

Model Illinois Government
Executive Board Meeting
July 12, 2009
Western Illinois University

1. **Call to order:** 1:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**
 - a. Present: Governor McFarland, Attorney General Lootens, Secretary of State Morgan, Comptroller Clark, President of the Senate Marvin, Speaker of the House Erbes, Secretariat McFarland, Faculty Advisors Eastlund and Boeckleman
 - b. Absent: Lt. Gov. Webber, Treasurer Curtis, Faculty Advisors Vanzant, Kiefer, and Pearce
3. **Approval of Minutes** motion: SOTH | second: POTS | **unanimous**
4. **Officer Reports**
 - a. Governor
 - i. Report covered in the meeting – commission made in April (see new business)
 - ii. Thank you WIU for hosting!
 - b. Lt. Governor (absent due to speaking engagement)
 - i. Please refer to Lt. Governor Webber’s email
 - ii. Prep Kit update – 4 minor changes (listed in email)
 - iii. Delegation Resources on the website
 - c. Attorney General
 - i. Welcome to WIU!
 - ii. Newsletter coming soon in full swing
 - iii. Searching for new Editor in Chief
 - iv. QUESTION from the Gov. – Since the SOS is the Chief Communications Officer, how do you plan to work together?
 - v. ANSWER from the AG – Will be working closely with the SOS.
 - d. Secretary of State
 - i. Working with the AG on the newsletter
 - ii. I will not be able to attend the September meeting at John A. Logan due to the American Cancer Society Division Summit meeting.
 - iii. If there are any other
 - e. Treasurer
 - i. Staff is choosing to keep AOR sheets from the past few years, considering updating these sheets
 - ii. Please send (if you have yet to) your budget request for the 09-10 simulation year
 - iii. August meeting is to be held at NIU, if you need a place on Saturday night please contact
 - iv. Fundraising Committee had a phone conference last week (Chair Walcher can elaborate; not in attendance)
 - f. Comptroller
 - i. Do not foresee any awards criteria changes,
 - ii. limited contact with the former Comptroller
 - iii. ISBA has a online news publication, MIG was mentioned
 - iv. Working with Lt. Gov. for Chicagoland recruitment

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- g. President of the Senate
 - i. Committees have been decided, altered slightly from previous years
 - ii. Currently looking at and considering various bills
 - iii. Almost finished Chair application, will be on website shortly
 - iv. QUESTION from FA Eastlund: Hilton relationship? Needs mending!
 - v. ANSWER nothing yet
 - 1. made appointment for second week of August
 - 2. Sent email to Dr. Vanzant, have him attend meeting as well
 - vi. GOVERNOR – **communication is vital for the organization, please follow assigned duties as outlined in the Constitution and other governing documents**
- h. Speaker of the House
 - i. Forwarding proposed budget probably tomorrow
 - ii. Prep kit corrections have been sent to Lt. Gov. Webber
 - iii. Committees will remain the same, there were no issues with the committees last year
 - iv. Working with Lt. Gov. on recruitment in Southern Illinois
 - v. BUDGET: Craig and Eric
 - 1. Need gavels for Senate
 - 2. GOV – in past, used other companies
 - a. Consider all options, looking for the best price possible
 - b. Each role needing a gavel should place in line item
 - c. ADD gavels for Senate to the POTS
 - 3. Price of the synopsis books (under bill selection update)
 - vi. Capitol Complex
 - 1. Increase in budget with the addition committee rooms
 - 2. Tension in Springfield currently; holding off on this discussion topic
 - vii. Reservation of the rooms: Jim Scott has played roles (make this clear to all contacts)
 - 1. Working with Secretariat McFarland to accomplish this task
 - 2. Hilton rooms worked, but it would be nice to use Capitol Complex

ADD Comptroller Clark to the role: Motion: POTS | Second: SOS | unanimous

- i. Secretariat
 - i. Capitol Complex: one person contact should be implemented
 - 1. Stratton Building and Capitol Complex (should have no issues)
 - ii. Letter to the both chambers leadership offices
 - iii. Will not be able to attend the August meeting due wedding anniversary
- j. Faculty Advisor(s)
 - i. Eastlund
 - 1. Thank you WIU
 - 2. Financial Report given to GOV, SECR, and TREAS
 - 3. Lt. Gov. actively pursuing recruitment measures, sent letter to all IL schools
 - a. Phone call follow-ups soon to come
 - 4. **Prairie State College Nov. 13th – MIG prep simulation**

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- ii. Boeckelman
 - 1. WELCOME TO WESTERN!

5. **Approval of Absences:**

- a. Curtis
 - i. GOV – Curtis informed the Executive Board of her mandatory work schedule at the June meeting, indicating she will not be at the July or September meetings
 - ii. **Approve** motion: SOTH | second: COMP
- b. Webber
 - i. GOV – he is speaking in front of 4000 members
 - ii. **Approve** Motion: COMP | second: POTS

6. **Old Business:**

- a. Budget (LRU reimbursement)
 - i. Kevin Jones has been valuable to MIG
 - 1. Sent report to Jones June 29th (Gov. will email copy to Executive Board)
 - 2. Roughly \$5200 in reimbursement
 - 3. At least 100 days until the check is sent; possibly October until we receive the check
 - ii. Treasurer Jamel last year helped to mend relations significantly last year
 - 1. LRU situation taken over by GOV. when approached
 - 2. FA Eastlund
 - a. LRU will reimburse cost incurred but paperwork needs to be do
 - b. Blackhawk account: \$11078.28
 - c. No bills incurred at the Hilton must be paid through Blackhawk College via Faculty Advisor Eastlund
 - d. Possibly going locally for DJ services
 - i. Just now (at the July meeting) receiving the bill from MIG DJ services
 - ii. Looking for someone locally to help keep budget down and paperwork coming in on time
- b. Budget: (initial request to Treasurer Curtis) **PLEASE SEND PROPOSALS ASAP!**
 - i. Starting talks in August
 - ii. Presenting budget most likely at Organizational Assembly in October
- c. Funding – Treasurer Curtis & Fundraising Committee
 - i. Different situation 3 years ago
 - 1. UIS account had \$1000 (3 yrs ago)
 - 2. BHC account will be \$16000 (current)
 - 3. Could foresee \$30000 in a few years
 - a. Will the State seek MIG to self-fund?
 - b. Would an audit prove we have the money to self-fund?
 - 4. FA Eastlund: Mr. Jones has never asked about additional money

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5. Governor: We should start talking about if large funding opportunities is necessary or not.
- ii. Comments from Executive Board
 1. Comptroller
 - a. Are we in a perpetual state of being cut?
 2. POTS
 - a. Setback possible if we cease or limit fundraising efforts
 3. Secretariat (history)
 - a. \$10,000 line item cut in 05/06 year
 - b. Started fundraising for reserves to run MIG for 1 yr if needed
 - c. Cannot expect \$10,000 in LRU funds
 - i. Have only used about \$5,000 in past few years
 4. Governor
 - a. We do have friends in the State
 - i. Lt. Gov (now Gov.) Quinn gave \$5,000 grant 5 yrs ago
 - ii. Commission will be seeking commentary on the
 5. SOTH
 - a. Unique position with aggressive alumni
 - b. great friends in across the State, but we still should fundraise
 - c. Still need to fundraise though we have the money
 - d. \$10,000 can go towards something else if needed
 6. SOS
 - a. Increase fundraising efforts if necessary to ensure safety of the organization for more than 1 yr
- iii. Funding Report
 1. Awards invoice has yet to be paid | only outstanding bill to date
 2. Should be considering new possibilities for awards.
 3. Audit will be done when BHC audits as a school
- d. Recruitment and Retention
 - i. Lt. Gov. Webber offered more delegate resources
 - ii. *Purpose* of program is to *empower* delegates and schools to: prepare early, train and retain early, have access to recruitment tools and fundraising ideas, recruit and retain efficiently, diversify MIG, build the competitive edge by encouraging more research, help establish effective leadership
- e. Chief Justice search update
 - i. Offered to someone, yet to respond | it has been about a week, considering another appointment
 - ii. Andrew Smith is willing to communicate to write the court case for this year
 - iii. Hope to appoint as soon as possible
 - iv. If picked between now and the August meeting, the appointee will serve as a
 - v. John Marshall participation: can participate in a manner except as lawyers (and potentially Justices) in Moot Court

