



MIG Executive Board Meeting
January 11, 2009 – Northeastern Illinois University
Minutes
Submitted by Secretary of State Scott Rothenberg

Meeting called to order at 1:19 PM by Governor Cordero.

Roll Call absences: Comptroller Murphy, Chief Justice McCormick, Faculty Advisors Pearce, Vinzant and Keifer.

Motion to change agenda to move item 7a to top of agenda after approval of minutes by Lt. Governor McFarland carries by voice vote.

Motion to approve minutes by Speaker Erbes, seconded by Attorney General Lootens. Minutes approved by voice vote.

Item 7a.: Governor Cordero nominates Scott Rothenberg of UIS to serve as Secretary of State. Nomination is approved 7-0 on a roll call vote:

Cordero-Y	A. McFarland-Y
Lootens-Y	Jamal-Y
C. McFarland-Y	Erbes-Y
Eastlund-Y	

Reports:

Governor Cordero: The final invitations were sent out under budget. The governor is urging everyone on the executive board to make phone calls to their local legislators about the Friday night gala.

Lieutenant Governor A. McFarland: The evaluations that were sent out at last year's banquet will be used again this year.

Attorney General Lootens: Brought up three separate concerns. First, use of laptops the first being the use of laptops he has made contact with POS McFarland. McFarland has been asked to help out in securing the laptops from UIS. Second was a concern about press conferences which will be set up in front of each room in which journalists will be able to ask questions of various Executive Board members. The third concerned ideas for the *Journal* such as "the juice" and "meet the staff" sections. The names of all staff members for the Executive board shall be given to the Attorney General.

Secretariat Scott asked about the use of the blue room. Lootens replied that he should ask about the use and see what it would take to secure the room. Question that was brought forth from Scott to see if there was an ability to get the *Journal* out as an example at the Meeting of the Whole.

Treasurer Jamal: The budget will be discussed in old business and the money for the banquet will be discussed later as well. The budget needs to be approved.

Comptroller Murphy: Murphy was absent. Her report stated that the Hilton raised prices on the banquet and that a full meal will probably be out of range for our budget.

C. McFarland moved to add Item I to Old Business titled Contract.

Speaker of the House Erbes: The code of conduct will be forwarded to the head delegates in their normal packets to the delegations. Mr. Scott is to keep in contact with the chambers. John Walcher is the Chief of Staff of the House. The Speaker is interested in streaming the session live over the Internet.

Faculty Advisor Eastland: Thanked Northeastern Illinois University for their hospitality for the meeting and gives appreciation to Mr. Scott. She gave an updated advisor list. It was made aware by Eastland that the governor should give advance information on the gala. The MIG account grew a bit due to the grant from the Alumni account. \$140.00 was expensed to Kinko's for expenses accrued over the summer and, all of last year's awards were paid and the Lt. Governor was reimbursed for her expenses. The current balance in the account is \$12,455.20; however the website bill expected shortly.

Secretariat Scott: Scott will beat you down if you break anything that disrupts the chambers and stated that he is not going to pay for anything that is broken. The Treasurer asked about the use of the Old State Capitol building. Scott answered that he was not too concerned about the use of the room; however, he will make contact with those that are responsible. Scott brought up a concern about the Meeting of the Whole at the Capitol Building room 212. It would cost to the organization \$125.00 per doorkeeper and that, if we felt that it was necessary we could move the meeting to Capitol room 118, there would be no cost for the room. Everyone agreed that the meeting should be moved. Scott then gave a narrative about how he disliked the discussion personal feelings being shared amongst the group and on the floor. There are 45 days left until the simulation, business needs to get done. It was once again reinforced that you need to get it done, get it ready, or get out.

Alumni Representative S. McFarland: There needs to be more structure that is why I have called for the foundation in which would be set up by a board of directors for the use of the organization's fund raising ability. It is imperative that we orchestrate a new list of numbers in which we received many from the past attendees of MIG simulations. To help this organization survive there must be a fundraising effort.

Approval of absences:

Comptroller Murphy:

POS McFarland: She should be here and made statement that a commitment needs be made. This should be used as a warning you need to be here. The banquet is a big deal.

Advisor Eastland: She gave their report to the Treasurer; however we wanted to hear from her about sections D. and E.

The motion was made to excuse the absence failed on a voice vote. Absence is unexcused.

The motion was made to excuse the Chief Justice due to illness passed on a voice vote with little debate.

Old business:

Budget:

Treasurer Jamal:

\$3,500.00 was the original budgeted price for the banquet however it was changed to \$4,500.00. Funds came from the Chief Justice and from the general fund. LRU should pay for the web site.

