

**Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) Student Government Association (SGA)**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 28, 2008**

The regular session of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President Matthew Lopez at 3:41 p.m. on Friday March 28, 2008, in the Alumni Room of the Associates Building. Secretary Teresa Santos was present.

**Roll call**

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

**Senate:** Obadiah Counsellor, Julio Cruz, Zach Duncan, Amelie Kanovsky (left at 4:20), Aleah Wilburn, Sineyda Requeno, Isaiah Counsellor. (Absent: Amanda Acosta, Isabel Dieppa (arrived 4:00), Rema El-Ammori, Benjamin Fries.)

**Judicial:** None

**Advisor:** Absent

**Guests:** Christopher Klein, Felix E. Marquez, Asya Mazurova, Shirin Ghalambur, Daniela Gonzalez, Tofet Diaz De Leoon, Gisele Rutagengwa, Daisy Tian, Katlyn Josway, Saalawe, David James, Justine NiRee, Justaine James, Jacob Hughe, LaRonda Holman, Vincent M. Rzantzes, Allysa Winston, Joel Whitlock Cassandra Wynn, Dance Blue,. Matt Wileman, Robin Beck, Anthony Ware, Vince Bauters, David James.

**Approval of Minutes**

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to approve the minutes from February, 29, 2008. The motion passed.

**Voicing of the Constituents**

**Political Science Club**

Robin Beck, President of the Political Science Club, made a funding request presentation. The original proposal was for \$841.00, however, since the request was turned in, the club has been able to raise funds through sponsorship from other groups. As a result they are now requesting \$450.00. The request is to fund the Save Darfur campaign. The funds will help with licensing fees for the movie, snacks, posters, and for refreshments. Discussion followed with suggestions and clarifications of details. Secretary Teresa Santos said the SGA could print 50 color posters and suggested Robin check with the office of campus diversity. Beck also said they are seeking help from Titan Productions and Beck noted that since SGA will donate posters, she would change her request to \$341.00.

**Black Student Union**

Several members of the Black Student Union came to present a funding request of \$950.00. They will be holding the *Rep your Step Showcase*, a show featuring steppers from all over the State of Indiana, to promote Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service. This is a positive event for everybody and local groups will be performing as well. The show is being promoted on Radio and Fox News. The event is being held tomorrow and they are having some issues with costs. They have raised money through ticket sales. Ticket prices are \$4.00 for the public, and \$3.00 for students. They are changing their

request to \$650.00, as they have raised \$300.00. Costs up to the ticket sales, have been paid out of members own pockets.

### ***International Student Organization***

President Felix Marquez presented a funding request of \$3000.00 to help with expenses associated with the International Food Fest. The Food Fest is where the ISO raises money for their events. This is one of the biggest events on campus and many of the school's clubs and organizations are involved. 14 countries are represented this year and the whole community is able to attend the event. Last year over 300 people came. Marquez acknowledged the past relationship between SGA and ISO, saying the event was good for IUSB and the community. Senator Aleah Wilburn asked if they have presold any tickets. Marquez answered they do, but people generally wait until the last minute to buy tickets. Discussion followed with clarification on the amount requested? How much was made the previous year? Why more money was requested this year and what will be done with the proceeds?

