



Model Illinois Government

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Executive Board Meeting
April 19, 2009
Lincoln Land Community College**

Call to order: 1:14 PM

Roll Call:

Old Officers

Governor absent
Lt. Governor here
Attorney General here
Secretary of State here
Treasurer here
Comptroller absent
President of the Senate here
Speaker of the House here
Chief Justice absent

New Officers

Governor here
Lt. Governor here
Attorney General here
Secretary of State here
Treasurer here
Comptroller here
President of the Senate here
Speaker of the House here
Chief Justice vacant

Faculty Advisors

Eastland here
Vinzant here
Kiefer
Pearce

Outgoing Officer Reports

Governor Letter read

-Hilton needs to be held accountable for their lack of action regarding the Gala

Lt. Governor

-First Year Delegate reviews are high and are looking to return
-Card to sign and send to delegate that was injured at simulation
-More people took survey this year, large increase in first year delegates

Attorney General

-Good luck to the new guy

Secretary of State

- Governor thanks him for his willingness to step up and fill the empty e-board position
- Treasurer
 - DJ still needs to be paid from simulation
 - E-board to decide if they want to pay in future for professional attorney rooms
 - Three Representatives made a donation to MIG: Rep. Turner, Rep. Lang, Rep. Saviano
- Comptroller
 - No Report
- President of the Senate
 - Both Majority leader and Minority leader were elected to e-board
 - Contract with Hilton until 2012. Has asked the new POTS to extend contract one year
 - Blame for Gala is shared with Hilton. There was a lack of communication.
 - Need to continue to build that working professional relationship with the hotel
- Speaker of the House
 - Had to buy seven gavels for this year's simulation
 - Engraved and for sale to committee chairmen
- Chief Justice
 - No report
 - Governor thanks him for a "great turn-around" in Moot Court this year
- Secretariat
 - Submitted his resignation, accepted at the adjournment of this meeting
 - Thank you remarks
- Alumni Representative
 - Looking to form an Alumni Foundation
 - Find Alumni from your area and get in contact with them
- Faculty Advisor Eastland
 - There has been a decrease in number of faculty advisors willing to attend monthly executive meetings
 - Hoping to increase participation from advisors on a regional basis
 - November 13th, Prairie State is hosting a MIG practice meeting
- Faculty Advisor Vinzant
 - Add to agenda New Business "K"-Archive Report
 - Erbes makes motion
- Incoming Officer Reports**
- Governor
 - Thanks to LLCC for hosting us
 - Thanks to Past Governor for his leadership and support
 - Feel free to contact with questions and comments: 3092357781
 - Appointed Chief of Staff and one chamber liaison
 - E-board is from all different schools
- Lt. Governor
 - Thanks to past board and congratulations to the new board
- Attorney General
 - Thanks to LLCC and e-board
 - Looking forward to improving MIG journal this year
- Secretary of State
 - Scott McFarland is the Webmaster
 - Website has been updated with this year's simulation information
 - Everyone go onto site and find areas that could be updated
 - Trying to utilize facebook and twitter to our advantage

- Quarterly newsletter to different delegations from Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Lt. Governor

- Revise the delegate code of conduct and add a liability waiver.

Treasurer

- Committee for fund raising for the first time (Governor has appointed the members: John Walcher, Nazim Jamal, Scott Rothenberg, Nick Nolfi, Advisor Vinzant)

- Use of “Café’ Press” for fundraising

Comptroller

- Appointed Nick Nolfi as staff member

- Working on June event at John Marshall (June 6th) panel of speakers from Illinois government (Funded outside of MIG)

President of the Senate

- “The Lamp” has covered MIG

- Working with past POTS on securing the Senate

- Have faculty advisor go with POTS every visit to the Hilton

- Staff: McFarland, Garee, Olden, VanPelt, and Calcagno

Speaker of the House

- Staff: Cripps, Wallace, rest is to come

- Appointing Capital complex liaison committee

- Proposal of sidecar magnets to advertise for MIG

Faculty Advisor Eastland

- Appreciative of new ideas

Faculty Advisor Vinzant

- Wants to emphasize fund raising

- Working out the infrastructure behind money flow

Approval of Absences

- None

- Appointment of Chief Justice for this year

- In touch with key people on this appointment

- Hoping to put together an application process

- Working with John Williams from Principia College on making this a building year for Moot Court

- Andrew Smith will continue working on the case for this year

- Hoping to make the appointment from a ninth school

Simulation Debrief

Governor

- Urges for a full meal at the banquet

Secretariat

- Staff is becoming too big, some people need to be in simulation

- Need for coordination of bills during veto session

- Try something besides a printed MIG journal

- Plan for committee action in case chambers are not open

- Consider fee changes for delegations

Comptroller

- Raising school fee would be a good way to raise more funds without raising delegate fee

Past Lt. Governor

- Have one designated e-board member to be main contact with advisors to eliminate confusion

Governor’s Chief of Staff

- Need to get committees back into the capital building

Lt. Governor

-Diversifying recruitment to have people partake in different chambers

Consensus for a five-minute recess

New Business

Funding report

-MIG is under the LRU line item on the Governor's budget

-Also in a House bill for \$10,000

Budget report by Treasurer Curtis

Recruitment by Lt. Governor

-Progressive track plan introduction

-Recruitment task force, members: Kennedy, Johnson, Mingo, and Erbes

Suggested Constitutional Amendments

-Secretariat amendment **RES 2009-2010.1**

-Makes it an official non-voting selected position

-Person holds position until resignation or voted out by 2/3 e-board vote, rationale is to have consistency and experience that will carry over

-Official thanks for past board- motion made by Comptroller Clark with school names added

-Passes unanimously

-Attendance policy **RES 2009-2010.2**

-Motion by President of the Senate Marvin, Seconded by Attorney General Lootens

-Passes unanimously

-Executive Board Meeting Schedule **RES 2009-2010.3**

-Switching the June meeting and the November meeting

-September meeting is to be on the 26th (only Saturday meeting)

-Moved by President of the Senate Marvin

-Passes unanimously

-Timeline **RES 2009-2010.4**

-Same timeline from the past years

-Distribution of recruitment materials has been moved to May

-Motion by Comptroller Clark

-Passes unanimously

-Faculty Advisor Attendance Policy **RES 2009-2010.5**

-Requiring presence of one faculty advisor at all times during simulation

-Lays out emergency plan

-Passes unanimously

-Staff Policy **RES 2009-2010.6**

-Puts staff members who are not a part of a school delegation under the executive board jurisdiction

-Causes staff members to pay fee

-Motion by Comptroller Clark

-Passes unanimously

Governor McFarland apologizes for past comments against staff advisors. He appreciates everything they do for the organization and looks forward to working with them in the future.

Secretariat Appointment

-Governor nominates Scott McFarland for the role of Secretariat

-Motion to approve made by President of the Senate Marvin

-Scott McFarland sees this role as being an administrative assistant to the e-board in Springfield

-Passes unanimously

-Will be effective at the close of today's meeting

Archive Report

- 1980's have been scanned and archived
- Quarterly news papers are archived, can be used as template
- Looking to get in touch with the alumni archived
- Great way to fundraise

Audience Participation

- Beginning a PAC to assist MIG alumni running for public office (funding and campaigning)
- PAC will endorse MIG alumni who are not in violation of MIG, State, or Federal constitutions
- Party affiliation and personal feelings will not effect endorsement

Announcements

- Resolutions will go up on the website ASAP
- New e-board members meet with Amber McFarland
- Outgoing members meet with Nazim Jamal

Meeting Adjourned: 4:25 PM