

April 6, 2007 SGA Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:10 a.m.

Executives: Marcus Vigil, Joanna Reusser, and Ben Peak (Heather Vigil-absent)
Senators: Teresa Granados, Andres Paz, Kristina Niere, Jessica Jackson, Seianna Giden, Mitch Royer, Teresa Santos, and David Romero (Mphatso Jumbe, Alma Galicia, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba and Misty Perrin-absent)

Advisor: Marvin Rasch

Judicial: Chuck Norton

Joanna went through the ground rules for an emergency meeting. The rules established were that discussion would be limited to the Senate (unless of course, the floor was yielded by a Senator to anyone else); one minute limitation to each person to speak (although, no limitation on number of times that people could speak) She stated that Misty had proxied her vote to the Vice President and if anyone wanted to view it, it was available.

Teresa S. motioned to discuss the Constitution. Mitch 2nd.
She said the overall picture of constitution is acceptable and that lots of communication and work went into it.
Mitch agreed.

Kristina stated her objection toward putting restrictions on someone on the basis of impeachment, with regard to them being in the SGA.
Teresa Granados agreed with Kristina.
Kristina turned the floor to Ben Peak.

Ben stated an objection of the time that version eleven of the constitution was emailed out. He stated this SGA meeting violated the Indiana Open Door law. Ben said he was not included in emails, and that doesn't represent his executive support. He talked about the operations of the President's Committee. He was concerned about the handling of his recommendations.

Ben went over the one minute time limit, so Joanna called time.

Mitch stated he thought the point was being missed and that everyone had a copy of the constitution, and he didn't have a problem with it. He said the SGA needed to approve it and get it out. He said we needed to trust our leadership.

Jessica asked for someone to speak to Ben's concern regarding the open door law. The floor was yielded to Marcus.

Marcus said the procedure would be to go to judicial.

Teresa S. said our main law is parliamentary law and wanted input from judicial on the open door law and the student government. The floor was yielded to Chuck.

Chuck said there is precedent on an executive committee.

Chuck also went past time limit, so Joanna called time on him as well.

Mitch motioned to approve Constitution Eleven. No one 2nd.

David motioned to pass the constitution without the concerning impeachment section. Kristina 2nd.

In favor: Kristina Niere, David Romero, & Andres Paz

Opposed: Mitch Royer, Teresa Santos, Teresa Granados, (Misty Perrin-proxy by Joanna), (Alma Galicia, Mphatso Jumbe, & Ngaatendwe Mantiziba- absent)

Abstentions: Jessica Jackson and Seianna Giden

Motion failed.

Teresa S. said if the SGA were to give the 48 hours to have another meeting, it would be Tuesday, which would not be enough time to get it done. It was going to have to be decided now.

David asked what the issues were, so they could be solved one by one.

Mitch said the SGA should pass this, to set up the stage for next year, and that it was obvious what the SGA should do.

Teresa S. said the student body is wise and has the ability to accept or reject it. Passing this today is not the end of the process.

Teresa motioned to approve the Constitution Eleven. Mitch 2nd.

In favor: Teresa Santos, Mitch Royer, Misty Perrin-proxy, Jessica Jackson

Opposed: Teresa Granados, Kristina Neire, David Romero, (Mphatso Jumbe, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, & Alma Galicia-absent)

Abstentions: Andres Paz and Seianna Giden

Motion failed.

Mitch turned floor to Marcus

Marcus said please make amendments. He was okay with throwing out the impeachment line.

Kristina would be willing to put a motion stating that if a potential candidate could get the support of 250 of the student body, then they could be validated for eligibility.

Teresa S. agreed they should earn their way back in, if they want to take office again.

Teresa S. wanted the new compromise of the petition for the impeachment section written with the assistance of Chuck, right then, before it was passed.

Joanna called a straw poll.

Mitch called point of order, then withdrew it.

Joanna continued straw poll.

Teresa S. motioned to approve the version 11 impeachment clause, with the amendment of 250 required signatures, which would allow an exemption of the prior impeachment conviction barrier. Kristina 2nd.

Motion passed unanimously of those present, with Misty's proxy.

David made an amendment suggestion regarding wording.

David motioned to change Section 6, Article 6-G. to say that any student previously impeached has to have 250 student signatures, to be a candidate for an SGA election. Teresa S. 2nd.

Motion passed unanimously of those present, with Misty's proxy.

Chuck read the new wording.

Teresa motioned to accept the constitution with said amendments. Jessica 2nd.

Mitch yielded floor to Chuck.

Chuck read the new wording.

Joanna called to vote:

Motion passed unanimously of those present, with Misty's proxy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46a.m.