

Indiana University south Bend (IUSB) Student Government Association (SGA)
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2008

The regular session of the Student Government Association was called to order by Parliamentarian Zachary Duncan, at 3:40 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2008 in room SAC #225. Senator Aleah Wilburn acting as Recording Secretary.

Roll Call

Executives: Ivan Blount, Nathan Reinhold, Zachary Duncan-Acting Senate Chair

Senate: Obadiah Counsellor, Julio Cruz, Isabel Dieppa, Amelie Kanovsky (left 4:20), Aleah Wilburn, Rema El-Ammori, Benjamin Fries, Sineyda Requeno, Isaiah Counsellor. (Absent: Amanda Acosta, Maria Granados)

Guests: Daisy Tian, Veronica Boyle, Charlotte Pfeifer

Voicing of Constituents

Asian Heritage Center

President Daisy Tian presented a funding request of \$500.00 to support the Asian Heritage Festival taking place April 25, 2008, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Tian expressed the interest the Asian students have in this event and educating IUSB students about new cultures. Parliamentarian Zachary Duncan stated that SGA does not have a funding request for this proposal and so the Senate cannot vote on it today. The proposal was put in last week and it went to Matthew Lopez. Matthew is not here and he has the proposal, so Duncan is unable to make copies, but it was on the itinerary for last week's meeting.

Hoosier Hygienist Club

Veronica Boyle presented a funding request for \$750.00. The club is implementing the sustainability theme of the campus, and is purchasing 16 oz. bottles to resell to campus members. Those purchasing the bottles will receive a discounted price for beverages from dining services. Soda, beverages, or tea, will be \$0.65 per refill. They are asking for additional funding and will be selling Crest White Strips from the clinic. Senator Aleah Wilburn asked several questions: How many bottles? Where will they be sold? Who do you think will buy them? Boyle said they are getting 250 bottles to sell and they will be sold in the café, dining services, and the clinic. Treasurer Nathan Reinhold asked about sanitary concerns through reuse of the bottles? Senator Sineyda Requeno asked where the money collected will be going after people buy them. Boyle said the money will go to Indiana Health Care Clinic. Reinhold brought in the proposal forms for the membership.

Executive Reports

President:

President Ivan Blount reported the Dance Marathon is 2 weeks away and we need to gather more volunteers and participants at the event.

Vice President:

Vice President Matthew Lopez said for the membership to wear their T-shirts on Monday and Tuesday.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Nathan Reinhold reported the Budget Committee could not meet yesterday due to class schedules and they are trying to get a report written to pass on to the Senate, the Chancellor, next year's budget committee, and take other steps for next year, and etcetera.

Advisor:

SGA Advisor Sam Centellas is working on the awards program for the year and is making changes to some things to make it a little more representative of the campus. He is meeting with some Senators to develop a committee and they will be working on making up some questions. The program is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

As for the election process, applications have been coming in. Applications are due Thursday April 10.

Centellas is working with the Bursar on the current process for allocating funds to clubs and organizations when funding is granted by the SGA. There are a lot of steps involved in the process which makes it time consuming and he is trying to rework the process to cut some of the steps out, so clubs can get their funding in about half of the time. He is looking to make it a faster process and find an easier way to track when clubs get their money.

Old Business

Senator Isabel Dieppa moved to discuss the Civil Rights Heritage Center. The motion passed.

Dieppa says \$3500.00, and asks the Senate to give at least \$3000.00 to them. It is less than the Center is asking for. They do a lot of community work and are visible in the community. Senator Amelie Kanovsky mentioned that this is a class and to cut it down to \$100.00 per person for a total amount of \$2000.00. Senator Julio Cruz agrees with Kanovsky, and to keep in mind that it is a class and they are doing this on their own. Senator Obadiah Counsellor says \$2000.00 is a lot for one organization/club. Senator Benjamin Fries agrees. Senator Dieppa says it (CRHC) does help the university, they volunteer in the entire community and they learn part of history and bring it back in the community.

Senator Julio Cruz moved to allocate \$2000.00 to the Civil Rights Heritage Center. The motion passed.

Senator Maria Granados moved to discuss the International Food Fest. The motion passed. Senator Granados said 300 people attended the event last year and there is entertainment and food provided. It promotes IUSB and different cultures to the community, and gets people educated. Senator Julio Cruz said it bring faculty and community to the event, and shows that IUSB represents 30 countries if not more. It is good for the community and it is good to have an event to wrap up the school year. He suggests giving them \$2000.00-2500.00 in order to have this event. Senator Isabel Dieppa says it will be \$2500.00 for the event because of the dining service charge and to have workers to work the event. Senator Aleah Wilburn said she would be fine with \$2000.00 because there is a Saturday event each Saturday up to the Dance Marathon.

Senator Maria Granados moved to approve \$2000.00 for the International Student Organization. The motion passed.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to discuss the amount for the Hoosier Hygienists. The motion passed.

Senator Isabel Dieppa moved to approve \$750.00 for Hoosier Hygienists. The motion passed.

Senator Isabel Dieppa moved to discuss the Asian Heritage Center proposal. The motion passed.

Senator Dieppa yielded the floor to Charlotte Pfeifer. Pfeifer said the event is free to the public and some places donate food for the event. It has been held 6 years and a total of 75 people attended last year. It is a small event and they are requesting \$500.00.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to allocate \$500.00 to the Asian Heritage Center. The motion passed.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to discuss getting flowers for Matthew Lopez's family. The motion passed.

Senator Sineyda Requeno said she would take the responsibility to get flowers and a card. President Blount stated it's nice to express our condolences.

Senator Benjamin Fries moved to close discussion. The motion passed.

For the Good of the Order

Adjourned 4:45 p.m.

Recorded by: Senator Aleah Wilburn

Date: 04/04/2008

Secretary: Teresa G. Santos

Date: 04/12/2008

Signature: _____

Date Approved: 04/18/2008