### ***Civil Rights Heritage Center***

Sarah Lowe, President of the Civil Rights Heritage Center came to present a funding request of \$4500.00 to supplement the students' costs for Freedom Summer 2008. Lowe explained the history of the Center, how it began and how the Freedom Summer Tours began. She highlighted fundraising events that have been held thus far and how the participants of the program benefit IU South Bend and the greater community at large. They are seeking monetary support of \$225.00 per participant. Several participants of the program came to speak about why they were going. Senator Isabel Dieppa asked if they could do with \$25.00 less per person, as they are asking for the largest amount of money. Lowe answered that this is a small portion and an investment in the university and students. Vice President Matthew Lopez said to limit monetary questions to the proposal. Senator Aleah Wilburn asked about the amount on the proposal and what the fundraisers have brought in. Dieppa asked how much each student is paying. Lowe responded that the students will cover anything not covered through the SGA or from the Art Auction. They are hoping for \$200 per student from the art auction, but may end up with less. Part of the money from the art auction is going to the natatorium. David James said the bill is around \$1200 plus the cost per credit hour. Dane Blue said that they are taking a bus and this is a learning trip, they will be moving around a lot. The gas and the students' price is a lot of money. Senator Zach Duncan asked for clarification on what each student is paying? Lowe answered that each student is paying \$1400. All of the funds raised will reduce the cost. Senator Maria Granados asked how much they have earned? Lowe responded very little, they haven't had many of the fundraisers yet. Dieppa asked Lowe to explain how the center brings the university visibility in the community. Lowe explained that the auction has raised awareness of civil rights in the community. They have are doing 75-90 interviews of people who are getting older and are taking a history of Civil Rights in South Bend, and this history will be lost when this generation of citizen's dies.

### ***Analecta.***

Editor Vince Bauters presented a request for an increase of funding for the Analecta. The journal has been around for 30 years and they have stayed in budget, but would like to add 16 pages. They would like to appeal to a larger market for artists. This year they are down 20 pages. Senator Aleah Wilburn asked for clarification of who they give the magazine to. Bauter said it is distributed to the South Bend community and added that students also getting published nationally. Senator Zach Duncan

asked how many will be published? Bauters answered 500 and that they have tried to distill the magazine to the bare minimum to continue publishing this amount.

## **Executive reports**

### ***President:***

President Ivan Blount reported that Sam Centellas would like 2 students to help explore the leadership awards ceremony. Please take into consideration money for funding. This will benefit all clubs and all will be invited to the reception. Senator Maria Granados asked when the end of the year ceremonies will be? Blount responded May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The election committee has had problems getting flyers made for the elections, but they are coming very soon. Senator Sineyda Requeno will be posting them around the campus. Applications have been created and individuals will be able to start getting applications now.

### ***Vice President:***

None

### ***Secretary***

Submitted the attendance report

### ***Treasurer***

Treasurer Nathan Reinhold reported on the budget and said they were meeting next week to get the rules down for next year's committee. They want to establish guidelines. Currently they have cash balance of \$22,000 but can expect at least \$5000 worth of bills to be coming through. Sam is working on getting the funds transfer and that \$8,776.00 was requested in transfers, which will leave approximately \$9,000.00. Reinhold noted that SGA must have funds to cover the whole summer and that Sam wants us to have a balance of \$15,000 for the summer.

## **Old Business**

### ***Dance for the Homeless.***

Senator Aleah Wilburn reports that there have been two articles in the Tribune. Regis Philbin is coming and there will also be appearances by Congressman Joe Donnelly, Mayor Jeff Rae, and Mayor Stephan Lueke. Also Bob Golic will be coming. The committees are continuing to meet and the 24-hour timeline has been established. We do need to recruit more people and she asked SGA members to please sign up. We will have a booth at the Silver Hawks game and need help. We don't want a small amount of people showing up when Regis comes. Wilburn yielded the floor to Felix Marquez. Marquez said that Wilburn was welcome to come to food fest to tell people about the dance marathon. Vice President Matthew Lopez said to wear your T-shirts Monday and Tuesday. You've got them, you wear them.

## **New Business**

Senator Isabel Dieppa moved to discuss the Analecta. The motion passed.

Senator Dieppa said the amount of money being requested doesn't bother her. They have been doing a lot of cuts to keep the magazine going and they need to be able to publish. There have been a lot budget cuts in publishing. Dieppa said that based on this and the budget reports she thinks the Senate should give every amount of funding being requested. Dieppa yielded the floor to President Blount. Blount reminded the Senate that we do have other business to take care of and while we would like to view each club as equal, each club serves a different purpose and a decision has to be made. The reality is that we have only a certain amount of money and we have to deal with it. Senator Sineyda Requeno said this was a hard decision for her and that it doesn't seem fair for one club to get all of the funds they request and not another. She thinks all clubs should get half of their requested amount. Vice President Matthew Lopez ordered the Senate to only address the bill on the floor. President Blount stated that the Senate needs to address each bill individually. Senator Dieppa said that she doesn't think \$286.00 is too much. Senator Obadiah Counsellor said that we should look at all funding requests. Dieppa said that Analecta goes far beyond IUSB.

