Illinois Wesleyan University
Student Senate Executive Board
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Kami Irvin

During the month of January, I was quite busy settling into my new position and ensuring that the rest of the Executive Board was doing so as well. Upon returning from Winter Break I made contacts to facilitate adequate training of the new Executive Board. Currently, all board members have been trained and are getting off to a great start in their new positions. Among other things, new office hours have been created and are posted at the Commissioner’s Office, the Executive Office, and on the Student Senate website. The logistics of distributing keys to the commissioners required the majority of my time in early January. I am pleased to have this task behind me, as all of the commissioners now have the proper keys.

One of my major tasks this spring is to contract and complete a 2005-2006 Student Planner. During January I have contacted two companies about the options and products that are available. I am hoping to select a company in early February.

Finally, I have attended multiple meetings for both the All University Speakers Committee and the Chief Student Affairs Officer Search Committee (CSAO).
Student Senate President

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Kevin Maliszewski

The first order of business for my administration was to compile and approve our executive board. The following are officers and commissioners chosen by the Vice President Kami Irvin and myself:

Treasurer: Todd Kumler
IPC: Salman Khan
Entertainment: Kyle Brigham
Communications: Shannon O’Rourke
Parliamentarian: Emilee Bocker
SEC: Haley Brown
SWHR: Melissa Koeppen
Media: Hannah Giunta

Jason Dulac was recommended and approved as an off-campus senator for the Spring Semester. Peter Alford, Eric Infanzon and Andrew Kapral were also temporarily appointed to the financial advisory board (FAB).

I have met periodically with members of the strategic planning steering committee (SPSC) for the university. Many of the issues discussed included the problems arising from May Term, current advising, class sizes and options, tuition and environmental sustainability.
I have spent a great deal of time during my administration’s first month of duty attending committee and personal meetings on campus. This has granted me a better understanding of the University, administration, faculty, staff and students.
Student Senate Treasurer

January 2005 Report

Todd Kumler

Since the Executive Board changeover, I have dedicated my first few weeks as Treasurer toward organizing the Senate financial situation. While I have made great progress in paying back bills owed to students, several reimbursements and bills remain outstanding. I plan to have this paid by the beginning of February. In addition, I hope to have a completely organized financial picture by the beginning of February as Student Senate heads into the budgeting process for the 2005-2006 school year.

Beyond my day-to-day duties as Treasurer, I have also started taking the initial steps toward achieve my goals for this position. I created a Web site (available at http://www.iwu.edu/~tkumler/treasurer) for the Office of the Treasurer. While it is not entirely finished, it is fully functional and should be completed within the next few weeks. Hopefully, my Web site will improve communication between the Treasurer and Senators as well as between the Treasurer and the student body. I will be posting budgeting information, Financial Advisory Decisions, and other relevant material on the Web site.

Currently, I am also looking at revising the Student Senate Code of Finances. The document was last updated in 2000, and many aspects of the Code of Finances no longer reflect how Financial Advisory Board and Student Senate operate. I have made initial observations for changes that I feel are necessary, and once a new Financial Advisory Board is elected, we will begin amending the Code of Finances.
January 23rd marked the first day of my tenure as Student Senate Parliamentarian. I had nothing to report at my first meeting. However, I will be fielding questions from Senators at the upcoming meeting on February 6th regarding the Constitutional Revisions that were proposed by past Parliamentarian, Jason Dulac. The revisions were tabled at the January 23rd meeting and will be part of Old Business on February 6th. In order to ensure that all Senators were aware of the revisions I reminded Senators through an email on the Student Senate listserv to be prepared to vote on the revisions.

It was brought to my attention at the last meeting that our constitution does not address whether a Senator is liable in any way to their constituency. I intend to address that during my term, and hopefully propose a solution to this problem. With the help of my Constitutional Revisions committee, I will be able to obtain the opinions and suggestions of my peers regarding this issue.
Communications Commissioner

January 2005 Report

Shannon O’Rourke

In January, I was appointed as the Communications Commissioner. Amy Buenning trained me during the week of January 16th. Amy and Laura Jaskierski have helped me through the transition and answered many of my questions.

This month I have worked with Xerox, discussing our account with them and provided them with our meter reading. I also initiated “spring cleaning” in the commissioners’ office and have gone through a decade’s worth of paperwork.

I have discussed the possibility of getting a link to the Senate website included in the “Campus Quicklinks” section of campus pipeline. The Web Advisory Committee will discuss the addition of it at their next meeting. I have also discussed possibly changes and additions to the Senate website with Joe Jasinski, the webmaster.

I completed the minutes for the January 23rd meeting, emailed them to the Senate listserv, made corrections to them, and submitted them to Joe Jasinski to be posted on the Senate website. I created the agenda for the February 6th Student Senate meeting.

I have started the new Senator attendance list for this semester, but am still compiling names of the new Senators.

I have hung flyers for WESN and Habitat for Humanity. I have also been discussing publicity for Titan TV 2 with Mike Gabrielle. I posted a Campus Announcement on my.iwu.edu for applications for the Assessment Task Force and Student Panel.
Student Senate Special Events Commissioner

January 2005 Report

Haley M. Brown

The month of January was dedicated to the beginning stages of organization and planning for Spring Family Weekend and May Term.

For Spring Family Weekend, I began by contacting different offices and departments to compile a list of all events. I have also set up a meeting with Mike Welsh and Mike Seeborg to plan the joint luncheon with the John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference.

For May Term, I have contacted all registered student organizations to determine interest of other organizations sponsoring/co-sponsoring events. I have also been in contact with the residence hall directors to find students interested in serving on the committee. Finally, I have been working on getting a date and contract set up to bring the Second City, a comedy group, during May Term.
Greetings from the Entertainment Commission! Upon the successful completion of changeover, the commission has been busy researching possibilities for the upcoming Student Senate spring concert. With an income of around $12,000 from the Ben Folds Performance’s general public ticket sales, the commission was able to fund the show at no extra cost to the yearly budget, with some finances left over for the general fund.

As of now, the spring concert is still in the exploratory stages. The money has been allocated, and we are narrowing in on placing a bid. Information for this concert will be released as soon as the specifics become available. As of now, all I can guarantee is to look forward to a great show sponsored by the Student Senate!

Besides beginning the process of the spring performance, the Student Senate has been approached with the task of organizing a Tsunami Benefit Event to take place sometime in the next couple of months. A meeting took place to discuss various fund-raising ideas among all types of groups across the Illinois Wesleyan community. The consensus was to put together a type of benefit show that will raise money to help relieve some of the cost of repairing the communities hit most by the tsunami. As of now, this too is still in the research stages, but some very productive progress has been made.

If you have any questions regarding either of these events, please do not hesitate to send me an email at kbrigham@iwu.edu. Remember that as soon as more logistics are solidified, the information will be released to the student body, so keep your ears open!
This month, the Student Welfare and Human Relations Commission focused on finalizing the events for Gender Issues Week (Feb.28 –Mar. 3). In addition SWHR took measures to set up a new meeting time with Sodhexo food services. Also, inquires were made to Keppler Speakers about possible Keynote speakers for AIDS Awareness week. Senate, as a whole, went through changeover. Senate Executive Board attended the CelebriASIA and discussed possible upcoming speakers.

Specific tasks accomplished by the Student Welfare and Human Relations Commission:

- Keynote speaker, Elizabeth Birch, confirmed for March 3 and time for lecture was set for 8PM in Hansen.
- The HBO movie, Normal, was confirmed for Beckman Auditorium on March 1, 9:30 PM.
- Domestic Violence Awareness speaker, Lt. Mark Kotte, was confirmed for Feb. 28th at 8 PM in Hansen.
- Chapel Hour on March 2 was confirmed.
- In process of setting up Discussion and free write session with IWU professor on March 2.
- Asked Kappa Pi to produce artwork for the quad for Gender Issues Week on the topic of How do you view gender?
- Discussed potential speakers for AIDS Awareness Week with Dustin Jones of Keppler Speakers.

The Student Welfare and Human Relations Commission has almost finalized the entire schedule for Gender Issues Week. The next step will to begin publicity for the week. The changeover of commission has gone smoothly and I have taken strides to notify IWU faculty and staff who have worked closely with SWHR in the past of the changeover.
The month of January has been an exciting time for campus media.

Tributaries recently published its semi-annual literary magazine. The group sponsored a party where authors read their works and enjoyed some time together. President Wilson attended the reading, and many organizations came out to support the students. Now, Tributaries is working on plans for its February writing conference. The executive board has extended invitations to all Illinois colleges and to promising high school senior writers. The weekend will feature a variety of workshops, open readings, and the compilation of an original publication featuring a selection of writing from each conference participant.

The Argus has a new editor-in-chief. Emma Weir was appointed to the position in December as Erie Roberts is studying abroad at Oxford this semester. Changeover for next year will take place in late February.

WESN held DJ recruitment meetings on January 13th and 14th. Several new shows will start in the next couple of weeks.

Titan TV managers recently petitioned FAB for money to begin student-produced programming this semester. The petition has been approved. One station will continue to show movies, but the other station will feature student films and TV shows. Any student will be able to participate after receiving approval from the Titan TV managers. Students will have all electronic equipment and production supplies necessary to make their films, but they will have to petition for other funding if unusual props or costumes are desired. We should see programming by March, and several changes have already been made to make the station more student friendly. I am trying to add some thematic programming on Titan TV and plan to use some of the other resources the company sends that have not been used previously. Also, I am looking for a way to better publicize what is available on our campus network.
I met with Dean Matthews, Jeff Hanna, Brandon Cristol, Dr. Plath, and several others to discuss the state of the yearbook. I will be checking in with Lindsay Lehr to determine the status of incomplete yearbooks. Dean Matthews and I will assess the progress made to date in order to make important decisions about the past and future issues of Wesleyana. This decision may also require a thorough review of financial documentation, and consultation with the university legal department. We will be conducting a survey to measure student interest in a yearbook and may replace the traditional yearbook with a year in review magazine that could be printed by the university.

The Media Commission is experiencing some exciting changes right now. If you have any questions about these, or other, changes within the commission please do not hesitate to send me an email at hgiunta@iwu.edu.

**Student Senate Issues and Programming Commissioner**

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Salman I. Khan

The main focus for the month of January was the planning for the Soul Food Dinner. During this time I have been coordinating primarily with the speaker’s agent, Mike Welsh, Marry Miller of Black Student Union, Mike Wagner, and printing services to accomplish all that was needed to make sure that this year’s Soul Food Dinner goes perfectly without any problems.

For example:

- **Contract**: The contract with the speakers had to be modified and updated so that their itinerary did not conflict with what was planned for the event.
- **Food**: Black Student Union did two taste tests of the food that will be provided by Sodhexo.
- **Posters and Tickets**: The posters and tickets were done by Susan Sombeck and Carrie Young of Printing Services.
Thus, a lot of work has been done to insure that the Soul Food Dinner goes on as planned.

Furthermore, I have been looking into veterans of the Iraq War who could come and give us a first hand perspective of what the war has really been like. I have also been looking for a speaker that can address the issue of Islam after 9/11. More specifically, how Muslims have been coping life after 9/11 in America and around the world.