

Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) Student Government Association (SGA)
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2007

The first regular meeting of the newly elected Officers of the Student Government Association for the 2007 – '08 academic year was called to order by Vice President, Jessica Jackson at 1:05 p.m. on Friday, May 18, 2007, at the Student Activities Center, room #206. Teresa Santos, secretary was present.

The Vice President noted the meeting was not being recorded to due the unavailability of the digital recorder.

Roll Call:

Executives: Ivan Blount, Jessica Jackson, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Teresa Santos

Senate: Amanda Acosta, Maria Granados, Teresa Granados, Matthew Lopez, Justin Matthews, Aleah Wilburn, Allysa Winston. (Absent: Julio Cruz, Isabel Dieppa, Amelie Kanovsky, Emily Kelly, Noel Loughran)

Judicial: Chuck Norton

Advisor: Marvin Rasch

There were no minutes to approve as this is the first meeting of this government.

Senator Aleah Wilburn motioned the floor be opened to the voicing of constituents. The motion passed.

Teresa Santos expressed concern about available parking for the upcoming year. The new bicycle lane has taken approximately fifteen parking spots. Administration historically has expressed that once the bridge was built, temporary parking would likely be made for student use across the river. Past attempts to solve parking problems have failed. Santos would like to see the SGA work with administration and continue efforts to make parking available across the river, and find some type of creative solution to parking, such as free lockers for students who choose to bike, instead of drive.

Executive Reports:

President:

President Ivan Blount reported The Indiana University Board of Trustees has outsourced the IU bookstores to Barnes and Noble and will keep the SGA up to date on what is happening with the bookstore.

President Blount reported AUSA (All University Student Association) is currently deliberating on whether or not it will continue as an organization. Their decision is to be reached by the beginning of the academic year.

President Blount reported the Academic Affairs Committee is currently working on grades which are being appealed by students attending the 2007 Spring Semester.

President Blount reported the Accreditation Committee, HLC, will be on the IU campus November 15, 2007. Seven years ago IUSB received accreditation. IUSB is currently in need of accreditation for the next ten years.

President Blount reported the Search and Screen Committee for the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs will begin this June and the position is to be filled by October. The position is temporarily being filled by Karen White. The Search and Screen Committee for the Director of Affirmative Action will begin this summer and the position is to be filled by January of 2008. It is temporarily being filled by John Henly. The Search and Screen Committee for the Director of Scholarships will begin interviewing candidates in June. There will be a student session allowing for question and answers.

President Blount stressed that he will maintain an Open Door Policy within the SGA. All members are free to express concerns, suggestions, promotion of the SGA, and anything else they desire. This also includes ideas for the SGA homepage such as photographs and quotes. The floor was then turned over to Director Rasch to discuss SGA image and promotion. Director Rasch expressed the fact that the SGA banner(s) are outdated and worn. He displayed an example of a modern banner with an approximate cost of \$175.00 and suggested the SGA update their image. He also suggested and presented an example of a tablecloth which could be used during promotions. He will find out an approximate cost if the SGA is interested. The SGA can also explore updated brochures.

President Blount asked if Club Council was necessary and wanted an opinion. It was expressed that Club council does have a place and purpose and the leadership needs to work on how to make it more effective. A summary of what Club Council is was given, and it was noted that both communication and keeping momentum going were critical to its success. It was suggested there is a need to better define the expectations of the organization and look for incentives to justify its purpose. Does the organization need to remain under the auspices of the SGA?

President Blount reported that Conversations on Race will take place on the week-end of November 15, 2007. This event is run by the Director of Campus Diversity, Charlotte Pfeifer. 2007 will be the eleventh year for this annual event. The president would like to see SGA involvement in this event, stating that students will have the opportunity to have a topic of discussion, and possibly facilitate the discussion.

Concerning email etiquette, President Blount does not wish to see SGA members using email to discuss personal disagreements. He will not acknowledge such email. Talk in person to resolve issues. Remember that if a member attaches any part of their SGA signature to an email, it is official.