Senator Isabel moved to approve the funding of \$286.00 for the Analecta. The motion passed.

Senator Obadiah Counsellor moved to discuss the Political Science Club request. The motion passed.

Counsellor suggests they approve the amount requested.

Senator Obadiah Counsellor moved to approve the funding of \$341.00 for the Political Science Club. The motion passed.

Senator Sineyda Requeno moved to discuss the ISO Food Fest. The motion passed. Requeno said the Food Fest benefits the whole community, not just students. She asked if someone could suggest an amount. Senator Aleah Wilburn noted that this is where it gets hard. She wonders if since the amount is greater than \$1000, can it be discussed today? This is the same situation with the Civil Rights Heritage Center request. Senator Julio Cruz said that he is worried because of the budget and that we have to be very careful with what we do. We have to look outside the box before deciding. We have a week to think about this and to work on being fair. Cruz yielded the floor to Treasurer Nathan Reinhold. Reinhold suggested the Senator's could talk with Advisor Sam Centellas, and Reinhold, that they each have suggestions. Vice President Lopez instructed the Senate to speak with them over the week, but limit the discussion today, to what is currently on the table. Senator Dieppa said she thinks it fair to give ISO at least \$2,500. It is a good amount and we are allowed to use the money to benefit the clubs this year. The money we have in our account is to be used for this school year. Senator Obadiah Counsellor agreed that he would love to give the full amount to each request, but doesn't see how we could. He suggested roughly \$2000.00. Senator Julio Cruz asked if there is anything else the club does? Cruz yielded the floor to Felix Marquez. Marquez said that they have done concessions, but there is not much money there and that it takes 2-3 months to set up the event. Senator Zach Duncan agreed with O. Counsellor for \$2000.00.

Senator Duncan moved to close discussion. The motion passed.

Senator Isabel Dieppa moved to discuss the Civil Rights Heritage Center request. The motion passed. Dieppa said she was on the Senate in 2006 and this was a big drama then, as they were the club who requested the most money. Looking at the budget, she thinks this is a lot of money and noted that this was also a class. She does support them though and thinks \$3500.00 should be sufficient. Senator Obadiah Counsellor understands that this is a lot of money to use for travel expenses. He thinks we should give them \$2000.00 and doesn't see how we can give them more than ISO. President Ivan Blount said that he also sat on the Senate in 2006 and wanted to emphasize the dollar amount per organization, noting that the Senate cannot look to what they give another organization. He said the

Senate must give their consideration for funding per proposal. Senator Dieppa noted the Heritage Center is the only center of research for the Civil Rights Movement in the area and that the university wants to do more research, like other campuses. President Blount said that we should not always compare ourselves to other campuses and asked, what other clubs have their own building? For the history of IUSB the Civil Rights Heritage Center gives more, it contributes history. Senator Sineyda Requeno yields to Maurice Gray. Gray said students get some money from Financial Aid and that the total cost per student is \$1600.00. He noted that when more fundraising is done, the club can give the Senate a more exact figure of how much is needed. Sarah Lowe said there are many fundraisers coming up and would like the Senate to consider that. Senator Zach Duncan said that whatever the amount the Senate chooses, they could make it an "up to" amount. Vice President Lopez said the funding request is for an exact amount and the Senate must name an actual amount. Senator Dieppa said the Center does a lot to benefit the community, but thinks \$4500.00 is a lot to fund. She thinks allowing about \$175.00 per student is good and that we can think about it during the upcoming week.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to close discussion. The motion passed.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to discuss the BSU proposal. The motion passed. Wilburn asked if \$650.00 would be enough, noting they've raised \$300.00. Senator Zach Duncan agrees. Senator Julio Cruz moved to fund \$650.00 for the Black Student Union. The motion passed.

For the Good of the Order.

Adjournment at 5:20 p.m.

Secretary: Teresa G. Santos

Date: 04/12/2008

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: 04/18/2008