

**Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) Student Government Association (SGA)  
Regular Meeting  
November 30, 2007**

The regular session of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President Jessica Jackson a 2:02 p.m. on Friday, November 30, 2007 in room SAC #225. Secretary Teresa Santos was present.

**Roll Call:**

*Executives:* Jessica Jackson, Teresa Santos, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba (absent; Ivan Blount)

*Senate:* Amanda Acosta, Julio Cruz (2:24), Isabel Dieppa (2:21), Amelie Kanovsky, Maria Granados, Teresa Granados, Matthew Lopez (2:23), Justin Matthews, Aleah Wilburn, and Allysa Winston

*Judicial:* Absent

*Interim Advisor:* Absent

*Guests:* Adele Burnett, Obadiah Counsellor, Britnie Fautch, Zach Duncan, Andres Paz, Darryl Ricketts, Beverly Church, Debbie Richards.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to approve the minutes from the November 09, 2007. The motion passed.

**Voicing of the Constituents:**

Darryl Ricketts: Senior IUSB, presented his request for funding of his research project on the Paleopathology of skeletal remains found in La Isabela, Dominican Republic, which are housed in the Museo De Hombre Dominicano, Santo Domingo. This is a joint project between IUSB and Indiana University Bloomington. The total cost for the trip is \$1208, Darryl is requesting \$700. Ricketts will give community and campus presentations about the research, upon his return.

Bev Church presented the Print Management Program, a package that will allow students to monitor their printing usage. This will encourage better management of paper use and waste that has been observed in the student printing labs. The program will begin in the pilot phase over the spring and summer semesters (with no cost to students), and is scheduled to go online Fall 2008. An allotment of paper will be allowed for each student, this will meet their academic needs, student's who go over the allotment will be able to pay for printing above the allotment. Student Government has been involved throughout the process, with Teresa Santos serving on the task force. There has also been heavy involvement from both staff and faculty, to assure that students are being treated fairly. Bev is asking the SGA to become familiar with the program, and the benefits the students and campus will receive, and help spread the word about the program.

Discussion followed with questions; Will faculty be notified, because sometimes their printing requirements are excessive? What labs will be involved? What about

specialized labs such as the Writing Center, the LaRC, and so forth, where students may be able to get around the system and resulting in added costs to the labs? What students could possibly be using 10,000 sheets of paper in a semester?

The following clarifications were made: Faculty will be notified and meetings are being planned to inform them of the system and the reasons for it. Many other universities have been using print management systems for years, we are one of the last universities to implement such a program. There are options for specialized labs, such as; only allowing students currently enrolled in the World Language programs to be allowed print capabilities. They will be discussed in meetings with the various directors of those labs and the options they want to use, are up to them. There are several features and enhancements that can be used and we will discuss their use as the program is monitored. Right now the program will be installed as simply as possible and we can fine tune the program as we go through the years. Students are currently being monitored, but because we haven't implemented the pilot phase, they will not be notified of their current usage. The pilot phase will give students the tools to access their print usage and allowing students better monitoring of their usage is the goal.

Isabel Dieppa, President of the Student Dance organization, presented their request for funding for their Choreographers Festival. The organization received use of the main auditorium for their show on February 29, 2008. The goal of the organization is to show the school that students love to dance, they want to showcase the dance classes offered on campus and push for the admittance of a Dance Minor. This is their first fundraiser and they are planning this becoming an annual event. They are going to dance classes to announce the program and recruit students for the show. They hope to become a self-supported organization. The requested funds will be used to pay for the theater, flyers, printing of tickets, and for food for the dancers backstage. Discussion followed with the following clarified; this is a dance show that will showcase the choreography designed by groups and solo performers. Solo student will perform for four minutes and groups will perform for eight minutes. This is to be a family friendly show and performances will be pre-screened for the content of their acts. Tickets are being sold by the organization and will cost \$7.00. The distribution of proceeds has yet to be decided, but they are discussing the donation of funds to pay for community dance programs, purchase a new dance floor for the school's dance classroom, or to pay for instructors to come and teach specific dance styles to IUSB student. If the SGA funds cover the cost of the auditorium then the amount of the request will be adjusted down.

## **Executive Reports:**

### ***President:***

Vice President Jackson gave the President's report in his absence.

President Blount would like an opinion on how the membership feels about receiving budget training from Dr. Jones, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment. Jones wants the opportunity to discuss the budget with the membership to give us a better understanding about how the budget process works. Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantziba said that most people are confused about the budget. She would like the process explained to members, so that we can better understand the process. The

membership would like to know, when this would take place? Jackson said that she would ask the president and get back to the Senate.

Blount would like to know about planning a leadership training session at the beginning of the spring semester. This would involve strategic planning with short-term verses long-term plans. He wants to know the SGA members opinion about had they feel about it. He also wants to know about how they feel about two year terms for the senate members. Discussion followed with the following points; there is a new Director of Student Life probably coming in the first of the year, it may be better to wait for him or her. There will also be a full load of projects taking place as soon as we return (the MDM, budget process, election committee and elections). The desire for longer terms is understood but it is getting late into the year to try to plan for it. There was general agreement among the membership that the spring semester was to late for leadership training at this point as the groundwork has not been laid up to this point and training should have taken place by now.

