

**--Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) Student Government Association (SGA)  
Regular Meeting  
October 12, 2007**

The regular session of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President Jessica Jackson a 2:05 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2007 in room SAC #225. Secretary Teresa Santos was present.

**Roll Call:**

*Executives:* Ivan Blount, Jessica Jackson, Ngaatendwe Mantiziba , Teresa Santos (left 2:35).

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

*Judicial Council:* Chuck Norton

*Guests:* Ryan Bauernfeind

Minutes from the September 28, 2007 meeting were not approved, the Senate put it off until corrections could be made.

**Voicing of the Constituents:**

Ryan Bauernfeind made a presentation on behalf of the Bio-Chem Club. They will be sending Bauernfeind as a representative to present a poster at a conference in Washington D. C. which will take place the week before finals. They are asking for \$418.00 to fund the transportation costs for the trip.

Teresa Santos from the Housing Advisory Board presented information on the upcoming Student Housing Kickoff event. The event will take place November 5<sup>th</sup> and is designed the major event to kickoff the countdown to the fall. This is designed for the members of Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students, and will feature two keynote speakers, Dr. Karen Whitney, and Hayward Guenard, from IUPUI who will share their experiences with student housing on their campus.

Santos also reported that the Self-Study has been published and copies are available for reading, in the Senate office

**Executive Reports:**

*President:*

President Ivan Blount reported that the funding proposal from the Arts Department has been withdrawn.

Blount reported that the Archivist from the Library has been to the office and we will be starting the archiving process soon.

Blount has received the resignations of Justices Nate Reinhold and Shannon Renfrow. He has been looking for individuals to nominate, but it is hard to find students with the required 3.0 GPA.

Blount is nominating the following individuals to the Presidential Cabinet and would like the Senate to approve the following nominations:

Kim Muncie, Chief of Staff. Blount stated that Muncie has been acting in the role, since before the year began and wants the approval retro-activated, to allow her to get her full stipend.

Frank Richmond – Public Relations

Lakia Osborne – Director of the Academic Senate

Blount updated the membership on the Center for the Homeless Fundraiser. The committee will be meeting Monday with Vice Chancellor Dr. Eileen Scheffer to discuss the planning of the event.

Blount reported that the Academic Affairs Committee is currently working on handling student cases and that some things are currently unsettled and he will give more information at a later date.

Blount reported that the New York Times is no longer being given away on campus and that Dr. Guillaume informed Blount that the costs of the paper will run about \$2500 per semester. The SGA's on all of the other seven campuses pay for the NYT and he asked that the Senate consider this.

***Vice President:***

Vice President Jessica Jackson reported that 2500 people participated in the Making Strides Walk. Jackson stated that, "Our area raised \$160,000." Jackson also told the membership that Relay for Life will take place June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Jackson told the Senate that Secretary Teresa Santos suggests that Committees begin writing their reports and sending them to her, then she can forward them to the membership along with the minutes. They will then be file-ready.

Jackson informed the Senate that she wants to do some housecleaning of committee reports and business. She wants to know if the Senate wants to keep the Senate Special Rule that was recently enacted on the voice recorder. Does the Senate want a new one? Let the old one stand, or what?

Concerning the on-line votes, Jackson wants to re-vote to make them official, in a meeting.

Concerning Legislative Executive Sessions, suggest that if the Senate wants them to happen at each meeting to find a time before or after the regular session, so that other officers are not kept waiting between sessions.

Concerning the Judicial Report, Chief Justice has asked if the Senate will go into an executive session. Jackson said that most of the Senators had expressed their desire that the report be given in regular session and keep it on the minutes.

***Secretary:***

None entered

***Treasurer:***

Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba reported that she met with the Finance Department concerning the funds the SGA deposited with Raclin School of the Arts. They were able to determine that at one time \$46,200.00 but of the remaining \$6000.00. deposited three years ago for club use, they cannot tell us what is left. Their system does not allow for an itemization of the account, so we will have to rely on Raclin's good faith of accounting for what they have remaining. They also did not hire, as part of the agreement for the money, a part-time stage technician.

***Advisor:***

None entered.

***Judicial:***

Chief Justice Chuck Norton reported that he is resigning, effective January 10, 2008. Norton wants to get a guide written up and train the new justices. Senator Matthew Lopez asked if it was appropriate for the exiting Chief Justice to train the new members, and if it was appropriate to write them a guide? Secretary Santos asked if the Senate could ask for the legalize to be removed from the said guide. Norton answered that it was appropriate for him to write a guide and it was asked for by the previous administration, he also answered that it was appropriate for him to train any new members. Norton said that legalize was necessary. Lopez stated that in his opinion it seem inappropriate for Norton to be giving that training and that it can be seen as leading.

**Committees:**

***Voice Recorder Committee***

Treasurer Ngaatendwe Mantiziba, Chair, reported that the committee did not see it fit to remove current by by-law, therefore the senate should vote to remove the suspension of the current Senate Special Rule. Committee is done.

***Search and Screen Committee***

Senator Matthew Lopez yields floor to Senator Maria Granados who reported that the deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup>, was extended to a future date to allow for new applicants. Granados yielded the floor to Treasurer Mantiziba who referred to her meeting with SGA Advisor Scott Opasik and promises to have the applications checked and returned to the committee as soon as possible.

***Retreat Committee***

President Ivan Blount as the Senate to decide if they wanted to continue with the retreat idea mentioning that there are a lot of things happening during the semester. Aleah believes that we can use the CFH program as a form of retreat; however it looks like the committee should be dissolved.

### ***Events Committee***

Senator Teresa Granados reported that Teresa Santos is thinking about bringing pieces of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to campus and is working with the Events Office, other administrative officials, and student groups, to develop an educational program to go with it.

### ***Enrollment Management Advisory Committee***

Senator Justin Matthews reported that the committee focuses on how to properly bring in students from high school to college. The presentation on retention was discussed as they looked at how the student housing would change things; last year over 42% of freshman did not return.

### **Old Business:**

Jessica states that she wants all of the email votes to be re-voted on and confirmed in the meetings, so she will be re-voting all of the email votes thus far, during this meeting and they will be the official vote.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to approve the email vote of \$3000 for the Allopak Committee. Motion carried.

Senator Matthew Lopez moved to approve the email vote concerning that the name badges be purchased by the trinket committee. Motion carried.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to approve the email vote concerning up to \$800 incentive for leadership training. Motion carried.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to approve the email vote concerning the CFH Dance Marathon. Motion carried.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to remove the Senate Special Rule for the voice recorder. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Senator Wilburn moved to accept the resignations of Justices Nathan Reinhold and Shannon Renfrow. The motion carried.

Senator Maria Granados moved to give the BioChem Club up to \$418. Granados concerned that there is only one student participating and wondered what it would do for IUSB. Senator Julio Cruz believes that the club should get it because the student is representing IUSB and even if only one student is going, they should get the funds. More discussion followed with Senator Matthew Lopez noting the hotel has been paid for and SGA should fund the remainder and help motivate others to participate in club events. During Discussion Maria posse concern on the fact that only one or two students will be going to the presentation. Julio believes that since they are representing IUSB they should

receive the \$418, even though a small group is going to DC. Amanda notes that a lot of research has been places in the Chemistry and they should be commended for their work. The motion carried.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to approve President Ivan Blount's appointments to the Presidential Cabinet including retro-activating Kimberly Muncie. Senator Teresa yielded floor to all three appointments to share any information to the Senate.

Lakia Osborne, Director of the Academic Senate explained that she wants to make a difference in her position, she referred to her previous position in the student government at her prior school and how the experience has prepared her for the position.

Frank Richmond, Director of Public Relations, wants to see what he can do to bring the camps together; he has been working on the Gulu Walk and is ready to act.

Kimberly Muncie, Chief of Staff, is happy to have things official and stated that she has been a part of the SGA for many years through attendance of AUSA and Board of Trustee meetings. She has looked into the issue of the bookstore not allowing students to use their parent's credit cards. Also she has been working on student housing and with AUSA and has been working hard on communicating with other campuses and governments. She attended the Indiana Campus Compact three weeks ago, in which it is about bringing service learning to the campus (she learned that one can apply for a grant from the ICC to cater for club events).

The motion carried.

Senator Aleah Wilburn moved to discuss the CFH executive board appointments. Much discussion took place with Wilburn stating her enthusiasm and willingness to play a part in the board and also thanks the previous committee for a work well done in getting information on CFH. Wilburn reported finding that working with CFH will take IUSB in a whole new direction that will help the campus and community and will make the event more personal as well. Wilburn also she noted that St. Joseph County has the highest rate of homeless people in the State.

It is noted that the CFH event will take a lot of work and individuals working on the executive board will need to make sure they have plenty of time in their scheduled. There are no requirements for being part of the board except that people should no that they will have to be ready to apply their time.

President Ivan Blount appoints Senators Aleah Wilburn, Allysa Winston, and Vice President Jessica Jackson (chair) to the CFH Executive Board Committee.

Senator Maria Granados moved to approve President Blount's appointments to the CFH Executive Board. The motion carried.

Senator Allysa Winston moved to discuss the Mission Statement for the CFH Dance Marathon.

Discussion followed with many concerns about whether or not the SGA should handle and vote on the matter, or should the CFH Executive Committee take care of this.

It was noted by Senator Wilburn that there is a lot to discuss and it is hard to this in this formal meeting. More discussion followed.

Senator Amanda Acosta moved to give the CFH Executive Board Committee, full autonomy to handle the mission statement. The motion carried.

Vice President Jessica Jackson moved to **For the Good of the Order.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

**Recording Secretary:** *Teresa G. Santos* **Date:** 11/01/2007

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date approved:** \_\_\_\_\_