

September 16, 2005 SGA Meeting

Meeting called to order by Shannon Renfrow at 2:00 p.m.

Shannon let the Senate know that Mike and Jihád were in Bloomington for AUSA and the Board of Trustees meeting, and Jihád had appointed her to run the meeting. Also, Bryanne would be taking notes during the meeting for the minutes.

Roll Call:

Executive- Shannon Renfrow, Will Groves. *Absent: Michael Renfrow*, Jihád Omar** (Mike and Jihád both were representing IUSB at AUSA and Board of Trustees meeting.)

Senate-Valerie Berezner, Sang Chung, Sumi Chung, Duc Dang* (Left meeting at 2:36, and returned at 2:44.), Dianne de Guzman, Shadreck Kamwendo, Kim Muncie* (Arrived at 2:04), Marcus Vigil, Heather White. *Absent: Joanna Reusser* (Proxied vote to Marcus Vigil.), Andrew Swearingen.*

Cabinet: Bryanne Baker* (Left at 3:01.). *Absent: Mindy Izak, Misty Perrin*

Judicial Council-Ivan Blount. *Absent: Joe Spencer, Steve Duleh, Laura Reiniche.*

Advisor- Marvin Rasch

Guests/Constituents- Alma Galicia; Judicial Council Appointee, Eboné McLean; Civil Rights Heritage Liaison, Andrew Mwangi; interested student.

Approval of Minutes:

Marcus made a motion to approve the minutes. Duc seconded motion.

Motion passes.

Voicing of Constituents:

(Kim Muncie arrived 2:04p.m.)

Alma Galicia, Judicial Council Nominee introduced herself to the Senate and let them know about some of her involvement on the campus. The Senate inquired about her class load and club involvement. Alma let them know that she was a full-time student, and that she is involved with the Civil Right's Heritage. She is also the Director of Communications for the Latino Student's Union.

Eboné McLean introduced herself as the Civil Rights Heritage Center Liaison to SGA. She also let the Senate know that she was interested in becoming involved as a member of the Senate.

Andrew Mwangi was present to observe the SGA and shared his interest in getting involved in the organization

Executive reports:

President-

Shannon Renfrow reported on behalf of President, Mike Renfrow.

Mike wanted the Senate to know that the SGA has been getting requests from clubs to speak about SGA; expect more opportunities to come. He wanted to give a special thanks to Kim Muncie for recently speaking about the SGA at a both the Latino Student Union and the Civil Right's Heritage. Sumi Chung volunteered to speak at the upcoming Spanish Club meeting.

Shannon said Mike offered his full support of judicial council appointee, Alma Galicia. Mike wanted the Senate to know that even though she is only a sophomore this year, she has been active and committed in several capacities from the beginning of her freshman year.

Mike expressed an interest in having the SGA sponsor an event for the Child Development Center (CDC). In the past, the SGA hosted a Christmas event for the CDC. Mike would like to continue what he started last year in hosting a fire safety week for the children. Last year he did a fire safety presentation, but this year he would like to be able to have some kind of a give-away for the children. He is requesting that the SGA vote to approve a Presidential coordinated fire safety week for the CDC with a budget of \$150.

Mike needs a final list of members who are able to attend the Legislative Luncheon on Monday, September 26, 2005. Last year there was a huge representation. It is something very important to the university and the chancellor. If you have class during the luncheon, Mike would be willing to write a letter to professors asking that you be excused from class if you would like to attend. Many professors are very supportive of this event. Please email Mike this upcoming week with availability and interest in rescheduling classes/exams.

Mike is continuing in his work with the Arts department and he has set a meeting for September 19, 2005 with Dr. Caul, Dr. Guillaume, and Dean Miller.

Mike has been monitoring printer usage, and has seen significant use of color ink. He asks that anyone that uses the printer for anything other than general office use please e-mail him, especially about significant color printing.

Mike is continuing to work on a benefit concert for the hurricane victims with Titan Productions and the International Student Union. He wanted the Senate to know that the concert will probably be held next Saturday if everything goes as planned. He would

appreciate it if people could mark that date off to help out if we are able to get all the details worked out. Mike will email with more information as he gets it.

Mike also wrote in his President's Report, "ADP Rocks and I love chocolate."

Vice President-

Shannon Renfrow reported in Jihad Omar's absence.

She let the Senate know that Joanna completed a proxy form giving Marcus her voting powers in her absence.

Secretary-

Shannon thanked everyone who had gotten her their contact information and let them know that she would have an updated roster to them as soon as she got contact information from a few more people.

Treasurer-

Will said that the revised budget went through and the money will be transferred from the bursar account to the university account. Will wanted to give a special thanks to Valerie Berezner for the work done for the hurricane relief.

Advisor Report:

Marvin wanted to update the Senate on a policy change for catering and food services. All catering and food on campus must be arranged through the school's dining services, drastically impacting campus organizations and various constituents. He is awaiting information from the Vice Chancellor's Office about this situation and will report back to the Senate on this. Valerie Berezner let Marvin know that she had received information in regards to catering and food services issue because of her work with Dr. Bennion and the American Democracy Project. She told Marvin she would forward any information she has onto him.

Committee Reports:

Val attended the **Higher Learning Commission** meeting, today. The commission oversees student/civic engagement. In order to be accredited, you have to be engaged within the community. The commission last evaluated IUSB seven years ago, and is now re-evaluating. Val will be seeking narratives that describe how each campus club has inspired campus involvement.

Sang reported that **Facilities Management** elected a new chair, Dr. Dean Alvis. They also set new meeting times. They received a report from Michael Prater. Current Issues addressed included: a review of support and mail services on campus, fixing the elevator

in Northside, and they also will be working on the contract with the bridge. There was support offered for having an additional parking lot on the other side of the bridge.

Sumi had nothing to report on **Library Affairs**, but did report on **Information Technology**. The new chair is Dr. Marmorino. There are going to be expansions for all of the campus to have wireless connections, improving students' technology accessibility, including wireless availability in the student housing.

Duc Dang reported on the **General Studies** Degree Meeting. The department funded 23 scholarships to people in this degree program. They are approving an expansion in internships for students. Dr. Paul Joray will be retiring, but will be chairing the committee for now. They will be finding a new Director whose job will include teaching classes each semester. New classes will be provided.

Dianne de Guzman had nothing to report on **Enrollment Management**.

Shadreck reported that the **Curriculum Committee** is meeting at the same time as the SGA, so he asked Joes Spencer to cover the committee for him.

Kim Muncie was unable to attend the **Budget Committee** meeting. She was able to attend the **Admissions and Advising Committee**. (Duc left at 2:36p.m.) The committee addressed new policy issues for transfer units, increasing the number of additional credit hours required for all transfer students who do not have a prior degree. Kim also mentioned that she had been told that there was concern over having no African American representation within the Senate. Shannon reminded the Senate that the Senate is an elected body, so we cannot influence who is on the Senate after the election until there are vacancies. She pointed out that there is a lot of diversity within the SGA, including the Senate, Judicial Council and Executive Branch. However, when we do Senate search and screens to fill vacancies, it can be something that is taken into consideration.

No **Campus Directions** report.

Academic Personnel Committee, Marcus had nothing to report.

Health and Wellness Committee, Heather has nothing to report because she has not yet been contacted.

Will attended the **Student Affairs Committee** that morning, but had nothing to report. He said the chair of committee is still to be decided.

Parking Committee was attended by both Shannon and Joe. Shannon reported that Marty has been told there is still the hope that the footbridge will be built by sometime during the fall semester of 2006. That, however, may be slowed because of a diversion of Army Corp. funding to the hurricane relief effort. She let the Senate know that because the campus is in use more often Friday-Sunday the price of snow clearing has risen

dramatically. Whereas before, they may have not cleared the lots on a Friday afternoon, this past year there have been events requiring the removal. This has caused the price in snow removal to go from about \$50,000 to over \$70,000. Shuttle usage has only been about 30 people per day, leaving the lot at The Landing only about one third full. Because this service is losing money, if usage doesn't pick up, the service will have to be discontinued. She encouraged senators to try the service and let other students know about it. She has been using it for a couple of weeks and it is very efficient.

Old Business:

No old business to report.

New Business:

Kim Muncie made a motion to allow each club to make 200 copies for a fall/spring year, with a minimum of 25 sheets per print time. Sumi Seconded.

(Duc returned 2:44p.m.)

Kim explained that the reason for 200 copies being suggested is that even though it is a high number, not all clubs will use machine. However, there are a lot of clubs active enough who will use that many. She feels two hundred copies is fair amount for both the SGA and the clubs.

Sumi said she supports idea of setting the minimum number of copies so it is not used like a computer lab printer.

Val suggested that if clubs go over 200, they might get a discounted rate.

Kim felt that if a clubs goes over, it could quickly become expensive for the SGA.

Shadreck questioned how we will keep track of how many copies each club has used. Kim replied that Shannon would keep track of every registered club's usage.

Marvin asked for clarification for the amount that each club would use and when.

Kim responded that 200 copies would be allowed for one full school year (fall-spring, summer service would not be feasible).