Blount acknowledges the verbal resignation Chief Justice Norton made in October, stating January 10, 2008, as his final day. Blount is awaiting Norton's formal letter of resignation. Secretary Teresa Santos noted that she has not seen or heard from Chief Justice Norton for over 30 days. Santos believes that barring contact with President Blount, the SGA can ask for an executive removal from office. She asked if anyone of the members present has had contact with Norton, all present replied no.

Dance Marathon reappointments: Vice President Jessica Jackson is resigning as chair of the Michiana Dance Marathon (MDM) Committee, because she has other business to attend to, however she will still serve on the committee.

President Blount is appointing Senator Aleah Wilburn as the new Chair of the MDM, noting that the committee is still is a Presidential Committee.

Blount commended Vice President Jessica Jackson, Senator Aleah Wilburn, and Senator Allysa Winston, for their efforts thus far.

Discussion follow the report with Senator Teresa Granados asking that if Chief Justice Norton is removed from office, is the SGA then missing an entire branch of its government? Jackson said that she asked Blount that question, the previous evening, telling him she was sure the question would come up. She reported that Blount wants to wait until Norton is officially gone before he appoints new justices and then he will go on a full search with tables in throughout the campus at the beginning of the spring semester. Jackson said that she suggested to Blount that he start searching now and then he can immediately replace Norton when he is no longer in office. Jackson asked for suggestions from the Senate on what they think should be done? T. Granados pointed out that she thought Norton said his reason for staying on so long was to write a manual and train the incoming justices. Jackson confirmed that. T. Granados asked, without a judicial branch, who takes care of student issues? Jackson said that until Norton is no longer in office, it would be Norton, however she advises that if there is a student issue she (Jackson) would personally refer the student(s) to administrative judicial.

Senator Lopez identified three separate issues: 1. Norton has been out of contact for over thirty days. 2. Norton has turned in a verbal resignation. 3. There is no letter of resignation. Lopez feels that we are being played with and he feels that if there has been no contact in 30 days, Norton should be removed from office, if that is permissible, under the constitution. Discussion continued with clarification of the Constitution concerning members who have been out of contact. Santos read the appropriate article, Section 6, A5, e. concerning members out of contact over 30 days, and read that "Any SGA member that is out of contact and communication during the fall or spring semester for 30 consecutive days shall be automatically removed from the SGA with the approval of the Student Life Director. Verification of lack of contact/communication will also be determined by the Director of Student Life.

The Parliamentarian was asked for a ruling on whether or not it would be correct for Chief Justice Norton to be removed from office under Constitutional Authority. Parliamentarian Ngaatendwe Mantiziba ruled that yes, it would be correct.

***Vice President:***

Vice President Jessica Jackson asked the membership to please send her their spring schedules as soon as possible so she can get the meeting schedule planned. She also would like their availability over Winter Break, as we are required to have one meeting. Blount would like to have a meeting at the Elkhart Center, preferably not on a Friday, but on a weekday, in the evening (most classes are held then), so please get your schedules in.

The Center for the Homeless will be having their Holiday Luncheon Fundraiser Thursday, December 06, 2007. The Dance Marathon will be announced and CFH would like the SGA represented. Tickets are \$50 each and Jackson would like the SGA to fund the luncheon for those attending. At this time there are three individuals going and it would be \$150. If there are more who would like to go, she would like to know today. There are three others interested in going, so the Senate could approve an "up to" amount for up to \$300.

Jackson reported that by the SGA Constitution, the Treasurer and President are already members of the Budget Committee. She asks approval of Treasurer Mantiziba as Chair, with Senators Maria Granados, Teresa Granados, and Amelie Kanovsky as members.

Treasurer Mantiziba gave a short summary of what this committee does and asked if any other members would be interested in volunteering for this committee?

***Secretary:***

Secretary Santos reported that two boxes of old records have been sent to the archivist and she still has two boxes of material to go through and send over for archiving.

***Treasurer:***

Treasurer Mantiziba reported that approximately \$5000 is left for the semester, although there are still bills that have not been ran through.

Secretary Santos requested that the Budget Committee;

1. Set aside money for technology upgrades. She recommends the replacement of two computers a year. IT will work on selling computers that are rotated out of the labs to the SGA. She said that the SGA should purchase a brand new computer for the secretary every couple of years, for record-keeping purposes. The SGA computers are desperately in need of replacement.
2. Stop having clubs and organization turn in their receipts to the bursar for their reimbursements. Require them to bring their receipts to this office and have the treasure approve the expenditures to see that they are using the money for the intended and requested purposes, then the treasurer can forward the approved funds and receipts to the bursars office with directions on payouts. This goes along with accountability of funds.
3. Requested funds from the various departments, students, clubs, and organizations, that are unused and allocated funds that have not been used for their intended purpose, should be required to be returned to the SGA activity funds for disbursement from the SGA.
4. Santos noted that she has also requested that purchasing receipts for office supplies and other things that the SGA purchases be sent to the SGA office, so that they can be approved. Right now, we truly have no idea how much we are spending on supplies.

