IU South Bend Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2016

I. Call to order without quorum at 9:11

II. Roll Call

Present:
Executives: President Stephen Salisbury, Vice President Leah Klopfenstein

Senators: Caderia Strickland, Fardoaws Al Shareef, Victoria Correll, Katie Edlen, Rhonda Redman, Stuart Settle, Chanyuan Zhao

Absent:
Executives: Treasurer Nargiza Amirova, Secretary La’Zhane Chaffer
Senate: Bryan Cerrillo, Charles Jackson, Andi Trowbridge, Levi Klopfenstein

Tardy: Senator Lois Kassem (due to family emergency) Quorum achieved!

III. Special Senate Rule Discussion (must be resolved before we can vote on anything)

President Salisbury states for a piece of legislation to pass we need 7 votes to pass (which meets the “51% of the Senate” majority threshold as stated in our Constitution) If there is a 6 to 6 tie vote, the VP casts the deciding vote. To meet quorum and have an “official meeting”, we need two Executives and 8 Senators present (which meets the “⅔ of the Senate” threshold for quorum mandated by the Constitution). Proxies will not count towards quorum but will count in voting once quorum is reached. Abstentions and/or absences basically count as no votes for the sake of achieving a majority in passing legislation. Only absences affect quorum; not abstentions. PLC committee may recommend to change these mandates in the future.

All in favor: So moved.

IV. Approval of Minutes from June 6 meeting

Senator Settle motions to approve Minutes from June 6.
Senator Correll seconds.
All in favor. So moved.

V. Voice of Constituents

VI. Executive Reports

   a. President’s Report
i. President Salisbury encourages SGA to volunteer when you can to help with Welcome Week.

ii. He also states that more committees will be available as the semester continues.

iii. President Salisbury talks about big event during Welcome Week: Black Lives Matter discussion. President Salisbury has been working closely with his colleagues across campus on responding to all of the tragic events that happened this summer. This event is taking place on Thursday, August 25th, from 5:30 – 7 PM in DW 1001. The event is looking to live stream if it is full. Please note that this is a panel/forum discussion, not a rally.

iv. President Salisbury states that he will have name tags for everyone which will have SGA logo. Which is paid for in promotional budget. This is a great way to network. If you are doing something for SGA please wear nametag.

v. October 1st: National Mentoring Symposium at IUPUI. This is a chance to learn about peer mentoring. This is a one day conference with no cost to you.

vi. President Salisbury states that we are hoping to have SGA Brochure ready for Welcome Week.

vii. SGA will be focus of a weekly article in Preface written by President Salisbury.

viii. President Salisbury is working with Deans and getting groups and organizations involved and collaborating. They are excited about SGA.

ix. COEUS Award documenting and getting recognition during graduation. Working on student engagement.

x. Next Wednesday (8/17) is New Student Move In and starts at 9am. It’s a great way to meet new students and represent SGA. Check Daily Titan for more details.

xi. Jubilee: celebrate 100 years of classes being offered in the region, 50 years of this campus existing, and 25 years of offering school of the arts. President Salisbury is working on the committee.

xii. System-wide Office of Completion and Student Success. President Salisbury is on committee.

b. Vice President
i. Committee appointments will be made in New Business.

c. Treasurer’s Report
   i. Treasurer Amirova and President Salisbury have been working closely with the budget. After reconciling last year’s budget we were able to add an additional $16,989.22. to this year’s allocation leaving us with $45,981.22. This could change after Final Budget Report from last year is submitted, but as of this week we have a working budget allocation left of $43,481.22.

Secretary’s Report
   ii. Vice President Klopfenstein states to remember all Friday meetings at 9am. Email her as of right now, if you are going to be absent or cannot make it to a meeting, until Secretary Chaffer is back from the Greece business trip.

VII. Cabinet Report
   a. Advisor
      i. Welcome Week is starting Sunday into the next week. We are purchasing a new mascot (live). No longer a cartoon character. Unveil this fall semester. He wants to know if SGA will request to fund any of it.
      ii. Search and screen updates: Housing has hired a new administrative assistant who will be here in September. Candidates will be on campus the second week of school for Housing Director. Person will be in place by end of September. They are looking for people to help in the process.
      iii. ABC Program Facilitator. They are looking at resumes today.
      iv. October 5-9th will be the dates for Spirit Week. Will need a committee for Spirit Week. We have one.
      v. Boo-to-You: taking place at the end of October. Committee starting next week.
      vi. Invite Helen Cooper to talk about IU Parking next week. Housing students need to choose the housing permit.
      vii. Vice President Klopfenstein states the sign up sheet calendar need to be fixed with dates.
      viii. Advisor Strittmatter is looking for people to come to cookout and Murder mystery. Email Miren at mmostell@umail.iu.edu RSVP and let her know if you are bringing a friend.

b. Chief of Staff
   i. Update
c. Director of Campus Affairs
   i. Update

VIII. Committee Reports
a. Updates
   i. Parking Appeals
      President Salisbury states that the new parking system is in place. The big issue is you have to pay for the entire year. ($160). If you are only here for the fall, bring the pass back to the office to get a refund of the rest of the money. $65 per semester plus $30 for the summer session.
      -Committee (1st wednesday of every month at 8:30). Looking for 1 person maybe 2.

ii. Welcome Week

      Senator Edlen states they are looking for volunteers for Welcome Week and the annual SGA BBQ.

      Senator Edlen inform that they are under budget.

      Senator Zhao passes around the Sign-up sheet for volunteers. Contact Zhao for times you are available.

      Senator Kassem asks for help at the committee meeting since she is not able to make it.

iii. Special Events

      Will meet 9 am on Thursday morning. It’s an open meeting. If you are looking to be on a mail list for the e-mail. Let President Salisbury know. They make sure events go smoothly. Anything that happens on campus will go through this committee.

iv. Boo-to-You

      President Salisbury met with Mike Prater to use The Grill and Admin basement. This has been approved to use for this event. Reaching out to people who volunteered for this committee to discuss designing the space. The event will happen on Wednesday October 26th.
Senator Kassem wants to know if we reached out to TLC to use that space since they have 15 classrooms. Even looking to getting them involved. She will be reaching out to TLC director.

IX. Old business
   a. Replace Old SGA Photo
      Vice President Klopfenstain would like to take a new SGA photo within the next month for the website. If you know of anyone to take a new photo please let her know.
      Senator Kassem states to contact Theresa Sheppard.

X. New Business
   a. Committee Appointments
      i. Judicial Affairs
         Personal misconduct with a student. Involves a panel of students. Draw from a pool of students trained for the committee. We traditionally use our judicial cabinet members. President Salisbury wants to appoint Chief Justice Johnson, Associate Justice Schascheck, Ryan Murray, Senator Strickland and Senator Kassem.
         Senator Settle Motion to approve. Senator Zhao seconds.
         All in favor. so moved.
      ii. Bi-weekly Staff Council
         If they are not a salary employee, then they are part of the Bi-Weekly staff. Looking for SGA member to be part of the meetings (time: TBA.) President Salisbury is looking for people interested in the committee.
      iii. Sustainability
         Vice President Klopfenstain states Senator Settle and Senator Correll are interested in the committee.
         Strickland motions to approve. Senator Redman seconds.
         All in favored so moved.
   iv. Parking Appeals
      Vice President Klopfenstein states that Senator Jackson and Senator Klopfenstein shows interest in this committee.

      Senator Kassem states that we need only 1 or 2 people that show strong interest. President states to give the first people the option first.
Senator Correll wants to know if we have a list of all the committees. Vice President Klopfenstein states that you can see what committees are coming up on the Box.

Senator Kassem motions to move parking committee to old business next week. Senator Correll seconds this motion.

All in favor: so moved.

v. Academic Integrity Advisory Committee
President Salisbury states this is from the Office of Student Conduct. This is to make IU South Bend a leader in the integrity program.
Vice President Klopfenstein states that Senator Klopfenstein is interested in the committee. They are looking for two student members. (one from SGA and one from Honors program)
Senator Correll states she is willing to fill in as backup member.
Lois shows interest in this committee. She also states if you cannot make it to a meeting, contact the backup member.
Senator Zhao motions to approve Senator Klopfenstein.
Senator Kassem seconds.
All in favor so moved

vi. Academic Affairs
Vice President Klopfenstein states that when students fail out of a class, they are in charge of changing the F to a W. This will meet online and you would read request for each student
Vice President Klopfenstein states she's willing to be on the committee.
Senator Zhao shows interest in the committee.
Senator Redman motions to move this to next week's meeting to get more information on how many people they are looking for. Senator Correll seconds.
All in favor: so moved.

b. Associate Justice Appointments
President Salisbury offers Alvaro Lopez this position. He states that he shows active interest in SGA.
Alvaro states to SGA that he is an accounting major and wants to get involved on campus.
We still have two other slots to fill. President Salisbury has candidates that are interested that were in SGA last year.
Senator Redmen motions to appoint Alvaro Lopez as Associate Justice. Senator Kassem seconds.
All in favor: so moved.
President Salisbury would also like to nominate Ryan Murray and Hannah Van to Associate Justice positions.
Senator Kassem states they are both highly qualified to serve. Also states that Hannah Van can develop leaders. Senator Kassem moves to approve these appointments.
Senator Redman seconds
All in favor: so moved.

c. Parliamentarian Appointment
   President Salisbury would like to appoint Senator Kassem as Parliamentarian.
   Senator Kassem is willing to serve as Parliamentarian.
   Senator Redman moves to confirm Senator Kassem as Parliamentarian.
   Senator Settle seconds.
   All in favor: so moved.

XI. For the Good of the Order
   a. President Salisbury looks forward to a very productive year. This year is going great and all SGA positions are now filled to start the year.
   b. Senator Settle motions to end the meeting.
      Senator Kassem seconds.
      All in favor. so moved.

Adjourned 10:52PM