentz:** Students are upset about Auntie Anne's and Kaldi's being closed. What can student government do to help those get back open?

**Director Wobbe:** We hear a lot about Auntie Anne's. The decision was originally made as it did not really provide a meal. We did not want to overcrowd with more lines. Auntie Anne's is more of a labor-intensive operation. Likely spring it will be open unless things change. It is nice and appreciated but not a meal type thing. Kaldi's is kind of similar, but we had to make some decisions. Kaldi's was brought here back in 2009. It just depends on the on-ground traffic.

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** Restaurants are open half the time with different hours and such. We are having problems finding full time employees, only some of the gaps can be filled with student employees.

**Director Wobbe:** 24 positions are left unfilled from last year. With people out on leave and such we are more in the 30s.

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** We need 24 full time workers to get back to pre-pandemic conditions, and we are currently in the process of re-hiring. Auntie Anne's requires specialized training.

**Senator Gilles:** Is there anything student government can do, or you can do to bring back outside restaurants accepting cougar bucks?

**Director Wobbe:** Cougar bucks is great for us, but we like to promote the meal plan.

**Advisor Hendricks:** It is not connected to dining. There is a cost to outside businesses and they have to buy a machine and be PCI compliant. The cost is not much return for some restaurants. If you are out at a business you can prompt them to accept cougar bucks, let me know and we can reach out to those businesses and give them information.

**Financial Officer Beck:** Where do we have to get traffic wise to get those restaurants to reopen up? Back to pre-pandemic conditions or somewhere in the middle?

**Director Wobbe:** I think that we would like to be there before that, I think we are being cautious with what happened last semester. Dining had to make a lot of cuts last semester, we are only sustained by the revenue. I would say hopefully we can look at moving some and opening more if things continue on like this. We had some issues this start and every start with training. We would like to get things online and open it is a tight balance.

**Vice President Pruitt:** What is dining services doing to support ACCESS students? Kaldi's was open later for students who had to take their exams after hours. I know with Kaldi's being closed students do not have access to things like that. Have you thought of any ways to keep something open for ACCESS students?

**Director Wobbe:** We would like to. Is Kaldi's going to be the next open? I know the library is also trying to be the next open, they are easier to manage with less menu items. Expanding hours usually helps out because it is not that far of a walk. Kaldi's is very nice with proximity to ACCESS.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting were approved by general consent.

## V. SENATE REPORTS

**Senator Abrego:** My report is not in the packet. My name is Brianna and I am in the school of nursing and I'm most excited to just work with students now that more of them are back on campus.

**Senator Blickhan:** My report is not in the packet. My name is Marissa and I am the senator of the dental school and I'm looking forward to bridging the gap between the dental school and the main campus.

**Senator Burbach:** My name is Nicole and I am the senator for the CAS science and math school I guess, I guess I'm most excited for just like raising mental health awareness and working a lot with stuff like that.

**Senator Burnett:** My name is Lexi and I am the senator for the School of Nursing, I'm most excited to get Nursing students involved on campus especially with us being more on campus now.

**Senator Cason:** My report is not in the packet. My name is Taylor Cason and I am a senator for the School of Business, and I am most excited to have more events in person this semester.

**Senator Dummerth:** My report is not in the packet. I am the Senator for the school of Pharmacy and I am excited to get some of the facilities updated.

**Senator Ford:** My report is not in the packet. I am the senator for education, health and human behavior. I am excited to be in person this year.

**Senator Gilles:** My report is not in the packet. I am the senator for the graduate school. I am looking forward to helping the graduate students reaccumulate themselves to student living.

**Senator Hentz:** My report is not in the packet. I'm Holly, I am the CAS student senator for people and culture. I am most excited about getting freshman and sophomores getting accumulated to the campus this year, and making sure this campus is safe.

**Senator Hoang:** My report is not in the packet. I represent the college of Arts. Arts and Communications. I am excited and hope I can do my best to help students stay safe.

**Senator Holshouser:** My report is not in the packet. I am a third-year professional student in the school of pharmacy. I am most excited for our student organizations being able to do more in person events especially in terms of education.

**Senator Jones:** My report is not in the packet. I am the senator for the school of engineering. I am excited to see most of you for the first time and to host events with the school of engineering.

**Senator Lambert:** My report is not in the packet. I am a senator for the graduate school, something I am looking forward to is making sure all services and fees are accessible for graduate students.

**Senator Richards:** My report is not in the packet. I am a senator at large. I am looking forward to making sure that all of the students on campus have a lot of events to look forward to and that things can go ahead safely.

**Senator Sehic:** My report is not in the packet, I am the senator for the school of engineering. I am most excited for more in person events this year.

**Senator Sheahan:** My report is not in the packet, I am one of the senators at large, I am an accounting major. My goal is to create a more allocated fee on CougarNet for classes.

**Senator Bauchens:** My report is not in the packet. I am a freshman senator, I am excited to get freshmen back into normal online activities.

**Senator Nichols:** My report is not in the packet. Senator Nichols reported on her excitement of being a freshman senator and being involved.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**President O'Dell:** My report is not in the packet, I am most excited about our awesome team of exec and senators and all you will accomplish this year.

**Vice President Pruitt:** My report is not in the packet, I am most excited this year for my senators and everything that we are going to accomplish together as a team.

**Trustee Walters:** My report is not in the packet, I am really excited to see some more students and more activities returning to campus.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is not in the packet. I am most excited to see everyone face to face and to watch you guys grow as leader.

**Internal Affairs Salau:** My report is not in the packet. I am most excited to see students get more involved on campus.

**Externals Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is not in the packet, I am most excited for planning and creating events for student government and for our student body.

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** My report is not in the packet, and I am looking forward to working with organizations on campus this year and helping them with all of their needs.

**Student Diversity Officer Goren:** My report is not in the packet, I am most excited to host in person events and to work with the HUB and student organizations.

## **VII. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

## **VIII. Old Business**

None.

## **IX. New Business**

### **A. The Gay Straight Alliance at SIUE Annual Allocations**

1. Matthew Burgess filled the application out on time but didn't hit the submit button until after the deadline. He presented this to Jacque Dreppard, former Financial Officer, and she approved for this to be presented at the first senate meeting of the FY 22 school year.
2. Passed with eleven ayes and one abstain.

### **B. Student Government Constitutional Changes**

1. Article III Section A added the line: A Senator At Large represents all students at SIUE they can be undeclared or any major.
2. Article III Section C #5 added the word FULLTIME.
3. Article III Section D Number 4 changed Director to Associate Director.
4. Article IV Section A added line 11- Fee Commissioner
5. Article IV Section C line a: added the word CURRENTLY.
6. Article IV Section C line d: added the word FULLTIME
7. Article IV Section C Item 2- line b: Added line: Candidates for these positions must be currently enrolled fulltime SIUE student in good disciplinary standing.
8. Article VI Section B: added the line- in conjunction with the Office Support Specialist. Several he/she's changed to they throughout the document.
9. Passed with twelve ayes.

### **C. Executive Appointments for 2021-2022**

1. **Marketing & Communications Officer:** Hunter Tucker, Tabled.

### **D. Legislative Appointments for 2021-2022**

1. **Senator of Engineering:** Clinton Jones, Vice President Pruitt stated that Clinton was not at the April meeting but was voted in in April.

2. **Senator of CAS- People & Culture:** Holley Hentz, Vice President Pruitt stated that Holley was chosen for her enthusiasm.
  3. **Senator of CAS- Arts & Communication:** Stephano Hoang, Vice President Pruitt stated that Stephano was chosen for his passion and dedication.
  4. **Senator at Large:** Kenzie Richards, Vice President Pruitt stated that she was chosen for her excitement.
  5. **Freshman Senator:** Mallory Nichols, Vice President Pruitt stated that she was chosen as she was the most qualified and had amazing potential.
  6. **Freshman Senator:** Kaylee Bauchens, Vice President Pruitt stated that she was chosen as she was super qualified and very excited.
- ❖ Motion was made by Senator Burnett, seconded by Senator Lambert. The motion was approved by acclamation. Senator Hentz objected, the motion was passed with a roll call vote of twelve ayes.

#### **X. Presidential Appointments/ Personnel Appointments**

Hunter Tucker was tabled.

Kenzie Richards was sworn in as Senator at Large

Clinton Jones was sworn in as Engineering Senator

Holley Hentz was sworn in as CAS: People & Culture Senator

Stephano Hoang was sworn in as CAS: Art & Communication Senator

Kaylee Bauchens was sworn in as Freshman Senator

Mallory Nichols was sworn in as Freshman Senator

Dr. Waple swore in the personnel appointments.

#### **XI. OPEN FORUMS**

None.

#### **XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. **President O'Dell:** I just wanted to remind everyone that the meet and greet is next week Tuesday and Wednesday and I would like to see everyone there if it is possible.
- B. **Advisor Hendricks:** Couple of things, if you have been in the Kimmell and are part of an organization that has a spot in there, we are limiting the space in there. Groups are welcome to use for pick up, drop off, and storage. But we are asking for the time being that folks do not hang out in there with a lot of people crammed around the desk space. We do not have the ability to keep an eye out on that space and we are trying to minimize that. We are going to revisit that in October when we have our brand-new associate director here. This will be revisited after Liz is here. All the desks have information at that. Number two, homecoming is the last week in September. Next week homecoming court applications come out. Each student organization has the ability to nominate two people to run for court for their organization. There is no longer Homecoming King or Homecoming Queen, it is now Homecoming Royalty. We are gender-neutral. We can have two women run, two men, or none of the above. Any gender is welcome. We are bringing back the Fan-Zone, which is the event that happens out at the soccer stadium on that Saturday. We will have a process for sign ups, so if student organizations want to sign up for a space at the Fan-Zone that will open up here in the next couple of weeks. Groups will be able to sign up for space for that event. SOLO, student government plays a key role in the SOLO program. It's a great event, this year we are partnering with Fraternity and Sorority life and sport clubs. Tomorrow is the second day of the activity's fair. We have 50 organizations that were able to get space each day. We have a brand-new ticketing system here in the building. Family weekend registration is open. That is the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. The registration is up and

live on the website. It is fifteen dollars per person and that gets you a t-shirt and access to all of the events during the weekend.

**C. Senator Burnett:** Is it online this year?

**D. Advisor Hendricks:** Online for signups, but the event is in person.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Burnett moved to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned by Vice President Pruitt at 6:53 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE  
MUC, Goshen Lounge  
Monday, September 13, 2021 – 6 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on September 13, 2021, in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Vice President Pruitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** President O'Dell, Vice President Pruitt, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Organization Relations Officer Moorman, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Internal Affairs Officer Salau, Financial Officer Beck, Student Trustee Walters, Senator Nichols, Senator Bauchens, Senator Sheahan, Senator Richards, Senator Obert, Senator Lambert, Senator Jones, Senator Holshouser, Senator Hoang, Senator Hentz, Senator Gilles, Senator Ford, Senator Dummerth, Senator Cason, Senator Burnett, Senator Burbach, Senator Abrego.

**Members Absent:** Senator Byers (excused), Senator Blickhan (excused), Marketing and Communications Officer Tucker (excused).

**Quorum was established with 18 voting members present.**

**Others Present:** Advisor Kelly Jo Hendricks, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Waple, Student Secretary Samantha Moxley.

**III. GUEST SPEAKER**

Mike Schultz, COVID coordinator

**Mike Schultz:** Thank you, not sure what kind of update that you want. Give you some facts and figures about what is going on, on campus and around in the surrounding areas. First let's talk about vaccinations. Illinois is reporting currently that they are 62.5% 16 and above that are vaccinated. Madison county has jumped to 64.62%. For SIUE we're currently at 72%. We're getting there, I know that the University of Illinois is at 90%. So, I think that would be a goal that we would like to reach. The school of Dental Medicine by themselves is at 92%. So, if we could get to that I think things would be a whole lot better for us. With testing, we're testing about 1800 people a week currently. That is including who are required to test and people who would just like to be tested to know where they stand. There are people that are coming in that is not mandatory. Last week we had 1721 people tested, we had 18 positives that came out of the screening testing that we were doing with a positivity rate of 1.04%. Madison county has been hovering right around 7.5%. So significantly lower, so the things that we are doing are working. Currently there are 42 active cases on campus between faculty, staff, and students. The majority being students. University housing is using 3% of their isolation and quarantine spaces. I want to give you an example of some of the good things and bad things with student groups. Student group held an event off campus, it was unmasked in an indoor space. Majority of the people present there were vaccinated. So, what they needed to do, they did not need to quarantine, they just needed to test 3-5 days after. There were a handful of people that were unvaccinated. Those people needed to quarantine for ten days or could have tested out at eight days. Half of those people showed symptoms after the event. If we just follow the guidance of people masked in indoor spaces, vaccinate whenever is possible and follow the guidelines that are out there. They are working. Testing is open Monday through Thursday in the student success center 0200 from 8am to 7pm. In East St. Louis we are going to each of the head start spaces or there is a

consolidated space that is doing testing from 3-4pm. So that we do not interfere with the responsibilities they have in the class room. School of Dental Medicine is testing Mondays from 12-1. There are twenty-eight people testing there on an average. That's my report.

**Senator Sheahan** motioned to open the floor for discussion, **Senator Hentz** seconded.

**Senator Sheahan:** Now that a lot of public schools and things like that are requiring vaccinations for faculty, is SIUE potentially headed in the same direction for students and faculty?

**Mike Schultz:** In the Governor's public order basically came out with the same plan we had. We were ahead of it. The leadership that was on campus made the right decisions and are continuing to be one step ahead. There are several institutions in the state that were not doing what we were doing and had to scramble at the last minute so we were ahead of the game there.

**Senator Hentz:** So, you compare our rate of vaccination with U of I's. What do you think U of I is doing differently that promotes a higher vaccination rate? Do you think that is something that we can implement?

**Mike Schultz:** Their policy only allowed exceptions out of vaccination for religious and medical. What we do if you don't want the vaccination you don't have to have that vaccination. If we took that thing out I think we would get there.

**Senator Holshouser:** I am very happy to be here where the statistics are. Is there anything that the university is planning on doing in terms of rolling out education type materials on vaccination and stuff like that? Just because there is a lot of miscommunication being spread.

**Mike Schultz:** The one message that we have to get out is that if you are vaccinated that doesn't mean that you are immune from the COVID virus. I think we need to get the message out that you still need to have all the precautions. It's not a bad idea to get tested. It is very hard to get a test outside of our community. It is very easy to get a test here, there has only been a line once or twice. Besides that, people are in and out in less than five minutes. It is get an appointment and get ahead and get tested. One of the incentives that we provided was that anyone who provided us a proof of vaccination is that they would get five dollars in cougar bucks. We are getting ready to roll that out. That is the rule followers we have found who is reading the materials. There is a group of people who is not reading the materials that they did not hear of having to get tested. I think there is just a population who is not reading what we put out there.

**President O'Dell:** I have a couple of questions about the organization incentive program. If you have any information about that. How many organizations have been awarded the \$500?

**Mike Schultz:** I think it's less than ten right around ten. I have another ten to review. I usually review them on Wednesdays. I think the max was a hundred, we are not anywhere near that.

**President O'Dell:** How many have been submitted but have not been approved?

**Mike Schultz:** How many have been rejected? One or two maybe three. One was because they didn't follow instructions, and a couple just didn't meet the numbers.

**Senator Nichols:** I know there are some students who are wondering about the possibility of not wearing masks on campus, like being required if are vaccinated once we get to a certain number of students who are vaccinated.

**Mike Schultz:** Well right now, it's in the Governor's order that in higher education and K-12 have to wear a mask. So, it is not a university, it was a university policy first and then the state caught up to us. So now the state would have to remove that ability before we could make that decision.

**Motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Hentz and seconded by Senator Burnett.**

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 30, 2021 meeting were approved by general consent.

#### **V. SENATE REPORTS**

**Senator Abrego:** My report is in the packet. During my office hours I have been seeing a pretty large turn out of people getting scantrons. I have been working a lot on initiatives that can help the mental health of our students, including self-care activities that can come during mental health week.

**Senator Burbach:** My report is in the packet, and I met with the general education committee today and we went over student appeals and we approved one of them and denied one of them.

**Senator Burnett:** I had parking and traffic this past Friday. It's not in the report but the report is in the packet. It was brought to my attention that they are thinking of changing all of the signs on campus. This is not finalized this is just for quote purposes. I just wanted to get your guy's opinion before going to them and saying to them that we did not like it.

**Senator Cason:** My report is in the packet. I've just been working on a survey to send out to all of my constituents and I am very excited to get it out.

**Senator Dummerth:** My report is in the packet. Today I went to the meet and greet it was really nice getting to meet all of the students and telling them what SG does.

**Senator Ford:** My report is in the packet. I also attended the meet and greet today and I think it went very well.

**Senator Gilles:** My report is in the packet. I don't have too much to add. My committee meetings are coming up. I look forward to my meet and greet time tomorrow.

**Senator Hentz:** My report is in the packet. I attended the meet and greet today. Set up went really well and we had a large turn out there. I am also working on offering self defense classes on campus for students, more often than the twice a year that campus does offer.

**Senator Hoang:** My report is in the packet. Today at the meet and greet I had the opportunity to meet international students, and I had a chat with them and helped them. Everything went well.

**Senator Holshouser:** My report is in the packet. I also attended the meet and greet today. It was nice to interact with students on main campus. It was nice to see them and get to know them and let them know what we could do for them.

**Senator Jackson:** My report is in the packet. I would like to share that I am excited for my upcoming student diversity committee meeting.

**Senator Obert:** My report is in the packet. This Friday I have a meeting for finance board.

**Senator Richards:** My report is in the packet, I don't have too much to add. I attended a meeting for the general education committee meeting this morning and was at the meet and greet today.

