



Model Illinois Government

Executive Board Meeting
Augustana College
November 15, 2009
1:00 PM

Agenda

- I. Call to Order **(1:00p)**
 - II. Roll Call
 - a. **Present:** Governor McFarland, Lt. Governor Webber, Attorney General Lootens, Secretary Morgan, Treasurer Curtis, Comptroller Clark, Speaker Erbes, Chief Justice Berns, Secretariat S. McFarland, Faculty Advisor Pearce, Faculty Advisor Weissburg
 - b. **Absent:** President Marvin, Faculty Advisors Eastlund, Kiefer, and Vinzant
 - III. Approval of Minutes [*October 25, 2009*] **motion:** Clark **second:** Lootens **(approved unanimous)**
 - IV. Officer Reports
 - a. Governor McFarland
 - i. Friday night rally (*update*)
 1. Rotunda; booked (cost: \$215)
 2. Schedule changes:
 - a. Committees adjourn at noon
 - b. Lunch cut down to one hour
 - c. Optional Rally from 1:00-2:00
 - d. Committees reconvene at 2:00
 3. Contacted former MIG members who currently work in government, 4 so far
 - ii. January 10th meeting does not have to happen, based on the current state of MIG
 - iii. MOW is Jan. 31st at the State Capitol, Capitol Complex (*unless notified*)
 - iv. **Compt. Clark:** Invitations to be sent? **Gov. McFarland:** Sent invites to alums and seeking a keynote speaker
 - v. Alumni for Friday event
 1. Staff will be there [*most likely*], not legislators
 2. MIG delegates chance to see alumni
 - b. Lt. Governor Webber
 - i. Prairie State simulation – 3 Faculty Advisors + 3 Offices + 23 delegates
 - ii. Recruitment:
 1. Contacting schools in the Chicagoland area
 2. Will be contacting Speaker Erbes; Southern Illinois recruitment
 3. Working with Compt. Clark on behalf of John Marshall Law School
 - iii. FYDOP is done (*information is complete*)
- Motion:** Morgan (add FA Weissburg to the role) **Second:** Lootens **(unanimous)**
- c. Attorney General Lootens
 - i. Working on updated version of handbooks
 - ii. Krissy Powers – Western Illinois University, joining staff
 - iii. **Treasurer Curtis:** need definitive numbers for budget
 - iv. Thank you to WIU delegates for coming to Augustana
 - v. Need to secure laptops from UIS for Journalists
 - vi. Seeking open line of communication with everyone
 - d. Secretary of State Morgan
 - i. Did not change the election packet
 - ii. **Gov. McFarland:** thank you to SOS for the MIG Gazette
 - iii. Still looking into election committee members

- e. Treasurer Curtis
 - i. Fixed the budget! Will send out “clean” copies
 - ii. Still working on [updating] AOR sheets, have a great head start on the progress
 - iii. Adding education to the simulation
 - iv. Still need another staff member for Friday
 - v. Café Press is still at the same status – **NEW this year!**
 - vi. Any MIG logo designs? Contact Curtis

- f. Comptroller Clark
 - i. Thank you to Augustana for hosting
 - ii. Staff is working closely with Lt. Gov. Webber on Recruitment & Retention efforts

- g. President of the Senate Marvin
 - i. Not at meeting – Amber had no update

- h. Speaker of the House Erbes
 - i. Thank you to Augustana for hosting
 - ii. Will be writing Original Legislation, has a lot of ideas
 - iii. Pending Press Secretary; possibly PS-Parliamentarian hybrid
 - iv. Pushing state Health Care legislation; possibly have Health Care expert
 - v. Have received only ONE chair application; last year, no issues filling position
 - vi. In holding pattern with Capitol Complex (Secretariat McFarland gave below points)
 - 1. Clerk of the House – waiting on finalized policies
 - 2. Has meeting with Secretary of the Senate to go over things
 - 3. Need to look at other options
 - 4. Room 212 – old State Capitol room, Meeting of the Whole *possibly*
 - 5. **WE ALL NEED TO RESPECT ALL CHAMBERS**
 - vii. **Gov. McFarland:** Not sure if the problems are with MIG – need to state it is a privilege to be in the Capitol Complex/Chambers
 - 1. Received a great report from the Sergeant-at-Arms in the Senate
 - 2. It is okay to worry, every year we do not know if we have the
 - 3. Old Capitol is always an option—OMB will be there if necessary
 - a. We have it open
 - b. Possibly have a committee room in the CC for OMB
 - 4. Need to look at plan B, C, D
 - viii. **Compt. Clark:** may be getting JMLS
 - ix. **Lt. Gov. Webber:** NEIU might be sending it in
 - x. **Faculty Advisor Pearce:** A large number of schools have classes that have yet to meet
 - xi. **Lt. Gov. Webber:** should have a room reserved in at Hilton for FYDOP

- i. Chief Justice Berns
 - i. Justice Thomas Kilbride maybe attending
 - ii. More information provided in New Business