Advisor Eastland:

The Hilton would cost \$82 this year plus 10% for taxes would be \$91.50. In 2010 the price pre room would \$85.

The next discussion led into a concern about the Friday night gala in which the governor is heading up.

POS McFarland

He could not justify that it will work and that we are worried.

Governor Cordero:

\$7,200.00 was spent two years ago and that he could take \$500.00 from this Friday night event. We need to meet people need who may help this organization later on however they see what his organization is about. Our delegates need to use this as a networking opportunity.

Lieutenant Governor McFarland:

Last year's E-board saved this organization and that the comptroller needs to be here to discuss the banquet.

Treasurer Jamal:

Noted that the comptroller was told a full meal would cost at minimal \$5,100.00.

AG Lootens:

Supported the Governor position. "You say it's going to work it will work. I will vote for you."

Governor Cordero:

It will work is going to work I'm not going to break promises.

POS McFarland:

This is not personal this organization has little money and if that proves its cost \$3,000.00 we don't have. I care for the organization the costs are too unknown and there would be two weeks until only the RSVP will arrive.

Secretariat Scott:

Congratulates the board on its fiscal responsibility. However doubling the fees and not doubling the product is not something to be proud of. The gala could prove out and \$3,000.00 is well worth the risk. In the grand scheme of things it's not a lot of money.

President of the Senate McFarland:

Makes a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Lt. Governor McFarland. The motion fails 2-1-5 on roll call vote.

Cordero-N	A. McFarland-Y
Lootens-A	Rothenberg-A
Jamal-A	C. McFarland-Y
Erbes-A	Eastlund-A

Alumni Representative McFarland:

The question has not been answered and that the lack of communication has failed and wanted the governor to tell the board how the event is to be run.

Secretary of State Rothenberg:

Asks a series of question for clarification purposes and then added a question about what he believes the governor would consider a success.

Governor Cordero:

10% would be a success.

It was agreed that the board would allow the governor 48 hours to e-mail the board as a whole the line by line items of the budget for this event.

Recruitment:

Lieutenant Governor McFarland:

Has a good feeling about the amount of schools return and that one or two new schools will be registering with us. The same high school that attended last year is going to attending this year and she has invited about fifteen other schools to this event as well. In her head she will make her own cap on individuals allowed to attend in this event.

Treasurer Jamal:

Asked if it's just seniors attending this event?

Lieutenant Governor McFarland:

It will also be juniors with the organization as well. I drove the ones that attended last year five are coming back to full delegates this year.

FYDOP:

Lieutenant Governor McFarland:

Breakouts sessions were success and that she will continue it again this year. She would have no heart loss if she didn't have speaker for that event. Each E-board member will present their position and what it takes to run for leadership it would also include a conversation about the new press conferences this year.

Professional Justice Search Update:

The Chief Justice is finding it hard to bring this year legal professionals to this event. The Speaker of the House is in contact with his father and states that we could count on him for his support and attendance.

At 2:53 PM, a five minute recess was called by voice vote.

At 3:00 PM, meeting was gaveled back in session.

Remaining Quotes Finalized:

Email within 48 hrs.

Contract

President of the Senate:

Discussed the new contracts with the Hilton. The new contract goes through 2010. Five year contracts concern the Hilton since the condition of the economic environment so they will only contract two years in advance. By contract of 2012 every year a new two year contract will need to agree upon. Every year an increase of \$3.00 pre -room would be assessed under the current contract. He also stated that it was less than current inflation. He stated if you are not authorized to talk to the hotel do not. The next two years of the simulation will be in February exclusively.

New Business:

Finalizing MIG Schedules:

The schedule for the simulation was discussed with changes in times from Treasurer Jamal. The Lieutenant Governor stated that the lobbyist may need a room.

A motion to tentatively approve the schedule was approved by voice vote.

Committee Chair Appointments:

Speaker Erbes and POS McFarland announced their committee chairs. List will be provided to the Secretary of State in the coming days.

Keynote Speaker Announcement:

Kristin Richards, a MIG alumna, who currently works for the Governor's office will be the 2009 keynote speaker.

FYDOP Speaker Announcement:

University of Illinois' lobbyist Rich Shell is slated to be the guest speaker at FYDOP.

Resolution 2008-2009.7:

POS McFarland made a Motion to approve Executive Board Resolution 2008-2009.7. AG Lootens second the motion. Secretary of State Rothenberg called the question which was approved 8-0-0 on roll call vote.

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Audience Participation:

Triton College is keeping busy and has deployed with the idea of wearing commercial items to increase financial spending. Get a blue book.

Alumni Representative McFarland again discussed the foundation and getting phone numbers of former members.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 PM was approved by voice vote.