



# Model Illinois Government

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Executive Board Meeting  
Dixon, Room 215  
Wabauensee Community College  
July 15, 2007  
1:00 PM

## Agenda

- I. Call to Order at 1:10 pm
- II. Roll Call
  - Governor McFarland- Present
  - Lt. Governor Conkey- Not Present
  - Attorney General Ande- Not Present
  - Secretary Of State Calcagno- Present
  - Treasurer Martinez- Present
  - Comptroller VanHecke- Present
  - President of the Senate McFarland- Present
  - Speaker Cordero- Present
  - Chief Justice Sims- Present
  - Faculty Advisor Eastlund- Present
- III. Approval of Minutes- Passed unanimously for April 25 and June 3.
- IV. Officer Reports
  - a. Governor S. McFarland- Thank you to Wabauensee for hosting the meeting. Most of what I have to say will be later on in the meeting.
  - b. Lt. Governor Conkey- Hopefully is on the way.
  - c. Attorney General Ande- He was not able to make it in. Attached will be a copy of his report he sent Governor McFarland.
  - d. Secretary of State Calcagno- I had some ideas on maybe doing a regular newsletter to send out to the schools to keep them informed.
  - e. Treasurer Martinez- I prepared the OMB sheets and AOR's so I couldn't print them but I will email the attachments later. Regarding the budget, he is surprised about the cost as compared to his banquet hall.
  - f. Comptroller VanHecke- I did the audit. Everything worked out good. I have \$233.00 unaccounted for, but hopefully we can figure it out and get the correct info from Wendy.
  - g. President of the Senate C. McFarland- Was in a production and unable to make it but sent a report with Governor McFarland which will be attached.

- h. Speaker of the House Cordero- My synopsis are ready, but I had some computer issues and will email it to Nicole at a later date.
- i. Chief Justice Sims- The case is almost done. It's a Criminal Assembly case this year. There is a group at a school against Middle Eastern people and a student was beat up and the school suspended the group. Andrew and Elizabeth Nasco are writing it, should be done by August.
- j. Faculty Advisors- Advisor Eastlund- Thank you to Dan for having us on this lovely campus. We may want to explore having a republican chair in the senate, but we usually always model actual government. Scott- the house has one rep chair but the majority will still say democrat. Advisor Eastlund said we don't want to stray from the reality, be careful. Al- it's an academic environment so we want to make it fair. A suggestion could be that maybe on Thursday make an announcement explaining what we are doing on that situation, and make sure to keep majorities.

V. Approval of Absences- Two unapproved absences are subject to removal.

Conkey- we don't know where he is he was supposed to be here. At this point we vote 0-5-2 unapproved has it. We could change vote later if it's an emergency.

Ande- Sent his report to Scott. Said he lives very far south and it's hard for him to get up here. He will be here in August though. Absence approved with a vote of 4-1-2.

McFarland- His shows had a matinee today. He gave us a month advance notice. Approved 5-0-2.

VI. Old Business

a. Key 3

- i. Budget- We will discuss that in new business.
- ii. Funding

1. Financial Report- Comptroller Van Hecke has all the receipts if we want to see them. Everything matches up. We have a surplus of \$233 and it could be that UIS was late paying and it could be paid. We will check on that later. We have between \$7000 and \$8000 in the account. Lucie will email the information to everyone. Everyone was given a copy of the 06-07 budget. I can pass around the bills as well. McFarland- We are sitting pretty with money right now. We should have \$19,000 in change if IL passes the budget. McFarland- Thank you to Lucie, the audit is not easy.
2. T-shirts- We have 170 shirts in total. We started with 185 shirts. We only sold 15 shirts. McFarland- we are going to announce it and put it on the schedule and also put it on the registration form as well. Lucie- can sell cheaper if pre-ordered? Mcfarland- not at this time unless u guys want to. Maybe at a later date, but not now. Al- we could raise fee

and give t-shirt? McFarland- dot want to raise fee. Dan said next meeting will bring t-shirts out for us

iii. Recruitment/Retention

1. Retention Letter- sending to schools and thanking them for coming, asking for feedback, and also if you want eboard members to come to schools, we will.
2. Recruitment Letter- pretty much same thing. This is who we are, and how to get us. Going to Poli Sci, student governments. We have all addresses for private and public schools. Also Jeff will make some flyers as well. It should be ready soon and mailed out.

- b. Constitutional Amendments- There was some question about elections. I want to put something in writing to have it down pat. I'd like to pass, or table it. This is not approving it needs to go to organizational assembly

Bylaw Amendment 2007-2008.1- Sims- receipts- are we going to let people know we need those ahead of time? Lucie- what if we have that laying around the house or parents buy it for you? Nicole- I would like to maybe amend it to like \$ 75 or \$100 and other then that I think this is great and necessary. \$50 is not enough but no more then \$100. Al- can we maybe do a sensible and reasonable clause? Lucie- I don't think we need a limit. We sell ourselves and shouldn't have to worry about all other stuff. Receipts- we will have to take care of that and what if we spend a little more then we should are we going to have no candidates? Meghan- I am for it but think it could be phased in because people don't read everything and that it's not feasible this year. Dan I agree with Meghan and I don't think we should limit it because inflation and stuff. Maybe something like double the registration fee etc. Nicole- I agree we sell ourselves- but people spend a lot of money and its stupid we need a middle ground because some people may or may be able to afford things. Al- I think that we should limit it because if it gets to that, id help the underdog. It's about you but now how much spent. Etc. Meghan- when I ran, I didn't make any fliers I didn't do anything but I got elected. You can still get here and not spend anything. I agree with al the people who spend more Me I think it's a good idea and maybe we should chose a number not to go over it but we would need to phase it in not do it all this year with the receipts etc. Joan- we don't want to make commission a watchdog. You guys are savvy and thoughtful voters and I don't think stuff determines choices.

