

**--Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) Student Government Association (SGA)
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2007**

The regular session of the Student Government Association was called to order by Parliamentarian Ngaatendwe Mantiziba at 2:02 p.m. on Friday, November 09, 2007 in room SAC #223. Secretary Teresa Santos was present.

Roll Call:

Executives: Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Teresa Santos (Absent: Ivan Blount, Jessica Jackson).

Senate: Julio Cruz, Isabel Dieppa, Maria Granados, Teresa Granados, Amelie Kanovsky, Matthew Lopez, Justin Matthews, Allysa Winston (left 2:11). (Absent: Amanda Acosta, Aleah Wilburn)

Judicial Council: None

Guests: Obadiah Counsellor, Jill Monforte, Brittney Bkoschnizki

Senator Maria Granados moved to approve the 10/12/2007 and 10/26/2007 minutes. The motion passed.

Voicing of the Constituents:

Jill Monforte and Brittney Bkoschnizki from the Dental Assisting Club came to present two funding requests on behalf of the club. The first was for \$1000 for a bus trip to a Midwinter meeting at McCormick Center in Chicago. They reported that 56 students will be going and that the cost for the bus would be approximately \$20.00 per student. The trip will allow them to view and acquire knowledge about a number of dental products that will eventually be used in their careers. The second request is for \$500.00 to cover the cost of sealant materials which will be used in a clinic open to the general public. Approximately 200 people used the clinic last year and students were able to gain field experience. They have already raised approximately \$200.00

Teresa Santos presented information about the upcoming Visual Arts Scholarship Sale to the membership. Santos asked for the Senate to consider a sponsorship of the art sale. Santos explained that the sale is a model for the university community, in the respect that faculty and alumni of the Visual Arts Division, sell their work right beside that of current students. Of the money collected 75% goes into the pocket of the artist, 20% goes into a scholarship fund to benefit current students in the visual arts division, and 5% goes to the Visual Arts League. The League then uses their funds to sponsor events, such as guest artists and workshops, which then benefit the entire IUSB community. Also, media attention is brought to campus in the format of both television and print. After questions and discussion with the Senate, Santos suggested an amount of \$135 to \$175, would be an appropriate range.

Executive Reports:

President:

Absent.

Vice President:

Absent.

Secretary:

Secretary Teresa Santos passed around the current fall semester attendance report.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba reported that there is currently \$7000 left in the fall semester budget.

Judicial:

Absent

Advisor:

None entered.

Committee Reports:

Senator Search and Screen Committee:

Senator Matthew Lopez, Chair, yielded the floor to Senator Maria Granados. Granados reported that the committee interviewed three candidates this week and will interview three candidates next week. They will bring three finalists to the next meeting and will give the membership the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates then.

Budget Committee:

Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba reported that November is the month when the Budget Committee is to be empanelled. She asked for volunteers (none) and said that she would look for individuals to appoint to the committee and talk them over with Vice President Jessica Jackson, who would appoint them at the next meeting.

Curriculum Committee:

Senator Justin Matthews reported on the activities going on.

Mantiziba reminded the members to write their committee reports and email them to the Vice President.

Old Business:

Senator Maria Granados moved to discuss the proposals from the Dental Assisting Club. The motion passed. Granados asked to discuss the Sealant Clinic proposal first since that this was a great event and is well attended by students, however, since the clinic is held in April she feels that there is time for more fundraising. More discussion followed with the benefits of the clinic mentioned.

Senator Teresa Granados moved to approve \$500 for the Dental Assisting Club's Sealant Clinic. The motion passed.

Senator Granados then moved to the Bus Trip funding request, yielding the floor to Senator Matthew Lopez. Lopez said that according to precedence \$1000 is a reasonable request. Treasurer Mantiziba says that this is a great opportunity, but it is \$1000 and there is \$7000 left. Mantiziba points out that there are future needs, such as technological upgrades and possible emergencies that may come up before the end of the semester and year. There is still time for the students to fundraise. More discussion followed with the thought that half of the request would be reasonable and while we are here to help the clubs, we must encourage them to raise more of their own funds.

Senator Amelie Kanovsky moved to approve the funding request of \$800.00 towards the bus trip for the Dental Assisting Club. The motion passed.

New Business:

Senator Maria Granados moved to discuss the possible sponsorship of the Visual Arts League Scholarship Art Sale. The motion passed.

Granados feels that the SGA should sponsor the event. And that \$150 – \$200 would be appropriate. Senator Matthew Lopez asked if this was a funding request. Santos asked to introduce a gentleman who had just walked into the room.

Senator Matthew Lopez moved to suspend the order of the meeting to yield the floor to Secretary Santos, so she could present an impromptu guest. The motion passed.

Santos introduced to the SGA, the new Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Dr. Jeff Jones. Santos explained that Jones was recently hired to the position formerly occupied by Dr. Jacqueline Caul, and that he had just begun his position at IU South Bend at the end of last week. Jones had previously expressed to her, a desire to meet the SGA membership, and she saw this as an opportune moment. Santos then asked Jones if he would mind sharing a little bit about himself and his position.

Vice Chancellor Jones presented the Senate with information on his background and a small synopsis of his position here at South Bend. He then asked each of the individuals in the room if they would introduce themselves to him. Jones said that he would appreciate the opportunity to come to a meeting sometime in the future to spend a longer amount of time with the membership and have a more formal discussion. He then thanked us for asking him to address the membership.

The Senate thanked him for the impromptu introduction after which Santos explained where the VC's office was and that earlier in the week Johnson expressed his desire to connect with the students and they were welcome to speak come speak with him.

Senator Lopez moved to return to new business. The motion passed.

Returning to the question on the floor (a funding request) Santos said no, this is an opportunity given to the SGA to allow sponsorship for the event. Santos assured the Senate that sponsorship funds are used for purposes such as advertising and food, and would not be used to gain funds for either the scholarships or league. Santos explained that the League was self-supporting and request sponsorship only for their event. The league depends on donations and sponsorship to offset food and advertising costs, so that proceeds from the sale will only go to

the support of scholarships and student benefits. Santos assured the senate that the SGA banner is always displayed at the event. More discussion continued about a reasonable amount and Santos said that in the past, the Senate approved “up to” the amount, and she used the Pro-Card when shopping, so that the funds are taken directly from the Student Life/SGA account and funds aren’t transferred into the Visual Art Account. Senator Lopez requested that a funding request form be filled out. Santos said that she had no problem with that.

Senator Teresa Granados moved for the SGA to sponsor the Visual Arts League Scholarship Sale for an amount up to \$200.00. The motion passed.

Senator Lopez moved to for the Good of the Order.

Parliamentarian Mantiziba so moved.

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Meeting adjourned: 2:46 p.m.

Recording Secretary: *Teresa G. Santos* **Date:** 11/09/2007

Signature: _____ **Date approved:** 11/30/2007