**Senator Sheahan:** My report is in the packet. After submitting the packet, several of constituents reported an internet outage. As this was the third time since the school has started this happened. I did contact ITS and asked for an explanation for the issues that were happening. My email was answered and stated that there were only two outages that had happened so far and that they were working on patches. He also stated using ethernet cables during times of having bad internet connection should help.

**Senator Jones:** My report is in the packet. I would like to add that I had a committee of assessment meeting on Friday, it would be nice to have more people show up to these things as nothing got done as we did not have a majority.

**Senator Lambert:** My report is in the packet. I did meet with Vice President Pruitt about providing better resources for grad students.

**Senator Bauchens:** My report is in the packet. I don't have anything else to add. I do have a finance board meeting this Friday.

**Senator Nichols:** My report is in the packet. My counseling and health advisory board meeting was canceled today. I have been working with Senator Bauchens to put together events for our constituents.

#### **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**President O'Dell:** My report was in the packet, I would like to add that we have several positions in student government opening up as well as continuing application for committees. Also, I went to the meet and greet today and will continue to go to that tomorrow and Wednesday. I am looking forward to our bonding event on Friday and for SOLO.

**Vice President Pruitt:** My report is in the packet. We have two open senator positions, the school of business and the school of engineering.

**Trustee Walters:** My report is in the packet, there is a board of trustees meeting on Thursday at 10 am.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is in the packet we had finance board two Fridays ago and we did have majority.

**Internal Affairs Salau:** My report is in the packet. I was at the meet and greet in the quad today and I think it went very well. I'll also be there on Tuesday and Wednesday. I would also like to highlight that we have our first bonding event Friday.

**Externals Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is in the packet, I am so glad to hear that the meet and greet went well today, and that all of the pizza ran out. I'm really looking forward to the next two days.

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** My report is in the packet. We had a couple of new organization requests come forward. The weather club, the common sense conservative club and the Fellowship of Christian athletes. So, at our next SOAB meeting we will be going over those. We did have majority at our last SOAB so we were able to vote last week.

**Externals Affair Officer Randolph speaking for Officer Goren:** Julia's report is in the packet. Hispanic and LatinX heritage month events start tomorrow at 4pm in the Maple Dogwood room in the MUC and there are virtual events as well going on with the event.

**VI. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

**VII. Old Business**

None.

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Travel Requests**

- 1. FY21 Travel Request-** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention- Call to Convention November 19-22, 2021 \$600

**Financial Officer Beck:** Last Friday we had Delta Sigma Theta Sorority come in and request 600 dollars. This is going to be on November 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. It is for their national convention. It is a required event so they will be going one way or another. What you learn there are things that they can learn for their sorority and they want to bring it back and bring it to our campus.

**B. Program Funding Request**

- 1.** Black Girls Rock, 9<sup>th</sup> Jamboree. October 21, 2021

**Financial Officer Beck:** Black Girls Rock is hosting their 9<sup>th</sup> Jamboree this year. The 3,000 dollars is for their motivational speaker. He has been an award-winning author and is a motivational speaker and a life coach. One of his books is about how he lost one hundred pounds from pure mental strength. He is going to come in and speak to the organization Black Girls Rock to be a leader on campus.

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

**Senator Hentz:** Is the motivational speaker only for the organization Black Girls Rock?

**Financial Officer Beck:** It is for all students.

**Senator Sheahan moved to close the floor for discussion and was seconded by Senator Burnett.**

**Acclamation was called by Senator Obert for both the travel request and the program funding request.**

**A motion for approval was made by Senator Burnett and seconded by Senator Obert. Acclamation was called and objected by Senator Lambert. The travel request and the program funding request was approved with 17 aye's and one abstain.**

**C. Name Change**

### **1. From Crave Ministry to Metro College**

**Organizational Relations Officer Moorman:** So pretty simple change here, they basically want to change their name to make sure it is more specialized to appear to be for college students on campus. It was voted for and approved by the SOAB.

**A Motion for approval was made by Senator Gilles and was seconded by Senator Obert. Acclamation was called and the motion passed.**

### **2. Real Estate Club of SIUE**

**Organizational Relations Officer Moorman:** Their main goal is to help future realtors at SIUE to grow their professional side and meet with important people in the industry. It was voted on and approved by the SOAB

**A motion for approval was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Lambert. Acclamation was called by Senator Lambert and the motion was passed.**

### **3. Makers Club of SIUE**

**Organizational Relations Officer Moorman:** They want to create a space for people particularly relating to STEM to have collaboration and group activities. They want to make sure the people in the organization realize that there are established assets on campus, and that they are used to their full potential. This was also voted on and approved by the SOAB.

**A motion for approval was made by Senator Richards and seconded by Senator Burnett. Acclamation was called and the motion was passed.**

### **4. IFC Constitutional Changes**

**Organizational Relations Officer Moorman:** So, with IFC's constitution changes for the most part it is just the change up of some language. They restructured the section with twelve main points. If there are any questions Molly is here who is on the IFC board and can answer any questions. This was also voted on and approved by the SOAB board.

**A motion for approval was made by Senator Obert and seconded by Senator Burnett. Acclamation was called, with an objection by Senator Lambert. The motion was passed with 16 ayes.**

## **IX. Presidential Appointments/ Personnel Appointments**

None.

## **X. OPEN FORUMS**

**Dr. Waple:** President O'Dell will send this to you later but we had to make a temporary amendment to the student code of conduct. It has gone through policy council and we wanted to make students aware. We have been in the process of searching for an Assistant Director of Student Conduct. That search has led us to some candidates. We made an offer, the candidate turned us down and the other candidate withdrew. So, that position is going to remain open. Dean Shustrin is overseeing non-compliance for testing and other COVID related activities. That means we need someone who can hear student conduct cases, and that's going to be me. The problem it causes is that if you read the appeals section the cases go to the Vice Chancellor of student affairs. I cannot be the judge jury and everything else. The change is temporarily going to say the appeals go to the Vice Chancellor of student affairs or to designee. I am going to designate someone at a Vice Chancellor level or above. Appeals

are typically for student cases that are looking at suspension, they are major cases. Depending on where the students resides depends on who the appeals person can be. It will most likely be Morris Taylor or Doctor Jessica Harris on occasion. We're going to reopen the search soon. We are going to keep designee in there probably permanently. We have lots of changes to make to the code on a regular basis. I want that in there in case I'm on vacation and someone appeals. President O'Dell has the new language that she will send to you.

**President O'Dell:** I will send that out either on email or Slack.

## **XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Trustee Walters:** Homecoming is next week. There are a ton of events happening, I hope to see you all on campus and all at the soccer game on Saturday.
- B. Senator Burnett:** About the sign, I just wanted to get everyone's opinion. Most people have said no to it, so if you think no just leave it. If you think that's a good idea approach me and we can have a conversation about it.
- C. Advisor Hendricks:** Lexi is it just to change the sign? Or is it replacing that Edwardsville e to e logo?
- D. Senator Burnett:** It is to change all of the signs that are out there on campus. It hasn't been completely approved yet it is just for a quote on it. But I have heard a lot of people say leave it as it is they like the old signs. So, I wanted to stop it before it got into planning stages.
- E. Advisor Hendricks:** Robin was watching us at home so I know it kind of feels like you are eating the microphone so continue to do that. We are recording this and we also have our folks at home who are watching it on YouTube. Homecoming is next week. A couple of events that I wanted to highlight. It kicks off on Monday right in here in the Goshen with the kickoff event. The golf cart parade is at 12. If Student Government wants to sign up for the golf cart parade you just have to sign up on get involved. Whomever can come out and decorate it and drive it around that would be awesome. There is also a trivia event that night. On Tuesday, I know how much you all love when the dogs come during finals week if you don't have your own animal at home. We are going to have a petting zoo out on Dunham lawn. On Wednesday is the chalk mural you can sign up for a space out there. Wednesday night is the bonfire. That will be great and there is also bowling happening that night. There is a concert on Thursday evening Unchained.
- F. Trustee Walters:** Kelly-Jo you're just a day off. Bowling is Thursday and the concert is on Friday.
- G. Advisor Hendricks:** Concert is Friday. The other event I'll highlight is the NPHC Yard Show. So, this is happening at the student activities center. If you have never been to a Yard Show this is a great opportunity to come out. Doors open at 6 and the event is free. There is no traditional spirit contest this year. Go on the Get Involved page and look at the events. As was mentioned we are very excited that Liz is going to be joining us on Friday. It is her first day. So, at some point you will probably see her Friday at SOAB and at finance board with me on Friday. Do not forget if you are signed up as a member of your organization to attend SOLO on Saturday you need to be on your organization's roster to represent those groups. Saturday is Fan Zone. Today was the day that sign up happened. Fan Zone is at Korte Stadium on Saturday. We will provide a table for student organizations you can sign up for a spot. There will be lots of events down there. We've got food trucks coming in and DJs. We'll also have a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary tent for Sorority and Fraternity life. There's instructions and you can go into Kimmel if you want to sign up your group.

**H. President O'Dell:** The fan zone is on September 25<sup>th</sup> not this Saturday.

**I. Advisor Hendricks:** Yes, this Saturday is SOLO and the 25<sup>th</sup> is the Fan Zone.

**J. President O'Dell:** I will be signing up for the golf cart parade on behalf of Student Government. Additionally, if you weren't at the pre-meeting please come out for the meet and greet.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Burnett moved to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned by Vice President Pruitt at 6:52 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE  
MUC, Goshen Lounge  
Monday, September 27, 2021 – 6 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on September 27, 2021, in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Vice President Pruitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** President O'Dell, Vice President Pruitt, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Organization Relations Officer Moorman, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Internal Affairs Officer Salau, Financial Officer Beck, Student Trustee Walters, Senator Nichols, Senator Bauchens, Senator Sheahan, Senator Richards, Senator Obert, Senator Lambert, Senator Jones, Senator Holshouser, Senator Hoang, Senator Hentz, Senator Gilles, Senator Ford, Senator Dummerth, Senator Burnett, Senator Burbach, Senator Abrego.

**Members Absent:** Senator Byers (excused), Senator Blickhan (excused), Marketing and Communications Officer Tucker (excused) Senator Cason (unexcused).

**Quorum was established with 18 voting members present.**

**Others Present:** Fiscal Officer Kelly Jo Hendricks, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Waple, Advisor Delaney, Student Secretary Samantha Moxley, Counselor Lisa Thompson- Gibson, General Assistant Mariah Picarsic, FCA representative Emily Ellis.

**III. GUEST SPEAKERS – Lisa Thompson-Gibson from Counseling Services  
Mariah Picarsic – PEACe Center**

Counseling services are located in the lower level of the Student Success Center and we are continuing to provide appointments for students, virtually and we have crisis hours of 8-noon and 1:15 – 4:30 for folks where we are concerned for their safety or the safety of others. Reminder that we have additional self-help material available if you are wanting information on how to handle stress or anxiety or improve on sleep, basically anything on general wellness you can go to the counseling services blackboard page. Keep us in mind as we transition back into in person – if you are wanting to make an appointment go to website and go through the entire process, if this process is daunting call us at 650-2842 and the front desk will help you. Senator Sheahan moved to open the floor for discussion, seconded by Senator Holshauser. Senator Sheahan asked, is counseling services still thinking about starting to charge co-pays or a per visit charge? Thompson-Gibson answered that at this point that has not been revisited and the decision stands at what it was last academic year. Trustee Walters asked, Is the Tao Mobile App still in use or has it been phased out? Thompson-Gibson answered that it is still in use but is being phase out due to inactivity and that is why most of the sources are now available on the blackboard page. But if folks have an account at this point it is still active. Senator Holshauser asked, do you think that moving from virtual to in person meetings will decrease the students accessibility? Thompson-Gibson answered that we don't know if we will be transitioning out the virtual option all together, to what extent the meetings are in person verses virtual will be decided per guidance. We will most likely have both options even after in person comes back; most facilities are now offering both in-person and virtual options. Senator Gilles moved to close the floor for discussion, seconded by Senator Burnett.

PEACe center is located on campus and is the Prevention Education Advocacy for gender-based violence. We focus on domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault. We are getting some programs in the works for this year and are looking for organizations to collaborate with us. If you know any students that have concerns in these areas, we are a resource for them to come to. Our website is [www.siue.edu/peace](http://www.siue.edu/peace) and we have several different resources on that website, for the victims or the witness'. We will be at the Foreign Language's open house on October 2<sup>nd</sup> giving out information. We are also working with FSL and Archives. We are located in SSC 0220 right next to counseling services. My email is: [mpicaris@siue.edu](mailto:mpicaris@siue.edu). I also have resource guides with me. Vice President Pruitt called for motion to open the floor for discussion, there were none so she thanked Mariah for her time.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 13, 2021 Senator Gilles moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Sheahan. Minutes were approved by acclamation.

#### **V. SENATE REPORTS**

**Senator Abrego:** My report is in the packet; myself and Senator Burnett will be meeting with the assistant Dean of Nursing tomorrow. The bonfire went really well.

**Senator Burbach:** My report is in the packet; I met with the General Education Committee this morning, we discussed some student appeals and we talked about a new program called Coes – not soon but will eventually will go along with the General Education Program.

**Senator Burnett:** My report is in the packet; as Senator Abrego stated we have a meeting with the Assistant Dean on Wednesday, we are waiting to make plans until after our meeting as they have some concerns that we need to address. I also wanted to say that all the Homecoming events last week went really well.

**Senator Dummerth:** My report is in the packet; I just wanted to add that I have a committee meeting tomorrow.

**Senator Ford:** My report is in the packet; I would like to add that I have my first committee meeting tomorrow night.

**Senator Gilles:** My report is in the packet; I would like to add that I was at my first Graduate Committee on Assessment this morning and we reviewed the diversity and equity program and the graduate engineering program. It was good to get to know everyone there, I did recognize some of the faces. I also attended the Homecoming tail gate and it seems everyone had a really good time.

**Senator Hentz:** My report is in the packet; I had my first meeting with the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee, we went over some of their audit reports and addressed some of the concerns about funding. Also, the event I was planning for my constituents has been pushed back to October 18<sup>th</sup>. I attended the homecoming bonfire and participated in some of the games, it was very fun.

**Senator Hoang:** My report is in the packet; I am looking forward to Diversity counsel and working with the Instagram account. I also really enjoyed the homecoming events.

**Senator Holshouser:** My report is in the packet; I would like to highlight that since the last Senate meeting I was able to give the information about the vaccine incentive program for student organizations to the Pharmacy SO leaders via a meeting of all leaders in the School of Pharmacy and also sent it electronically to them.

**Senator Jackson:** My report is in the packet; I attending a UPBC meeting where we discussed the form we use to give feedback on the Chancellor.

**Senator Jones:** My report is in the packet; Attended the UPBC meeting and will have more on that in my next report. I am working on my initiatives, one of which is a scavenger hunt, so if anyone has some places around campus please let me know.

**Senator Lambert:** My report is in the packet; we did meet last week for Graduate Programs Committee and we discussed updates to the College and personnel administration program and graduate pharmacy program, changes are pending approval by the Graduate Counsel and those will be voted on at the meeting on the third Thursday in October.

**Senator Obert:** My report is in the packet; last Friday I had a UPBC meeting and this Friday I have a Finance Board meeting.

**Senator Richards:** My report is in the packet; since submitting the report I have attending some of the homecoming events, a general education committee meeting where we approved a bunch of student appeals. I also met with my fellow Senators at Large and we discussed some initiatives for this year.

**Senator Sheahan:** My report is in the packet; a couple of things to add, the Executive board has finalized the dates for Mental Health Week which will be October 25 – 29<sup>th</sup>, I sent event schedule and graphics to the committee this week, waiting on feedback from that.

**Senator Bauchens:** My report is in the packet; I would like to add that I went homecoming week events, Senator Nichols and I are planning Freshman events this week.

**Senator Nichols:** My report is in the packet; I wanted to add that I attending my first Counseling and Health services Advisory Board meeting today- we discussed ways of promoting health services to students and discussed switching patient surveying to online verses in person.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**President O'Dell:** My report is in the packet; I want to add that I also attended the homecoming events last week and it was amazing to see such big student body turnout, keep up the great work.

**Vice President Pruitt:** My report is in the packet; I also attended a bunch of homecoming events, I also wanted to mention that I started doing Senator of the month and Senator Holley Hentz is our Senator of the month this month.

**Trustee Walters:** My report is not in the packet; I do want to let you all know that the Board of Trustees meeting last week went fairly smoothly and was on zoom, I hope some of you had a chance to watch for a little bit. The next meeting is in December in person at the Carbondale campus.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is in the packet; two weeks ago, we had 1 travel request come to the Finance board and they are on the agenda tonight. Last weekend President O'Dell and I had the opportunity to speak at SOLO and it went really well.

**Internal Affairs Salau:** My report is in the packet; I would like to say we are getting more committee applications in from not SG students and I look forward getting more students involved in SG committees.

**Externals Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is in the packet; so glad to hear the positive feedback on the bonfire – I agree that it went well. I have my first committee meeting tomorrow at 7 pm in the SSC and the next event is Cans on the Quad which is October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** My report is in the packet; I would like to add that I've been working with Robin to check in on organizations that have been inactive or that haven't been doing a whole lot to see if they still have active members and to see if there is anything we can do to help their participation rate.

**Student Diversity Officer Goren:** My report is in the packet; I wanted to highlight that since then I had a meeting today with the Director of Access regarding campus

accessibility at events and just overall accessibility on campus. I also wanted to mention that LBGTQIA+ history month is beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**VII. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

**VIII. Old Business**

None.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Travel Requests**

**1. FY21 Travel Request- American Pharmacist Association**

IPhA/MPA Patient Counseling Competition

October 22-October 24, 2021 \$600

**Financial Officer Beck:** Last Finance Board meeting this was brought forward, the request is for 10 members of their club to attend the conference. This year one of their members is being inducted into the Executive board IPhA. This request passed at Finance Board.

Senator Richards moved to approve, seconded by Senator Lambert. The motion passed via roll call vote.