**Committee Reports:**

***MDM Committee:***

Senator Aleah Wilburn reported for the MDM committee, saying that for the past month or so there have been some communication problems with CFH, they are being discussed between Anne McGraw and CFH and should be resolved soon. When the spring semester starts, this event will be Wilburn's total focus. Many meetings will be scheduled to introduce and plan this event. At the start of the spring semester, there will be tables all over campus and a PowerPoint presentation has been made and will be playing. Wilburn will be making a master list with everyone who has volunteered. Wilburn wants her appointment of Teresa Santos to the MDM Executive Committee approved, noting that Santos has been involved in helping her plan. There will be a three hour intensive meeting taking place December 14<sup>th</sup> at CFH. They will be making an organizational list and timeline that will permit will the continuance of plans for the spring semester. SGA members will be contacted a lot. The event will be held here on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Wilburn will be asking for volunteers to work at the tables in the spring. Notre Dame and Bethel College has been contacted and plan to be involved and other colleges in the area are going to be contacted. Wilburn says that we will be going to classes and

wants the membership to visit with classes and talk about this event. She wants club and student involvement and has invited them to meetings, but so far the turnout has been well. Santos suggested that rather than inviting students and clubs to informational events turn it around and contact groups, clubs, and organization and ask them if you can come and talk to them.

The Criminal Justice was given the floor and asked what kind of participation are you looking for from clubs and organizations?

Wilburn said that at this time she is looking for committee volunteers and for students to help spread the word through the campus and community.

Jackson added that Notre Dame Dance Team wants to help with this. Currently the President of the organization is in Orlando and in the semi-finals for Dancing with the Stars.

***Senate Search and Screen Committee:***

Lopez introduced the Senate Candidates: Andre Paz, Zach Duncan, Obadiah Counsellor, and Adele Burnett.

Senator Matthew Lopez moved go into an executive session. The motion passed. The session was entered into at 3:18 p.m.

**New Business**

The session was entered at 3:43 p.m.

Senator Isabel Dieppa moved to appoint Obadiah Counsellor as Senator. The motion passed.

Senator Maria Granados moved to appoint Zach Duncan as Senator. The motion passed.

Vice President Jackson thanked Andres and Adele for their interest.

Jackson said that the Senators will be official at the end of the meeting, when it is over.

Senator Maria Granados moved to approve \$300 to the ISO for their Thanksgiving Dinner. The motion passed.

Senator Maria Granados moved to approve \$700 to Darryl Ricketts for his trip. The motion passed.

Senator Maria Granados moved to approve the appointment of Senators Maria Granados, Teresa Granados, Amelie Kanovsky and Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba (chair) to the Budget committee. The motion passed.

Senator Maria Granados moved to approve Aleah Wilburn as Chair and the adding Teresa Santos to the MDM Executive Committee. The motion passed.

Senator Maria Granados moved to approve up to \$300 for the Holiday Luncheon. The motion passed.

Senator Teresa Granados moved approve up to \$225 for the Student Dance Organization. The motion passed.

Senator Isabel Dieppa moved to temporarily suspend parliamentary procedure to discuss the Chief Justice Norton issue. The motion passed.

How can we use the 30 day rule? Santos says that there is a 30 automatic removal, so we should be able to ask Interim Student Life Director Rick Denny to approve. She will ask Denny about this.

Senator Matthew Lopez asked has anyone heard from Chief Justice Norton in the last 30 days or since the last meeting that Norton attended? All members present (Amanda Acosta, Julio Cruz, Isabel Dieppa, Maria Granados, Teresa Granados, Matthew Lopez, Justin Matthews, Aleah Wilburn, Allysa Winston, Jessica Jackson, and Teresa Santos [Amelie Kanovsky said no, in the earlier discussion. Ngaatendwe Mantiziba said no, by phone after the meeting. Ivan Blount said no, by phone after the meeting]) said no.

Senator Matthew Lopez moved that the SGA recommends that Chief Justice Chuck Norton be automatically removed from office for being out of touch with the office and members of the SGA for over 30 days, by the Constitution. The motion passed by all members present.

Senator Teresa Granados moved to the Good of the Order. The motion passed.

### **For the Good of the Order**

Teresa Santos thanked the membership for their support of the Visual Arts Scholarship Sale. We sold approximately \$5000 of art and spent under \$79 of the funds given to us for our use. We hope to continue with the program as a permanent event.

Senator Granados requested that Vice-President Jackson tell President Blount that the Judicial Council should be filled as soon as possible. She doesn't feel it is right to not fulfill the constitutional requirements of a judicial council and questions the legality it. There was general agreement from the membership.

**The meeting was adjourned a 4:07 p.m.**

**Recording Secretary:** *Teresa G. Santos* **Date:** 12/06/2007

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date approved:** \_\_\_\_\_