2 amendments were made and denied-

Amend to strike clause 3 by Lucie and seconded- Lucie if u set a limit how do we know that they are spending up to that and how do we know for sure and what are we going to do if they go over. Commission could get power hungry. Vote- I's have it.

Dan- campaign procedures part 4 and 5 are excellent and I didn't get to see a lot being in OMB so I think that helps out.

Voting on the Amendment- This was approved and brought to the organizational assembly in October.

10 minute recess- approved back at 230

Back to order 235

VII. New Business

- a. Nomination of new Chief Justice- as u can see my letter I got a few responses for the applications and the best candidate is Steven Jerome.

Steve- outside of moot court, I'm interested in law, and legal simulation. I did a constitutional simulation similar to moot court. This simulation there is student justices and leadership which I like. It very student orientated and I like the leadership. I thought moot court was incredible this year Sims did great. I hope I can do a good as a job as her. Id be interested In having delegates submit briefs before the simulation as well but it may not be feasible now but it could happen at a later date. It will help get the teams with the best arguments I the finals. Also, the justices would present the logic of the decisions of the judges. My emphasis will be the arguments. I was thrilled and I really enjoyed the simulation.

Meghan- how willing are u to work with me? Steven- im willing and this is a different role and leadership will be new and im glad that ill have help.

Dan- how many mig's? Steve- I was moot court one year and I worked w/the head delegate the year before and helped prepare them.

Al- personal statement- his work ethic matches ours and our standards. Without a doubt he has that. Even if he was from another school, there is not a better candidate.

McFarland- are u a communist?

Vote 7-0-0 we have the new Chief Justice Steven Jerome

Meghan swore him in.

Before we move on- id like to thank Meghan Sims who was the backbone of this organization. We thank you for al your hard work. Best chief justice I ever seen. Good luck Steve

- b. Presentation of Senate Bill Synopses and Committees- Craig sent over the info in his report and a copy will be attached.
- c. Presentation of House Bill Synopses and Committees- We will have six committee's. After the 3000 bills, we have about 20 bills per committee. We are going to have a lot of amendments and stir things up a bit. Reserves will be VERY debatable. Id like to keep everyone on the same time. I am going to pick one hard core republican co chair to keep debate lively and going. We went to keep consent bills down. If something is going in a certain direction, we will plant debatable bills in. I will focus very heavily on the debateabilty of the bills and also OL's will be plenty. On the floor. The chairs will be the whips for their bills. The co chairs will be in charge of everyone who had good debate and sound debates for the floor. We would like to give equal attention and reduce amount of alienation. We want to keep everything going in both chambers. I will have a runner for the senate as well. It's all about the arguments and the debates and simulating what they do in the house. It will be a little different this year. We will have fun, but be original don't kill things. Keep it fun, but learn. Impeachment is hard to continue more then likely we are 50/50 on it. We may or may not do it. It will take a lot of convincing and do it without me. The freshness is dead. We may want to do it every other year.

- d. Presentation of OMB Budgets and AOR Sheets- There will be 2 divisions. Education and Economic. We will need at least 10 people in each so we can have the two divisions. AOR sheets- we did it as line item before. I like the previous years where it was actually subjects and protect something more feasible. Percentage system- also something we would like to put in as well. Is more comprehensive idea on how much money people lost and gained? McFarland- size of OMB- shoot for 2 if we have less then 18-20 people so pick which one is priority. In case.
  - e. Presentation of Moot Court Case- finished, we went over what it was I like it done by September. Meghan- should be done by august hopefully. Steven- we will see how it progresses.
  - f. Prep Kit Discussion- Jeff's things, but for next month, it needs to be ready by September and printed and ready to go. We are going to re-vamp the prep kit totally. We want it to be easier to read and push you in the right direction. For August, look at prep kit, re-write your section. I want it ready to go by October. Any concerns send to Jeff.
  - g. Budget Preparation- The audit went along fabulously. We can't really get a complete number from organization sine everyone's not here, we are sitting pretty and we went over what we spent last year. In a good spot and ready to spend I think we should focus on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mcfarland- get a baseline going to approve final budget for august. Same for me. Add nametags for the e-board \$150 Polo's for E-Board \$100. Banner \$250. Figures will be attached.
  - h. New MIG Logo- No complaints. Get color and black and white with bottom text and we will approve next month.
- VIII. Audience Participation- None
- IX. Announcements- Lucie- I just registered for Augustana for the first time! Scott- next month is at Blackhawk im having an eboard retreat the night before, we got places to stay. Please rsvp if your coming. You guys are doing excellent and everything's going smoothly. Please continue what you're doing. We only have 2 meetings till organizational assembly and then 2 meetings for MIG. Joan- put out the info on the amendments and also that we need you to vote for October ahead of time so we can have quorum.
- X. Adjournment- 3:30 PM