**B. Petitioning Organizations**

**1. Weather Club**

**Organizational Relations Officer Moorman:** They would like to grow knowledge of meteorology and the weather. This was voted on and approved at the last SOAB meeting.

Senator Burnett moved to approve, seconded by Senator Jackson. The motion passed by acclimation.

**2. Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

**Organizational Relations Officer Moorman:** The purpose of this organization is to share about of Jesus Christ through the medium of athletics. We do have a member present if they would like to come forward and speak as well.

**FCA Rep:** It is a Christian organization for any student, trying to get our community on campus.

Senator Hentz moved to open the floor for discussion, seconded by Senator Obert. Senator Hentz asked, how many members to you have interested? Ellis answered: We currently have 10 to 20 that regularly show for meetings and events. Senator Sheahan asked, What kind of resources do you have available to you from the National organization to help create a diverse organization. Ellis Answered; We have a national rep that helps us and gives us books to go over about running the organization. Senator Holshouser asked, you were talking about have events, is this an organization that are free to students and are the events you put on free or charged for raising funds? Ellis answered: Currently we are not charging dues, the student leaders have just been taking on the burden of purchasing food and such for the events, we do have some church sponsors for some events that donate. But it is free to students. External Affairs Salau asked, what are some ways you plan to promote your organization? Ellis Answered: Right now, we are growing our Social Media page, doing more on campus events so people see us. Utilizing poster boards. Senator Burnett moved to close the floor, seconded by Senator Hentz.

Senator Sheahan moved to approve, seconded by Senator Obert.

Motion passed by acclimation.

**X. Presidential Appointments/ Personnel Appointments**

None.

## **XI. OPEN FORUMS**

**Dr. Waple** – COVID rules that you either test or submit a exemption. We have been tracking for 6 weeks for students that have been non-complaint with our policy. We have reached out by many means to reach them. On Friday the group that are not compliant were sent a letter suspending them from the University. We have a pretty simple policy to follow. We included options for them to get out of the suspension. These individuals have 5 missed tests. This suspension is not permanent – once they are complying they will be unsuspended.

Senator Hentz asked, so how long do these students have to comply before further action is taken? Dr. Waple answered with some examples of non-compliance issues. Senator Burnett asked, roughly how many students on non-compliance suspension. Waple answered around 100, but it changes continuously. Senator Holshauser asked for clarification about when further action will be taken for non-compliance. It is two weeks past their final dose. Senator Lambert asked, just as a point of clarification, what does an interim suspension mean? Waple stated: interim suspension they can not go to any on ground lab or class, if they lived on campus they had to move out – all access is removed from cougar card. On the interim suspension letter, it also says click here for a hearing. We have had some take this route. Probation for those who have complied – they can't miss another test. External Officer Salau asked: Do the students interim suspension have the opportunity to transition to all online classes if they don't want to do the testing or vaccine? Waple stated, no. Faculty do not have to make changes to their classes to accommodate the students. If there are on line classes available the students can try and switch but new classes will not be formed to accommodate.

**Kelly Jo Hendricks** – I serve on the University Wide Homecoming committee and we are wrapping up next week – if there are any comments to take to the committee I would appreciate the feedback – I can take that here or if it is lengthy you are free to email that to me too. Senator Sheahan – I noticed that for the Homecoming events in the MUC that there was a lot of back up in the area with students waiting in lines to sign up. That maybe creating some sign-up genius time slots for students to sign up and stagger the number of students participating might help with the crowd in the MUC. Might be something learned from COVID times. President O'Dell – I know we discussed this but I want it on record that the bonfire itself burned out way to fast. And that the petting zoo was a huge hit. Vice President Pruitt that the bonfire was at the same time as the flag football game. That was great planning. External Officer Salau I have gotten some feedback that Homecoming week shouldn't be on Week 5 since there is a lot of classes with exams on week 5, not sure if that can be changed. Hendricks shared that the powers of be decided long ago that homecoming should always be the 3 week of September and Family weekend will be the second weekend of October. Also, has to do with the athletic schedule and getting a home game. Senator Holshauser added, that follows School of Pharmacy schedule of finals and mid terms for the School of Pharmacy.

**Dr. Waple** added that if you look at the calendar in the life of a student there really isn't a good weekend in the Fall to plan these things. Also, all of you that represent colleges talk to your Deans about how tests scheduling and homecoming. EO Salau added, Is there any chance to have homecoming week spread out over two weeks so we don't have back to back events on the same week – or is that part of the plan for homecoming. Hendricks answered, Ramat I thank that is a suggestion for the programmers and planners that homecoming is a lot for planning and since we go right into the next event. Trustee Walters added that because of the huge turnout and running out of product at the events that CAB is planning for next year to have fewer but larger events like maybe just a day event or a night event on a given date but not both on the same day. Also, I have some feedback about the tailgating

event for Kelly Jo, the meal tickets were great for the food trucks, one thing I heard is that students didn't know what to expect for the tailgating – some SO didn't sign up for a table because they didn't know it was strictly a social event, and if we could have more tents next year. Senator Sheahan added, I think marketing it earlier would be good.

## **XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kelly Jo Hendricks:** Some things coming up: This week on Thursday- Late night at the MUC – carnival theme – starts in the Goshen and flows out to the patio.

This Friday is the Friday Free Flick – movie is In the Heights.

CAB is also having Cougar welcome chair applications out for next year and upcoming Homecoming chair for next year applications out soon.

Family Weekend October 15-17 – this is free for any student whether your family comes to visit or not.

NPHC – meet the greeks next week October 7<sup>th</sup> in the Maple/Dogwood room

National Student Day – October 14<sup>th</sup> – free giveaways and such around campus

**Senator Lambert-** the next leadership lunch is October 13 noon – 1 in the Maple/Dogwood room will cover Frank Fisher about developmental leadership.

**President O'dell** – I am planning on going to that lunch if anyone wants to join me.

**Dr. Waple** – added about National Student Day – has your professors talked about reading day? I will remind the Provost to tell faculty to get faculty informed about Reading Day.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Senator Hentz moved to adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM**

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE  
MUC, Goshen Lounge  
Monday, October 11, 2021 – 6 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on October 11, 2021, in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Vice President Pruitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** President O'Dell, Vice President Pruitt, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Organization Relations Officer Moorman, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Internal Affairs Officer Salau, Student Trustee Walters, Senator Nichols, Senator Bauchens, Senator Sheahan, Senator Richards, Senator Lambert, Senator Jones, Senator Holshouser, Senator Hoang, Senator Gilles, Senator Ford, Senator Dummerth, Senator Cason, Senator Byers, Senator Burnett, Senator Burbach, Senator Blickhan, Senator Abrego.

**Members Absent:** Senator Hentz (excused), Senator Jackson (excused), Senator Obert (excused), Financial Officer Beck (excused)

**Quorum was established with 17 voting members present.**

**Others Present:** Fiscal Officer Kelly Jo Hendricks, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Waple, Advisor Delaney, Student Secretary Samantha Moxley, Chancellor Pembroke, Student Morgan Jackson.

**III. GUEST SPEAKERS –**

**Chancellor Pembroke:** SIUE is now close to an 80% vaccination rate. The state of Illinois is now close to an 80% vaccination rate. There are now four commencement options. There will be a virtual option so you can sit at home and watch your name go across the screen. There is the normal option where we have speeches and you walk across the stage. There is an option where you can walk across the stage, get a picture with your diploma and that is it. So, if you like speeches there are speeches, if you like speeches we have that option as well. Reading day is this Thursday. We hope that the professors observe. We are also wondering what the most effective way to communicate is. My generation still uses email but we know that that is not the most effective way. We have been putting notifications for staff up on their blackboard so they can see that they will be suspended if they do not comply with testing. Student fees go to athletics, textbooks, the career development center etc. The fee for diversity will be built into the general student fees. With accomplishing diversity goals, Jessica Harris has a mentoring program in mind. There will be some cost to that for the students, and the professors mentoring will get some pay for that. We are also talking about heritage trips, like walking cross the bridge in Selma. Of course, we will also have sustained dialog. With retirement, what am I the proudest of? Increased scholarship support. We have increased the scholarship support from two million to twenty million. We have improved facilities, created a new dental facility and we are creating a new health science building. Things that I hope to happen? A conversation. What is the State of Illinois going to do with the Belleville campus? The Illinois State patrol has a crime lab hoping to build a forensic science program like CSI. It gives us a chance to think about training overall and have a forensic science training program. Also, to create a social justice center. To talk about things like what to do if you are stopped by a police car. Also, if you make a mistake at 18, how to get that off you record. We are also creating a co-curricular transcript. This will show who you are as a student, so it would show how long you were in student government for. We are also talking about branding. The

common look is the e. The e is a very different look than the perimeter of campus, it has a historic look, a legacy look. The changing of the signs was going to happen this summer but with COVID and a shortage of materials we held off.

**Senator Burnett moved to open the floor, and Senator Sheahan seconded.**

**Senator Sheahan:** Is there anything that you do not think you will get done before you retire that we could help with?

**Chancellor Pembroke:** There is one very important thing, when I retire in February and I give my report. There will be questions about what students talk about, what do students feel about different fees. The thing that we need to be prepared to do is to say this is where our student body is. Particularly what do you think we need to support more? What are the things that would make SIUE better?

**Senator Burnett:** Is the signs a done deal?

**Chancellor Pembroke:** What is your concern with the signs?

**Senator Burnett:** A lot of students I have talked to take their freshman photos with the sign and then when they go to take their graduation photos the sign will have changed. A lot of people like the old sign.

**Chancellor Pembroke:** The first thing that comes to mind is the timing of it all. If you wanted to recommend a popular sign, we could phase it in. We could start changing the signs by the baseball field or the highway and save the more popular for later.

**Senator Giles:** You mentioned that the scholarship funds had increased. How much has the dollar amount changed?

**Chancellor Pembroke:** So, we have created a few new things. We now have a policy for students who live in a household that makes less than \$65,000 a year their tuition is reduced or your tuition is free. We also have the meridian scholarship. So, it is really on a case by case basis.

**President O'Dell:** We went over the diversity fees in our executive board meeting. We have a few questions. How will these diversity fees work? Will they be added into our current fees or will a new fee be added?

**Chancellor Pembroke:** It would be added to the general student fees. So, for example, if the fees increased 3%, we would increase to 3.5% and that .5% would go to the fees for diversity. We have some time to decide. It is really important to determine what on campus is working well and what are the areas that we need to make an investment with student dollars.

**Internals Affairs Officer Salau:** I wanted to address your previous question about the signs. Is it this going to be from a student fee?

**Chancellor Pembroke:** This would not be from student fees. It would be through a fund that the university has for the university's grounds. A significant portion of that goes towards whatever the grant is for. There is a portion of that the university uses to provide offices and equipment. My office has a fund for things that are not a direct impact for students, we wouldn't use student fee dollars for that.

**Secretary Moxley:** About reading day, why is it not called a mental health day? I kind of feel like it stigmatizes mental health by not calling it a mental health day.

**Chancellor Pembroke:** I will talk to the Provost about that. We used the term Reading Day as it is a part of higher ed tradition. Some universities say that you are going to take a day or two off. Typically, they do that right before finals. So, like the Thursday and Friday before finals. So, I think the answer to your question is the historical use is Reading Day and how people associate taking a moment and refresh ourselves and then go on.

**President O'Dell:** I just wanted to ask a closing question if no one else has anything, we were just wondering what you were planning on doing after you retire?

**Chancellor Pembroke:** Well I'll sleep for about a week. There a lot of things that I would like to do. I really like to golf and to spend time in the woods. My wife and I bought a little cabin in my hometown and its right on the lake. So, I am looking forward to a little boating now, so it will be fun. I think what's really exciting, my wife who is from North Carolina she's had to live in the Midwest since we got married in 1988 her family is in North Carolina. This is a really nice time where she can be close to her family. So, I think we are going to look for a house in North Carolina. Thank you so much for inviting me and I will talk to the Provost tomorrow about mental health day.

**Senator Burnett moved to close the floor for discussion and Senator Lambert seconded.**

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 27, 2021. Senator Burnett moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Lambert. Minutes were approved by acclamation.

#### **V. SENATE REPORTS**

**Senator Jones:** My report is in the packet. Last Friday I attended my committee that explained how the budget is distributed. They are looking for a student to act on the committee. I will be sending out a survey to my constituents in engineering.

**Senator Gilles:** My report is in the packet, just met on Friday over zoom. We are seeking speakers from the industry. We are also in search of a treasurer.

**Senator Abrego:** My report is in the packet. I met with the Interim Dean and the Assistant Dean to discuss initiatives such as information sessions. We talked about how it would be a good idea to have those information sessions again.

**Senator Burnett:** We talked about the sign and have more information. We will hopefully be able to have a student vote. I also have been working on having some nursing information inserted in the FST curriculum for freshmen students.

**Senator Lambert:** My report is in the packet. Since last week I have had a meeting with some grad students about difficulties they have had accessing resources on campus. This Friday I will be running the financial board meeting for Financial Officer Beck.

**Senator Cason:** My report is in the packet. I have received responses on my survey that I sent out to my constituents and I am deciding where to go from there. I also did attend Cans on the Quad today and we had quite a few people bringing in canned goods.

**Senator Dummerth:** My report is also in the packet. I just wanted to highlight that this weekend is family weekend. On the 28<sup>th</sup> we have an upcoming blood drive.

**Senator Ford:** My report is also in the packet. I just want to add that we have an external affairs committee tomorrow and also looking forward to helping with mental health week.

**Senator Holshouser:** My report is in the packet. I would also like to add that I am very excited for student day on Thursday and then our golf cart event on Friday.

**Senator Burbach:** My report is in the packet, but I would also like to add that I am excited for mental health week.

**Senator Hoang:** My senate report is in the packet. For our diversity meeting we came up for our Instagram name which is @siueyourstory. We also talked about programming and talking about events for Native American Heritage month.

**Senator Richards:** My report is in the packet. I attended a general education committee this morning. We approved some student appeals and we also approved a new general education curriculum that will hopefully replace the gen ed curriculum we have currently. I also attended Cans on the Quad today and we got a lot of donations which is awesome. I am also looking forward to mental health week.

**Senator Sheahan:** My report is in the packet. The only thing that I would like to add is mental health week will be October 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already, please use the sign up genius to sign up for events.

**Senator Byers:** My report is in the packet. I have been working on getting a pop-up clinic for dental students to give students here free dental exams. I have spoken with our clinical outreach director and gotten that started and she has put me in touch with health services here.

**Senator Blickhan:** My report is in the packet, not too much to add, I did go to an event where they raised money for breast cancer awareness.

**Senator Bauchens:** My report is in the packet, last Friday me and Senator Nichols sent out our first official survey to our freshman. I have a finance board meeting on Friday.

**Senator Nichols:** My report is in the packet. I did attend my advisory board meeting we are looking on getting our survey approved to send out to our student body.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**President O'Dell:** My report is in the packet; just a couple things that I would like to add. We have our mental health week all planned out. Myself as well as Senator Sheahan and Trustee Walters met with the ITS team on Thursday. We provided student concerns about eduroam on campus. Mental health in general, I have been working with Senator Holshouser on some pretty big mental health initiatives. Cans on the Quad had a huge turn out so kudos to Mackenzie for planning that event. Dr. Morris Taylor came and gave us some really good info about the university.

**Vice President Pruitt:** My report is in the packet; the business and the engineering senators are picked out and they will be inducted at our next Senate meeting.

**Internal Affairs Salau:** My report is in the packet, I would like to add that I am looking forward to the self defense seminar. Kudos to Senator Hentz for planning that.

**Trustee Walters:** My report is in the packet; I also wanted to share that I have a meeting with the student advisory council to hopefully have a student leader convention to include all SIU campuses.

**Externals Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is in the packet. For Cans on the Quad it was a really good turnout. I think we had an individual winner who donated 487 cans and an organization winner who donated 498 cans. Really good for cougar cupboard so congrats to the winners. Our committee is on zoom at 7 tomorrow and our golf carts is from 8:30 to 3:30 on Friday.

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** My report is in the packet, just wanted to add a couple of things. I have a proposed name change that is coming to SOAB this week.

**Student Diversity Officer Goren:** My report is in the packet; please make sure you are attending the LGBTQIA events.

## **VII. Additions to Agenda**

**A. Vice Chancellor Waple:** This policy that is coming out to you now, believe it or not this policy is new and I know that I just got it today. What is really important about it is on this first page these are all things that we have been managing as a staff or a campus. There are so many things that I could talk about giving grace to our military folk. This is a really important policy that supports them as they go on active duty. This would give grace to academics or housing. In the realm of equity, those students would have the same advantages as other students. I am not the owner of the policy, it is also important that we recognize all of these things that happens when someone goes active duty for short term or long term. In a lot of these cases it is long term. So, we talk about this often, about the power of the student voice. So, Senator Byers your suggestion about an on campus pop up dental clinic is amazing. I really hope we are able to do this on campus to support our students with their dental care. The dental school does an amazing job where they bring students in from the community. Something that Hailie did not mention is about the new clothing policy on campus rec. So, this is important so I am going to have Hailie explain.

**President O'Dell:** I'll start from the beginning. My freshman year, two years ago I found out about this policy. No crop tops, no shoulder blades can be showing all of that. It wasn't meant to be sexist but it was sexist in nature. We couldn't get anything done my freshman year. Vice President Pruitt and I met with Keith Becker. We had a conversation with him and they took down the signs about the dress code policy. We used our voice and we made something happen.

