MEETING MINUTES

Friday February 5, 2016
Called to order at 9:05am.

Attendance

Present:
Executives: President Van (call in), Vice President Kassem, Treasurer Wagner, Secretary Early
Senate: Bogard, Cagle, Cope, H. Klopfenstein, L. Klopfenstein, Redman, Roach, Salisbury, Santos
Cabinet: Advisor Strittmatter

Absent: Senators Atem, Bhagat, Chief Justice Johnson

Approval of minutes from 01/29/2016 is moved to next meeting.

1) Voice of Constituents
   a) Dr. Curtis director of Theater and Arts Department Lindsay Music Education Major Secretary of IUSB Choir.
      i) This organization is taking a trip to perform at Carnegie Hall on May 8th.
      ii) Lindsay, club treasurer, says the chicken and coffee fundraiser raised about $3000.
      iii) Costs include Carnegie Hall charge, air fare, and food.
      iv) Requesting $2800 to cover all students’ air fare; students have already paid $799 each.
      v) Lindsay says she will likely never get this opportunity again, many of them have never been to New York or have never seen a Broadway show.
   vi) Question & Answer
      1) Senator Cagle asks for only students or the adults too in the $4200
      2) Dr. Curtis says $2800 is for just the students, $4200 for everyone
      3) Salisbury says they have done a really great job and planning these types of trips is difficult; can’t imagine that anything would be better for a music major than to perform at Carnegie Hall.
      4) VP Kassem congratulates them on their fundraising and says they set a really great example.
      5) Senator Santos expresses concern about how they will pay for the event until SGA reimburses them.
Lindsay explains that it is getting more difficult to put in time for more fundraisers because students are studying more and Spring Break is coming; fundraising brochures are out now, which can be mailed back in with donations.

Dr. Curtis says students are aware of their individual remaining costs at this point and the final payment for the group is in April.

Senator H. Klopfenstein suggests Air B&B.

Dr. Curtis says 24 adults ranging 50-70 years of age will be going as well to sing with the choir and they will need a hotel.

Lindsay says also with a hotel they can save money on food by getting groceries instead of eating out.

Senator Cagle asks the price per student.

Dr. Curtis says it will be about $1000 a person.

Senator Salisbury motions to fund up to $2800 to cover student costs for the trip to Carnegie Hall.

Senator Roach seconds the motion.

Discussion.

Senator Salisbury says this is a great opportunity for our students and the trip is probably worth four or five times more than what they are paying; this may bring students to attend IUSB for opportunities like this.

Senator Santos notes that we have multiple big campus events coming up and with the time still left they could come back for more funding if necessary.

Treasurer Wagner says he completely agrees that we do have huge events coming up and the Senate should consider this.

Senator Roach suggests they lessen the amount students are paying rather than lessen the amount from SGA; fundraising money should go to students rather than the request for SGA.

VP Kassem says we recently funded a trip similar to this and those students are personally paying less than $100, something for the Senate to keep in mind.

Treasurer Wagner says this is an organization rather than a club.

Senator Cagle motions to extend time for 10 minutes.

Senator Santos seconds the motion.

All in favor, so moved.

Senator Cagle says it is over $1000 so perhaps we should consider tabling this request.

Senator Roach asks how much we will have left in the budget if we do fund this event.

Senator Bogard says the marketing event is a much smaller scheme of things; they are attending a job fair whereas this group is singing at Carnegie Hall. She agrees with Senator Cagle that we should consider tabling.

Senator L. Klopfenstein says it is impressive that they were able to lower the total amount as much as they already have.

Senator Redman says this is one of those trips of a life time and she personally only knows one person that has ever been to Carnegie Hall; she supports tabling this but thinks she will feel the same.

Senator Salisbury says they are only asking us to cover about 7% of their total cost and this would not be all that different than other large funding requests that we have already approved.
(16) Treasurer Wagner says it will bring us to 31% of the allocated budget; keep into consideration that on campus organizations do receive funding at the beginning of the year.

(17) VP Kassem notes they are only asking for air fare for 28 students and not hotel, food, other travel, etc.

(18) Senator Salisbury points out that the Constitution says we should advocate for opportunities like this for our students.

(19) VP Kassem says there is already a motion on the floor.

(20) Senator Cagle motions to table this funding request until next week.

(21) Senator Bogard seconds the motion.

(22) All in favor, so moved.

b) Marty McCampbell is the new Title IX Director
   i) Title IX recently included duties to combat sexual and dating violence.
   ii) Working on educating the student population.
   iii) Looking into other training opportunities for other associations on campus.
   iv) In regards to diversity, she recently looked back over events from last year and there were a lot of activities promoting diversity on campus.
   v) Requesting that the SGA provide a slate of possible candidates to serve on the Diversity and Leadership Committee, 2 students are needed.

c) James Vanderveen
   i) Wants to increase high impact practices including studying abroad, service learning, and undergraduate research.
   ii) Students are more engaged with these activities, have particular skills to be more marketable to employers, and more likely to graduate.
   iii) Presenting the COEUS Award for students engaging in high impact practices; promotes participation and involvement.
   iv) Coeus is the Titan of Intellect.
   v) Senator Cope thinks a certificate would be a good idea.
   vi) Senator Santos says he should push to get it written on the transcripts.
   vii) Senator Salisbury says he thinks it is essential to put it on the transcript, this will really help when applying to graduate school.
   viii) Senator Cagle says it will be nice for employers to see that the resume matches up with the transcript.
   ix) Senator Cope says Honors Program is already noted on transcripts.
   x) Treasurer Wagner suggests talking to Career Services.

d) Kevin is here observing and has applied for the Senate position.

2) Vice President’s Report
   a) Treasurer Wagner, Senators Salisbury and Santos have been working with Vice President Kassem on the Budget and she thanks them for their hard work.
   b) Awards Committee is meeting after the meeting.
   c) Election application is now available on Box.
   d) Vice President Kassem says we want all of SGA to table, work on elections, and help with this even if individuals are not on the committee.
   e) Do Senators want to be reminded of committee duties?
   f) Senator Salisbury supports sending out reminders for committee reports.
3) Treasurer’s Report
   a) Currently have 40% of the allocated budget.

4) Advisor’s Report
   a) Advisor Strittmatter says great discussions today.
   b) Coffee and Canvas
   c) Senator Santos motions to pass the electronic SGA election application for 2015-2016.
   d) Senator L. Klopfenstein seconds the motion.
   e) All in favor, so moved.

5) New Business
   a) Senator Cagle says TitanPro is asking for a memorable moment photograph #IUSB2016.
      i) Wants SGA to help promote this; giving away a camera prize.
   b) Senator Roach brings up voting on the new logos.
      i) Voting will be set up on TitanAtlas.
   c) Senator Bogard motions for a Special Senatorial Session to discuss changes in the
      Constitution with the Senate, Executive Board, Advisor Strittmatter, and Kevin until
      11:00am.
   d) All in favor, so moved.
   e) Senator Cagle motions to extend the session for 10 minutes.
   f) All in favor, so moved.

6) For the good of the order
   a) Senator Cagle motions to table discussion for the Constitution for next week.
   b) Senator Roach seconds the motion.
   c) All in favor, so moved.
   d) Vice President Kassem thanks everyone who volunteered and made Fan Day great!
   e) Senator Cagle motions to adjourn the meeting.
   f) Senator Roach seconds the motion.
   g) All in favor, so moved, meeting is adjourned at 11:17am.

Meeting adjourns at 11:17am.