



Model Illinois Government

Executive Board Meeting
Northern Illinois University
August 23rd, 2009
1:00 PM

Agenda

- I. Call to Order (**1:04pm**)
- II. Roll Call
 - a. **Present:** Governor McFarland, Lt. Governor Webber, Attorney General Lootens, Secretary Morgan, Treasurer Curtis, Comptroller Clark, President Marvin, Speaker Erbes, Faculty Advisor Eastlund (BHC), Faculty Advisor Wycoff (NIU), Faculty Advisor Schott (PSC)
 - a. **Absent:** Secretariat McFarland, Faculty Advisors Vanzant, Kiefer, and Pearce
- III. Approval of Minutes – **motion:** Webber **second:** Clark
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. Governor McFarland
 - i. Strategic Plan
 1. Commission forming
 2. More information to come in the future
 - b. Lt. Governor Webber
 - i. Staff
 1. Christopher Gonzalez – Chief Lobbyist
 2. Mallory Nelson
 3. Ryan Kennedy – Chief of Staff
 - ii. Seeking North and South Regional Officers
 1. Recruitment directors
 2. Focal points for media and communication
 - iii. Crunch time! Email promise, responses sent 24 hours
 - iv. Lobbyist
 1. handbook coming this September
 2. Expansion plan/each delegation have one delegation
 - v. Delegation Resources
 1. Advance prep timeline, double numbers in 5 weeks!
 2. Best recruitment and retention
 - a. Compiled by R&R Task Force
 - b. **Recruitment and Retention Task**
 - i. To be discussed further later in meeting
 - ii. SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO BE ON THE TASK FORCE – Contact Lt. Gov. Webber or Chief of Staff Ryan Kennedy
 - c. Attorney General Lootens
 - i. Newsletter – working with the Sec. of State (SOS)
 - ii. Searching for new Editor in Chief
 1. Contacting schools of Journalism for potential candidates
 - d. Secretary of State Morgan
 - i. Newsletter
 1. Working with AG Lootens and K. Kearns on newsletter
 2. Will be sending out first electronic newsletter within the coming weeks
 3. Topics/Articles
 - a. SOS change-up (Poindexter → Morgan)
 - b. Chief Justice appointment
 - c. Lt. Gov.'s progressive plan
 - d. Highlighting Delegation activities
 - i. John Marshall Law School event
 - ii. Prairie State College event (11/13/09)
 - e. MIG on Twitter, Facebook
 - f. Alumni Association!!!

- ii. Will not be able to attend the Sept. meeting due to prior engagements with the American Cancer Society
- e. Treasurer Curtis
 - i. Will be done as soon as school starts
 - 1. Working on new AOR sheets
 - 2. Café Press coming soon
- f. Comptroller Clark
 - i. Appointment – Diana Lopez (Chief of Staff)
 - ii. Budget
 - 1. \$7000 banquet
 - 2. \$900 awards
 - iii. May have to miss the Organizational Assembly due to prior engagement
- g. President of the Senate Marvin
 - i. Almost have all bills done!
 - ii. Budget not completely
 - iii. Chair and Vice Chair applications ready and on internet
 - 1. Apply via application: encourage people to apply
- h. Speaker of the House Erbes
 - i. Bills are almost finalized, will complete in coming weeks
 - ii. Capitol contacting starting soon
 - iii. Working with President Marvin to develop synopsis book
 - iv. **budget for about \$20/hour – per Gov. McFarland's advice
- i. Secretariat McFarland
 - i. Report given by Governor
 - ii. Tentative meeting with Clerk of the House
 - iii. Still waiting on
 - iv. Doormen payment
 - v. Request to be sole contact for the Capitol Complex
- j. Faculty Advisor Eastlund
 - i. Thank you to NIU for hosting!
 - ii. Account update in Funding/New Business

V. Approval of Absences – none to approve

VI. Old Business

- a. Key 3
 - i. Budget
 - 1. Initial budget FY 2010 to be sent out via email
 - 2. Still working on the budgetary items
 - 3. Appears everyone's budget is similar to
 - 4. GET BUDGETS TO TREASURER CURTIS ASAP
 - ii. Funding
 - 1. Not heard back from Kevin Jones at LRU
 - a. Not pressing issue
 - b. Hopefully maintain at least \$5000
 - c. Waiting for confirmation, email to come hopefully to
 - 2. Eastlund with account
 - a. Yet to receive check from LRU for 08-09 expenses
 - b. \$300 – John A. Logan delegate fees from 08 simulation
 - c. One outstanding bill – DJ Joey B
 - i. Processing at Black Hawk
 - ii. Need full name, address, SSN
 - iii. Sender unknown when sent letter
 - iv. Processing NOW through BHC
 - v. Thank you Fmr. Gov. Cordero for help getting contact information for DJ services
 - 3. LRU is about 6 months behind on reimbursement checks
 - iii. Recruitment/Retention
 - 1. Look over report
 - 2. If you are interested in the Recruitment and Retention Task Force, PLEASE CONTACT Lt. Gov. Webber
 - 3. Requirement for N/S Reg officer
 - a. Report weekly update on recruitment efforts
 - b. Emails to be sent out to the EB weekly via Lt. Gov.