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** I think that this is important, every year students come up with some great observations and we have deep conversations about things that we want to do and make better. Thank you, ladies, for making things more equitable. Kudos to you. So, when I met with Hailie and Maddie, Liz and Kelly Jo on Friday. Last time I was here I was talking about student non-compliance. We are at 80% of our campus being vaccinated. 80% of adults 18 or older in Illinois are vaccinated. So, kudos to our state. If you do know folks who are vaccinated who have not submitted their cards to us. Please advise them so they can get off of our list. You would be amazed how many people are on the list and are vaccinated but just do not read their emails. It's just amazing how many students that is. We've had to suspend some students and we have attended a lot of students. The first week there were about 2,200 students who were not compliant we are at 322 students now. We are following the Governor's mandate. This is at every institution in the state of Illinois. There is a separate list for staff and faculty. There are consequences for not getting on board. We are checking people off the list. What really got their attention is we went on blackboard and put the notice on there. It has worked

really well. That is just to the group of constant mistesters, we are down to about 25. I would give you the numbers but they change every minute. In a lot of cases they are vaccinated. We have a few who do not want to follow the policy and they will be suspended. They are mandated by the governor to do this. I appreciate all of the students who do a great job. We are to mid-October we are still on grounds and we are still in person. It is coming to flu season, get your flu shot it is free. It is a little poke. Protect yourself the best you can.

**Senator Gilles motioned to open the floor for discussion and Senator Hoang seconded.**

**Senator Gilles:** Thanks for coming out again, it's always nice to see you. I was just curious if you know how Illinois vaccination rates ranked among states.

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** I have not read it yet, but if you give me a second, I'll look and come back and tell you.

**Senator Lambert motioned to close the floor for discussion and Senator Jones seconded.**

#### **VIII. Old Business**

None.

#### **IX. New Business**

##### **A. Travel Requests**

##### **1. FY21 Travel Request- Muslim Student Association**

MSA-ICNA Convention 2012; Chicago, IL

December 25-December 28, 2021

**President O'Dell:** Financial Officer Beck could not be here today so I will be presenting this on behalf of him. They are requesting 600 dollars to go to their annual convention in Chicago. They are sending three students who are all juniors or younger. They are hoping to bring back information on education and promotion of Muslims on campus. Finance Board did vote to approve.

**The motion was approved by a motion by Senator Richards with Senator Burnett seconding. Acclimation was called.**

##### **B. Program Request**

##### **1. FY21 Program Request- 1 Strings of Edwardsville**

Holiday Treats & Tunes

December 8, 2021

\$487.15

**President O'Dell:** The Strings of Edwardsville is requesting \$487.15 you can see the breakdown on the next page. The decorations are all reusable decorations. It is a holiday party and it is open to all students. There will be cookies, music and drinks. It did pass Finance Board.

**The motion approved by a motion by Senator Lambert with Senator Jones seconding. Acclimation was called.**

**X. Presidential Appointments/ Personnel Appointments**

None.

**XI. OPEN FORUMS**

**Student Morgan Jackson:** Hello my name is Morgan Jackson I am a junior here at SIUe. A couple days ago I started a petition to reopen Auntie Anne's for Spring of 2022. We are currently at 392 signatures on this petition using Qualtrics. This has been spread only using social media so far. I wanted to direct this to the attention of student government. This is a very large spread thing, there is a very large outcry from students. They are all wondering why its closed and a lot of people do see the reasons but there is a very large demand as a whole in dining for more options and for more hours. There is a very large negative reaction to the changes in dining since the changes due to COVID-19. I wanted to talk about this since student voices are very important here. Food is one of our basic needs. It is really important to make sure to keep student moral up that there is funding and variety coming to dining services. When I was choosing a college, dining was a huge factor. I wanted options and flexibility. At the moment that is not something that I am seeing. Students are generally unimpressed. This affects student retention.

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**XIII. Dr. Waple:** I have some answers for you. Now it is important Illinois is reporting their vaccination stats of age 18 and older. So, the surrounding states are different. Indiana their data covers ages 12 and older. 54.8%. Iowa is 64.8% of adults fully vaccinated, Kentucky is at 12 and over as well at 57%. Missouri is 64.4% of at least once dose of adults. Wisconsin is at 67.3% of at least one dose. If we were looking at 12 and over we would come down a bit. With that, one more thing. The gentleman who just spoke about dining. We have talked about this before in this meeting, not everything is reported out. I agree with you dining is a big part of retention. As I have mentioned in here before we took a big hit when we had to lay off student employees. We've also lost a large base of people getting other employment. Some restaurants are also struggling with reduced hours. We used to have 500 student workers in dining pre-COVID. We are at 180. We need more students to come back to dining. Once those things happen we can expand. There is an outcry for the Starbucks in the library as well. The other problem with Auntie Anne's as well as through our contract we have to do a renovation. It also requires specialized training. We have other things that come in front of us that require funding from the dining budget. We have original freezers from 1960 and we are afraid that they are going to blow. The price tag that we had two years ago have skyrocketed. Life safety stuff takes precedent to a renovation for Auntie Anne's. When you all left in March of 20, the dining and the MUC did not get the full amount back from the refunds we gave to students. Minimum wage is going up every year by law we have built that into budgets and utility costs keep going up. There are a lot of factors in the whole budget. We will try to open up things as soon as we get better staff. We are trying to get some more student workers. Once things start flying into place we can open up more things and have more hours. It will not be this semester. I appreciate what you are doing. I know students are anxious and wanting to have more options. The other thing is that our dining staff we have contracts with them, we have to negotiate for salary. Those things aren't in our wheelhouse. We haven't had a fee increase in three years. So, the timing in question here is that we are grappling with it. We have a lot of priorities and we have to deal with fees and the money that the board gives us. There is not enough money to go around and we all have to grapple with this.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Is there a plan in place to allow students who are not enrolled over the summer to work over the summer?

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** So, I need your help. You guys have to be loud and clear to this. I do not want it. We need the whole division of student government behind me to do this. We have to get the director of HR behind us. It all goes back to taxes. So I would love for students to rally behind this. Other colleges do not require students to be enrolled.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** How can we help you?

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** Very loudly! I would have your president and others try to meet with our director of HR maybe invite them to a meeting. Explain why this policy does not make sense to you and why you want to change now. This is important especially with wanting students to live here over summer. We are struggling with getting people to live here over the summer.

**Advisory Delaney:** Hi everyone! Family weekend is this weekend. We do have a couple hundred family members attending. Highlight one of the activities that they will be doing is 18 things to do be doing in Edwardsville. Then you should have seen some information today about the update on the chancellor search. They are going to be open sessions that the students can attend. Also, we will be doing the golf carts on Friday. It will be raining so consider that when choosing your outfits. We will be providing old towels and paper towels to wipe off the seats.

**President O'Dell:** Secretary Moxley sent out a fun little survey for you guys to send out. We are doing what we're going to call pet of the month. So, you will all send in one picture of your pet each month and everyone will vote on it and there will be a super cool trophy. If you don't have a pet you can borrow one. We just want to see really cute pets.

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

**Vice President Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM**

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE  
MUC, Goshen Lounge  
Monday, October 25, 2021 – 6 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on October 24, 2021, 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 Present:** President O'Dell, Vice President Pruitt, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Organization Relations Officer Moorman, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Internal Affairs Officer Salau, Student Trustee Walters, Financial Officer Beck, Senator Abrego, Senator Cason, Senator Dummerth, Senator Ford, Senator Gilles, Senator Hentz, Senator Holshouser, Senator Jones, Senator Lambert, Senator Richards, Senator Sheahan, and Senator Nichols

**Members Absent:** Senator Blickhan (excused), Senator Burbach (excused), Senator Burnett (excused), Senator Byers (excused), Senator Hoang (excused), Senator Jackson (excused), Senator Obert (excused), and Senator Bauchens (excused)

**Quorum was established with 11 voting members present.**

**Others Present:** Fiscal Officer Kelly Jo Hendricks, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Waple, Advisor Delaney, Student Secretary Samantha Moxley, Housing Director Mallory Sidarous, and Military and Veteran Services Coordinator Telisha Reinhardt.

**III. Guest Speakers**

**A. Housing Director Mallory Sidarous**

- 1. Director Sidarous:** Well welcome, thank you for having me tonight. I am also going to start a timer on my phone because we have all things that we can talk about. Thank you for inviting me. I do have a number of questions that Izzy has given me. I will address those and we can go from there. One of the first questions which I thought was great was what can student government do to support housing? That is such an important question because, it is so much about that student experience. While there is not one particular thing, but it really is overall with your constituents or you all as residents. Looking for those opportunities to engage or support engagement. Especially for our first-year students, they are looking for those connections. It is such an important part of the puzzle and of their support network while they are here. Just continuing to support those efforts. Direct people to us if they have questions. We would love to be able to answer questions students have. Just as you have those interactions, feedback you get as you want to share with us it is always appreciated as well. We really do work to have that open dialog with our residents. You all as their peers have some unique opportunities, sharing that is helpful.

Are there any consistent complaints that you would like to address? I would hope not but I think that's unfortunately probably not always completely the case. The big thing that came to my mind is that we are actually pretty full in our first-year resident's halls. What that means is that there are less opportunities for space change and private rooms. That is something that we cannot change. We do have a lot of conversations with students as they do start to explore wanting to have that space change. So that they know what those circumstances are and how they can prepare

for that. That is something for you to all know that we are aware of that, that is challenging whenever space is tighter there is less opportunity to do a space change or move into a space you want if that is not available. So that is kind of that's an ongoing thing for us. That continues to be a piece of how we educate our students and how they know the process when something could be available following the space change request. That is something we are hearing some frustration with. On the flip side we are happy that so many first-year students are living in our communities. So that is something that but also finding that balance for folks.

How's housing supporting students during stressful times, are there resources and information being provided to students? Particularly regarding mental health. This was a really good question and I think it also helps for us to be able to set the stage a bit and what our role as housing is, and how we partner with experts on campus. We are very careful to not make ourselves the mental health experts as we have counseling services and we have areas that really are experts and are equipped to help our students in mental health. However, we know that we play a very vital role in terms of those connections making sure that they are connected and know some of those resources and that kind of well-being and wellness of living in a community and having support. We do have a very strong relationship with counseling services. They are the experts in mental health. So, we push out a lot of resources that they provide so that is consistent with their other messaging, including their programming. They have group therapy options. That information goes out to our residents. We also partner with counseling for training for our staff, including our student staff a couple times a year. Potentially throughout the year if we have some specific things that we would seek counseling service's expertise with our staff. We have a liaison program with counseling services. So, our staff have a point of contact in counseling for their area. They can talk about trends, request information or programming, and doing tabling in the area. We that liaison program with other areas as well. We know that because housing is that hub, like a telephone phone bank. Which is slightly out of date but that idea of connecting you to all the right resources. Counseling is one of our liaison partners as well. Then kind of what does housing do in terms of that student experience. We have active and passive programming around topics that connect to well-being. Time management, study skills, and sleeping habits. How are you doing those things that set you up to be successful? Socials and opportunities to build connections. We know that a lot of this is about the connection piece. So how are we creating programs that focus on connections. We are also programming, we have a very intentional curriculum and also very intentional to have social connections and do something fun and do that with their community. We are having our first haunted housing week this week, which we are very excited about. We have done a haunted house in Prairie Hall for many years. This year it is going to be a haunted trail. It is a little more COVID-friendly. We have decided to build around that. We are hosting a pumpkin glow tomorrow night in the Gardens. We have over 40 residents signed up to carve pumpkins. There is a costume contest all throughout the week. Sometimes it is the things that are not so serious that help us and help the community engage more. That's going on as well. That's kind of our counseling piece.

How is housing still responding with COVID and housing COVID students? I am assuming that this is a question about isolation and quarantine. We do still house

students that are in isolation or quarantine if they are a resident. Last year we had students in all of housing. This year, all of that isolation space is in Cougar Village. There are significantly fewer students using that process this year. The rate is lower and students who are vaccinated are not required to quarantine if they are in close contact. That really lowers our numbers. I do not have the numbers as of this week but ten to fourteen days ago over 70% of our housing residents have completed and submitted the vaccination form. A lot of our residents have completed that. That would mean that there are fewer students who would need to go through that process. We have partnered with Dining and Catering services to provide meal kits to residents if they do have to isolate or quarantine. They do that delivery. All of that happens online. But again, those numbers are pretty low. The number of spaces being used are uploaded to the COVID dashboard every week on the University website. There is a section for the number of housing and isolation spaces that are available. So far since the school year has started I don't believe we've dropped below 90. Right now, it is one space that is being used so there is a lot of availability there.

How are on-campus living rates? Are we moving towards a more normal number of students in housing? Our occupancy is around 85. Low 80's-85. This is similar to where we would have been two falls ago. So, fall of 2019 not COVID fall. Last year we were around 60%. Last year was a pretty huge significance from a COVID impact standpoint. We are seeing that jump this year but it is a different breakdown of where those students are living. We have first year students living in our resident halls, that is making up a large percentage of that. We are still really building back in our upper-class areas. If your occupancy was only 60% that number we are drawing from returners is much smaller than in many many years. So, we are seeing that in the upper-class areas, the impact of that. We are grateful for a large freshmen class that is helped helped us bounce back a little bit this year. This would continue to be a building back process in our returning areas as we continue to try to move that occupancy needle. That is a very important part of our operation. We want to continue to house as many students as possible who live on campus. We know and we continue to do the research and we know their success in terms of academics and engagement is higher when they are part of those residential communities especially in that first year or two. Another piece that is part of that, today we kicked off our reservation process which is the process for current housing students to sign up to live on campus for next year. I know that it seems very early it goes all the way into the spring. But there are students who are ready to commit now. They can do that, they can go and do the application. In February we actually open that to mostly student self-selection process. So, returners select the specific space they want to live in in Cougar Village or Evergreen with some small exceptions. That was what I had prepared but if there was anything else I am happy to answer that.

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

**Senator Sheahan:** Thank you so much for coming tonight, I just had a quick question for you on amenities. What kind of perks, if any has student housing thought of as cheaper options with more amenities pop up around Edwardsville.

**Director Sidarous:** What was that question again? I could barely half hear you.

**Senator Sheahan:** What perks if any has student housing thought of as cheaper options with more amenities pop up around campus?

**Director Sidarous:** So, yes there is more off campus competition. I very frequently say that we cannot win an amenities war. Our buildings are not structured in a way to add washers and dryers everywhere. We are not adding a pool in Cougar Village. I can't add a bathroom to every unit. For us, it's two parts. How are we telling a value story we know our story about our impact? Are we making sure that is getting out to folks who have that influence, plus our residents and their co-decision makers? We met with advisors in health and human behavior last week and are kind of putting together a road show for our academic partners. There are a lot of opportunity for people to know what the housing experience is. So, one of it is a marketing and value piece. The other part of it is knowing what we have and the stock available. How are we maximizing that to meet student demands. One of the ways we did that was the Deluxe apartments in Cougar Village. Two years ago, was the first year that we did that. It is essentially an apartment that is guaranteed to only have two people in the apartment. It is new furniture, there are full size beds in the bedrooms. We had to take our existing building but what can we change to meet a need? Which is I wanted less people in my apartment and maybe a different style of furniture and maybe not wanting a twin bed. So, we did that and we added another building this year to meet that demand as well. We've been doing a similar thing in Woodland hall as we have done renovation. We've taken a pause this past COVID year, this year we are excited to get back into that renovation cycle. Some new things that we can do in Woodland to make more demand for private spaces there. Perk wise, again financially can't really complete with some of the off-campus options. Our perk is we are offering you a t-shirt if you are one of the first people to sign up for our reservation process. I hesitate to call that a perk. But, some of that is a thank you for taking that step. It is a promotional piece for us.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Hello, thank you for coming to speak with us. I would like to use the opportunity to ask if there is a reason behind the requirement of students to leave residence halls during break weeks? Like thanksgiving break or spring break. I know that it is very inconvenient for especially international students who plan to live on campus for the whole semester.

**Director Sidarous:** I think that's frequently something that comes up. Cougar Village and Evergreen do not close for breaks. Our residents living there do not have to leave until the end of the spring semester- May. Those areas are structured in that way they have kitchens, they have more things for independent living environment especially for those times of year when campus is closed essentially, or there is very limited options here to support dining. Because there are not many people on campus. There are those areas for folks who are not going to leave. Bluff, Prairie, and Woodland we give the students the option to stay but it is at an additional rate. We do our best to keep that very competitive. So being able to stay in your current space but that does accommodate the fact that those buildings are not built on being open for breaks. That gives the students the option to do that but there is a cost because you are

staying outside of the contract period. We typically will work with students too to make sure that that is their best option. For some students it is their best option. So, we may even have a conversation about having someone temporarily stay in Cougar Village over winter break. Some freshman may not know what it means to be living here over winter break. So have we worked through all of our options?

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Thank you, is that a conversation you have with students who ask about the opportunity to live in Cougar? I know when I lived on campus I did not have that opportunity and I did not have anywhere to stay.

**Director Sidarous:** Did you live in Cougar Village?

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I lived in Bluff but it was not an option to live in Cougar just for the week. First year students do not technically have the option to stay in Cougar during the first year.

**Director Sidarous:** Correct if you are a first-year student, like you just graduated high school so that's how we do Bluff, Prairie, Woodland. We don't base it on how many credits you have. We're really looking at how old you are, and that will make you eligible for your area. If someone lived in Bluff hall they could choose to live in Cougar for that week but it would be an additional cost.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I am asking if there is an option for those students to live in Cougar Village for that week without an additional cost since living in Bluff is more expensive than living in Cougar anyways.

**Director Sidarous:** No that would not be an option they could choose to stay in Cougar Village for the overnight rate that we charge across the board.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Is there any plans for that to happen in the future for students to make it easier and more convenient for them to have a place to stay. Because with the contract they do not know that they need to leave campus during break weeks so it comes as a shock when they have to leave or pay twenty dollars per night.

**Director Sidarous:** So, we include that in a lot of different place. We include that in the contract. Do you think that students need to have that better communication up front? Maybe making students know in an additional way. We are not keeping it a secret. That is great feedback that maybe there are students that don't know that they have to do that.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Yes, I think that would be helpful. Thank you.