Will asked if senators think we are overusing the printer, and suggested waiting for data about usage.

Sumi suggested setting a policy quickly so that clubs can be aware of the opportunity to use it and we would already have a policy in place for usage.

Val asked, as Club Council Liaison, that this discussion be tabled until after the next Club Council meeting so she could get club member's opinion. Val motioned to table this until next meeting. Marcus second.

Vote for tabling the discussion:

In favor: Val, Sang, Sumi, Duc, Dianne, Shadreck, Kim, Joanna* (Vote proxied by Marcus), Marcus, Heather.

Absent: Andrew

Motion passes.

Sumi made a motion to form a printer usage committee. Marcus seconded.

Shannon appointed Val, Duc, Marcus and Shadreck to be the printer usage policy committee and asked that they make an effort to attend the club council meeting to get club opinion. She appointed Val chair of the committee.

Shadreck motions to approve Alma. Sumi seconded.

Duc expressed his support of Alma and called to question.

In favor: Val, Sang, Sumi, Duc, Dianne, Shadreck, Kim, Joanna* (Vote proxied by Marcus), Marcus, Heather.

Absent: Andrew

Motion passes.

Val made a motion to discuss the continuation of the wristband benefit. Sumi seconded. She said she could continue the fundraiser through next week and she thinks it would be a good idea because there will be other activities going on as it will be constitution week. ADP will take on the fundraiser, along with other organizations. She requested senators with availability to help at the fundraising continuation. She said she would also ask clubs for volunteers. She let the Senate know that with the help of Marvin and Mindy it looks like we will be able to get all of the donations tripled. This offer to match funding is offered by Marshall Field's and The Robert McCormick Foundation. Marvin recommended combining our funds with the Dollars for Disaster funds so we could get it all matched. Val said she was planning on looking into it. (Bryanne left at 3:01)

Val made a motion to discuss the absenteeism and lateness bylaw. Marcus seconded.

Val said she feels that there may need to be some changes to the bylaw, but she doesn't have a hard copy of a proposal because she would like input. She feels that attending AUSA and other SGA related committee meetings should not be counted against SGA

members. For example, Shadreck was assigned to a committee that has since scheduled their meeting for the same time as our SGA meeting. Val said that she doesn't think he should be counted absent for going to a committee meeting, but at the same time, the Academic Senate could possibly work something out to arrange meeting times so that our senators don't have to miss our Senate meeting.

Marcus agreed that we need to look into defining some type of absence for an "SGA function" and we should form a committee to look into it.

Kim brought up the Leadership Training day which is from 1-8. She pointed out that if we attend the leadership training day we would not have quorum. She also agrees that AUSA needs to be taken into consideration, and she feels that there needs to be a rotation between who goes to AUSA. She said she feels we need to take our attendance seriously as a responsibility to the students.

Marvin said that he had talked to Mike after the last meeting, but didn't have a chance to address a concern specifically. One of the concerns he has is that any time you try something new there is the potential for abuse. For instance, someone may say they have a meeting and then blow it off. He recommended recording the absence and then having proof of attendance to have an absence removed from the record.

Duc inquired as to what a quorum is in light of the fact that we have a vacancy. He recommended having that vacancy filled. (Quorum at this point is still seven senators.)

Val said she thought having the new senate search and screen should be brought up at the next meeting, and in regards to the abuse that Marvin brought up, she agreed that absences need to be approved by the Vice President.

Val made a motion to form a committee to look into the absenteeism and lateness bylaw. Kim seconded.

Marcus said that he thinks the committee is a great idea because he thinks it needs to be looked into in greater detail. Marcus said that he wants to make sure to have a good system of documenting an approved absence.

Val said she thought it was important that people can still proxy. Vote was called to question.

In favor: Val, Sang, Sumi, Duc, Dianne, Shadreck, Kim, Joanna* (Vote proxied by Marcus), Marcus, Heather.

Absent: Andrew

Motion passes.

Shannon appointed Val, Marcus Kim and Heather to the committee to look into the absenteeism and lateness bylaw. She appointed Marcus to be the chair of said committee.

Duc made a motion to approve the committees appointed by Shannon at today's meeting. Kim seconded and called to question.

In favor: Val, Sang, Sumi, Duc, Dianne, Shadreck, Kim, Joanna* (Vote proxied by Marcus), Marcus, Heather.

Absent: Andrew

Motion passes.

Kim made a motion to move to the good of the order. Shadreck seconded.

For the Good of the Order:

Shannon reminded the Senate of our next meeting on September 23rd at the same time and location.

Call for adjournment by Marcus was seconded by Kim.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.