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7. **New Business:** line item a (Budget Preparation)
 - a. Awards Criteria (Comptroller)
 - i. need a new awards company, will start search
 - ii. will be discussing with Secretariat
 - b. Bill & Committee selection update
 - i. House
 1. started but not yet completed, working with staff to accomplished selection
 2. update coming in August
 - ii. Senate
 1. Committees (see above)
 2. Started working on the selection, have about half of the bills selected
 3. Firearm bills will be decided in the coming days
 - iii. PLEASE GET THE BILLS TO THE SECRETARIAT/WEBMASTER IN PDF FORM
 - iv. GOAL:
 - v. Synopsis book: mesh together the books, do not separate
 1. Synopsis book budget: incorporate into one budget | pick between SOTH and POTS
 2. Lobbyists need some as well
 3. 175 ordered last year, about 30 not used | approx. \$975 used from 08-09 budget
 4. GAVELS will be taken care of by the SOTH – budgetary reasons
 5. SYNOPSIS BOOKS taken care of by POTS – budgetary reasons
 - c. OMB update – AOR sheets
 - i. Division 1 took only a day to cover
 - ii. Hopefully will have two groups: Div. 1 & 2
 - iii. Looking to overhaul OMB to give more participatory opportunity for the two groups
 - iv. POTS: What happened last year?
 1. Only planned to do Div. 1, but went through both divisions
 - v. POTS: Could OMB do what the Court does if done early? Sit in on the legislature
 1. Possibility to there
 - d. Executive Order 2009-2010.1
(Establishment of the STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION)
 - i. Suggestions are not set in stone, but more for advisory purposes to Executive Boards of the coming five sessions/years
 - ii. TISL established an on-line newsletter
 - iii. Faculty Advisors are encouraged to participate, one FA is mandatory (can be rotating position and more than one can be in attendance)
 - iv. Typo II: Purpose, Subpt: A: strike legislators, add legislatures
 - v. Suggestions given at the Meeting of the Whole January 31, 2010.

8. **Audience Participation:**

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- a. Packets to be sent out after interest has been established: need ideas for the packet (email Lt. Gov. Webber)
- b. Fmr Lt. Gov. McFarland: Extra copying last year cost incurred? Answer: none
- c. How are we getting the CDs out to Colleges?
 - i. Never received the CD.
 - ii. Fmr Lt. Gov. McFarland: Last year, Aurora was to be dropped off, did not happen, was recent but nothing more heard.
 - 1. Prep kits will be sent out the exact same way as last year
 - 2. Please give exact address or new address to Lt. Gov. Webber
- d. MIG have any alumni participatory opportunities
 - i. Key part of the strategic plan
 - ii. Secretariat McFarland
 - 1. Need to start working on the Alumni Foundation
 - 2. Will be working on an AF to work outside the organization to support MIG
 - iii. Governor McFarland
 - 1. We need openness in the organization
 - 2. Supposition has been the Alumni Foundation has been a closed venue
- e. Why not get majority and minority awards based on the Chambers?
 - i. Talk to Comptroller Clark about this possibility

9. **Announcements:**

- a. Discussion: Governor Gala (networking event ONLY)
 - i. Reserve Rotunda of the Capitol for the lunch hour on Friday
 - ii. Open to the public, free for us to use
 - iii. Have Gala for one hour maybe two
 - iv. Will be in discussion with the SOTH
 - v. HAVE ANY QUESTIONS: PLEASE LET THE GOVERNOR KNOW
- b. Comptroller: potentially contacting and reserving speakers
- c. November meeting – ask AG Lootens or SOS Morgan if a place to stay is needed
- d. September meeting is a DRIVE! Amtrak is available.
 - i. SOTH Erbes and Chief of Staff Adam Cripps have limited space available
 - ii. If hotel/motel is necessary, PLEASE RESERVE EARLY!!

10. **Adjournment:** 2:29 pm