**Student Secretary Moxley:** I know you said that you guys partner with the mental health services the counseling services, have you considered maybe having counselors in the residential areas? I know when I lived in Woodland we had the empty advisor's office.

**Director Sidarous:** We have for a lot of years had a lot of academic advisors in the halls that we pulled out for a lack of demand. We were finding more often than not they wanted to have those appointments up here. They were not utilizing the offices in the halls. I think that counseling is a little different though. That is certainly something worth discussing. I think that in a lot of things we do look at what the demand is for that. Something like that would involve some student feedback in terms of what exactly are they looking for.

**Senator Richards:** Hi thank you so much for coming tonight. One question that I have in regards to housing charging student organizations fees for reserving space when event services has no fees. I was just wondering the reasoning behind that.

**Director Sidarous:** So, I can only speak to housings and not what event services does. For us though we keep the fee for student organizations as low as possible. But that essentially covers the cost associated with someone using the space. The set up of that, the clean up and if a student org is using that it is not a housing organization using that space so we have to be good with what those housing fees are. People are paying to live on campus not for a student organization to use that space for free. We try to make that as affordable as we can and as available.

**Senator Sheahan:** Hi again, I just have one more question. I have heard multiple complaints towards the beginning of the semester about heating and air conditioning. What feedback can you provide with the housing maintenance process and those week to two weeks wait times that they were experiencing.

**Director Sidarous:** Couple things in there. We did have some impacts from COVID that did impact some of our wait times right at the beginning of the school year. We did partner with our friends in facilities management and did whatever we could. We tried to have that communication with students but we absolutely did have times where the wait response was larger than what we would usually see. Historically the time for a work order 96% of the time last year was less than 48 hours. That really is the standard, there was a time at the beginning of the year where we were not meeting that standard. That is not the ongoing process. I will say though on a facilities side our facilities are starting to age. We see more of things that could be prevented but also things that could not. For example, a water pipe cracked today because it is thirty years old and eventually that is going to happen. Unfortunately, it feels like we are putting out a lot of facilities fires and we do that with limited staff. Sometimes those immediate things make things that could have waited a day or two pushed back. Have that communication as much as we can is an important piece. If we believe we can make it that day and then something happens. We only have two of most of our trades, so there are two plumbers, two carpenters, two electricians, one laborer and one painter. So anytime you have drywall, something cut out and has to be repaired there is one person who has the ability to do that. It definitely is a puzzling piece of getting that all to work together. We are continuing to work on those wait times.

**Hannah Sheahan:** Sure, I have a quick follow up to that, mostly since it was regarding AC and heat concerns, do you guys have a contingency plan going into the

winter to make sure that students either have fans or heaters that they can use in the time being while they are waiting for their maintenance requests to be filled?

**Director Sidarous:** No heat is a little different than AC I would say. We have things that are considered a maintenance emergency versus a maintenance inconvenience. I understand when it is warm and your AC is not working it feels like an emergency and so I don't want to minimize that but when it is very cold and someone's heat is not working that is an emergency. You may be calling someone out after hours, you may be looking outside of that to address those things as quickly as possible. We wouldn't say you could use a space heater to stay warm because there are some safety concerns with that. Some of those things are gauging what can we do tomorrow versus what do we take care of today. If it is freezing and there's no heat that is something we are going to take care of today. It is also important for students to know is that if it is after hours the website and all those things says what to do and sometimes those students don't do that. That can feel like it wasn't addressed when it was either sent to main campus and not housing and it was not calling the emergency number. We try to push that out but it is also how are you communicating what the problem is so we can best address it.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I was going to ask. Given that the first-year resident halls are getting closer to max capacity do you think there is a possibility for a need for a new resident hall in the near future?

**Director Sidarous:** So, I think we still have a lot of space in the residence halls because we have a lot of flexibility with private and shared rooms. So once somebody so we can if everyone was in the shared bedroom it is close to 1,500 freshmen that could live in their residence halls and we have there's not near that demand for freshmen to do that. So, it is always a balance between the number of shared bedroom requests and private bedroom requests and in our shared halls you don't have to do anything to the room. It just means that no one else is assigned like that. We are finding that contractual balance to be addressing before we would start to entertain building and a new building. Financially that would not be an option at this point. We still carry quite a bit of debt service on our newer buildings, so we are still paying off our mortgage. We will be having a conversation about the housing master plan. Ten years from now we might be having a conversation where that would happen.

**A motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Hentz.**

## **2. Military and Veteran Services Coordinator Telisha Reinhardt**

**Coordinator Reinhardt:** Hello, good evening. Hello my name is Telisha Reinhardt and I am with Military and Veteran Services. I first want to thank you all for putting together that veteran's luncheon on the 11<sup>th</sup>. I believe it's Mackenzie I have been in contact with. It's been great talking to you via email. I want to thank you all for having that every single year. Just to let you know really quick the things that military and veterans' services is going to have that same week leading up the luncheon. We did not schedule anything on the 11<sup>th</sup>, just because we didn't want to conflict with that

since we want it to be the center of the week. So, what we're going to be doing the week of veteran's day we are going to be hosting three events. That Monday we are going to have our honoring veteran's celebration, ceremony. It is going to be here in the Goshen lounge. During that event we are going to have a speaker from Military and Veteran Services and a speaker from Veterans Upward Bound which is located in down in the East St. Louis Center. Our new scratch that our SVA our Student Veterans of America secretary, our new president will not be able during that time and the new major for the ROTC. Also, we are having a tabling event during that time as well as some giveaways and some light refreshments. That Tuesday we are going to have our virtual event the state of veterans in Madison County a virtual talk with the Madison County veteran's assistance commission. During that talk they are going to be talking about the state of veterans in our county. What are the conditions of veterans? What are some gaps that exists for veterans in this county? What is employment looking like? What is education looking like? What are the conditions of our veterans? What is something that SIUe can do to fill that gap? On that Wednesday we are going to have our from uniform to university Afghanistan war veterans in the community. During that virtual event it is going to be a panel of Afghanistan war veterans who are going to be sharing their experience. I am sure we have heard in the news how the war was handled but one thing we did not see during that discussion on the news and in the media was the actual veterans themselves. Here at SIUe during that virtual panel via zoom we are going to be giving veterans that space. Thursday is the veteran's day luncheon, and then Friday we do not have anything planned because there's not really anybody on campus on Friday and it would be kind of a waste of money to throw an event that no one shows up to. I just want you all to know what's going on during that week leading up to the student government veteran's day luncheon. Also, some things we have going on is the many programs that have come out of the Military and Veteran Resource Center. If you take these stairs up it leads you to the resource center I remember in the spring when it first opened up we did have one or two people from student government come and check out the space but I would love to see all of you come visit the space to see what we have up there for our veteran population. Our military-affiliated population. We have about 990 military-affiliated students here that includes our student veterans, active duty, national guard, reservists and dependents. We have printing for students, we have free coffee for students, we have computers for students, you have my officer, you have our director's office, and you have our VA work study students. These are student veterans who assist students with their transition here at SIUe. They provide campus tours with other military-affiliated students and they provide a welcoming environment to this population on campus. Some of the important things that we have come out of the office in our military affinity groups and our Military and Veteran Resource Center affinity groups. Those groups provide a space to more marginalized identities within the military and veteran community, certain ideas that we do not think about. Such as LGBTQIA veterans, our women veterans, our disabled veterans, our veterans of colors, our spouse dependents. These virtual meetings bringing these identities together to network to be introduced to service and resources that they didn't know about. We have to start thinking beyond the American legions and the veterans of foreign wars when we think about the veteran community. There's so many identities within the veterans community that we need to start bringing together and remove from the margin and bring them into the center as well. Something else we have going on is

our military and veteran resource center book club. This is our opportunity to learn about the history of the military and veteran population, and the policies and procedures that created the armed forces themselves. Another thing that we have started this semester was bringing ACCESS into the military and veteran resource center. One thing that we do not talk about a lot is the conditions when the veterans leave the military. What are the conditions there are some veterans that leave with PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, hearing loss, other different disorders and when they come to SIU they are bringing these conditions with them. By bringing ACCESS to military and veteran resource center, these veterans are able to speak with ACCESS in an environment that they are familiar with, that's a space that that is carved out for them. This does not mean that this population can only speak to ACCESS during those office hours they can speak to ACCESS anytime but this is for the veterans to be able to see ACCESS in a space that is their own. That is all I have right now, that's new that is out of our office. The last time I met with you guys was back in spring and these things weren't established yet so I wanted to update you all and let you know these things are now established and up and running. They are successful. Please get up there and check it out, it is also a space for all students.

**A motion to open the floor for discussion was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Cason**

**Senator Sheahan:** Thank you so much for coming tonight I just had one quick question for you, how does military and veteran services partner with ROTC on campus?

**Coordinator Reinhardt:** Military and Veteran Services and ROTC are separate offices but we do have a lot of communication so there are some students who are in ROTC who are reservists or national guard but they will still be to receive our services if they're going to school or maybe on a military or veteran benefit that's where we would still come into play. We would not participate in the ROTC training we do not have any part in that. If there is a student who is a ROTC candidate but they do not have a military background meaning they are not in the national guard, they are not a reservist, they do not have any prior active duty time they wouldn't have any affiliation with the services that we provide because being an ROTC candidate is not a military status. I know people might see them in their uniform but unless they actually have a military affiliation meaning that they have signed a contract they're not technically military in anyway.

**Senator Sheahan:** Thank you very much for the clarification.

**Senator Hentz:** Hi thank you so much for coming out to speak with us today, you mentioned how you've brought ACCESS into your office but you also mentioned the many mental disorders that many veterans suffer from like PTSD. So, I was just wondering how you were working with counseling services and if you had any plans to bring them into your office for the veterans.

**Coordinator Reinhardt:** Thank you for bringing that up, we have a constant contact with counseling services. Currently as of right now, counseling services provides

generalized counseling. They do not have a counselor on staff that is specific in addressing veteran related issues. Military related issues. Do we still veterans that those services are there? Of course, because a lot of veterans who are using the GI bill. The GI bill is being used to fund counseling services. So yes we do tell that those offices are available. But we do lead them to services and organizations out in the community that's trained and specialized in what they need. We have the vet center out in Shiloh, we have the VA out in St. Louis and different services like that. Before we tell them where to go we need to know where that veteran is in life before we hand them off to whatever counseling service they choose because this is their life. Their mental health has to be intact for their education to go well. So if counseling services does not have a staff that specializes in something we have to pull this veteran aside and determine what type of counseling that they want because we only provide this type of service.

**Senator Hentz:** Okay, thank you.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Thank you for talking to us about the resources you have. How can student government better support military and veteran services?

**Coordinator Reinhardt:** That is a really good question. First it would be to come see our office because I have not seen any of you all come up and visit. Come know who we are and what we do. People know that you all host that annual function. We have some people come into our office leading up to when the announcement was put out. When is student government going to announce that luncheon? That is known that you all do that and that is beautiful. I was able to put that out to our community partners. First is coming in our office and getting to know your faces and interacting with our community. We are a very isolated community and we don't open up to everybody. When I came to school I did not talk to anyone but other veterans. So it took me awhile to even open up to civilian students. Just really come into our office and getting to know us. We have a lot of events that we have scheduled, getting involved in those. If you hear anything out in the community, let us know what those things are so we can share that with our students. First step is coming upstairs and visiting us. We just got a new president at our Student Veterans of America so connecting with them because they are really our boots on the ground with our student interaction, and they meet weekly.

**A motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Richards.**

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 11, 2021. Senator Richards moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Sheahan. Minutes were approved by acclamation.

#### **V. SENATE REPORTS**

**Senator Abrego:** My report is in the packet. I attended curriculum counsel on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The general education subcommittee reports there were nine new staff hired to keep up with the new students and there's plans to make provisions to the US Culture/Global Culture course experience with the goal to implement change for Fall of 2023. The new codes

program was also voted on and unanimously approved. I am also working on possibly holding a table event towards the end of the semester geared towards health-related majors.

**Senator Cason:** My report is in the packet and the only thing that I wanted to add is that I am attending an accreditation zoom for the school of business tomorrow so I'm going to be able to speak to some professors and other administration from other universities about our school of business so I'm super excited about that tomorrow.

**Senator Dummerth:** My report is also in the packet I just wanted to add that I am excited to do the mental health programming tomorrow.

**Senator Ford:** My report is also in the packet and I would just like to add that I emailed the dean of my college and I'm waiting on a response.

**Senator Gilles:** My report is in the packet I just wanted to add that I was in my graduate committee on assessment this morning not too much in terms of updates there but we had successful revisions I will say. I had a joint engineering student council meeting on Friday and we're discussing a potential tour of Anheuser-Busch factory for engineering students if anyone else was interested. We're also coordinating to have another open house and I believe elections at some point.

**Senator Hentz:** My report is also in the packet, I am happy to report that my self-defense course went over very well. It went over so well I got a lot of feedback from students that they would actually like to see it come again. The trainers were happy to have some more events so we plan to host two or three more self-defense classes next semester. I also was supposed to have a committee meeting this Friday but it got pushed back to the third. I have still not heard from my last committee.

**Senator Holshouser:** My report is in the packet, I would like to add that I am excited for all of the school of pharmacy students to be back on campus after our three-week break and on being on rotations and to make more connections with my constituency.

**Senator Jones:** My report is in the packet. I just would like to add that my surveys are done and I am sending it to the deans and I'll be sharing it with the deans and with the joint engineering student council. Please eat my cupcakes in the back.

**Senator Lambert:** My report is in the packet. I would just like to add that I had a great time spending the weekend with some fellow senators and exec board members at our bonding event this weekend and I am looking forward to mental health week this week put on by Senator Sheahan, and I additionally have a program, a graduate programs committee meeting this Thursday.

**Senator Richards:** My report is in the packet, I am very excited to attend some of the mental health week events this week that Senator Sheahan is putting on. I am also excited to work the pumpkin smashing event with President O'Dell. I have a meeting with the office of academic advising this Wednesday on implementing some pre-advising so I'm really looking forward to seeing how that goes.

**Senator Sheahan:** My report is in the packet. Just a few quick additions. Mental health week is this week so I just posted a template for a message that you can send to your student organizations on slack. Additionally, please make sure to remind students that every single event that they go to this week enters them into a gift card raffle for multiple gift cards for students. Tomorrow we have the meditation session with Dr. Markowitz from 9-10am in the Maple Dogwood room and a pop out the stigma tabling from 12-2 right here in the Goshen. My honorary degrees and distinguished service committee is meeting this Wednesday and I have my externals affairs meeting tomorrow.

**Senator Nichols:** My report is in the packet and I wanted to add that I also met with the health and counseling services advisory board today and we plan to send out a student

survey on each class's Facebook page. We also discussed budgeting and possibly implementing a student use fee.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**President O'Dell:** I also went to the bonding event this past Saturday it was very cold but very fun. Kudos to Internal Affairs Officer Salau for putting that together for us it was super fun. I also attended the CHAPA meeting on Thursday where we discussed the future of CHAPA reviews and all that. I also attended a chancellor search on Thursday as well as today. I met with one of them on Thursday and today. There is another upcoming one on Thursday that you all are invited too. I will be there and Izzie will be there as well so you won't be alone. I am also attending many mental health week events this week, so I hope to see you all at those as well. Lastly, this Sunday is Halloween so if I don't see you all before then I hope you have a safe and fun Halloween.

**Vice President Pruitt:** I also attended the bonding event and the chancellor finalist forum. Those went well. I also finished up evaluations and will be reviewing those tomorrow. This month's senator of the month was senator Sheahan.

**Trustee Walters:** My report is in the packet, I will be at the Halloween parade this weekend walking with student government. I'm super excited and hope to see you all there.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is not in the packet. So at the last finance board I had Senator Lambert represent me at the Finance board and I want to say thank you to her. I got to visit one of the chancellor finalists and meet with him that was a very fun experience. I went to the bonding event this weekend which is also super fun. In my office hours I am also working on a pamphlet talking about finance requests and annual allocations. I want to say thank you to Senator Gilles for making quorum for us at finance board.

**Internal Affairs Salau:** I am very excited that I have received feedback that a lot of people had fun at the bonding event. I look forward to planning more. I attended one of the chancellor finalist sessions and I think that it was very cool to listen to the possible new chancellor and I look forward to attending the new session.

**Externals Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is in the packet. I just wanted to send out a friendly reminder that the Halloween parade is this Sunday at 6:30 so please come and attend. Also, reminder that the Veterans day luncheon is November 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 1 pm. I also have an externals affair meeting tomorrow at 7.

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** My report is in the packet, I look forward to helping out with mental health week this week.

**Student Diversity Officer Goren:** My report is in the packet; I just wanted to say that I hosted the student diversity council meeting on Friday which went smoothly, we just talked about the movie night which was on Friday. We had a few people in attendance. I attended the bonding event and I am looking forward to helping out with mental health week. I also wanted to highlight that I scheduled a virtual conversation with Dr. Holmes and Dr. Griffin who are part of the Arkansas Association of black psychology professionals and they were recommended by a psychology professor here at SIUE. They will be speaking on the intersectionality of African American identity and mental health. So that's going to be Friday at 12 pm on zoom.

## **VII. Additions to Agenda**

None.

## **VIII. Old Business**

None.

## **IX. New Business**

### **A. Travel Requests**

**1. FY21 Travel Request- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers**

SPHE 2021 National Convention

November 10-14, 2021 \$525

**Financial Officer Beck:** So, this organization is going to be going to their national convention. They have appeared twice in front of finance board. The original time they met they were originally going for wanting to get a job. We talked about if they brought another member who is going there for learning and wanting to make SIUE better. They came back and gave us a lot more information than we were expecting. Whenever they had voted on it it was approved.

**The motion was approved by a motion by Senator Gilles and was seconded by Senator Cason. Acclamation was called.**

**B. New Organization Allocation Request**

**1. Real Estate Club- New organization Allocation**

**Financial Officer Beck:** This organization is a new organization that was established this semester. As a new organization they are allowed two hundred dollars that they want to use for office supplies. I actually got to meet with the head of the organization the way they want to use these funds is in compliance.

**The motion was approved by a motion by Senator Lambert, and was seconded by Senator Jones. Acclamation was called.**

**C. Petitioning Organization**

**1. Print Council**

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** This is a new organization. They are looking to give students opportunities to expand their print abilities. We did not have quorum so we were not able to vote on this.

**The motion was approved by a motion by Senator Sheahan and was seconded by Senator Hentz. Acclamation was called.**

**X. Presidential Appointments/ Personnel Appointments**

**A. Senator for School of Business**

**1. Isabella Francis-** Vice President Pruitt stated that she seemed very excited to be a part of this and I really appreciated her efforts.

**2. Senator Richards moved to approve, and Senator Lambert seconded. It approved with eleven ayes.**

**B. Senator for School of Engineering**

**1. Hazal Cubukcu-** Vice President Pruitt stated that she was great and that she had some great experience.

**2. Senator Sheahan moved to approve with Senator Lambert seconding. It approved with eleven ayes.**

**XI. OPEN FORUMS**

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** I have good news and some better news. Students who are being suspended for the rest of the semester we started that two weeks ago and those are students who have missed at least six or seven. We ended up suspending thirty of those students. Our guess is that a majority of them withdrew and did not formally withdraw. Some of them may have been ghost students maybe never showed up. But we did have a few respond to us. When we started this process, we had about 322 students who had missed between one and six tests. We are down to 234. Almost half of those students now have missed one two or

three. We are dealing with a much smaller end number of those who are in danger. The good news is that on Friday we were down to seven. First week thirty, last week seven. We have not heard from any of those seven. We are working through that and meeting on Wednesday to discuss how those students can return in the spring and under what conditions. Once you are suspended from on ground and blended classes there's no getting back in this semester. We've already had to talk to a few students about that. It is just what it is. They did not comply for eight weeks. For the most part being down to 234 students who have missed one or more test is very small compared to the 10,000 students on ground this semester. As I mentioned last week these policies will continue into the spring unless there is a change in the executive order from the governor. We are planning as all of those things will be in place for spring. If there's any changes to that we will let you know.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Do any of the suspended students live on campus?

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** Only one. Not anymore. Here's the deal with our housing students, we went to their door and delivered the letters at five. When they're at five missed tests we delivered to them and told them that they have to do it. We had one student that was not going to do it no matter what. We delivered those right to their room, our RAs are talking to them, and there are messages on blackboard. There is so much communication going to them. We are not telling people that they have to vaccinate, you just have to vaccinate or test and communicate with us. It's just amazing, all they had to do was say hey my professor said we don't have to come the last few weeks. You received our letter telling you what to do, what didn't you do it? I didn't think you were serious. In this new round only two were housing students.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** So, for those students, do they get their housing fees back?

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** It is prorated back, but they do not get tuition or fees back. It is prorated from the time that they are removed from housing and their meal plan.

**Senator Abrego:** Hi, how does housing handle I know when students are suspended from housing at least in the residence halls you swipe in. If you're in cougar you don't swipe to enter so how do you keep track if they're actually gone.

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** We know because our housing staff goes to those places so I will tell you so far, they have not been in cougar they have been in our first-year halls. We turn off card access so they can't swipe in our swipe out. Our upperclassmen have been compliant. We have a few new students and I will tell you for the most part when speaking to their families that they are anti vaxxers and I remind them we're not telling your child that they have to get vaccinated, they just have to spit in a tube and test. They disagree with the governor and I say that's fine but this is our policy. They would have to check out and they would have to move out we have that process too if you live in our first-year halls or evergreen.

So, the question, I forgot who asked about counseling in the halls, and I wanted to jump up here because we do have a plan but we need your help. There will be a process soon we have been provided some CARES dollars to do a pilot program for peer educators and counseling. So, our plan is to not only have those folks in the counseling office but in other

areas as well. There will be some information coming about that and a pilot program in the spring. There are two things out there, House Bill 2152 Trustee Walters may be aware. So, the bill was passed by the legislator a couple years ago but it is not funded yet and it is a state level funding. One of the things in there it is asking every college and university to have a 1 to 1250 counselor to student ratio. Which is the international counseling association's accreditation standard. If that is funded, we have a plan to put counselors in housing and in academic departments on a rotating basis especially in our high stress, high engineering nursing pharmacy dental those sorts of things. As well in athletics. There's four of them, there's four counselors that we could receive. The other thing that we talked about is that when we start discussing about the fees and fee commission. Increase in fees would get us more counselors. We have not had a fee increase in many years so we have not been able to increase our staff in there. If we can get some funding from either the state level or fee level that would be great. But we are going to start with the peer educators in the spring which is good news.

**Senator Lambert:** My question was just on peer educators' programs, those who are serving as peer educators would they be considered mandatory reporters?

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** I am not sure we have not gone quite that far yet. They are probably going to be mandatory reporters. But they are also held by the confidential standard because they are working for housing.

**President O'Dell:** In conversation that I have had with Chancellor Pembroke he said that there is supposed to be funding coming for House Bill 2152, is that not the case?

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** The legislator would have to pass that and put that in the next funding that happens in April or May of next year. It has not already happened.

**President O'Dell:** Do you know if that is something they are planning on doing?

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** We had a hearing with the legislature about a month ago. It was positive and they all said they need to find a way to do this stuff. I would anticipate this is probably a high priority. There are a lot of things that also need to be funded. It is a weird cycle. We will not know if we are funded until July first of 2022. We would have to open up hiring and when I've sat in hearing with our senators I've heard it is permanent funding. It has to be there all the time if we are going to meet the need. It hasn't happened yet.

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** We have an RFI for banking services we had four submissions. I will stop there. They're all very interesting. Our team will be reviewing that and looking at potential selection. Bussey ends on November 19<sup>th</sup>. That's what I know about that. I cannot divulge the names of the banks.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My question is how long is it they are going to be out for? Is there going to be a gap for a couple months or so.

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** In the proposals we said we would prefer the new banking partner to start no later than March first. It is negotiable and these processes take time. The last time

that we negotiated it was about a two- or three-month process from time of selection from time of start.

**Financial Officer Beck:** Are there any lawyer fees with that?

**Fiscal Officer Hendricks:** No.

**Senator Holshouser:** So, going back to the counseling services going back to before. Senator Nichols was talking about a fee for counseling services. Going back to House Bill 2152 and that kind of funding would that also be discussed for removing for students?

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** Pre-COVID we talked about a user fee for health and counseling services. Student government was not supportive of that, we also thought we were getting fee funded. That is part of the discussion. User fees for certain services, especially labs we are eating the cost on labs. I will tell you that one of the challenges we have is that our lab person is probably retiring this year. We will have to find a lab person. There's so many certifications that you have to have. Most of the fee that you pay covers the cost of staffing. We are working on a fee process that might be 0%. These are things that the fee commission will grapple with. There is not enough money to do the things that we want to do. And any new tuition increase only impacts new students. You have a four-year guarantee on tuition not going up. The fees do not have that guarantee. See you at the parade those who are going to be there. SIUE has a car in the parade and I will be there representing.

**Advisor Delaney:** Little height difference in the mics. First reminder on Saturday it is trick or treat in Edwardsville. I hope to see everyone in the parade. Veteran Services is offering green zone training that is much like the safe zone training. The first one is November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am. If you want any info feel free to reach out to myself. Thursday is late night at the MUC there will be a costume contest, bowling, and snacks. Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> is the Friday free flick. At 6pm in Science East they will be playing a quiet place 2. There is a flu shot clinic tomorrow in the student success center, and cougar madness is Thursday. We still have some spots left over in our catalyst leadership day. The deadline to register is this Friday.

## **XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President O'Dell:** I do have a quick announcement for you guys, you all know I went to the leadership lunch in October very fun and very informative. There's another one in November. President Mahoney is coming to speak to that so if you are available and come to that, I will be there. It'll be a good time.

**Senator Sheahan:** If you are signed up for a mental health day event make sure to check your email.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

**Vice President Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM**

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE  
MUC, Goshen Lounge  
Monday, November 8, 2021 – 6 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on October 24, 2021, in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Vice President Pruitt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** President O'Dell, Vice President Pruitt, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Organization Relations Officer Moorman, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Internal Affairs Officer Salau, Student Trustee Walters, Financial Officer Beck, Senator Abrego, Senator Blickhan, Senator Burbach, Senator Burnett, Senator Byers, Senator Cason, Senator Cubukcu, Senator Dummerth, Senator Francis, Senator Ford, Senator Gilles, Senator Hentz, Senator Hoang, Senator Holshouser, Senator Jones, Senator Richards, Senator Sheahan, Senator Bauchens, Senator Nichols.

**Members Absent:** Senator Lambert (excused), Senator Obert (excused)

**Quorum was established with 19 voting members present.**

**Others Present:** Fiscal Officer Kelly Jo Hendricks, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Waple, Advisor Delaney, Student Secretary Samantha Moxley, Associate Vice Chancellor Steve Huffstutler, Director of ITS Dan Chace, IT Manager of Academic Computing Jeff Price

**III. Guest Speakers**

**A. Associate Vice Chancellor Huffstutler:** First of all, I would like to thank everyone for inviting us here today. It has been awhile since ITS has been at a student government meeting so thank you very much. Jeff is passing out a few things while he's passing that out because we only have ten minutes, I want to be, I know your time is valuable. I just wanted to give you an overview of the major divisions of ITS. Just so you sort of know what we do, and then talk for a few minutes about some of the concerns that you had last time you had talked with us on the phone, and then give some information on some projects that will be impacting students and that are impacting students right now actually that we are doing. So, the majors divisions in ITS are network and system infrastructure they work on the network, they work on wireless, they work on email, they work on systems and application managements. Dan is the director of that group. Pretty much a lot of the backend work that you see in IT Dan's group does. Then we have University information systems every system that we have on campus has some link to banner and gives student information, staff information, faculty information. That group actually handles all of those implementations and they do all of the programming for that information. Then we have information security, they investigate phishing attacks and scams that sort of thing. Then we have academic and client services which is really the front end of ITS. That is our classroom support, application support. So, if you call and have a problem with blackboard you are going to be talking to someone in this group; an administrator that works for Blackboard or an instructional designer and is going to help you with your classes. We have desktop and help desk support which Jeff is the manager of. Then we have instructional design. Those are the big major divisions of ITS.

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

**Senator Sheahan:** Thank you all for coming tonight. Just as a follow up to our meeting, I just had a question about progress on what your findings were on the locations that we discussed as well as why student government wasn't alerted on that campus prior to considering that when we were in that meeting we were told that we would get some of those findings prior to the meeting to go over.

**Associate Vice Chancellor Huffstutler:** We can actually we were it actually took longer than we thought to actually get the information. So, we're actually still working on some locations. First of all, in terms of wireless we are always upgrading and expanding wireless. This is almost a daily, monthly, weekly thing for us. So, if someone actually finds a dead spot or a weak spot in wireless coverage somewhere just call the help desk and let us know. We'll go out and take care of it that's what we do but, you've got to let us know. We don't always walk around in every corner of the campus all the time. So that's where your information is really important to us. But Dan is going to talk a little bit about the information that he found when he was investigating the concerns.

**Director Chase:** So specifically to the to the issues that were brought up during the call I think that I mentioned during that call we had some software updates in the fall semester that caused some problems on the network and those were both related to the wireless network and to the core network as far as those software updates are concerned, they're part of the delay in why we weren't able to get reporting back to you because the tools from the manufacturer to give us some of the more advanced diagnostic tools for coverage weren't working and they're now working and so the pictures that I've circulated here I've highlighted the coverage that were in the areas that we discussed. So, Founders Hall, science buildings and some of the residence halls. For us, they're really all we're trying everyday to get coverage where people need it and so you know I've just circulated these examples and the software patches that were needed got put in. So far so good. Does that answer your question?

**Senator Sheahan:** Yes, thank you.

**Senator Holshouser:** On the map that you sent out around to everyone can you elaborate kind of, I did not see a legend on there at all. How it's labeled and what that all means.

**Director Chase:** I'm circulating these just as an example of some of the tools that we use to get an idea and verify coverage. They should have been labeled if you looked at room number detail so you would see like Founders Hall. I'm not circulating them as proof or evidence or anything and they're just examples so if you have specific questions we can get into that. Does that help?

**Senator Holshouser:** I was more referring to like do the colors on the map have any significance at all?

**Director Chase:** They do but only to the network engineers at the time where they were published. The fact that there's colors on the map on the pages that you see is good. If there was white that would be major gaps.

**Senator Gilles:** Hi, thank you for coming out. I was just curious for the E-ID system the passwords are limited to eight characters, can you explain to me and everyone else why you think eight characters is sufficient given the rampant phishing emails I'm seeing around and how often they get past filter I feel as if we need a lot more than eight characters.

**Director Chase:** We agree that eight characters is not enough and you'll be seeing expanded character sets in the spring semester we're working on getting the tools set up so that will work.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Hi, I'm curious since we have these maps do you have a map of cougar village but are the routers as closely spaced together as those in Bluff Hall?

**Director Chase:** We do not have a map and that's because the way that our tools work they're not designed for 62 buildings that are right next to each other so we struggle with the visualization for that but they all are the same. So, they're not as close together and we are putting more in. It's something that has evolved over time in cougar village. We've had to go over a couple iterations over the years to get things right.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** So, there is a plan to put more routers in cougar village.

**Director Chase:** Yes.

**Associate Vice Chancellor Huffstutler:** I am going to expand on your question really quickly in addition to longer characters on the password you will only have to change your password once a year instead of every sixty days. Which is also a bonus. You get security and convenience.

**Senator Sheahan:** I just have one more question for you all if you could elaborate for a brief meeting discuss the phishing process and what students need to do should they receive an email with phishing. Could you just explain so we have it on zoom for students to watch later that process and kind of what students should do if they receive a phishing email or if their email has been compromised.

**Manager Price:** If you think that it's a phishing email that you've received or a phishing phone call, any type of inquiry the first thing would be if you're not sure you can contact the help desk you can give us a call. You can email the help desk you can email [phishing@siue.edu](mailto:phishing@siue.edu) we can let you know if it's a phishing email. If you are not sure if it's a phishing email or not, almost every time it is but if you contact us we'll let you know whether it's a phishing email or not. If you've responded to somebody if you've given somebody your information the first thing is obviously going to be to change your password and then contact us. Different levels of information they got or that you gave or whatnot is going to kind of decide what the next action is. If they got your username and password, we change it right away. Then we'll go in we'll look and make sure there's no rules set up on your email to forward them your emails or anything like that. If they got if you gave them access to another account, banking information or something like that

because that's really the endgame, they don't want to read your email if you gave them some more information then there's probably going to be another step where you're going to want to contact somebody at that organization and in those cases I usually pass the students along to somebody in the security group who actually works with that more than I do to make sure that they can get all facets of your account locked down and secured. So really the number one thing is that the first inkling of I've got a question about whether this is real or not reach out to us give us a call email us and we'll let you know whether it's a legitimate email or not and at the same time if you have answered somebody same answer contact us and we'll get you somebody in the security group that can help you out.

**Senator Giles:** I had a follow up what timeline do you have for expanding the password character set and the length of the passwords. Also, do you plan to introduce two factor verification and what's your specific timeline on that?

**Associate Vice Chancellor Huffstutler:** I'll let Dan speak on the timeline of that but we are actually introducing multi-factor verification authentication for faculty and staff right now. I would say that we're 70-80% complete. That was going to actually be a question that I had for you is when we're completed with faculty and staff we would like to introduce it for students also. At least on a voluntary basis. I was hoping to gauge whether there was interest in that going forward. I think there will be because most of the phishing attacks that we see especially lately are targeted towards students. They're targeted toward the student listener. It would really help if you know students have that second form of authentication to protect themselves so that you know if by some change they did give their credentials or did click on something on an email you know they would be protected. That person would not be able to get their information. Hopefully that answers your question.

**Senator Gilles:** So, did you have a month and a year?

**Director Chase:** We do not have a month and a year right now. The month and the year right now are that faculty and staff will be done before the fall and the winter break and then we plan on scheduling the password change and mfa availability in the spring semester. So, we don't have months weeks dates for you.

**Senator Hentz:** So, at my place at work we also deal with a lot of phishing emails, I work in a bank. We have an outlook shortcut that is like it's a phish alert. I was just wondering if that would be something we could implement for students and their emails.

**Associate Vice Chancellor Huffstutler:** Maybe if you could send us more information on that we could take a look at it and see. It might be a third party. It is interesting, the phishing emails that you see are just a few of thousands of phishing emails that we block every day. It's just a few of the thousand we get a month. It is just an ongoing battle.

**Financial Officer Beck:** Hey guys, thank you so much for coming out tonight. So, as we were talking about mfa earlier. Are you guys thinking about texting or Microsoft authenticator? What kind of thing?

**Associate Vice Chancellor Huffstutler:** It would be both of those. You'll have the choice. You'll be able to use the Microsoft authenticator app or you could have a code texted to you.

**Financial Officer Beck:** Perfect, I had one more question for you. As far as phishing emails go. I get like three or four of the exact same ones in a week and I'll send them to [phishing@siue.edu](mailto:phishing@siue.edu). What's your estimated turnaround for elimination of that particular phishing email usually?

**Associate Vice Chancellor Huffstutler:** Jeff's group Jeff Laughlin who is the CSO in charge of the security group he would be better able to answer that. When they have a phishing email that is directed to [phishing@siue.edu](mailto:phishing@siue.edu) they investigate each of those and investigate how far they proceeded for each individual student. So, a lot of times you know we have to lock the account. We have to reset the password. With phishing it is really tough because once you know say once I fall for a phishing email and I click and give my credentials. It is very difficult at that point because then that person can send emails as me. Then at that point it's not an external email that we're trying to stop. It is me, it's an internal email that looks like an email from me. So, in a lot of times it gets very complicated trying to actually stop those because it's like it almost snowballs you know. Eventually we can get it stopped but a lot of times it takes a while.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I was curious about a timeline for when you plan to have new routers in cougar village? I think that it's a problem for many students that's where they have a lot of issues with wifi.

