

Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) Student Government Association (SGA)
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2007

The regular session of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President, Jessica Jackson at 2:04 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2007, SAC #225. Secretary Teresa Santos was present.

Roll Call:

Executives: Ivan Blount, Jessica Jackson, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Teresa Santos
Senate: Amanda Acosta, Maria Granados, Teresa Granados, Amelie Kanovsky, Matthew Lopez, Justin Matthews, Aleah Wilburn, Allysa Winston. (Absent: Julio Cruz, Isabel Dieppa, Emily Kelly)
Interim SGA Advisor: Scott Opasik
Guests: Maureen Muldoon, Daisy, Quixin Wang from the Preface

Maureen Muldoon, Events Coordinator

Ms. Muldoon presented an overview of the Events Coordination program and how it benefits the University. Muldoon said that they were partnering with the BSU to sponsor a dance for the University. She also highlighted her offices sponsorship of the NASA Exhibit taking place on Oct. 15, 16, and 17. It is taking place at Adams High School and she is hoping that the SGA will help with the event.

Muldoon also spoke about the Temporary Food Permits for private parties on campus and explained the circumstances for which they are needed.

Aleah moved to approve the 08/24/07 minutes. The motion passed.

Constituents:

Daisy, President of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association came to introduce her newly established organization. She presented a funding request for \$200.00 to help pay for an Exhibit highlighting the Chinese Culture. Many international students have a hard time being away from home, especially around periods of time which are holidays for their countries. They do not celebrate the same holidays that the USA does. They would like to satisfy our students need for information on their culture. This fall they would like to honor the New Moon Festival, and will have a Spring festival in the next semester. The benefits for IUSB are that they will be advertising the event and where it will be held; advertisements include flyers on campus, advertisements, and it will be highlighted on their website. The event will be held in the main

café and in Northside café. They will be selling food from China House. They are expecting around 200 students to participate.

Executives:

President:

President Ivan Blount reported that he will be attending the Board of Trustee meeting next week. The Student Trustee A.D. King will have a videoconference meeting on Friday, September 21, 2007.

The Academic Senate will take place in DW 1001 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. All committee members are allowed to attend and it is a good idea to go and meet people.

The Gulu Walk will take place on October 14, 2007. Blount has met with Notre Dame and we will be working on promoting the event to the community. If you want to help, let Blount know.

Mike Renfrow is asking for tour guides and this would be a good visible tool for the SGA. They are needed for Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Be aware of what is going on around the campus, we are being observed.

IU Celebration week is going to be celebrated on all eight campuses from October 15 through the 21. The idea came from President McRobbie and Blount will be leading it on our campus. This should build a foundation which can be built upon for next year.

IUSB Elkhart's dedication is tonight, come and celebrate.

Blount is making changes to committee appointments; Senator Amanda Acosta will be on the Faculty Welfare Committee and Aleah Wilburn will be on the Facilities Management Committee.

Blount is appointing a Constitution Committee with the members being Senators Aleah Wilburn, Justin Matthews, Matthew Lopez, and Vice President Jessica Jackson.

Vice President:

Vice President Jessica Jackson reported that if the Senate wants to, when they get to New Business they can override the 48 hour rule to consider the funding request, but they don't have to. If the Senate isn't comfortable then don't do it.

Reassignment of Academic Senate members need to be approved.

The Presidents Constitution Committee has to be approved.

Secretary:

None entered

Treasurer:

Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba received copies of the budget. In the General Funds there is \$9873.00. Office Budget has \$618.00. Last year Bill #067078 showed a decision of \$5000.00 for the Spring Semester budget was approved. The Senate can decide the amount for the office budget. Reclines budget has not been checked yet. President Blount said that the Aloha committee will need to consider an incentive for leadership training.

Interim Advisor:

Mr. Scott Opasik reported that the Academic Senate chairs have not been called yet. He stated that he has not spent a lot of time in the SGA office and wants to know if the membership needs him to be more available.

Committees:

SGA Retreat Committee:

President Blount reported that the SGA will be joining the leadership training on the 28th, which will be held at Camp Eberhart. Transportation and food will be provided; we may be renting mini-vans. There will be two trips, one in the early morning to the camp then we will drive back to campus to hold a meeting. After which, we will be going back to Eberhart for our portion of the meeting. Treasurer Mantiziba is concerned about fuel costs. Blount said we needed to come to IUSB for our meeting to be available for students. The meeting is two weeks away and will allow time for the membership to give notice to employers.

Search and Screen Committee:

Senator Maria Granados, Chair, reported that the committee blended two former applications and came up with a new application. She showed most of the Senate members the form. The application is to be turned in by October 1st by 5:00 p.m. It will go on the Bulletin Board and website. Aleah Wilburn asked if the committee will be at tables. Maria answered no.

Senator Aleah Wilburn has been asked by Jeff Walker to serve on the Advisory Board of the SAC. They have been discussing that 77% of the budget comes from the SGA and they want to change that. In November the Women's Basketball game will be televised. Channel 16 will tape the game and then show it that Saturday on their afternoon program. They are planning interviews with campus leaders and are playing against Bethel College. The women's team will play before the men's team. Bethel has an enthusiastic crowd and we want to capitalize on it. This court is ours.

Matthew Lopez reports that the Academic Senate Search and Screen Committee that he sits on, is meeting now and they are looking to change times to accommodate all of their members.

Old Business:

New Business:

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to approve President Blount's Committee reassignments of Senator Amanda Acosta to the Faculty Welfare Committee and Senator Aleah Wilburn to the Facilities Management Committee. The motion carried.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to approve President Ivan Blount's appointments the Constitution Committee. The appointees are: Senators Aleah Wilburn, Justin Matthews, Matthew Lopez, and Vice President Jessica Jackson. The motion passed.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to pass a Senate Special Rule concerning the Digital Voice Recorder. Discussion ensued with concern over the recorder not being used. Vice President Jackson said that this is a very temporary rule, to permit it not being used until a new rule can be written. The motion passed.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to discuss the funding request of \$200.00 to the Chinese Students and Scholars Association. Motion passed. President Blount reported that he just received it today. Senator Teresa Granados said that new clubs needed help and wanted to know if the club was registered. Secretary Teresa Santos said that it doesn't matter, it isn't the Senates responsibility to check club registrations That goes through the Office of Student Life.

Senator Matthew Lopez moved to postpone the meeting for five minutes. The motion passed.

The meeting postponed at 3:06.

The meeting resumed at 3:11

Discussion resumed with the question being if the club would get funds from Bloomington in time? Senator Aleah Wilburn moves to approve \$200.00 for the Chinese Students and Scholars Organization. Motion failed.

Senator Teresa Granados moved to form a Voice Recorder Committee. The motion passed. Discussion ensued. Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to approve The Voice Recorder Committee with Senators Teresa Granados, Maria Granados, Amanda Acosta, and Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba (Chair). The motion passed.

Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba thanked the membership for the work on appointing the Voice Recorder Committee.

For the Good of the Order

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Recording Secretary: Teresa G. Santos

Date: 09/14/2007

Signature: _____

Date approved: 09/28/2007