



Model Illinois Government

Executive Board Meeting
John A. Logan College
September 26th, 2009

- I. Call to Order (1:00pm)
- II. Roll Call
 - a. **Present:** Governor McFarland, Attorney General Lootens, Comptroller Clark, Speaker Erbes, Secretariat McFarland, Faculty Advisor Lee
 - b. **Absent:** Lt. Governor Webber, Secretary Morgan, Treasurer Curtis, President Marvin, Faculty Advisors Eastland, Kiefer, Pearce, and Vinzant
- III. Swearing in of Chief Justice Artie Berns (EIU) [Congratulations!]
- IV. Approval of Minutes – **motion:** Lootens **second:** Clark
- V. Officer Reports
 - a. Governor McFarland
 - i. Thank you to our hosts John A. Logan College
 - ii. Appointment of Strategic Planning Committee – look at MIG over next 5 yrs (+)
 1. Scott McFarland
 2. Scott Rothenberg
 3. Nick Nolfi
 4. Nazim Jamal
 5. Tristyn Grounds
 6. Lucie VanHecke
 7. Chair: John P. Walcher
 8. Faculty Advisor John Vinzant
 - b. Lt. Governor Webber
 - i. Prep kit will be done by September 30th
 - c. Attorney General Lootens
 - i. Consulting Ben Joyner for a smooth transition for future editors in chief
 - ii. Press conferences in flux – if we don't have them, executive board will not need press sec
 - iii. Searching for new Editor in Chief
 1. Contacting schools of Journalism for potential candidates
 2. Please talk to journalism students
 - iv. Handbook will not change
 - d. Secretary of State Morgan
 - i. Is currently presenting at the Division Summit for the American Cancer Society in Chicago
 - ii. Created a newsletter template
 - iii. Newsletter will be done by Organizational Assembly
 - iv. "MIG Gazette" to be emailed to the Board
 - v. Consulting former Secretary of State and chief advisor Nicole Calcagno on appointment of election committee
 - e. Treasurer Curtis
 - i. Will be done as soon as school starts
 1. Working on new AOR sheets
 - ii. Café Press is up and running
 1. Cafepress.com/modelilgov
 2. New "MIG Store" tab on the website
 - iii. Send new logo ideas to Treasurer Curtis (treasurer@modellinoisgovernment.org)
 - iv. Budget:
 1. calculated difference between last year and this year
 2. Questions (highlighted in pink on budget printout)
 - a. Lt. Governor and Secretary of State: budget requests do not calculate correctly
 - b. Speaker of the House: magnets? Doormen?
 - c. President of the Senate: Executive board room estimates
 3. Board members: notate product description and your name when making copies
 4. GET RECEIPTS FOR **EVERYTHING**
 5. (comment from former Treasurer Nazim Jamal) give Kinko's [now FedEx Office] your name & title/position with an exact description of what is being printed, as well as your phone number

- f. Comptroller Clark
 - i. Spoke with Hilton Catering manager
 - 1. new menus coming out at the end of October
 - 2. will be looking over options when the new menus are released
- g. President of the Senate Marvin (delivered by Chief of Staff Amber McFarland)
 - i. Will be meeting with the Hilton next Tuesday (Sept 29th) with Vinzant
 - 1. Adding Faculty Advisor is a good idea for transition
 - 2. Working to rebuild relationship with the Hilton
 - ii. Discussing budget and will get back to Treasurer Curtis
 - iii. Would like to see a wide range of schools represented in chair positions
 - iv. Tell 2nd years to apply for chair positions
 - 1. Governor: we have a lot of good 1st years who do not know about the opportunity to chair until arriving at the simulation
 - 2. It may not be necessary to choose the chairs so early
 - v. Room rate is \$87 + tax (12%) = \$97.44 (the Hilton has held our rates down)
- h. Speaker of the House Erbes
 - i. Staff is absent from meeting
 - ii. Bills are almost finalized, will complete tomorrow, cited computer glitch
 - iii. Synopsis books – will be putting together as soon as bills are finalized
 - iv. Chair and Vice Chair applications: Sending to Secretariat McFarland for the website
 - v. Working with Lt. Governor Webber on recruitment
- i. Chief Justice Berns
 - i. Has gotten in touch with Andrew Smith
 - ii. Contacted lawyers about being justices
 - iii. Discussing matters with Eron McCormick
 - iv. Working of documenting procedures to assist next Chief Justice
 - v. Assistant Chief Justice: Paul Sanders (appointed)
 - vi. Law school students in moot court – will discuss matter further after researching the issue
- j. Secretariat McFarland
 - i. Has been in touch with the [actual] Clerk of the House
 - 1. House will charge by the hour for doormen
 - 2. There will be an increase in expenditure for doormen
 - ii. Will have more information and figures after the veto session
 - iii. Get updates for the website to Mr. Secretariat [webmaster] ASAP
 - iv. MIG will be here soon...
- k. Faculty Advisor Lees – no report

