

Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) Student Government Association (SGA)
Regular Meeting
September 28, 2007

The regular session of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President Jessica Jackson a 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2007 in room SAC #225. Secretary Teresa Santos was present.

Roll Call:

Executives: Ivan Blount, Jessica Jackson, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba (2:03), Teresa Santos.

Senate: Amanda Acosta, Julio Cruz, Isabel Dieppa (2:01), Maria Granados, Teresa Granados, Amelie Kanovsky (2:01), Matthew Lopez, Justin Matthews (2:01), Aleah Wilburn, Allysa Winston.

Judicial Council: Chuck Norton, Shannon Renfrow, (Absent: Nathan Reinhold N/A).

Guests: Adam Kronk, Jacqueline Kronk, Whitney Nickle, and Kenny Alexander, from the South Bend Center for the Homeless. Jake Jones, Preface

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to approve minutes for 08/31/2007, 09/14/2007, and 09/18/2007. The motion passed.

Voicing of the Constituents:

Adam Kronk from the South Bend Center for the Homeless presented a request for help from IUSB to take the lead in sponsoring a Dance Marathon, a fundraiser for the Center. Kronk gave a brief overview of the center and what it provides for the residents who live there. Stressing that the center is not a homeless shelter, Kronk pointed out that the center serves 200 residents and helps them break the cycle of homelessness. The Center relies on partnerships built with organizations throughout the area. Since IUSB is the prominent university in the area, they would like to partner with our organization to develop a major fundraising event to benefit the Center and IUSB. Kronk then introduced Kenny, a resident of the center who spoke of his personal situation with homelessness and how the Center is helping him develop the life skills he needs to be able to function in society.

Kronk then introduced Jacqueline Kronk, Director of Development, and Whitney Nickle, Director of Marketing and Events. Jacqueline explained a fundraiser, Dance Marathon, developed by a student at IU Bloomington, which raises in excess of one million dollars to benefit Riley Children's Hospital. The Center would like to duplicate the event here in South Bend, with IUSB taking the lead. Much of the groundwork and research has been done and Kronk has met with several administrative officials of IUSB including Ivan. Kronk went on to explain how the event works and what type of support services will be utilized. The idea is for IUSB SGA to lead and coordinate the event with Jacqueline acting as the facilitator. The date chosen is April 19th; it is an ideal date, as it is one week before our dead week. They would like to use the SAC and there would be many other dances going on around the area.

Much discussion followed with questions and answers to provide clarity on the event.

Laura M. Hieronymus, Director of the Health and Wellness Center, presented the membership with information about her background in developing clinics previous to her arrival at IU South Bend. Hieronymus then gave information about the state of the clinic at the time of her arrival this fall and gave an overview of the work that has been done to update the clinic, facilities, and website. Of particular interest is the work being done to gear the clinic to the needs of our average age of college students, ages twenty-five to twenty-seven. At this time, she is working on acquiring funding for the College American Health Survey which will help to find just what services are needed here. The clinic will be offering flu shots at the cost of \$20.00 each, the nursing department will get them first and then they will be offered to the general public.

Executive Reports:

President: President Ivan Blount reported on the AUSA videoconference. Blount said that they discussed the change of hands in leadership and nominated a Chair and Vice-Chair. They will also be changing the dates of their meetings to one week before the Board of Trustee meetings.

At the next Academic Senate meeting, Mr. Martin Gersey, Director of Campus Safety and Security, will present the emergency plan for the campus.

Reminder that the Gulu Walk will take place on October 14th. Blount asked for \$200.00 to cover the cost of hosting the event.

The Search and Screen Committee for the Director of Student Life will be narrowing their field to eight out of sixteen candidates.

Blount asked the Senate that when they do discuss the CFH proposal, to please think it out carefully, stating that normally an event like this would be offered to Notre Dame, but the Center is coming to offer this to IUSB first. If the Senate chooses to do this, they will have to ride it out. It will be good for the campus, community, and the SGA.

Blount read a letter from former President Marcus Vigil explaining the Fire.org incident.

Vice President: Vice-President Jessica Jackson reported that the following individuals have been removed from office by executive order for excessive absence or for not being enrolled as students: Emily Kelly, Cole Belt, and Jessica Hanning.

Jackson informed the Senate that legislation denying the funding proposal for \$200.00 to the Chinese Student Union received a Presidential VETO.

Jackson said that the resolution will be spoken of later in the meeting.

Jackson reminded the membership of the upcoming marathon.

Secretary: Secretary Teresa Santos passed around the attendance report.

Santos proposed that the SGA partner with the Student Alumni Association to prepare the campus for the arrival of on-campus housing, beginning in the fall.

Treasurer: Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba reported that during the prior semester Bill #06068 asked for an increase in the office budget and that the Senate does decided the office budget for the semester.

Mantiziba recommends an office budget of \$5000.00 per semester. This will not allow for surprise expenses and it will help us to be able to minimize costs. Mantiziba gave a summary of the types of expenses paid for each month.

Mantiziba reported that she has emailed the Dean of Raclin School of the Arts, requesting a report on the money allotted to the theater and that she has not yet received a reply. She has also asked the finance department about the account and states that they may not be able to find out the information.

The recorder has been downloaded and is available for use.

Advisor: Interim Advisor Scott Opasik reported that Marvin has sent a message to the SGA concerning stipend payments for the year. No reminders will be sent throughout the year, members will have to keep the form and turn them in on their own, at the proper time.

Opasik reported that Rick Denny will be Interim Advisor to Titan Production and that someone will be appointed to watch over the clubs.

It has been decided that the Advisor to the SGA will be a faculty member and that Rosanne Cordell, Director of the Academic Senate, does support this.

Opasik turned the floor over to Justice Shannon Renfrow who stated (in response to the Vigil letter) that she was not informed of any commission being formed to investigate. She received information about the investigation but was not given any notice that a formal commission was seated. Renfrow also stated that she did not believe that Nate was advised of any commission and had never spoken with Cole Belt. As to the credibility of the incident, she said that Norton was informed by a faculty member and that Chuck was advised to go to Marcus, and Marcus told Chuck to handle it.

Committee Reports:

Constitution Committee: President Blount told the membership that if anyone had ideas or questions about the Constitution, to please send them to the Constitution Committee members.

Budget Committee: Treasurer Mantiziba reported that the Budget Committee will be forming in November and will take a lot of work.

Student Affairs: Justice Shannon Renfrow reported that Joan Blodgett has been selected as Chair. They want to establish a connection between the student body, Faculty, and Senate

Academic Advising: Senator Matthew Lopez reported that they will be meeting today.

Secretary Santos reported that there are binders for committee reports in the office and to please file your reports there.

Old Business:

Vice President Jackson informed the Senate of Parliamentary Procedure concerning Executive Sessions. She said that the Senate had the right to have only the Senate and anyone whom they choose to invite. The point being that no one will have the pressure of talking in the presence of the person(s) being talked about.

Senator Isabel Dieppa moved to enter an executive session with only the Senate and Jackson present. The motion passed. Session was entered at 3:07.

Regular business resumed at 3:41. Senators Amelie Kanovsky and Aleah Wilburn were not present.

Senator Dieppa moved to discuss the Center for the Homeless. The motion passed.
Out of e s at 3:41

Much discussion followed with many voicing approval for the opportunity for the campus. There was much concern about the large responsibility for undertaking such a project as well as concerns over the time commitment. Dieppa expressed that once the commitment was made then we would be get the ball rolling and get other students involved. There will also be the opportunity to work with many other organizations in the community and that IUSB will be taking the lead. Many felt that this was a project that the SGA could do, however there are also concerns about how much effort everyone would have to make.

Senator Allysa Winston moved to make a committee to figure out what we can do with the Center for the Homeless. The motion was seconded. Volunteers for the committee are Senators Winston, Dieppa, and Julio Cruz. President Blount stated that the Senate either has to decide to do this or not, otherwise the CFH will take the project to Notre Dame as this is a time sensitive project. Blount said either commit today or not, that CFH will not wait two weeks for the next meeting, either vote yes or no.

More discussion followed with Senator Teresa Granados saying that the committee should still be formed. Senator Dieppa suggests that a committee research over the week-end and vote online in three to four days.

Vice-President Jackson suggested everyone go home and read the email and told Blount to tell the CFH to call back on Monday.

More discussion followed with Senator Matthew Lopez calling the vote. The motion passed.

Jackson appoints Senators Isabel Dieppa, Allysa Winston, and Julio Cruz, to the committee. Senator Dieppa moved that the committee to have a proposal ready by the weekend and that the SGA vote on it Monday. The motion passed.

Senator Maria Granados moved to approve \$5000.00 for the office budget. The motion passed.

Senator Allysa Winston moved to approve up to \$200.00 for the Gulu Walk. The motion passed.

New Business:

Senator Isabel Dieppa moved to the Good of the Order. The motion passed.

For the Good of the Order:

The Meeting adjourned at 4:24

Recording Secretary: *Teresa G. Santos*

Date: 09/28/2007

Signature: _____

Date approved: 10/??/2007