President Blount asked about a resolution on the allowance of appointing members of Judicial to committees. The floor was given to Chief Justice Chuck Norton who said that the constitution makes the committee appointments clear. Judicial members may only be appointed to some committees and can be appointed to presidential advisory committees.

Vice President:

Vice President Jessica Jackson gave information to the membership concerning meeting etiquette.

Vice President Jackson informed the Senate that the constitution requires her to appoint the Allopak Committee today. The floor was given to Director Rasch to explain Allopak, who informed the membership that Allopak is funding made available to clubs and organizations for

registering their clubs with the university. Last years committee required that clubs had to register by the end of the fall semester to receive their allotment. Vice President Jackson appointed Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba as Committee Chair with Senators Aleah Wilburn and Matthew Lopez as members and asked the Senate to approve her appointments.

Vice President Jackson appointed Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba to the position of Parliamentarian and asked the Senate to approve the appointment.

Secretary:

Secretary Teresa Santos asked the Senate for a Resolution asking the Judicial Council to send or require at least one member be present at SGA meetings. The floor was given to Chief Justice Norton who explained that in his opinion, if the Senate asked, he could not see any reason the council would reject such a request.

Secretary Santos spoke about the office organization and procedures. She said that she is working with the president to streamline the efficiency of the senate office and make a welcoming environment to anyone coming into the office, remembering that the SGA is in the business of serving the needs of the students. She informed the membership that she, the president, and advisor, are working on putting together an office manual and that if anyone has questions, comments, or concerns about what to do about anything, to please email her and she will see to it that the subject is addressed.

Secretary Santos asked the senate to consider allowing the purchase and funding of a new mail organizer and file system drawers for the senate office saying that the advisor is gathering pricing information. The floor was turned over to Director Rasch who was asked to discuss information on the office equipment and cleaning of the SGA offices and student-use rooms.

Secretary Santos informed the membership of unfinished business passed from the former SGA administration. Up to \$600.00 is needed to cover the cost of training day for the SGA officer-elects. Dejembe is a band which is supposed to come from Cuernavaca, Mexico to play a concert for the university. Two years ago the SGA gave \$1500.00 to help bring them here. Dr. Johnnie Griffin is arranging this, where is the money? The SGA was informed it would get some or all of the money back, then none of the money back. Is the band coming? Several years ago the SGA joined with administration to purchase a bus for university and student use. The bus was sold after IU Bloomington banned its use and the SGA was never reimbursed for its share of the money. The arts department should have approximately \$5000.00 of SGA funds in an account to cover the use of the auditoriums by students groups and organizations. It was suggested that the SGA request a statement of the account from Moira Dyzka.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Ngatendwe Mantiziba does not yet have the current balance of the account. She is waiting for the statement showing that \$1500.00 went to the Civil Rights Heritage Center and showing that \$100.00 went to the Environmental Justice League. There is expected to also be money for training day that will be going through. At this time there is under \$1730.00 available in the budget.

Advisor:

Student Life Director Marvin Rasch said that the cost for training day was for food and he approximated the cost around \$250.00. By the senate approving up to \$600.00, only the amount of the cost would actually be used.

Director Rasch said that at this time it looked as though carpet cleaning would happen on successive weekends and we would also work on cleaning carpets in the club room.

Director Rasch informed the membership that New Student Orientation will take place throughout the summer and asked the SGA for help. The first session is tomorrow (Saturday) at 10:15 in the Student Activity Center (SAC) room 225. It will be the student to student session which Titan Production coordinates and basically is a session where new students are made aware of what they should know.

Old Business:

Senator Teresa Granados moved that up to \$600.00 be approved to pay for training day. The motion passed.

New Business:

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved that Vice President Jackson's appointment of Treasurer Mantiziba to the position of parliamentarian be approved. The motion passed.

Senator Wilburn moved that Vice President Jackson's appointments to the Allopak Committee be approved with Treasurer Mantiziba as Chair, Matthew Lopez and Aleah Wilburn as members. The motion passed.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Recording Secretary: *Teresa G. Santos*

Date: 06/15/07

Signature: _____

Date approved: 06/22/07