**Director Chase:** We've ordered access points and unfortunately due to the global supply changes we've not received them and we don't have an estimated delivery date from the manufacturer.

**President O'Dell:** Hi thank you guys so much again for coming out. I just have a question about students having access to the adobe creative lab. I know this used to be something that we had and it seems that it's not available to students anymore. Do you know if it's still something that's provided to us?

**Associate Vice Chancellor Huffstutler:** Actually, it should still be available.

**Manager Price:** Right now, creative cloud is available for students who are in classes that the professor has requested access for their students. There was a time where everybody had access to creative cloud. That was towards the beginning of the pandemic. Adobe decided that they were going to open it up to everybody and say that licenses don't matter. Once they pulled that back which was fairly quick. Then it came back to where there was a limit of licenses and so the current program is when the professor has requested access. We have a bucket of eids basically that we take the entire class roster of that class and they are put in that list where they can access they can use one of the licenses for creative cloud.

**President O'Dell:** So, then it is ultimately up to the professor to make their students aware that they have that.

**Manager Price:** Well yes, usually what we do is when a student contacts us and requests creative cloud for a class we will reach out to the professor and tell them to reach out to the professor because two is probably better than one and we'll just let them know and if the professor feels like that is something that they need for their class we'll throw the class on for that group. We basically just need the request to come from the professor.

**Senator Richards:** Thank you again for coming out I was just wondering if you have any ideas or initiatives that you are gearing towards the use of the student feed dollars and what you plan to do with that.

**Associate Vice Chancellor Huffstutler:** That's a great question our fee dollars go to our software renewals most of the time. We have probably over I would say around two million dollars' worth of software renewals that we have every year and they usually increase about 10% every year so that's where most of our fee dollars go. So, Blackboard, you know is probably four hundred thousand dollars per year something in that neighborhood. Some are expensive like that and some are not as expensive. During COVID we had to increase a lot of our licensing like Zoom and Respondus. So that's where most of our licensing goes. We are talking about maybe a laptop we have laptops that we can check out to students. We are looking at a way that maybe we can expand that because, just lately we've had a run of those laptops and it seems to be at first it was kind of slow and now it seems like it is turning to be a pretty popular program and like to maybe find a way that we could turn that into a sustainable program and then we're always using it to you know work on the network, we're always expanding. That's a good question.

**President O'Dell:** I just have a quick follow up to the Adobe question. Whenever a professor requests that service for their students is there a course fee charge on that? How is that funded?

**Manager Price:** I don't believe so. I apologize I'm the person they call to be put on the list and then I transfer them to the person that actually knows how the list works. No, I don't think so. Basically, if I don't think so I believe if it is course related you can then add it. If there is a set amount and that being the process hasn't been an issue because of the folks asking and the numbers of the licenses have not bumped into each other yet. So, if tomorrow everybody wanted it there might have to be a change on how those are divided out.

**President O'Dell:** So, Adobe has like a set number of licenses that we have at SIUE and which is five requests and once that maxxed out it is there.

**Manager Price:** So, they're always kind of trying to keep that as this many as this many leave the club this many can come in.

**Associate Vice Chancellor Huffstutler:** Speaking of SPSS, that is one of the licenses that we revamped over the COVID period where before that it was only available in the computer lab and now you can download it on your own computer and use it.

**The floor was closed for discussion by a motion by Senator Sheahan with Senator Gilles seconding.**

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 25, 2021. Senator Burnett moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Hentz. Minutes were approved by acclamation.

#### **V. SENATE REPORTS**

**Senator Abrego:** My report is in the packet. I enjoyed mental health week tabling and I am working on hosting an event for students to get together and relax.

**Senator Blickhan:** My report is in the packet, I attended a student panel last week for interviewees at the dental school and next week I'll be on another student panel here at SIUE for students in the pre-dental association.

**Senator Burbach:** My report is in the packet. Me and the other college of art and science senators had a meet and greet today. That went really well we got a lot of feedback regarding specifically dining services. There was a student who wanted more awareness of events for upper class students. I also sent out an introduction email today and am going to be sending out a survey.

**Senator Burnett:** My report is in the packet. I attended finance board and SOAB last week and we will hear more about those in a little bit.

**Senator Byers:** My report is in the packet. As far as an update about the free dental clinic for students, I have a faculty member who is going to oversee us because we are not dentists. It'll most likely be a Tuesday afternoon. I don't have the date yet. Most likely if this first one goes well I think the dental school will want to keep it going and have it be something that happens once every month.

**Senator Cason:** My report is in the packet and I just wanted to add that I signed up for the leadership lunch this week and I am super excited to attend that.

**Senator Cubukcu:** My report is in the packet I am happy to be here.

**Senator Dummerth:** My report is also in the packet and I'm looking forward to my housing committee tomorrow.

**Senator Francis:** My report is also in the packet and I am looking forward to attending the leadership lunch on Wednesday.

**Senator Ford:** My report is also in the packet. I have an external affairs meeting tomorrow at seven.

**Senator Gilles:** My report is in the packet and I look forward to helping out with the annual engineering organization funding presentations which will be on Friday.

**Senator Hentz:** As my fellow CAS senator mentioned we did have a tabling event today we gave out most of our cookies. Oatmeal raisin and chocolate chip were a big hit. I think that a lot of our constituents were happy to see us. As for my committee meetings I still have not heard from the publication committee and my meeting for ICAC was pushed back from October to November and then it was canceled so we will not have a meeting until December.

**Senator Hoang:** My report is in the packet and I really enjoyed the meet and greet with our constituents.

**Senator Holshouser:** My report is in the packet. I would like to add since the last Senate meeting I was able to table for mental health week as well as sit on a student panel for prospective school of pharmacy students.

**Senator Jones:** My report is in the packet I had a COA last Friday I'll have more about that in my next senate report. My University planning and budget meeting was canceled. We also need another student representative for that. I will be planning an activities' fair in the school of engineering in the next weeks.

**Senator Richards:** My report is in the packet. I attended some of the mental health week events and I really enjoyed them. I am really looking forward to the bonding event on Wednesday and the pumpkin smashing event on Friday. I wanted to say thank you to Senator Ford for distributing a survey that I developed to her constituents. Thank you I really appreciate that. This week on Wednesday I am meeting with the office of academic advising to continue working on pre-advising. I'm going to be sitting in on some different advising appointments and then moving forward with hopefully distributing that to students and eventually working on the different schools buying into that so I am really excited.

**Senator Sheahan:** My report is in the packet. I first wanted to highlight that most of my report is evaluation of how mental health week went. So, if you are interested in seeing what kind of the strengths and weaknesses were of that event planning definitely check that out. Right now, since that has ended I am working on revisiting some of my initiatives from the beginning of the semester and planning a large-scale meet and greet/ town hall with Senator Richards for the beginning of the spring semester. I have an external affairs meeting tomorrow at seven. I just wanted to thank Senator Richards as well for kind of picking up the academic advising aspect of what we kind of discussed as initiatives.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**President O'Dell:** My report is in the packet. I am attending the bonding event this Wednesday and I am really excited about that so kudos to Rahmat for the hard work that she's put in there. Just a reminder that the leadership lunch is this Wednesday with Dr. Dan Mahoney coming to that. So, if you are available at that time I would love to see you there. The pumpkin smash event is just this Friday, just another reminder to attend that or sign up to help if you can. I would love to see all of you at that as well. I attended out CAS senator's table today in Science East when they were tabling so kudos to you for all of your help.

**Vice President Pruitt:** My report is in the packet I just wanted to say that I am excited for all of the events that are happening this week, like the leadership lunch, the veteran's day luncheon, and the pumpkin smash and I'm excited to see how those go.

**Trustee Walters:** My report is in the packet and I do have an addition. Jacob Jurinek was one of the victims killed last Friday at the Astroworld music festival in Houston. He was a junior journalism major at Southern Illinois Carbondale. So please keep his family and friends in Carbondale in your thoughts.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is in the packet. I have been answering emails about program request and organizations getting money. I also had a finance board meeting last week and that was with the American College Dance Association and we'll talk more about that later.

**Internal Affairs Salau:** My report is in the packet and I'm very excited to be planning our next bonding event on Wednesday. I'm also excited to attend the pumpkin smashing event and the Veteran's day luncheon. I also wanted to let you know if you would like to sign the condolence card for Senator Obert. I have that with me if you want that later.

**Externals Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is in the packet. Just a couple of reminders that veteran's day luncheon is Thursday and I am very excited to meet and engage with all the veterans and the active duty military that will be present there. Our next event after that will be winter wishes. Everything is on plan for that so far. I look forward to the bonding event on Wednesday and also, I have an external affairs committee meeting tomorrow at seven.

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** My report is in the packet and I also just wanted to give another shout out to Lexi and Molly for coming to the last SOAB meeting so we could have quorum.

**Student Diversity Officer Goren:** My report is not in the packet but since the last senate meeting I attended the fourth chancellor candidate session on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. It was great to know Dr. Robert Mack a little bit. I also attended the Edwardsville Halloween parade which I really enjoyed. Kudos to External Affairs Officer Randolph for planning that. I am looking forward to the Veteran's Day luncheon and the bonding event. I just wanted to mention the Instagram account, I just want to boost that. Please follow it if you haven't it's siueyourstory. I also wanted to say that it is Native American Heritage month. So please attend those events. There will be a calendar of events shared very shortly. All of them you can attend on zoom and I have put all of them up on the calendar in the student government office.

**VII. Additions to Agenda**

**None.**

**VIII. Old Business**

**None.**

**IX. New Business**

**A. Travel Requests**

**1. FY21 Travel Request- University Dance Organization**

American College Dance Association

March 4- March 8, 2022 \$600

**Financial Officer Beck:** Alright so at finance board last week we had a travel request for the university dance organization and they were requesting six hundred dollars to go to their dance conference which is March 4<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup> 2022. This is like a dance conference and also a competition which is a three day, they sometimes get to go to a fourth day if they do well the first two or three competitions, along with that they are bringing people from freshmen all the way to senior class so it's going to a lot of people that can bring back information to help out SIUE and teach them the ways of dance. They also have been fundraising event for the past three years so they do have some money that have been put aside so they've been looking for to go to this. With all of that being said, at finance board we did put it to a vote for approval and it did pass so.

**The motion was approved by a motion by Senator Sheahan and was seconded by Senator Hoang. Acclimation was called.**

**B. Student Organization Name Change**

**1. Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group change to Pediatric Pharmacy Association**

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** Alright so for the name change the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group is wanting to change their name to the Pediatric Pharmacy Association this is just to align with their national group. This was also voted on and approved by SOAB.

**The motion was approved by a motion by Senator Burnett and seconded by Senator Richards. Acclimation was called.**

**C. Petitioning Organization**

**1. Association of Black Student Social Workers**

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** Alright so for this organization it is to provide structure to which social work students can exchange ideas, engage in training, and work to develop programs that promote social justice, provide cultural awareness and address the needs of social work students. This was voted on and approved by SOAB.

**The motion was approved by a motion by Senator Gilles and was seconded by Senator Hentz. Acclimation was called.**

**X. Presidential Appointments/ Personnel Appointments**

**None.**

**XI. OPEN FORUMS**

**None.**

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Vice Chancellor Waple:** I apologize for my raspy voice those of you who follow me on social media know that I ran a half marathon on Saturday and my reward was sore legs and a runny nose. I have very good news to share with you all. My thanks go out to President O'Dell, Vice President Pruitt, and Student Trustee Walters pushed this issue along to fix the student employment this summer. I am very happy to announce that it worked with HR and there are two ways now that a student can be employed in the summer. One is that you can take classes and you don't have to pay withholding tax. FICA withholding tax. Or, you don't have to be enrolled and you just have to pay FICA taxes. You no longer have to be enrolled to work in the summer. I know it's been an issue and we've resolved it. We're getting that information out to the hiring managers all over campus and students in the summer can work 28 hours and no longer have to be enrolled. I worked here this is my seventh year as the Vice Chancellor and it took seven years for us to resolve this. Thank you for pushing.

**Vice President Pruitt:** I have a question for you, if you don't mind. You said that if you don't take class you have to pay a tax. Do you know what that looks like or how much that is?

**Vice Chancellor Waple:** It's a FICA tax a FICA withholding tax. So much like you take taxes out of a paycheck, it is a few dollars out of a pay check. It was an issue if the University was going to pay that tax or put it on the students but it is a small withholding tax. Much like they hold income tax.

**B. Advisor Delaney:** First things first hi everyone! This week is veteran's celebration week so there's events going on throughout in addition to our veteran's luncheon. In addition, it is our first-generation celebration week. Celebrating first-gen students which is a collaboration of events between SIUE and SIUC. We also have our space allocation process for Kimmel desk space and Kimmel locker space is now open and will be closing November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. So please know that if you are in any organizations pass that along also to your constituents. They have the last flu shot clinic November 9<sup>th</sup> for the semester from ten to noon down in the SEC. If you haven't gotten your flu shot you can do that here. Additionally, on Friday, is SIUE's preview day from their report in our meeting last week it is their largest RSVP that they have so far. They are also predicting a lot of walk ins as schools are giving a break for the veteran's day holidays and them also giving the Friday off. On Friday, CAB will be showing the 2021 Candyman movie. So, you're interested in that you can go see that. One of the things that Hailie and I are working on with across the university are we're creating a survey regarding textbooks and how you all receive your textbooks. Whether you receive them from textbook services or receive them online. Student government and exec have agreed that you're sponsoring three gift cards to promote students filling out the survey. Please make sure that you fill it out yourself but you also encourage your peers so that we can better improve textbook services here on campus. Lastly, you all only have nine days left of class. Until thanksgiving break so cheers to that. Additionally, though, while this our first and last November senate meeting we still have one in December. Let's finish this semester strong. You all have been great for my first semester here. So let's finish on a high note

before we go into the spring semester as well alright? So, if you need anything feel free to email reach out. I'm always just an email or message away. Thank you all.

**XIII. Adjournment**

**Vice President Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM**

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT SENATE  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE  
MUC, Goshen Lounge  
Monday, December 6, 2021 – 6 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville convened on December 6, 2021, 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 Present:** President O'Dell, Vice President O'Dell, Student Trustee Walters, Financial Officer Beck, Internal Affairs Officer Salau, External Affairs Officer Randolph, Organization Relations Officer Moorman, Student Diversity Officer Goren, Senator Abrego, Senator Burbach, Senator Burnett, Senator Cason, Senator Cubukcu, Senator Dummerth, Senator Francis, Senator Ford, Senator Gilles, Senator Hentz, Senator Hoang, Senator Holshouser, Senator Jones, Senator Lambert, Senator Richards, Senator Sheahan, Senator Nichols.

**Members Absent:** Senator Blickhan (excused), Senator Byers (excused), Senator Obert (excused), Senator Bauchens (excused)

**Quorum was established with 18 voting members present.**

**Others Present:** Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Waple, Advisor Delaney, Student Secretary Samantha Moxley, Representative for Venture Campus Ministry Gabnelle Thomas, Representative for Revolution Campus Ministry Marcus Sam, Representative for African Student Association Price Kpae, Representative for African Student Association Phongo Djamba.

**III. Guest Speakers**

**A. None.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 8, 2021 meeting. Senator Burnett moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Hoang. Minutes were approved by acclimation.

**V. SENATE REPORTS**

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

**Senator Burbach:** My report is also in the packet.

**Senator Burnett:** My report is in the packet and good luck on finals.

**Senator Cason:** My report is also in the packet.

**Senator Cubukcu:** My report is also in the packet. Happy Christmas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Senator Lambert:** I do apologize my report is not in the packet as I was away at a conference. However, I do not have anything to report from the committees that I sit on and I wish all of the graduate students good luck on finals.

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

**Senator Sheahan:** My report is in the packet. I hope everyone has a great finals week and safe travels over the holiday.

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

## **VI. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**President O'Dell:** My report is in the packet. I just wanted to give a quick end of semester report on everything that we have accomplished this semester. Annual allocations we were able to provide organizations with just under one thousand dollars. Travel requests fifteen hundred dollars and program requests we provided three thousand dollars for organizations. New organizations that were founded this semester were the weather club, the real estate club, makers club at SIUE, fellowship of Christian athletes, the print club, and the association of black student social workers. We had fourteen really successful events, I won't go through every single one. Some of the good ones we had was the homecoming bonfire, if you remember there was almost one thousand students in attendance at that, Cans on the Quad and Winter Wishes was very recently. Free golf cart rides were a big hit. We also had many successful initiatives that were implemented this semester. The first being the fitness center dress code being more inclusive and the student employment over the summer. A new one that just happened was from kudos to Senator Nichols for this one. She met with Dennis Wobbe from dining and they are implementing more vegan and vegetarian options this semester. Kudos to this semester and I cannot wait to do another one with you all.

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

**Trustee Walters:** My report is in the packet and I do want to add that last Thursday at the Boards of Trustees meeting, the board officially approved Dr. Minor to be the new Chancellor at SIUE he will begin his term in March. They also approved Dr. Liesveld as the new Dean of the School of Nursing and Dr. Douglas as the interim Dean of the School of Dental Medicine.

**Financial Officer Beck:** My report is in the packet. At the last finance board meeting we tabled an organization that is here today that is Revolution Campus Ministry so we will be asking them some questions. Aside from that, I hope everyone has a happy holidays and good luck on finals.

**Internal Affairs Salau:** My report is in the packet. I wish everyone good luck on finals. I hope you have a safe holiday and I look forward to working with you all next semester.

**Externals Affairs Officer Randolph:** My report is in the packet. I just wanted to update on Winter Wishes that was on this past Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>. 27 families showed up out of about seventy. It was a really great turn out and it was great to see all of the kids enjoying the games, eating cookies, and doing the crafts. We always love working with the Salvation Army and I hope we can work with them again next year. Thank you to everyone who adopted and who helped out on Saturday.

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** My report is in the packet. I just wanted to say have a happy and safe holiday to everyone during the Christmas break.

**Student Diversity Officer Goren:** My report is in the packet. I just wanted to add I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season and stay healthy.

## **VII. Additions to Agenda**

**None.**

## **VIII. Old Business**

**None.**

## **IX. New Business**

### **A. Single Semester Allocations**

1. 27 student organizations requesting \$75 for Spring Semester

2. **Financial Officer Beck:** So, this semester we had 27 student organizations that are requesting \$75 dollars for allocations. Finance board has not had a chance to discuss this but however from what I have read they all seem like they want to use this money for a good cause and a good reason.

**A motion for approval was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Lambert. The motion passed with 15 aye's and 3 abstains.**

## **B. Travel Request**

### **1. FY21 Travel Request- Revolution Campus Ministry**

**Financial Officer Beck:** They will be doing a Family Vacation Workshop in 2022 and they are requesting 600 dollars.

**Representative Sam** So the Family Vacation Workshop that we do we've done this quite a few times in the past couple of years. We've gone through this when Vickie was here. We had a new student couple weeks ago and there were a few questions that she wasn't prepared for. I've got the information here for the hotel costs and the registration fees. This is just a workshop that we open to our campus ministry and anyone on campus who wants to go with us. We do it at the Lake of the Ozarks during Martin Luther King Jr weekend. We stay in a hotel and have a national conference with campus ministries that we partner with. We have some local campus ministries that come with us as well. It is a good weekend for us to learn more about the Bible and things we can bring back to the college campus to be more involved and more inviting. We do the Fall Fest event we had over 800 students at that event. We get to learn how to be more engaging and for freshmen how to learn how to get out of their dorms and to create a family off campus.

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

**Senator Lambert:** I have a few questions. My first one is how many students SIUE students are currently in your organization and how many of those students are going on your trip currently?

**Representative Sam:** Currently we have in our get involved page we have 18 students. We have 15 students committed to coming so far. We have a handful of students who are questionable. We are asking for that travel allocation for the rooms not the registration because we want to confirm that those specific rooms that can be paid for. We have eighteen or so that we think we are going to go but we have fifteen confirmed so far. It just depends on money and if they can get back from the holidays in time to come.

**Senator Burnett:** Thank you for coming out. So, you said there's fifteen students traveling?

**Representative Sam:** At minimum from SIUE.

**Senator Burnett:** So how many hotel rooms are you planning to book?

**Representative Sam:** So currently we've booked two six-person rooms and we have a contract here from our hotel. We have five four-person rooms that have been booked. Half of those have been paid for from students who are coming from SWIC.

The other half we are hoping SIU will be able to book for the students from SIUE who are going to come. We are going to separate SIUE and SWIC students.

**Senator Burnett:** Yes, that was my follow up question about what you are planning on using the allocation money for.

**Representative Sam:** Yes, we prefer to use it on the hotel rooms. The hotel rooms are one hundred dollars a night for three nights so we were hoping the six hundred dollars would cover the hotel cost for two rooms.

**Senator Sheahan:** Hi thank you so much for coming tonight. I have a two-part question, the first is to confirm that the allocation money that we would be giving you is only going to be used for SIUE students. The second part is how much is your organization contributing to you guys going on this trip?

**Representative Sam:** Yes, so the rest of the money is going to be coming out of pocket. Usually Vicky would call in and reserve those rooms for us. Everything else the students pay for out of pocket. We do have a church near by that helps support students who cannot financially swing the rest of the trip. For the most part the student self-fund.

**Financial Officer Beck:** So, the way that you said it, you said that you have two six-person rooms booked. Have you put any money down?

**Representative Sam:** I have not put any money down, like I said we've been doing this for about five or six years now. We book the rooms and do not put any money down. We then call Robin or Vicky and have them pay for the rooms. The rooms are just on hold underneath my name.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Thank you for coming out. Do you currently have a plan to bring all of the information that you learned back to SIUE so it can benefit SIUE as a whole?

**Representative Sam:** Yes, we do something weekly called Cross chats on campus on Tuesday night. We bring all the PowerPoints and everything is recorded on the website page.

**Student Secretary Moxley:** So how would you make sure that a member of SWIC or a member of another one of the campus ministries that are going would not stay in the room with the SIUE students? Would you have a policy?

**Representative Sam:** We have a list of who is in charge of the rooms and also a list of who will be staying in the rooms that are allowed to be in the rooms as well. We try to use this as a workshop to try to get non-SIUE students to join SIUE. We try to separate the rooms the best that we can. There's a pretty black and white line. We have room lists and specific people in those rooms.

**Financial Officer Beck:** So, with the fifteen people that are going, is it freshman, sophomore, junior, senior across the board?

**Representative Sam:** It's a blend. Marcus is going, he's a sophomore who is going. We have some freshman that we met through fall fest and we have some seniors who are about to graduate as well.

**Senator Lambert:** Just to confirm are the students who are going paying for their registration fees then?

**Representative Sam:** Yes. If they can't the church will help support them.

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

**A motion to approve was made by Senator Richards and was seconded by Senator Lambert. The motion was approved with 17 ayes and 1 objection.**

**2. FY21- Travel Request- Venture Campus Ministry**

**Financial Officer Beck:** So, for the second travel request, we have venture campus ministry doing a request for six hundred dollars for their campus ministry international awakening. They did not come before finance board so we will be asking them some questions.

**Representative Thomas:** Our organization is Venture Campus Ministry and I am currently serving as the President. We are an on-campus ministry and we really just want to make students feel welcome and have it be a place where they can come and hang out and have a community. Awakening has campus ministries from all over the US coming together as well as the world. To be able to teach and get ideas, and for engaging campuses. Like team building and organization building as well. I attended the conference my first year being a part of Venture and it was really life changing. I was really shy when I first came to Venture but I really stepped out and now I serve as the president. It is a great way to get involved.

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

**Senator Lambert:** Thank you for coming, how many students do you have currently registered for the conference?

**Representative Thomas:** So far, we have ten registered. In our organization total we have twenty-five registered on get involved.

**Senator Burnett:** Hi thank you for coming out. I see that it is multiple days, how many hotel rooms do you plan to book?

**Representative Thomas:** The Awakening Conference has certain rooms sectioned off already. We have claimed four of those rooms. With two to four people staying in each room. It is about 1,000 dollars.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Since it's about 1,000 dollars, how do you plan to cover the rest of the fees?

**Representative Thomas:** We have been really working hard on fundraising. We currently have about one thousand of our own money that we fundraised that should cover our trip and the other half of the hotel.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** So, you are saying that you have one thousand dollars saved for the trip.

**Representative Thomas:** Yes, in our organization bank account to last us through the year and also for the trip.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** So, what do you want the six hundred dollars specifically for?

**Representative Thomas:** We want it for lodging because we want to cover travel and also people's registration. We took advantage of the registration deal and we wanted to really help out and cover people's registration. The six hundred dollars would go to the rest of our lodging costs.

**Student Secretary Moxley:** Hi, I have a few questions. So how do you choose out of the twenty-five what ten are going? Is it anyone who wants to go is able to go and you cover the rest?

**Representative Thomas:** We have a sign up for anyone who is interested going to the conference and so far, the ten have signed up.

**Student Secretary Moxley:** How many seniors do you have? What are the grade levels of the people going?

**Representative Thomas:** We have a really good mix.

**Student Secretary Moxley:** What are you going to be bringing back for the people who are not able to attend the conference.

**Representative Thomas:** One of the things that I love about this conference it that they are so good about having pamphlets and media from the conference. We make PowerPoints with our personal experiences.

**Senator Nichols:** What will members learn that can be brought back to campus?

**Representative Thomas:** I think they will learn how to better engage students on campus as well as how to participate in a team as an organization. There are plenty of team building exercises and leadership.

**Senator Hentz:** Hi thank you for coming out. Just one quick question, is this conference open for all SIUE students to have or just members of your organization?

**Representative Thomas:** All members of SIUE.

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

**A motion to approve was made by Senator Burnett and seconded by Senator Sheahan. The motion passed with acclimation.**

**C. Program Request**

**1. FY21 Program Request- African Student Association**

**Financial Officer Beck:** We have a program request for Africa Night on February 26<sup>th</sup> and they are asking for 1,020 dollars.

**Representative Kpae:** My name is Prince Kpae and I am the Vice President of African Student Association. So, for this organization it helps students who are from Africa and students who are not from Africa make connections and helps students to know their roots and also do activities. We do different things and activities like Flag show, fashion show, dancing, music, poets, and plays. Sometimes we have a student MC or MC that we know.

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

**Senator Burnett:** Thank you for coming out, is this open to all SIUE students?

**Representative Kpae:** It is open to all students.

**Senator Burnett:** How do you plan to spend this allocated money?

**Representative Djamba:** This money is meant to go towards fees. Decorations, rental fee, flags for the flag show, and advertising.

**Senator Sheahan:** Hi thank you guys so much for coming out tonight. What are the total costs that is going to be incurred for this event? How much is your organization going to cover?

**Representative Djamba:** The total cost for the event is going to be 4,378 dollars. So, we are going to cover about 2,303 dollars.

**Senator Lambert:** Hi thank you for coming out. I know that you have under your facility charges, 500 dollars for the budget breakdown. Where are you hosting the event at?

**Representative Kpae:** We are going to host in the ballroom.

**Senator Lambert:** What kind of advertising are you going to do? Are you going to do flyers through MUC marketing?

**Representative Djamba:** We are thinking about flyers and posters.

**Senator Hentz:** Hi thank you so much for coming out. You've said that you have held events similar to this. I was wondering if your turn out for the prior events was pretty large?

**Representative Djamba:** We've had this event for the past ten years, on average it is about 300 students who attend.

**Senator Francis:** So what benefits will this bring to not only the students of your organization but also to SIUE?

**Representative Kpae:** This will help people understand how we do our cultures and how different African students have their culture in a different way. I'm Nigerian American and he is Congolese American and we have a different culture and we will show two different cultures through Africa Night.

**Senator Cason:** I was just wondering how many people are in your organization specifically?

**Representative Djamba:** Right now, there is about fifty active in our organization.

**Senator Cason:** Is there a sign-up sheet? Do you know how many members are going to attend your event?

**Representative Kpae:** Yes, all of the members have signed up for Africa Night.

**Senator Burnett:** Are you guys charging for tickets or anything like that?

**Representative Djamba:** We are not charging for tickets but we are charging for the first hour because of the food but right after the last hour it will be free for students.

**Senator Burnett:** A follow up question are you offering discounted tickets for SIUE students?

**Representative Djamba:** Yes.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Do you know how much the tickets will cost?

**Representative Djamba:** For students it will be ten dollars, for staff it will be 12 dollars and it will be 12 dollars for outside guests.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I may have missed this, but where are you hosting the event?

**Representative Kpae:** The Ballroom.

**Senator Sheahan:** Hi I just had a question on the food you will be serving there? Is the ten dollars just a flat fee of how much it costs to plate it? How did you come to that ten-dollar cost?

**Representative Djamba:** It is going to be ten dollars for plate.

**Student Secretary Moxley:** I believe you can ask for more money than you have asked for so why did you ask for the total you chose?

**Representative Djamba:** Because a lot of it is towards the food.

**President O'Dell:** I heard you say that part of the money is going towards decorations and flags, is that going to be something that will be reused next year?

**Representative Kpae:** It is going to be reused for every year for the event.

**Financial Officer Beck:** So, you said that as far as the food is, you said you are going to charge ten dollars per person. Just so you know, you cannot charge more than \$1.50 it costs to make the plates. That's in our funding manual. Another thing I was going to ask, as far as asking for more money, where did you get these numbers from?

**Representative Djamba:** These are estimates from the last two years.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** Just to confirm, following COVID guidelines the food you are getting is going to be coming from SIUE catering services?

**Representative Kpae:** Yes, following the guidelines, we are going to cook the food downstairs in the kitchen and catering will serve our food.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I just wanted to make sure that catering services would have all of the African food that you would want there.

**Representative Kpae:** Yes, we are going to cook the food and catering is going to serve the food.

**Senator Nichols:** I noticed that you said that the flags are reusable, what happened to the flags from the past years?

**Representative Djamba:** I was not on the EC the past years when the events have happened so I don't know. With these flags we are going to keep them. We are going to try to keep it and have the EC pass it down as time goes on with these flags.

**Financial Officer Beck:** I know you answered this earlier, how are you going to be advertising?

**Representative Djamba:** Ads and posters and flyers.

**Financial Officer Beck:** One more thing, in our finance manual we do not allow banners.

**A motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Sheahan and seconded by Senator Hentz.**

**A motion for approval was made by Senator Gilles and seconded by Senator Francis. The motion passed with 15 ayes and 3 objections.**

**D. Petitioning Organization**

**1. Lambda Kappa Sigma**

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** So, this is a woman's pharmacy fraternity that wants to get together with the purpose of creating the environment for professional growth and work with other women in the school of pharmacy.

**A motion for approval was made by Senator Lambert and was seconded by Senator Burnett. Acclimation was called.**

**2. Student Diversity Club**

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** They want to raise awareness and combat issues that impact racial harmony on campus and they want to work with key stakeholders to address and find solutions to matters of diversity that impact the campus community.

**A motion for approval was made by Senator Lambert and seconded by Senator Burnett. Acclimation was called.**

**3. Medieval Combat Club**

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** For this organization they want to safely recreate medieval combat scenarios while utilizing foam replicas of medieval weaponry and practice medieval style crafts. They came into SOAB and talked to them about the safety behind it and showed us the safety checks behind it. They understand some of the legal things will have to come in when they are appointed as an organization.

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

**Senator Hentz:** Did they happen to mention how many members they expect to be joining the club?

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** At the time they came to talk to us, I think that they had 3-5 more members at the time. As soon as getting recognized they wanted to open up a Facebook page for recruitment.

**Senator Gilles:** Does this group have plans for insurance if someone gets hurt?

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** Like I said they will have to figure out some of the legal stuff with the school. They already showed us their guidelines and the paperwork they have to file.

**Student Secretary Moxley:** Just to add, they do have waivers that the are a chapter of an organization and they do have examples of waivers that the national organization uses and they did bring those to the SOAB meeting.

**Internal Affairs Officer Salau:** I'm curious did they speak more about why they wanted to create the club?

**Organization Relations Officer Moorman:** The person who came to speak to us about it had been doing it for some years and expressed that it was something that gave him a good group of friends and people to be around. They do have plans to do medieval crafts.

**A motion to close the floor for discussion was made by Senator Sheahan and was seconded by Senator Francis.**

**The motion passed with 16 ayes and 2 objections.**

**X. Presidential Appointments/ Personnel Appointments**

**A. Marketing and Communications Officer Kyla Wood**

1. **President O'Dell:** So, Kyla had originally applied for the election commissioner position and thought this would be a better fit for her. If you want to read more about why I appointed Kyla it is in my report.
2. **A motion to approve was made by Senator Lambert and seconded by Senator Cason. The motion passed with 18 ayes.**

**B. Fee Review Commissioner Shawn Gilles**

1. **President O'Dell:** I appointed Shawn because of his experience on Student Government and experiencing fee review in the past. I think Shawn is one of the few people who have ever seen this process before. I wanted to make sure someone who knew what was going on was appointed to this position.
2. **A motion for approval was made by Senator Gilles and seconded by Senator Hentz. The motion passed with 17 ayes and one abstain.**

**C. Election Commissioner Clinton Jones**

1. **President O'Dell:** I appointed Clinton because of his experience and I do believe he has been through more elections than anyone in this room and I know he will be able to lay down the law.
2. **A motion for approval was made by Senator Lambert and seconded by Senator Francis. The motion passed with 17 ayes and one abstain.**

**XI. OPEN FORUMS**

None.

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. **President O'Dell:** I just wanted to remind everyone that I need you all to block off your calendars for January 22<sup>nd</sup> for a mandatory spring training, and to send me any excuses if you can't make it before January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- B. **Advisor Delaney:** Thank you. First of all, I just wanted to send a huge shout out to student government for the book uses survey. We have had almost 1700 responses to

that which is unheard of. We have two drawings out on that. Late night breakfast is going to be happening this Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> from 8pm to 9pm. Last names from A to L are from 8 to 8:30. Last Names from M-Z are from 8:30 to 9. That will be happening in the Center Court area of the MUC. Dr. Waple will be there and he will be serving bacon. Additionally, CAB has some distress events this week. Tomorrow there's massages from 10-2 in the Goshen. On the 9<sup>th</sup> there's take and make journals and coloring sheets at 10am. The tutoring resource center has changed their hours for finals. Lastly, thank you all for a successful fall semester. I am super proud of all of you and good luck on finals and a safe and rejuvenating winter break.

- C. Senator Richards:** I just got a quick little thing. Registration for Collegiate Leadership Summit is open now. It is on February 12<sup>th</sup> so you've got a little bit of time. Just wanted to put that out there, there is going to be presentations on different leadership skills and a lot of conversation skills.
- D. President O'Dell** Just to add on to what Liz was saying about that survey I have been a huge part of that whole deal. The last two winners are December 15<sup>th</sup>. They are fifty-dollar gift cards for the Cougar Store. After the Senate meeting stay after so we can get a group picture.
- E. Senator Burnett:** I am working with the cougar connector program to make the FST courses more major specific. They are starting to move towards an FST connector program. So, if you think your constituents would benefit from that please reach out to me.
- F. Vice President Pruitt:** I just wanted to say thank you guys for such a great semester and you guys have been amazing and I appreciate all of your hard work.

### **XIII. Adjournment**

**Vice President Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM**