

Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) Student Government Association (SGA)
Regular Meeting
July 27, 2007

The regular session of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President, Jessica Jackson at 2:01 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2007 in the Student Activities Center, SAC #202. Secretary Teresa Santos was present.

Roll Call:

Executives: Ivan Blount, Jessica Jackson, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, and Teresa Santos

Senate: Julio Cruz, Maria Granados, Teresa Granados, Amelie Kanovsky, Matthew Lopez, Justin Matthews, Aleah Wilburn, and Allysa Winston. (Absent: Amanda Acosta, Isabel Dieppa [arrived 3:25] p.m., Emily Kelly, and Noel Loughran.)

Judicial: Chuck Norton

Interim Advisor: Scott Opasik

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to approve the June 22, 2007 minutes. Motion passed.

Voicing of the Constituents

None present.

Executive Reports:

Vice President:

Vice President Jessica Jackson updated the membership on the Making Strides Breakfast. At this time there is no one able to attend the breakfast and Jackson would appreciate it if someone would volunteer to go. Jackson reminded the membership that the walk will take place in Howard Park on October 6.

Jackson stated that everyone needs to get their fall schedules turned in and that the SGA meeting schedule should have been published two weeks ago. Please get them turned in to Jackson ASAP!

Secretary:

Secretary Teresa Santos passed around the attendance report, stating that she would be reporting attendance to the Senate once per month, as required by the constitution.

Santos informed the membership that the new Digital Voice Recorder finally arrived, but it hasn't been tried out yet.

Santos spoke about the current Digital Voice Recorder By-Law and asked the Senate to consider a new by-law that will allow the recording to be erased once the minutes are approved.

Santos spoke about email etiquette reminding the membership to please use your IUSB email accounts when conducting SGA business.

Santos asked the Senate to approve the purchase of office equipment (file drawers and mail file) that will improve the efficiency of the office.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba reported that currently the accounting office records show that the SGA is not in the red and that with the new fiscal school year there will be a lot of money available. Mantiziba says that it will be necessary to investigate why there is a discrepancy between the SGA figures and the accounting office records. President Ivan Blount interjected that he met with Bill O'Donnell and that there is \$5554.10 in the account. Chief Justice Chuck Norton stated that it can take a while for bills to work through the system and that all of them may not have run through yet.

For the Good of the Order

President Ivan Blount welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that in light of the resignation of Student Life Director, Marvin Rasch, administration decided to appoint an interim SGA advisor, and that Rasch has been assigned to other duties. Blount then introduced the SGA's Interim Advisor, Scott Opasik, and said that Opasik would be in this position until someone is hired into the Student Life Director's position. Blount then asked Opasik to tell the membership about his involvement in the IU South Bend community and asked each of the Senators to introduce themselves.

President

President Ivan Blount reported that he had spoken with Marcus Manning and Jeff Walker from Athletics. Blount spoke to them about the athletic budget asking what they spent money on in the past and what they are planning on using the money for in the future. Blount then said that he will be meeting with administration and will share the information with them, stating that he wants no misunderstanding of the budget funds going on.

Blount reported the Search and Screen Committee for Director of Scholarship was finished.

Blount reported the Search and Screen Committee for Director of Student Life/SGA Advisor was assembled.

Blount reported the Higher Learning Commission would be coming to campus in the fall. The Commission will look at the campus and hold hearings for accreditation. HLC committee members will attend our meetings in the fall and we will be helping them in the process. They are beginning Phase 2 of the accreditation process and more information will be coming.

Blount reported that August 29th will be Elkhart Center Dedication Day. It is an important event and a big movement towards getting higher education into Elkhart. Blount wants the SGA to arrange a trip to tour the Elkhart Center before that day. The center is a state of the art facility and allows students in the General Studies Degree to complete the first two years of their education in Elkhart before beginning the commute to the South Bend campus to complete the four-year degree.

Blount reported that he was ready to make his committee appointments, telling the membership that this year we will be deliberately making relationships with administration and with the surrounding community. Blount wants the SGA to focus on establishing connections, reminding everyone who can, to please get their pictures taken today. Then pick up their business cards get them passed out. Blount wants to see everyone's pictures on the SGA website and wants the SGA and its members heavily promoted to the student body.

Blount's committee assignments are as follows:

Academic Affairs:

<i>Curriculum:</i>	<i>Justin Matthews</i>
<i>Facilities Management:</i>	<i>Cole Belt</i>
<i>Faculty Welfare:</i>	<i>Emily Kelly</i>
<i>Academic Personnel:</i>	<i>Jessica Jackson</i>
<i>Assessment:</i>	<i>Maria Granados</i>
<i>Student Affairs:</i>	<i>Shannon Renfrow</i>
<i>Library Affairs:</i>	<i>Teresa Granados</i>
<i>Teaching:</i>	<i>Allysa K. Winston</i>
<i>Budget:</i>	
<i>Research and Development:</i>	<i>Amelie Kanovsky</i>
<i>Admissions and Advising:</i>	<i>Matthew Lopez</i>
<i>General Student Degree:</i>	
<i>Information Technologies:</i>	<i>Ngaatendwe Mantiziba</i>
<i>Non-Tenure Track Faculty:</i>	<i>Chuck Norton</i>
<i>Athletics:</i>	<i>Julio Cruz</i>
<i>Publications:</i>	<i>Teresa Santos</i>

<i>Print Management:</i>	<i>Nathan Reinhold</i>
<i>Events:</i>	<i>Isabel Dieppa</i>
<i>Safety:</i>	<i>Aleah Wilburn</i>
<i>Smoking:</i>	<i>Amanda Acosta</i>

Committee Reports:

Senator Teresa Granados, Chair of the Trinket Committee, reported that the committee chooses to purchase Pen Highlighter Combos as this years SGA giveaway, for Welcome Week. They will be White with the logo in color. The cost of purchasing 1000 of them is \$.66 each and the total cost will be \$720.00. The amount budgeted for the committee was \$1000.00

Senator Matthew Lopez reported on the pricing information concerning a SGA tablecloth and banner. Lopez does not like the design of the banner suggested or the prices for neither the tablecloth nor banner. Lopez only received one email response from the membership concerning the information and would like more input and to gather more price estimates. Discussion followed with Lopez requesting more people to work with him on a committee and would like to chair said committee.

Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba Chair of the Allopak Committee, reported that the committee met with Marvin and went on to give a summary of how funds were dispersed in the past. There are approximately 62 – 65 clubs and the committee recommends that \$3000.00 could be allotted for clubs. That would be enough to allow \$40.00 for approximately 75 clubs.

Secretary Teresa Santos reported on the recently formed Print Management Task Force. The task force will meet only through the summer and be finished before the fall semester. Print Management is a program designed to help meet the rising costs of paper and toner which has more than doubled since 2003. It is planned to be implemented by the fall and will allow a set amount of paper per student. After the student uses up the allotment, they will be charged per sheet of paper. This would greatly affect the student body.

Old Business:

Senator Teresa Granados moved to discuss information concerning Karl Stetler. The motion passed. Granados yielded the floor to whomever could report on Karl's situation and condition, and tell the membership about him and his work. President Ivan Blount reported that Stetler is a long-time employee of the IU South Bend community and what he does at the university. Blount also pointed out that Stetler recently spent much time helping to make sure the SGA offices were cleaned and rearranged. Secretary Teresa Santos reported on his medical emergency and condition. Discussion followed with Senator Aleah Wilburn offering to deliver a floral arrangement and requesting that everyone be allowed opportunity to sign a card. Liberty Florists was suggested as a possible place to purchase from. Secretary Santos can take care of the purchase of flowers and a card.

Senator Teresa Granados moved to allocate up to \$50.00 for the purchase of a floral arrangement for Karl Stetler. The motion passed.

Senator Matthew Lopez moved to discuss the banner and tablecloth. The motion passed. Lopez asked about forming a committee and whether or not prices and designs from other companies could be considered. Discussion followed with Senator Amelie Kanovsky indicating she would like to be on such a committee.

Senator Lopez moved the expansion of the banner and tablecloth research, to a committee of three people, who will research the design and cost, and bring the information to the next regular meeting. The motion was seconded. Lopez moved to amend the motion to include Senator Amelie Kanovsky, Senator Allysa Winston, with Senator Matthew Lopez as chair. The motion passed.

Senator Teresa Granados moved to discuss the SGA retreat. The motion passed. Granados then yielded the floor to Senator Matthew Lopez, who spoke about what was discussed at the last meeting, and wanted more information. Discussion followed with Granados reporting that the last SGA retreat was at Bendix Woods and suggested that the SGA not waste money and stay here for the retreat. President Blount wants to go off-campus; other IUSB groups go off-campus for training and he suggests the SGA invest in themselves as a group and individuals. Blount proposes we go off-campus for two days and make it a time to really get to know each other. Blount said that the training should involve a lot of interaction where we have to bond. He projected the dates to be sometime in September as August will be busy with everyone focusing on the school opening. In September the organization will have the money and money should always be set aside for training. Yes, the consideration to save money should be taken, but other organizations invest in themselves and so should this body. Blount will work out the details with SGA Advisor Scott Opasik and report back to the membership.

Senator Matthew Lopez moved for the discussion to be postponed for the next meeting.

New Business:

Senator Justin Matthews moved to discuss the poker club proposal. The motion passed. Senator Matthews said that typically 125 people attend Poker Club events and that his clubs budget is not large. He said that money is to be used for prizes and other things that we give out.

Senator Justin Matthews moved to give \$400.00 to the Poker Club. The motion was seconded. Senator Matthew Lopez stated that it seems as though we would be endorsing gambling and that he feels the SGA should not endorse the event or sponsor prize money. Lopez feels that clubs should raise prize money to give out, on their own. Senator Julio Cruz agrees. Senator Amelie Kanovsky asked what other clubs get. Discussion followed with an explanation by Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, that all funding requests are considered independently and there is no way to average. President Ivan Blount pointed out that members of the Poker Club support the SGA and their events draw a huge amount of people. Blount explained how supporting the club is beneficial for the SGA. Blount asked that Senators not put their point of view on gambling into the decision. Matthews said that the money is not just for prize money. Secretary Santos pointed out that the Senate did not have to award all of the money, or any of the money today, and that clubs could always come back later. Matthews explained what all of the money was to be used for. Senator Lopez reiterated that he opposes funding prize money.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to amend the motion to give \$200.00 to the Poker Club. The motion was seconded. Senator Matthew Lopez moved to amend the motion give \$200.00 to the Poker Club for the purchase of new tables. The motion was seconded. Senator Justin Matthews moved to amend the motion to give \$400.00 to the Poker Club. Senator Lopez objected restating his objection to prize money and we should not allow clubs to spend money the SGA gives, in that manner. Santos called a point of order, stating that clubs at IUSB are independent and the SGA cannot tell a club how to spend their funds. The vote was called. Motion failed.

The floor went back to the motion on floor to give \$200.00 to the Poker Club for the purchase of new tables. Senator Lopez stated his opposition. Vice President Jackson called the vote. The motion passed.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved a blanket approval of President Ivan Blount's committee appointments. The motion passed.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moves to approve \$3000.00 for Allopak. The motion was seconded. Senator Wilburn wants more input. Discussion followed with Secretary Teresa Santos pointing out that the constitution requires the committee to work with clubs and student groups to determine the proper amount and stipulations for Allopak, not with the SGA advisor. More discussion followed with Mantiziba

withdrawing the committee's recommendation. The committee will reread the constitution and follow its requirements. Santos will forward the club information to Wilburn. Senator Wilburn moved to postpone the motion indefinitely. The motion passed.

Senator Matthew Lopez moved to discuss the digital voice recorder. The motion passed. Senator Lopez asked for clarification of the request for a new by-law. Secretary Santos explained that while the recorder is good to help prepare minutes the executive branch wonders, are the meetings kept on record necessary? Once something is said, it is there forever and this is a learning laboratory. If things are mistakenly said and people misunderstand what was said, shouldn't we be allowed to have it pointed out, and then allowed to correct our words or actions. Santos yielded the floor to Interim Advisor Scott Opasik who explained that as Secretary of the Academic Senate he records the meetings to help him get the minutes together, and then the recording is erased. Opasik suggests keeping the recordings until the minutes are approved, then erasing them. Santos pointed out words and situations recorded in past years really were mistakes because someone worded a statement wrong or they were ignorant to the fact that their views were deemed biased. President Ivan Blount confirmed that incidences happened but they were corrected and if an incident happened where an investigation was necessary, there would be a whole room of direct witnesses. Santos pointed out that she understands why judicial trials and legal proceedings need recorded, but why do we need to keep a vocal record of the discussion of business. Discussion followed. Chief Justice Norton suggested the discussion go to a committee and enact a by-law. Senator Lopez moved to postpone the discussion. The motion passed.

Senator Matthew Lopez moved to discuss the mail file. The motion passed. Lopez yielded the floor asking Secretary Santos to clarify the purpose of this equipment. Santos explained that this is an office to serve the students and the mail file will allow room for necessary office equipment and efficiency. Senator Isabel Dieppa moved to table. President Blount wants to move on office equipment. He strongly recommends it. Treasurer Mantiziba cautioned to take the budget into account and could not recommend the purchase at this time. Much discussion followed. Dieppa stated that in the past, sudden requests for expenditures compelled the Senate to feel pressured to make decisions, and since she just arrived, she would not feel comfortable voting and would probably abstain. Senator Teresa Granados said she does not see the need to but pretty stuff. Secretary Santos said there are files going back to 1994 that need to be organized for history and research purposes. What we want/need to do is build a history for researching bills from the past. Everyone has put cataloging off and with student housing and on-campus students coming in the near future, this SGA should use this year to lay a good solid foundation for the governments following. President Blount said laying a foundation for the future was part of his platform when he ran for office and we should invest in ourselves. Senator Aleah Wilburn wants to make a decision for the SGA.

Senator Wilburn moved to approve no more than \$175.00 for the purchase of a mail slot system, with the money coming out of the office budget. The motion passed.

Senator Teresa Granados moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded. Vice President Jackson asked for a motion to reinstate For the Good of the Order, pointing out that there was no vote and she did not gavel.

The vote was called for the motion on the floor. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Recording Secretary: *Teresa G. Santos*

Date: 07/30/2007

Signature: _____

Date approved: 08/24/2007