

# Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) Student Government Association (SGA)

Summer Meeting

7/25/2008

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The first summer session of the Student Government Association was called to order by President Dane Blue at 3:08 PM on Friday July 25, 2008 in SAC 202. Sam Centellas the Student Life Director asked Blue to explain how the Vice-President and Secretary positions would be filled during this meeting. Blue asked for a motion to appoint Robyn Black as temporary Secretary to take notes. Duncan made a motion to appoint Robyn Black to take minutes until a permanent Secretary was put in place. Fanno seconded the motion. Blue called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

## ***Roll Call:***

No Roll Call was taken in the absence of a secretary, but attendance was as follows:

***Executives:*** Dane Blue, Frank Richmond

***Senate:*** Obadiah Counsellor, Isaiah Counsellor, Sineyda Requeno, Anthony Fanno, Zachary Duncan  
Rema El-Ammori via conference call at 3:12 PM

***Judicial:*** Robyn Black

***Advisor:*** Sam Centellas

There were no minutes to approve.

## ***Voicing of the Constituents:***

Blue called for the Voicing of the Constituents and seeing none, moved on.

## ***Executive Reports:***

### ***President:***

Blue explained that the Vice-President would come from the Senate, if someone chose to run. Dane is to appoint the Secretary and the Senate must then approve the appointment.

Blue asked the Senate if anyone would like to run for the office of Vice-President. Obadiah Counsellor indicated that he wished to run for the Vice Presidency by raising his hand. Blue asked if anyone else would like to be considered. No one came forward. Centellas asked Richmond if he was interested in the position, but Richmond declined.

At this time O. Counsellor left the meeting for discussion purposes.

Blue called for a motion to vote on the proposition of Obadiah Counsellor as Vice-President. Duncan made the motion to vote on whether Obadiah should become Vice-President. Requeno seconded the motion and discussion was opened. Requeno stated that she knows O. Counsellor is a responsible person and would be a good leader. El-Ammori asked O. Counsellor why he wishes to be Vice-President. Obadiah made the statement that he wishes to step up and take on more responsibility with the SGA. Blue called for a vote and the motion was carried unanimously.

O. Counsellor then returned to the meeting.

Blue stated that he would like to nominate Black as the new secretary. He further explained that Black was the only one who had shown any interest in the position, and he was confident she would make a good Secretary. Blue called for a motion to approve the Presidential appointment of Robyn Black as the SGA Secretary. Duncan made a motion to approve the appointment of Black as SGA Secretary. Requeno seconded the motion and discussion was foregone because it would require Black to leave the room and therefore stop taking notes.

El-Ammori asked Black why she did not run for the Secretary position in April if she was interested in being the Secretary. Black stated that at the time of elections, she was only one of two members of the Judicial branch. She did not feel comfortable running in the elections and leaving the Judicial Branch with only one member. Since that time two more Justices have been approved, so although that branch is not full she now feels comfortable leaving it to take on more responsibility. Duncan said that he knows that Black is a good communicator and will make a good Secretary. Blue called for a vote on the motion to approve the appointment of Robyn Black to the position of Secretary and the motion carried unanimously.

***Vice-President:***

There was no Vice-President to prepare a report

***Secretary:***

There was no Secretary to prepare a report.

***Treasurer:***

Richmond has no report at this time.

***Committee Reports:***

There was no committee reports presented.

***Advisor:***

Centellas informed the SGA of some Welcome Week Activities that he has in the works. He has arranged for a charter shuttle bus to take students from the SAC to the South Bend Silverhawks game. A second shuttle will run from student housing to the game, and as the bus is by the hour, a third trip could also be made if needed. The bus costs \$1300-\$1400 for a 6 hour lease of which Centellas is asking for SGA sponsorship of \$700. Sign-up sheets will be available at the SGA table on the mall on Monday and Tuesday of Welcome Week.

This is also an opportunity for the SGA to promote itself by a representative of SGA riding with the students on the bus and speaking about SGA during the ride. Centellas stated that previously the SGA had contributed between \$450 and \$500 toward Welcome Week. Tickets will be first come first serve and we will take the first 100 people. The SGA will only need to pay for the number of tickets actually used. The buses seat 56 people.

Monday and Tuesday from 11-4 there will be tabling on the mall.

Tuesday the magician Reza will be on campus during the day to promote his Tuesday night show, which is free to students. He has videos on You Tube and is currently filming a documentary.

Wednesday night will be Game Night in the SAC.

Thursday will be the premiere of the College Movie Series by Titan Productions; they will be showing the Movie "Old School" with free admission and popcorn for students.

Friday shuttles will start leaving at 5:30 pm for a 6:30 game start time. We will get reserved seats for the general admission rate and each student who attends will receive a free 20% discount card and a \$1.00 token. It was pointed out the stadium sells alcohol and there should be some sort of disclaimer. All together Centellas is requesting up to \$2,000 from the SGA to budget for Welcome Week.

***New Business:***

Blue would like to entertain a motion to approve up to \$2,000 toward Welcome Week. Duncan motions to approve a budget of up to \$2,000 as the SGA sponsorship of Welcome Week. Requeno seconds the motion. Blue calls the vote and the motion carries unanimously.

Blue requests all academic and work schedules to be sent to Black before the start of the Academic Year.

Blue stated he would like to start holding town hall meetings to try to get more students involved. It is also his hope to get extended student feedback and use that information to influence the spending of student activity fees.

The last summer meeting is to be held on August 15 at 3pm.

The SGA will have a table for Welcome Week that we can display our banner and have applications for the open Senate, Judicial, and Executive Cabinet positions.

There has been some interest in the open SGA positions. It has been requested that if anyone knows of an interested person, please pass email addresses of interested parties to Dane Blue at [purdueblue@hotmail.com](mailto:purdueblue@hotmail.com) so he can send a target email. All applications are to be due in SAC 201 or 202 by September 11, 2008 at 3PM.

Centellas reports that the Club Room has been remodeled with four student computers, plus the student worker computer. The workspace is now more useable since it has been remodeled with some IU South Bend spirit decorations and more useable workspace. The Work Room has also been cleaned out, but more things had to be stored in there. A funding request has been put in from building funds for a total of 5 computers for the Club Room, 2 new Titan computers, 2 new SGA computers for the front desk and the slower of the two back computers, and 2 new computers for the Preface.

Residents will be moving into the new apartment style housing units starting August 20<sup>th</sup>. Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3PM to 7PM there will be a Housing Kick-off Picnic and BBQ on the Soccer Field.

All Titan Productions programs start at 8:30PM. The Titan staff has been cut. Programs being considered by Titan at this time are comedians, the new College Movie Series that will be Thursdays at 8:30PM, and they will continue the Family Movie Series Saturdays at 1PM.

Student Clubs are generally an avenue for collegiate service to community and a way to offer leadership opportunities.

4:02PM Requeno left the meeting for a prior work requirement

Blue and Richmond would like to find out how the other satellite campuses pay for their sports program. Centellas used to report to be Karen White, and currently reports to Jeff Walker who is leaving. He will be reporting to Jeff Jones. The absence of the Athletic Director is going to strain all of the staff in the SAC, especially Centellas. There will be a savings of the Athletic Directors salary until a new Athletic Director is hired.

Black asked Centellas if SAC hours were going to be extended with the new residential housing. It costs IU South Bend about \$12,000 to maintain the hours currently kept. Black also mentioned that Dean Russo of the Schurtz Library has been made aware that students need a 24 hour place to study, especially during the week before and week of finals. Dean Russo will be monitoring how many people are leaving the library within one hour of closing time to evaluate if more hours are needed.

Black also asked Centellas if Dining Services has any plans to expand service hours. It is unknown at this time if Dining Services has addressed this issue. Centellas reports that Martin's is taking over the CVS for a Side Door Deli, which is right across the street from the residential housing. Walgreens will be opening soon and it is rumored that Panera Bread and a Starbucks will be opening in a strip mall adjacent to Walgreens, but nothing is definite yet.

Blue would like to have team building projects and a dinner.

***Old Business:***

The body has no old business to discuss at this time.

***For the Good of the Order***

Blue stated he would like to entertain a motion to adjourn. Duncan motions to adjourn, I. Counsellor seconded the motion. Blue called the vote and the motion passes unanimously.

***The meeting was adjourned at 4:38PM***

***Recording Secretary: Robyn D. Black***

***Date: August 18, 2008***

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

***Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_***