Friday January 22, 2015
Called to order at 9:04am.

Attendance

Present:
Executives: President Van, Vice President Kassem, Secretary Early
Senate: Bhagat, Bogard, Cagle, Cope, H. Klopfenstein, L. Klopfenstein, Redman, Roach, Salisbury, Santos
Cabinet: Chief Justice Johnson, Advisor Strittmatter

Absent: Atem

1) Approval of Minutes
   a) Senator Bogard motions to approve the minutes from February 19, 2016.
   b) Senator L. Klopfenstein seconds the motion.
   c) All in favor, so moved.

2) Voice of Constituents
   a) Tristan Connor, Theater Performance Major.
      (1) South Eastern Theatre Conference.
      (2) Tristan explains that this is the most important thing for him this semester, but he cannot afford to go on his own; this is his first professional audition.
   ii) Question & Answer
      (1) Senator Bogard clarifies that he is asking for $250 after applying the Smart Grant Award towards total costs.
      (2) Tristan confirms.
      (3) Senator Roach asks what the dates are.
      (4) Tristan says March 19-20th.
      (5) Vice President Kassem points out that he is coming to SGA as a last resort, he has worked very hard to locate resources towards this trip; he is the only student that got through auditions this far.
      (6) Senator Santos asks if he will be okay with the reimbursement program.
Tristan says he has worked it out with family members.

Senator Santos motions to fund Tristan Connor up to $250 for flight, hotel, and food for the South Eastern Theater Conference.

Senator Roach seconds the motion.

Discussion

(1) Senator Santos supports this trip and congratulates him on his accomplishments thus far.
(2) Senator Roach commends him for searching for funds prior to coming to SGA.
(3) Senator Bogard suggests funding him $100-$150 as we have done for similar requests in the past.

iv) All in favor, so moved.

3) Student Veterans Organization
   a) Zachary Quiett, President
      i) Treasurer, Events Coordinator, and another member are all present.
      ii) Goal of the organization is to create an easier transition into the academic and civilian lifestyle.
      iii) This organization has already held multiple events on and off campus this year (including Bowling Nights, Joe vs Joe basketball game, Toys for Tots).
      iv) Our university beat out other schools to hold this event; many big schools will be attending.
      v) Asking for $6,600; this is all towards the aspects of this huge event that are happening on the IU South Bend campus.

b) Question & Answer
   i) Senator Cope asks if this is free for everyone.
   ii) Zac confirms that no one will be charged to attend.
   iii) Senator Bhagat asks who will be using the hotel.
   iv) Zac says anyone who travels to this event, but there is a minimum of 150 miles to use the hotel.
   v) Senator Salisbury asks if they are just holding the hotel rooms or paying for them.
   vi) Zac says this entire conference is free for attendees, so yes this will be covering hotel room costs.
   vii) Senator Bogard asks if this is the first year for the conference.
   viii) Zac says this is the 4th year for the conference.
   ix) Senator Redman asks how much they will be spending on t-shirts, something to consider for cost of swag bag; she also asks how many individuals per room.
   x) Zac says the rule is 2 people per room.
   xi) Senator Salisbury suggests that SVO outline other possible areas of funding during next week if this request is tabled.
   xii) Senator Salisbury motions to table the SVO funding request to next Friday's meeting, March 4th.
   xiii) Senator Bhagat seconds the motions.
   xiv) All in favor, so moved.

c) Preface
   i) Ryan, Editor in Chief of the Preface
(1) Ryan explains that the Preface has been around since 1960’s; most visible and most read publication on IUSB campus. The Preface is facing a major budget crisis, and unless they can save the current budget they will not be able to function next year.

(2) Two key expenses: printing and payroll.

(3) Ryan says payroll is the root of the issue; however, they have not been operating with a full staff in years. He says last year’s budget planning for this year significantly affected the Preface’s current status.

(4) It costs approximately $1200 to print the paper each week; they have already shortened the total number of issues being printed this year.

(5) The Preface is requesting up to $7,400.

ii) Question & Answer

(1) Senator Bogard suggests having a department pay for these classes that are running through the Preface.

(2) Ryan says there is no journalism school, but only a journalism track within Raclin School of Arts; believes this department is more focused on musical aspects.

(3) Senator Bhagat asks how many individuals are paid.

(4) Ryan says about 15 individuals are paid through the Preface.

