

**Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) Student Government Association (SGA)**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 22, 2008**

The regular session of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President Matthew Lopez at 3:35 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2008. Secretary Teresa Santos was present.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Senate:** Obadiah Counsellor, Zach Duncan, Maria Granados, Amelie Kanovsky, Aleah Wilburn (Amanda Acosta by proxy through Vice President Matthew Lopez) (absent: Amanda Acosta (excused), Julio Cruz (excused), Isabel Dieppa)

**Judicial:** Robyn Black, Ian Green

**Advisor:** (absent)

**Guests:** Ben Fries, Isaiah Counsellor, Rema El-Ammori, Jake Jones (Preface)

Senator Amelie Kanovsky moved to approve minutes of the February 15, 2008 meeting. The motion passed.

**Voicing of the Constituents:**

*None*

**Executive Reports:**

***President***

AUSA is the association of all of the Presidents from the eight IU campuses. We are presenting a leadership conference for student leaders of the various campuses. It will take place March 21-23, 2008. Chancellor Reck has been asked to consider sponsoring the event and helping out with the costs for students going from our campus. This will include food and lodging. If any of the members are interested in this opportunity, please let Blount know.

Chancellor Reck is holding three opportunities for students to attend open office hours with her. This is to give students a chance to meet and speak with her and see the Chancellor's office. The first opportunity was today. Blount will get the hours for the next two opportunities and send them out when they arrive.

It would be good for the SGA to sponsor an open house for Student Life Director Sam Centellas. Let's get him introduced to the campus and possibly think about including Director of Student Housing Paula Smith.

Alumni Affairs will be holding a "Dinner Etiquette" for students on the campus. They would like to have at least 30 participants. There is a possibility that the SGA may be asked to help fund the cost. It will run approximately \$10.00 - \$12.00 per person and will take place March 26, 2008.

***Vice President***

Vic President Matthew Lopez reported that there have been some questions asked about meeting procedures since they are unfamiliar and so he wants to clarify how he will be running the

meetings. Basically once the Executives give their reports, the rest of the meeting belongs to the Senate. There will not be anyone other than Senator's recognized to speak. However, a Senator may yield the floor to whomever he or she chooses.

Concerning the Voice Recorder, there has been a lot of discussion throughout the year, about the use and unavailability of the recorder. We have been unable to record the past few meetings. There is a draft of a voice recorder by-law, available for your consideration. Basically, it is intended that the by-law give responsibility for recording meetings, to the President of the Senate. The meetings will be recorded and will allow the Secretary to accurately write the minutes. Once the written minutes are approved by the Senate, the recordings will be erased. The Senate can pass it or do whatever you want.

Tables sponsored by the SGA will be up around campus. Executives have been working them, please get out and push the dance marathon and also get the word out about the elections.

### ***Secretary***

Secretary Teresa Santos reported that each year, the SGA and Office of Student Life sponsors an end of the year Award Ceremony. This is where individuals are recognized for the roles they have played in campus life this year. There are awards like: faculty member of the year, student leader of the year, administrator of the year, club of the year, and etc. Centellas would like if two or three individuals would volunteer to work on a committee and help him research and develop guidelines and plans for the event.

### ***Treasurer***

Treasurer Nathan Reinhold reported that the committee met yesterday and they are still working on the budget guidelines. President Blount has given a basic outline of the process that will take place on a yearly basis. There will be Administration and Staff members on the committee for years to come. The Advisory Committee will finish with the specific process this week and will give their recommendations to the committee this week. Budget hearings will take place this week.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Election Committee***

Vice President Lopez made the Election Committee report on behalf of Senator Amanda Acosta. They are receiving advice from Mike Renfrow. They had met and they are working with Angie to get a template that will go up this week.

## **Old Business**

### ***Budget Resolution***

Vice President Matthew Lopez reported that there is a signature sheet being passed around that all members of the SGA needs to sign. This will accompany the Budget Resolution that was passed last meeting.

## **New Business**

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to approve the By-Law Regarding Voice Recorder.

By-Law:

Every Student Government meeting shall be recorded with a voice recorder.

The President of the Senate will be responsible for bringing the voice recorder to all meetings and shall maintain the voice recording of each meeting until the written minutes by the Secretary, are approved by the Senate. The voice recording shall be destroyed once the written minutes are approved by the Senate. Any person caught manipulating and/or tampering with the voice recordings before the written minutes are approved, shall incur ramifications in accordance with the IUSB Student Code of Conduct.

Senator Obadiah Counsellor wants more information about the by-law recording, he want more information regarding the by-law. President Blount answered that while it is to maintain integrity, it is felt that storage of recorded public minutes are not needed at this time.

The motion passed.

**For the Good of the Order**

**Meeting adjourned 4:12 p.m.**

**Recording Secretary:** *Teresa G. Santos* **Date:** 02/22/2008

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date approved:** 02/29/2008