

## Feb. 23, 2007 SGA Meeting

Meeting called to order at 4:00p.m.

### **Roll Call:**

Executives: Marcus Vigil (4:05p.m.), Joanna Reusser, Ben Peak, and Heather Vigil  
Senate: David Romero, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Teresa Granados, Mitch Royer (4:05p.m.),  
Mphatso Jumbe, Teresa Santos, Misty Perrin, and Alma Galicia

Advisor: Marvin Rasch

Judicial: Joe Spencer

Cabinet: Mindy Troxel and Kim Muncie(4:09p.m.)

Constituents/Guests: the Preface, representatives for the Accounting Association, representatives for the J-Club, representatives for the Latino Student Union, and representatives for Students for Common Sense

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Misty motioned to amend the Dec. 9, 2007 minutes. Teresa S. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Misty asked that a name be corrected from Laura Disco to Moira Dyczko.

Teresa S. asked that the wording on page 5 be corrected to: "She said parts of the document *appear* to limit or violate free speech and parts of the document *appear* to limit the assembling of people."

Misty motioned to approve the minutes with the amendments.

Motion passed unanimously of those present.

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Misty motioned to open the floor to constituents. Alma 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion passed unanimously.

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### **Voicing of Constituents:**

A representative from the IUSB Accounting Association requested \$1000 from the SGA to help fund their annual banquet. The banquet celebrates the members, professors, and donors. They expect around 100 people to attend this event.

Representatives from the J-Club requested \$1150.92 from the SGA to help fund a trip to a Chicago convention. There are 21 people are signed up. The event will be May 11th-13<sup>th</sup>.

Alma Galicia read a letter from Kristofer Werley. He wanted a survey given to the IUSB students to gage the opinions of the upcoming university-wide no smoking policy.

Representatives from the Latino Student Union requested \$978 from the SGA to help cover the cost of taking 36 students to Bloomington's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Latino Leadership Conference. The purpose of this event is to strengthen the bonds between LSU members and to give them more leadership abilities.

Representatives from Students for Common Sense came to ask the SGA for \$1000 to help fund a rally to Washington DC on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the rally is to protest the war in Iraq. A 56 passenger bus is expected to be filled for this event.

### **Executive Reports:**

#### *President:*

Marcus gave Colleen Verduin's report on the Academic Senate meeting. Chancellor Reck said that the IUSB budget needs a \$700,000 cut. Vice Chancellor Guillaume is targeting students from other universities to attend summer classes to help ease budget issues.

The Constitution Committee's draft will be sent out early next week.

Marcus thanked those who participated on this year's Get on the Bus. He said it was a great day of lobbying and that a record setting 150+ students from IUSB went.

He is still working on a strategy in regard to Health and Wellness with Chancellor Reck and state legislators.

Marcus asked if anyone was interested in going to the Notre Dame Community Summit. It is next Friday, from 11 a.m.-2p.m.

#### *Vice President:*

Joanna asked that everyone make an effort to keep SGA office clean.

#### *Secretary:*

Heather had nothing to report.

#### *Treasurer:*

Ben said there was \$288.77 left over in the budget from last semester. With the Spring budget, he was informed that Get on the Bus accommodations. He was informed that about \$2000 needed to be set aside for the Get on the Bus accommodations, and about \$500 needed to be set aside for the upcoming Awards Ceremony. That would put the budget at \$5495 left for this semester. He said the deadline for requests is today. He attended a Campus Safety Committee today. The committee is looking into ways to handle campus crimes in the future, such as the alleged rape on campus.

### **Committee Reports:**

Ngaatendwe, from the Search & Screen Committee, said that members from the committee manned tables at Wiekcamp during the week. They told people what the SGA did and now the committee has 15 applicants. They have been giving the applications to Marvin for him to check eligibility.

Mphatso, from the Bulletin Board Committee, said the committee has reviewed the policy and that there was an open-to-students meeting today. There was concern from the students, that the policy states that the boards are going to be taken away from clubs, but the committee clarified that. They are going to have fliers and are going to try to hear more student concerns.

Ngaatendwe, from the Information Technology Committee, said that there have been emails going back and forth to state ideas. The main issue with the new VISTA program is that it doesn't work well with campus computers. There are deadlines to fix this problem.

**Advisor Report:**

Marvin told the SGA that a major corporate sponsor withdrew their funding of \$8000 toward the Alternative Spring Break, due to reasons like liability. To continue with the trip, they will shrink it to 25 people. They are using minivans for transportation now. The total minivan cost is \$3000-\$3500. The \$1500 that the SGA allocated will go toward the minivans and possibly hotels. Currently, about 18-20 people have committed to going on the trip and he anticipates that the capacity of 25 will be reached very soon.

**Old Business:**

N/A

**New Business:**

Misty motioned to allow the old funding request forms to be allowed today. Teresa S. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The new forms require 3 signatures, instead of one. Also requests over \$1000 need one week for the SGA to review. There are now no more old forms available anywhere.

In favor: David Romero, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Teresa Granados, Mitch Royer, Mphatso Jumbe, Teresa Santos, Misty Perrin, and Alma Galicia

Motion passed.

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Teresa S. motioned to discuss the IUSB Accounting Association proposal. Misty 2<sup>nd</sup>. She believed that gifts, being paid out of the student fee money, is not allowed. Marvin clarified that after the money had been transferred from the SGA to a particular club's account, then that club can technically use that money to buy gifts. He said it is a gray area. Misty was concerned about non-members only being charged \$5.00. There were various concerns from the senate.

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Teresa S. motioned to table the issue for one week, and have the IUSB Accounting Association come back in one week with a revised proposal. Misty 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In favor: Teresa Granados, Mitch Royer, Mphatso Jumbe, Teresa Santos, and Misty Perrin

Abstentions: David Romero, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, and Alma Galicia

Motion tabled.

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Misty motioned to discuss the Student for Common Sense Proposal. Alma 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Misty understood why they were requesting funds. Alma said they are also doing fundraisers and deserve the money.

Teresa S. asked about cost estimates on smaller buses, if the group doesn't get 56 on the large bus. Matt Lopez said it is safe to say the bus will be filled.

Mphatso thought \$1000 was a lot of money. She would like to have solid facts about the event.

Teresa Granados said the requested amount is reasonable.

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Misty motioned to approve \$750 to the Students for Common Sense Proposal. Teresa 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mitch asked if we needed to be bipartisan and asked if a pro-war group should be attending as well. Matt Lopez said that students who didn't agree with the rally are also allowed to go on the trip.

Mphatso said the SGA needs to be mindful of the budget. Marcus said that \$500 would be a better amount, with the budget constraints. Marcus said that opinions on the purpose of the rally don't influence the SGA giving money.

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Teresa motioned to amend amount to \$400. Misty accepted.

Mitch called to vote:

In favor: David Romero, Mitch Royer, Teresa Santos and Misty Perrin

Opposed: Teresa Granados, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Alma Galicia, and Mphatso Jumbe

David called a Point of Order for the Vice President pushing the vote.

Joanna voted in favor of \$400 and the motion carried.

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Mitch motioned to approve the proposal from College Democrats in amount of \$100. Mphatso 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mitch liked the cost and thought it would be a good event. Mphatso agreed.

Teresa S. was trying to figure out whether the College Democrats have the licensing rights to show this film. Marvin said that Maureen Muldoon has allowed event to be scheduled, so she must be satisfied with viewing rights.

Alma didn't think that just because the club was requesting less money than usual, that the SGA should just give it to them.

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David made a friendly amendment to change the amount from \$100 to \$35. Mitch and Mphatso accepted.

In favor: David Romero, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Teresa Granados, Mitch Royer Mphatso Jumbe, Teresa Santos, Misty Perrin, and Alma Galicia

Motion passed.

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Ngaatendwe motioned to discuss the Japanese Club's request of \$1150.92. Alma 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ngaatendwe said that she is sure it's an educational program, but that they are asking for too much money. Alma agreed and said that their trip is in May, so they have more fundraising opportunities.

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Mphatso motioned to table the issue. Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In favor: David Romero, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Teresa Granados, Mitch Royer Mphatso Jumbe, Teresa Santos, Misty Perrin, and Alma Galicia

Motion passed.

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Ngaatendwe motioned to discuss the LSU proposal of \$978. Misty 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ngaatendwe motioned to amend the amount to \$700. Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ngaatendwe believed that the group could cover the difference by the time they go. Mitch agreed.

In favor: David Romero, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Teresa Granados, Mitch Royer, Teresa Santos, Misty Perrin, and Alma Galicia

Abstentions: Mphatso Jumbe

Motion passed.

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Alma motioned to discuss Kristofer Werley's email. Ngaatendwe 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Alma wanted to convey his opinion about giving a survey to the IUSB students, asking what they thought about the no smoking policy. She wanted to hear what the SGA's opinion was.

Ngaatendwe said that it was a valid concern, and the SGA should try and do something about it.

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Mitch motioned to refer this issue to a committee. Misty 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In favor: David Romero, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Teresa Granados, Mitch Royer Mphatso Jumbe, Teresa Santos, Misty Perrin, and Alma Galicia

Motion passed.

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Alma, Misty, and Ngaatendwe wanted to be added to the No Smoking Committee.

Misty motioned to approve those appointments. Mphatso 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In favor: David Romero, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Teresa Granados, Mitch Royer Mphatso Jumbe, Teresa Santos, Misty Perrin, and Alma Galicia

Motion passed.

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Mitch motioned to move to Good of the Order. Misty 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In favor: David Romero, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Teresa Granados, Mitch Royer Mphatso Jumbe, Teresa Santos, Misty Perrin, and Alma Galicia

Motion passed.

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**For the Good of the Order:**

Joanna talked about abstaining and making clear decisions during voting times.

Mphatso asked about goals that were decided on during the SGA retreat. Marcus explained what was going on with Arts Department and with Health and Wellness.

Ben said he was going to work on the matching club funding policy this weekend.

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David moved to adjourn. Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm