

April 13, 2007 SGA Meeting

Meeting called to order at: 4:03p.m.

Roll Call:

Executives: Joanna Reusser and Ben Peak (Marcus Vigil & Heather Vigil-absent)

Senators: Jessica Jackson, David Romero, Teresa Granados, Seinna Giden, Mitch Royer, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Alma Galicia, Kristina Niere, Andres Paz (absent- Teresa Santos, Mphatso Jumbe & Misty Perrin)

Judicial: Shannon Renfrow and Chuck Norton

Advisor: Marvin Rasch

Constituents/Guests: Savan Kharel

Voicing of Constituents:

Savan Kharel, from Sigma Pi Sigma, spoke about the proposal previously submitted from the Physics Club regarding a request for funding, for the trip to the National Conference of Undergraduate Research. He explained what a good experience it is for undergraduates and noted several students who have been previously.

Ngaatendwe asked if there are other funding sources. Savan confirmed that the SMART committee also gives funding, but Sarah has already received funding for another conference and Noah has a proposal pending.

Savan also explained that the students have paid for the trip out of pocket, and any money raised above the cost, like if they get funding from SMART, will be refunded to the SGA.

Shannon spoke on behalf of the Poker Club explaining that the funding request was for cases for the poker chips that the club has already invested in.

Executive Reports:

Vice President:

Joanna spoke about the Environmental Justice League proposal. She has spoken to Dr. Marr who let her know they are trying to encourage students to get involved in choosing the campus theme. Ben pointed out that this proposal was submitted last night so it is at the SGA's discretion whether or not they want to consider it at this meeting.

Marcus is at the Student Trustee selection meeting. He advised the SGA to be expecting word on advisor evaluations and also wanted to thank everyone who came out for the recent campus political events.

Joanna brought up the Mike Wargo award and said that the award was for people who have been involved in the SGA and continues their involvement in the IU South Bend community. She recommended Lucky Reznick

She said that with the election coming up she was looking for anyone not running who would be interested in passing around literature to raise awareness of elections

She also brought up the SGA retreat and reminded people to turn in their votes for SGA member of the year.

Treasurer:

Ben directed the Senate's attention to the updated budget. Bend wanted to address the fact that he has calculated the office budget based on fixed costs, but with outstanding trip costs and any other costs would also add to that. He also requested that the printer ink be conserved because it would be nice to not have to buy another ink cartridge this semester. He said the current budget is at \$4, 859.32.

Committee Reports:

Ngaatendwe reported on behalf of the Matching Funds Club. And asked that anyone that had input please e-mail her.

Ben reported on behalf of the Athletics Committee. He said that things are looking good. They feel that they have some good recruits, talked about budget issues, and talked about trying to break away from student activity money gradually.

The Campus Security Committee is going to place a box outside the office for people to leave input. They are also going to be drafting their presentation to the chancellor.

The Awards Committee has sent out an application so to nominate clubs for Club of the Year. They need a subcommittee of students who are not in any clubs to evaluate the applications.

Mitch and Sienna were appointed to the subcommittee.

Advisor Report:

Marvin encouraged everyone to do whatever they can to get a good voter turn out. Marvin said he needed information for the awards to take to the trophy committee early next week. He said the earlier the better, especially for something like the perpetual plaque for the Mike Wargo award.

New Business:

Ngaatendwe made a motion to discuss SPS. Mitch seconded. Ngaatendwe said she thinks it is a good thing for students to be able to do, but the full amount seems like too much funding to give to just two students. Mitch said he agreed, he felt we should cover a majority of the cost.

Mitch made a motion to approve \$1200 for the SPS trip to NCUR. David seconded. Mitch said he feels like we could afford it and that this would be a reasonable amount for us to cover. David agreed. Ngaatendwe still thinks \$1200 is too much. Teresa thinks that if we are going to cover airfare and lodging, which would be \$1260. Mitch and David accepted the friendly amendment.

In favor: Jessica Jackson, David Romero, Teresa Granados, Seinna Miller, Mitch Royer, Kristina Niere

Opposed: Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Alma Galicia & Andres Paz (absent- Mphatso Jumbe & Misty Perrin)

Joanna abstained on behalf of Teresa Santos.

Motion passes.

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David made a motion to approve the Poker Club request for \$200. David said it is a responsible and sound decision and he thinks we should approve it in full. Mitch agreed.

In favor: Jessica Jackson, David Romero, Kristina Niere, Teresa Granados, Seinna Miller, Andres Paz & Mitch Royer

Opposed: Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Alma Galicia (absent- Mphatso Jumbe & Misty Perrin)

Joanna abstained on behalf of Teresa Santos.

Motion passes

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Mitch made a motion to approve \$100 for the Environmental Justice League. David seconded.

Mitch thinks it is a reasonable request and he thinks it is worth considering at this meeting.

David said he likes the proposal. Ngaatendwe asked if there was an obligation to award money.

Marvin said that last time the incentive was for a logo competition.

In favor: David Romero and Mitch Royer

Opposed: Jessica Jackson, Teresa Granados, Seinna Giden, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Alma Galicia, Andres Paz, Kristina Niere, (absent- Mphatso Jumbe & Misty Perrin)

Joanna abstained on behalf of Teresa Santos

Motion fails.

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Kat made a motion to discuss the campus theme again. Andres seconded. Kat asked for clarification on what the proposal was for and for more information regarding the campus theme.

Andres said that he felt he would be more comfortable funding this if a representative from the club was present.

David made a motion to table Mitch seconded.

Passed unanimously.

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David made a motion to discuss the Mike Wargo Award. Mitch seconded. David yielded the floor to the Marvin. Marvin said that if the award was going to be presented at the award ceremony we would need to decide quickly so invitations could be sent and the award could be made.

Teresa Granados asked if the award was for sure going to be given at the ceremony or if it was at the orientation. Joanna confirmed that they are being held on the same day.

Teresa and Kristina asked for more information about Lucky. Mitch said that he is very down to earth and very dedicated to IU South Bend and has contributed financially and also with his time. Joanna added that he was the recipient of the Sue Talbot Award, which is a high honor for work done for higher education in Indiana and especially IU. He has been a key player and lobbyist for us in the statehouse. Mitch added that he was a big contributor in the efforts to acquiring the SAC.

Teresa asked what the criteria for nomination is. Joanna said that the SGA wanted the nominee to be an IUSB alum, who was still involved in the IUSB community.

Ngaatendwe made a motion to approve Mitch and Sienna for the Club of the Year Subcommittee. Kat seconded.

Motion passed unanimously of those present.

Mitch made a motion to nominate Lucky Resnick as the Mike Wargo Award Recipient. David seconded. Kat asked if anyone had any information. Sienna asked if we are giving him the award because there is no one else or because he really deserves it. Joanna said that there are a lot of people who are deserving, but this would be an especially good year to give Lucky the award because of the things coming to fruition that he has contributed to.

In favor: David Romero, Kristina Niere, Teresa Granados, Seinna Giden, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Alma Galicia, Andres Paz, & Mitch Royer

Abstain: Jessica Jackson & Theresa Santos (by proxy)

Opposed: (absent- Mphatso Jumbe & Misty Perrin)

Motion passed.

For the good of the order:

Ngaatendwe wanted to say that we need to remember that we shouldn't be making financial decisions to grant money just because we have it at our disposal. She said we need to be mindful of the big picture and thinking long term.

Marvin suggested that the award be given to Lucky at the award ceremony instead of orientation because it will be a larger audience.

Mitch wanted to say that he doesn't feel financial decisions had been made because we had disposable income, but because the causes the money going to them were worthy and the funding was available.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50p.m.