- j. Secretariat McFarland
 - i. Most of report given above under Speaker Erbes’ report
 - ii. Website
 - 1. on different server; If documents are lost, please talk to Secre. McFarland
 - 2. Any updates: let McFarland know
 - iii. Acting as impromptu Alumni Rep; looking to person
 - iv. Is still the contact person in Springfield
 - v. **Faculty Advisor Pearce:** Are the bills up and in bill order? YES

- k. Faculty Advisor Pearce (*no report*)
- l. Faculty Advisor Weissburg (*no report*)

V. Approval of Absences

- a. Marvin – no excuse for motion: Erbes second: Curtis
 - i. Forgot meeting currently in Auburn
 - ii. Needing Hilton contract this meeting, not here
 - iii. In resolution: excuse in prior contact at least one week before, or dire issue
 - iv. Voice vote: nays have it – absence not approved

VI. Old Business

a. Key 3

i. Budget -- Presentation of final budget

1. Rooms: 5 (?) – based on numbers from years past
 - a. Need to get in contact with Marvin to look at contract
 - b. 3 parlor suites; Gov. suite is compt
 - c. 6 rooms we pay for (+ extra room; provided for Andrew Smith if necessary)
2. Any adjustments to be done by email
3. Approved last meeting
4. **Gov. McFarland:** heard \$9,000 for LRU (\$8975)
5. Doormen should not be that high
 - a. come directly from LRU (only thing)
 - b. budgeted for \$40/hour for doormen services
6. **Faculty Advisor Pearce:** wants real numbers – without cuts
7. **Treasurer Curtis:** will email a fresh copy
8. **Gov. McFarland:** change – add \$15 to sound system -- \$215 instead of \$200
 - a. Add another room for EB -- \$2,338.56
 - b. MIG GR line \$10,943.56
9. **Speaker Erbes:** gavels—a little more than \$100 (5 gavels)
 - a. Add \$15 for gavel line item
 - b. Looked for cheaper gavels (used to be \$4)
 - c. If cheaper is found, let Erbes know
10. *19943.96 new grand total*
11. awards over 600 – possibly come out of GR banquet
 - a. Cost of food hopefully not up too high
 - b. Hopefully closer to 6,000 for banquet
 - c. Try to stay under 600
 - d. Have rough numbers

Motion: Erbes **second:** Lootens newly revised budget (**passed unanimously**)

ii. Funding--LRU

1. Kevin Jones via email still on track with state
2. Need fresh copy ASAP for meeting with KJ
3. State is in massive budget crisis, need to make sure we budget
4. KJ wants us to succeed, wants us to have line item

iii. Recruitment/Retention

1. Update on new schools
2. potential accreditation issues

b. Presentation of Moot Court Case

i. Working fact patterns

ii. Two issues:

1. small town have a gun ban, similar to home-rule measures
2. loaded clip on person without being in gun, is weapon loaded
3. Case will develop more

iii. Will be sending fact pattern out with some disclaimers

iv. Timeline: hopefully case is done in by mid-December

c. Awards

i. Two awards idea

Option 1: \$25 + \$50 logo fee; free engraving + shipping

Option 2: \$35 (favorite award)

ii. Total awards needed: nineteen (19)

iii. **Gov. McFarland:** It will be Compt. Clark's call on which awards, at discretion

iv. When to be finalized (by January at latest, hopefully late-December)

v. Awards committee

1. Finding members for committee
2. Get room – talk to Marvin
3. Please have the associated EB member come

- d. Banquet
 - i. No banquet news, hopefully next week
 - ii. **Gov. McFarland:** conference coming up...food tasting in a few weeks
 - iii. Have to spend at least \$4,000

VII. New Business

- a. FYDOP schedule
 - i. In draft form – passed around at meeting
 - ii. Certificate of “Simulation Certification”
 - iii. Theme: Making 2010 the best... (you fill in the blank)
 - iv. Video (shown at meeting): need to work with Secre. McFarland on video
 - v. **Faculty Advisor Pearce:** get work, looks good
 - vi. FYDOP: 4:30 opening ceremonies
- b. Hilton Contract – not given as Marvin not in attendance
- c. Tentative presentation of MIG schedule
 - i. Will be presented at Meeting of the Whole
 - ii. Will email draft(s) to the Executive Board
 - iii. Need to talk about room numbers
- d. Kinkos charges a ton – Capitol blueprint will do printing for \$25
 - i. Get quotes on prior to MIG expenses
 - ii. Can cut money for LRU by looking at Local (preferably Union) print shops
 - iii. Will be taking synopsis books for price quote
 - iv. Lootens: need letters in by MOW
 - v. State Journal Register: printed on actual newspaper

VIII. Audience Participation

- a. Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting today
- b. Come to the Meeting of the Whole on January 31st in Springfield

IX. Announcements

- a. Remember to get welcome letter
- b. Press secretary announced by MOW
- c. Need staff for FYDOP
- d. \$\$\$ for staff needed ASAP (\$9.50)
- e. Staff has to pay for delegate fee
- f. No meeting Jan. 10th
- g. Stay in contact via email
- h. If you need anything, reach out to the other members of EB
- i. It is vital to check email – check it at least twice

X. Adjournment (2:27p) Compt. Clark/Att. Gen. Lootens