VI. Approval of Absences

- a. Lt. Governor Webber – **motion:** Comptroller Clark; **second:** Attorney General Lootens
- b. Secretary Morgan – **motion:** Speaker Erbes; **second:** Comptroller Clark
- c. Treasurer Curtis – **motion:** Comptroller Clark; **second:** Speaker Erbes
- d. President Marvin – **motion:** Attorney General Lootens; **second:** Comptroller Clark

VII. Old Business

- a. Key 3
 - i. Budget
 - 1. Faculty Advisor Eastlund
 - a. the state paid our bills faster than we thought
 - b. three (3) month turn around
 - 2. former Treasurer Jamal went through budget on behalf of Treasurer Curtis
 - 3. Governor
 - a. lowered budget by cutting appetizers
 - b. Comptroller has a larger budget request because the banquet will a full meal
 - c. \$1,600 increase for banquet budget is a safety net
 - d. [total] \$1200 net increase, taken from Governor's budget to Comptroller's budget
 - e. Not using full \$700 request for DJ; using local, no room needed, \$600 most likely
 - f. Rotunda event-free to use (Friday night) – \$200 sound system is only cost
 - g. Cut down to \$1,400 for budget, was \$2,800 last year
 - 4. Lt. Governor: baskets for FYDOP are the only item in budget
 - 5. Attorney General: \$100 is a cushion for printing
 - 6. Secretary of State
 - a. LRU never pays for the website
 - b. Increased printing costs
 - 7. Treasurer: expanding OMB
 - 8. Comptroller
 - a. \$7,000 is a cushion for budget

- b. Will finalize award quotes in October
- 9. President of the Senate
 - a. Synopsis book printing asks for an extra 50
 - b. Last year we had an extra 40
 - c. Can the books be printed cheaper?
- 10. Speaker of the House
 - a. The printing should be cheaper
 - b. Tomahawks does gavels for \$19
 - c. Is the gavel for President of the Senate a cost to the organization?
 - i. Senate Chief of Staff McFarland: No
 - d. Total for doormen \$4000

***Five (5) minute recess | **motion:** Comptroller Clark; **second:** Attorney General Lootens

***Back in order: **2:17 pm**

- ii. Budget continued
 - 1. We need to cut the budget by \$4000
 - 2. Everyone needs to cut LRU expenses by 25%
 - a. Awards: if the organization have to pay the expense, so be it
 - b. If we cannot have synopsis books, so be it
 - c. Send reports to Governor McFarland and Treasurer Curtis by October 2nd
 - d. We do not have this much money to spend
 - e. Delegate nametags cannot be cut, must be used for Capitol complex purposes
 - f. Election packets and OMB books will not cost that much
- iii. Funding
 - 1. Kevin Jones = LRU gave us our \$10,000 line item
 - 2. We should budget for \$6,000-7,000 instead
 - 3. Last year, we used \$4,900 of the LRU (not including expenditures for doormen)
- iv. Recruitment/Retention
 - 1. Delegation – Lt. Governor Webber has been working diligently and determinedly on the recruitment and retention campaign
 - 2. Still looking for a Northern Illinois and Southern Illinois Representative
- v. Presentation of Journalist Handbook
 - 1. Chief of Staff (Kayla Kearns) will “revamp” handbook
 - 2. Will be turned into Lt. Governor Webber by the end of the month
- vi. Moot Court case
 - 1. Normally would be in the prep kit, not possibly to get in this early
 - 2. Currently in touch with Andrew Smith
 - 3. **Issue 1:** 2nd Amendment (Chicago gun control law)
 - 4. **Issue 2:** Chicago Home Rule and whether it is constitutional
 - 5. *Hope to have the case together by October 20th*
 - 6. Wants a variety [of schools] of Faculty Advisors contact info for Moot Court facilitators
- vii. Awards – Comptroller will keep getting quotes
- viii. Banquet – quotes by the Augustana (November 15th) executive board meeting at the earliest
- ix. Presentation of House bills – soon
- x. Presentation of Senate bills
 - 1. Committees 1, 2, and 4 are done
 - 2. Replacing a few bills
- xi. ITEMS DUE [**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**] FOR PREP KIT
 - 1. House and Senate bills
 - 2. OMB handbook
 - 3. Governor’s Letter
 - 4. Journalist handbook
 - 5. Lobbyist handbook
 - 6. Moot Court case will not be in prep kit, not possible to have necessary of turnaround

VIII. New Business

- a. Prep Kit – due by tomorrow (Sunday, September 26th) night
- b. FYDOP – baskets and breakout sessions

IX. Audience Participation

- a. Governor McFarland will try to attend the Organizational Assembly, flight from Mexico gets into Moline at midnight Saturday
- b. Lt. Governor Webber will run the October meeting in the Governor’s absence
- c. Get prep materials to the Governor by Sunday night
- d. Send budget cuts to Treasurer Curtis by Friday

X. Adjournment: **2:46pm** [**motion:** Comptroller Clark; **second:** Attorney General Lootens]