

Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) Student Government Association (SGA)
Regular Meeting
February 08, 2008

The regular session of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President Matthew Lopez at 3:33 p.m. on Friday, February 08, 2008 in room SAC #225. Secretary Teresa Santos was present.

Roll Call:

Executives: Ivan Blount, Matthew Lopez, Teresa Santos, Nathan Reinhold

Senate: Amanda Acosta, Obadiah Counsellor, Julio Cruz, Zachary Duncan, Maria Granados (4:20), Amelie Kanovsky (leaves 4:14), Aleah Wilburn

Judicial: Vacant

Advisor: (Sam Centellas, absent)

Guests: Michelle Colbert, (?) Fries, Robin Black, Toby Cripe, Ian Green, and Eric Gingerich, Brandi Miller, and Jason Overholt from the Preface.

Minutes from the last meeting were not available for approval.

Voicing of the Constituents:

The Preface

Members from the Preface made a presentation concerning their budget. The paper has had major budget cuts beginning with the 2005-06 school year which continued through the present academic year. The last budget cut limited the Preface to \$25,000 resulting in a 7% cut, while Titan Productions has not been treated in this manner. The Preface has been unable to keep up with the necessary technology that will allow them to produce a high quality product. Their computers are failing, software is outdated, and their printer is not working. This year they have three editors who have been working hard to improve the paper and they are looking ahead to servicing the needs of residential housing. Planned improvements include increasing the pages from 8 pages to 12 pages. Increasing output from 1000 to 1500 papers, upgrading technology including: Computers, software, printer, more newsstands, a new website, professional multi-media programs, video camera; and also additional writers with an increase of pay. The goal is to make this school newspaper compatible with the quality of other school papers. They are looking at the award winning papers and following their formats. The Preface wants consideration for this when it comes time to initiate the budget process. Discussion followed with clarification of the following: confirmation of percentage of budget cuts; is website interactive with students; paper cannot take another budget cut that will hinder the organization. How much would paper like to have for a budget? Clarification was made by Treasurer Nathan Reinhold that now is not the time for this question and that it will be taken up during the budget hearings. The Preface said that they want enough money so that they will be able to manage their operations without having to come and request funds every time they need new equipment. Members presenting: Brandi Miller, Eric Gingerich, and Jason Overholt.

Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)

Michelle Colbert, Treasurer, presented a request for funding of \$175.00, to be used for their events. She clarified that the organization is not asking for full funding, only a partial amount of their needs. The officers were newly elected in the fall and have not been able to get information about how to raise funds or how to procure money, until recently. They are working to get their name familiar throughout the campus and are working on a cookie drive in their fundraising efforts. They are also working with Hacienda about them donating funds. The funding will be used to presents gifts to speakers at their events, pay for food and refreshments. Their presentations are open to the entire campus, and they set up mock interviews and will be working with the job fair. Meetings are held in the evening. Treasurer Reinhold added that he has been to SHRM meetings and they are very professional.

Executive reports:

President

President Ivan Blount asked the Senate to approve his nominations of Obadiah Counsellor and Zach Duncan to the Budget Committee.

Blount asked the Senate to approve his recommendations of Ian Green and Robyn Black as Justices.

The Search and Screen Committee for Dean of the Raclin School of the Arts will bring four candidates to IUSB for on-campus interviews, next week. Blount asks that at least one SGA member be present at each candidate interview. He announced the names and times of the student interviews and several members agreed to go. Senators Isabel Dieppa and Amanda Acosta both expressed their concern that the selected candidate have the interest of the students as a major focus, Acosta noted that she read the Curriculum Vitae of each applicant and they all seem to be excellent candidates. Secretary Teresa Santos added that the Committee had a hard time narrowing the field of applicants to these four.

Blount will be out in the halls this week promoting the Dance Marathon. The entire Executive Branch has committed to work tables with him and Blount asked the membership to join us, saying that we desire more visibility and we are committed to this goal.

Ethics and guidelines. Blount asked that the Senate moderate each other, stating that we have "no big brother system," here. We would appreciate that you do your office hours. If you are unable to do your hours, please notify Secretary Santos or the President and we will post that information. You can make your hours up at another time.