- c. As soon as head delegate appointed, PLEASE have them contact Lt. Gov. Webber
 - 4. BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE
 - a. Orientation guidelines and resources!!
 - b. Use the given tools for the purpose of recruiting Quality member not just Quantity/ for numbers
 - c. **Posters will be on Website!**
- VII. MOTION TO ADD SPEAKER ERBES TO ROLL
 - a. Motion: Webber
 - b. Second: Morgan
- VIII. MOTION TO ADD PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE FACULTY ADVISOR TO ROLL
 - a. Motion: Marvin
 - b. Second: Webber
- IX. New Business
 - a. Appointment of Chief Justice
 - i. Artie Burns – EIU
 - ii. Contacted 2 weeks ago, will be at all meetings to come
 - iii. Letter from Chief Justice-nominee Burns
 - 1. Get from Gov.
 - iv. MOTION TO APPROVE AND APPOINT Artie Burns
 - 1. Question: experience
 - a. first year moot court attorney 08-09
 - b. in pre-law program at EIU
 - 2. Question: satisfied
 - 3. Motion: Marvin
 - 4. Second: Lootens
 - 5. VOTE: 10 - 0 - 1
 - b. Bill selection update (House and Senate)
 - i. Using 96h General Assembly (Gov advice MOW – look at first year delegates)
 - ii. House Committees (some Chairs appointed already, by Xmas asking people to submit requests, VC will be chosen from roster in Jan/Feb)
 - 1. Governmental Affairs
 - 2. Judiciary
 - 3. Education
 - 4. Human Services
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 - 6. Firearms
 - iii. Senate Committees (chair/VC applications can be found online)
 - 1. Education
 - 2. Environment
 - 3. Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms
 - 4. Judiciary
 - c. Committee selection update (House and Senate)
 - d. OMB update – AOR Sheets
 - e. Presentation of Election Packet
 - f. Banquet
 - i. Details – meeting with Fmr Compt. Murphy this coming week, what worked/didn't
 - ii. Will be talking to the Hilton
 - 1. Multiple meal options
 - 2. Seeking feedback from the HDs
 - iii. Budget question
 - 1. \$7000
 - 2. Full, sit-down meal
 - g. Awards
 - i. Different styles
 - 1. Pillar with logo on top (interesting)
 - 2. Murphy's contact for awards
 - ii. Awards committee question
 - 1. How decide?
 - 2. Still working on the details
 - iii. Gov.
 - 1. Legislative leaders were not asked last year to voice opinions

- 2. Will be looking at it
 - h. Governor's Ball
 - i. Local Springfield company
 - 1. \$50/hr = \$500-600 for weekend
 - 2. Not providing room for the DJ this year
 - ii. Semi-formal event
 - iii. 9p – 1a (same with Delegate dance)
 - iv. Start time later? – getting people there sooner, people tend to arrive late
 - 1. No, good to have a place for people to have a place
 - 2. LT. GOVERNOR
 - a. Could have something to provide entertainment
 - b. Promote it more, you will miss out if you do not come
 - 3. Gov. – budgeted for \$700 (DJ Services)
 - i. Friday Rally in the Rotunda - - will be in the schedule
 - i. Not formal, jeans or shorts okay
 - ii. 1p – 2p - - may need to schedule committee time longer
 - iii. Start gathering ideas
 - 1. Outlet to mingle with Legislators and Lobbyists
 - iv. No cost for using the Rotunda, only cost would be sound system - \$200
 - v. 9 – noon
 - vi. 2 – 4:30p (5:00p) 2 hrs for dinner
 - vii. Networking function, similar to 08-09 Gala
 - viii. Treasurer: Invitations to be sent out? Gov: Nothing formal, only Capitol website, using MIG alumni, or alumni of schools
 - ix. Capitol Fax! – using this as a benefit
 - x. Building great relationships with the Capitol Complex
 - xi. Keep up the lines of communication
 - xii. Talk to scheduling staffer or the COS
 - xiii. JMLS speakers
- X. Audience Participation
 - a. Cripps
 - i. Gov. Quinn - - invite (friend of MIG)
 - ii. Dir. Of Ag. - - invite
 - b. Speak with staffers, easier to communicate message
- XI. Constitutional/By-Law amendment – brought forth by SOTH
 - a. Small predicament – JMLS not technically a member school, must participate for one year and in good standing, following representation at prior simulation
 - b. First announcement at the Organizational Assembly, then vote at Meeting of the Whole
 - c. FA Eastlund, historically vote does not go into effect until the following simulation year
 - d. Amendment of the Constitution reading – SOS must receive documentation
- XII. Announcements
 - a. *September meeting*
 - i. *Meeting at 1:00p on Saturday*
 - ii. *3 trains daily – early AM, afternoon, evening*
 - 1. *Buy early to save money*
 - b. *November 13th*
 - i. *Simulation Prep at Prairie State College*
 - ii. *8a – 5p*
 - iii. *House Committee VI*
 - iv. *Recruiting tool*
 - v. *MIG veterans needed to help run the simulation*
 - vi. *Reaching out to local state reps and senators*
 - c. November 6 – 8 (?) sending out information | limit to the EB first come first serve
 - d. SIGN UP FOR THE Recruitment & Retention Task Force!!!
- XIII. Adjournment (2:23pm)