Vice President

Vice President Matthew Lopez reported that next week we were scheduled to meet at the Elkhart Center and that meeting will be offset until February 20th. Next week we will meet on Friday, but the location has yet to be determined. The goal is to reach out to the Elkhart Students. Senator Amelie Kanovsky asked about the scheduled meeting on Friday the 22nd. Lopez answered that it is cancelled. Kanovsky said that it can not be since the Senator applicants are required to be at the 22nd meeting and they have already been informed of this. Discussion followed with the decision that the meetings would take place here as scheduled. Lopez asked for the membership to forward their schedules to him so he can find a suitable time to meet at the Elkhart Campus.

As noted in the previous meeting, there are three new individuals in Student Services and they will be invited to a meeting soon.

As previously noted by the President, we are required to work office hours. Senate members, please sign up for your hours.

Secretary

Secretary Teresa Santos reminded the membership that Get on the Bus takes place this coming Wednesday and there is still time to sign up. The SGA has always been well-represented on this event and it would be helpful for three or four individuals to go.

The Minutes Binder is missing from the office. If anyone knows where it is, please return it to its proper place.

Treasurer

Treasurer Nathan Reinhold reported that the budget committee has held two budget meetings so far. They are looking at what happened to the budget in the past to help determine what to do with it in the future. The budget hearings need to start soon and a lot of work still needs to be done so the budget will be ready for Senate approval by March 17th. The issue brought up by the Preface will come up during the process and budget hearings. Please remember the committee is just starting now and was to actually begin in November. Blount pointed out that the committee is operating through a different process than in the past, they are working towards sustaining the organizations the funds support and trying to eliminate cuts.

Committee reports:

Election Committee

Senator Amanda Acosta (Chair) reported that Rick Dennie is the advisor for the committee. They hope to hold their first meeting next week. They are unsure of how the polling works and the electronic voting works, and they have a lot of things to figure out. Santos informed Acosta that Scott Opasik and Mike Renfrow have both held the advisory position to election committees in the past and they would be great resource persons to contact.

Senate Search and Screen Committee

Senator Amelie Kanovsky (Chair) reported that seven applications for the position of Senator have been received. All applicants are required to be at the February 22nd meeting and twenty minute interviews will follow. They will be at the February 29th meeting and will be invited to participate. Voting will take place at that time.

Michiana Dance for the Homeless

Senator Aleah Wilburn (chair) reported that the Hard-Roll Out is taking place this week. 50 T-shirts have been donated and media events will be taking place where both Jacqueline Kronk and Aleah Wilburn will be interviewed. The Website is finished and advertisements are going out. Teresa Santos and the Fundraising Committee are working on the Corporate Sponsorships and getting out the media packets. It's time to get into recruiting mode and finding ways to get the momentum going when the weather warms up. Please keep doing what you can.

Kanovsky asked for the floor as she had to leave. Effective immediately Senator Kanovsky is resigning from the budget committee.

Ian Green asked for the floor as he had to leave.

Lopez moved the floor Out of Order to allow Green to address the membership

Ian Green introduced himself as President Blount's nominated candidate for the position of Justice, noting that he (Green) requested Blount appoint him to the position. Senator Acosta asked why Green wanted the position. Green stated, "3.0." Asked to clarify that statement, Green responded that his motivation was 3.0 and he always shoots for the top.

Lopez returned the floor to Committee Reports

Academic Senate

Lopez asked if any of the members have been attending their assigned committees. Senator Wilburn reported that she had. Lopez asked the membership to please get in touch with their committees and report back to the Senate.

Old business:

Office computers

Senator Zachary Duncan reported that he had crunched numbers. There is approximately \$20,000.00 in the budget to get through the semester. Duncan suggests 5 new computer packages for the office, and requests the Senate approve up to \$5000.00 to purchase them with. Duncan reports that it will cost approximately \$1000.00 per computer. He says that if we buy new computers now, the SGA will then go into recycling them through the years.

Senator Zachary Duncan moves to approve up to \$5000 for new computers for the office. The motion passed.

New business

Senator Amanda Acosta moves to approve Zachary Duncan and Obadiah Counsellor to the Budget Committee, and to accept the resignation of Amelie Kanovsky from the Budget Committee. The motion passed.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moves to approve \$175.00 for the Society for Human Resource Management. The motion passed.

Senator Isabel Dieppa would like to motion Ian Green as Justice, but would like to meet the other candidate. Robyn Black introduced herself and presented her qualifications, highlighting that with the arrival of student housing, she feels there will be an increase in judicial disciplinary matters and she feels that she has the real world experience and wisdom to offer the student body.

Senator Isabel Dieppa moves to approve the Presidents nomination of Ian Green and Robyn Black as Justices. Parliamentarian ordered the motion must be stated to approve "President Blount's appointments." Senator Acosta said she doesn't know anything about Ian. Dieppa said that she does know Ian and that he is a philosophy major and theater minor, he is a deep and very good person and she highly recommends him. Nathan Reinhold reported that he (Reinhold) formerly served as a justice

and that it is a serious position, and the different personalities can be the source of conflict within. The person in the office must be someone you can communicate with and make sure the persons selected are people you have confidence in. Blount said that judicial is an area that he does not want to fill with clones, but the branch should be filled with a variety of individuals who have integrity. Senator Wilburn asked how many positions make up the branch. Reinhold reported four justices and one chief justice. Blount said that his goal is to fill the branch, but that many want to do the work do not meet the qualifications. Senator Wilburn asked how long they serve in office. Reinhold answered that a member of the branch is in office until they resign or do not meet the requirements of office.

Senator Julio Cruz seconds Senator Dieppa's motion.

Parliamentarian requests two separate motions be made and asks the motions be made with the wording "Presidential appointment," noting that it is a constitutional requirement of president to appoint the position and ask the Senate to approve his appointment.

Senator Isabel Dieppa moves to approve President Ivan Blount's appointments of Ian Green and Robyn Black to the offices of Justice. Senator Julio Cruz seconds. The motion passed.

Question of legality called by Vice President Matthew Lopez. Is the vote proper? Can the appointments be voted together, or are they required individually?

According to SGA Constitution Section 6. Article 2. b. "The office of Justice in the Judicial Council shall be conferred upon an individual once approval is granted by the Student Senate and that individual shall continue to hold office unless the term of office is reduced by resignation, impeachment, or the failure to maintain the qualifications of office."

Parliamentarian rules the vote improper, reasoning the office is conferred upon "*an Individual.*"

Senator Isabel Dieppa moves the Senate approve President Blount's nomination of Ian Green to the Office of Justice. Parliamentarian asks for a restatement of the motion with the word "appointment" instead of nomination. Lopez requested Dieppa restate her motion.

Senator Isabel Dieppa moves the Senate approve President Blount's appointment of Ian Green to the office of Justice. Senator Allah Wilburn seconds. Vote by voice, results unclear. Lopez calls a Roll Call. 5 yes, 2 no. Parliamentarian said the Roll Call Vote requires those who vote no to state their reason. Senator Obadiah Counsellor said that he did not like the candidate's disposition. Senator Amanda Acosta said she was concerned that the candidate didn't seem serious about the position and that he gave no information about his background. She wondered if he was involved in anything in the school outside of classes. Parliamentarian said the person who motioned and the person who seconded may address their reasons for approval of the candidate. Senator Dieppa said that the membership had opportunity to ask Ian Green questions while he was here, stating, "If you wanted to get to know him, you could have asked him questions. I (Dieppa) know him, he is passionate about this school. He comes to basketball games and participates in school events." Parliamentarian said the Senate can vote again. Lopez asked the Senate if they desired to vote again. All replied no. The motion passed (Green is Justice).

Senator Amanda Acosta moves to approve President Blount's appointment of Robyn Black to the position of Justice. The motion passed.

For the good of the order

Senator Zachary Duncan moves to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Recording Secretary: *Teresa G. Santos* Date: 02/08/2008

Signature: _____ Date approved: 02/15/2008