(5) Senator Cope asks if they use work study.

(6) Ryan says none of the Preface students have ever been paid in work study.

(7) Senator Cope suggests having students find out if they are eligible for work study or not, and if so that would significantly decrease the amount needed to cover payroll.

(8) Senator Salisbury says it sounds like this is an administrative issue; he views this as a crisis of efficiency.

(9) Senator Bogard motions to extend Question & Answer for 10 minutes.

(10) Senator H. Klopfenstein seconds the motion.

(11) All in favor, so moved.

(12) Senator Bogard suggests going straight to the Chancellor if he cannot find help elsewhere and inquire about the Preface and journalism track; no Preface, nearly no reason for a journalism track.

(13) Ryan says there will still be a Preface next semester if they don’t get funded, but they will be failing the current students who need these experiences and pieces or work to continue in their career.

(14) Vice President Kassem points out that the Preface has been funded about $2,500 each year for the last 8 years.

(15) Senator Santos says to also consider that minimum wage on campus has gone up.

(16) Senator L. Klopfenstein says the funding request shows $3,000 towards printing and asks for an explanation.

(17) Ryan says he talked to his advisor; they are in negative amounts of money.

(18) Senator Bhagat motions to table this funding request to next Friday’s meeting, March 4th.

(19) Senator Redman seconds the motion.

(20) All in favor: Bhagat, Bogard, Cagle, Cope, H. Klopfenstein, L. Klopfenstein, Redman, Roach, Salisbury, Santos

(21) Oppositions: Senator Roach
4) President’s Report
   a) President Van gives a special thanks to Senator Salisbury, Vice President Kassem, and Advisor Strittmatter for all of their hard work and making Town Hall successful.
   b) Faculty Committee was on Thursday; they are putting together risk factors for each campus.
   c) Senator Salisbury points out that Senators Bhagat and Atem were also at Town Hall.

5) Vice President’s Report
   a) Will be covered in the Committee Report.

6) Treasurer’s Report
   a) Vice President Kassem says we currently have 25% left of the current budget.
   b) This does not include the inactive club money that we will be receiving.

7) Secretary’s Report
   a) Secretary Early says the executive board discussed the matter and is planning to cancel the March 11th meeting.
   b) Senator Salisbury suggests updating minutes on the SGA website.

8) Cabinet Report
   a) Advisor’s Report
      i) Kids day tomorrow - Inside Out theme.
      ii) Night at the Apollo March 3rd at 7pm in the Grill.
      iii) River Fest April 27th.
      iv) Rise to the occasion and make good choices in the future with SGA finances.
          (1) Keep focus on the topics.
          (2) Compromise in difficult decisions.
      v) Election applications are now available.
          (1) Please have students apply and run.
   b) Chief Justice Report
      i) Grievance Review; file available on Box.

9) Committee Report
   a) Search & Screen
      i) Vice President Kassem says they screened four individuals and are sending 2 before the Senate.
   b) Awards
      i) Vice President Kassem suggests this committee meet after the meeting today.
      ii) Senator L. Klopfenstein says we have 29 individuals interested in sitting on the screening committee and a good variety of majors.
   c) Town Hall
      i) Senator Salisbury thanks everyone who helped with this
          (1) They had just the right amount of pizza.
          (2) Considering holding another Town Hall in the evening, hopefully before Spring Break.
      ii) Senator L. Klopfenstein suggests a date following Spring Break due to stress from midterms that week.
iii) Senator Bogard suggests making it more relaxed, come and go, take a break from studying, etc.
d) Senator Bogard motions to fund the Awards Committee up to $1800 for the Awards Banquet.
e) Senator H. Klopfenstein seconds the motion.
   i) All in favor: Senators Bhagat, Bogard, Cagle, Cope, H. Klopfenstein, L. Klopfenstein, Redman, Roach, Salisbury
   ii) Opposed: Senator Santos
   iii) Advisor Strittmatter suggests having Andrew put something together for less than $1800.

10) New Business
   a) Senator Appointment
      i) Kevin Schascheck, Freshman
         (1) Works as a German Tutor and Office Assistant on campus.
         (2) Ensures his attendance.
         (3) Strong interest in politics.
         (4) Enjoys hearing and thinking of ways to solve issues.
      ii) Brayan Cerrillo
         (1) Freshman, Secondary Education Major.
         (2) Ready to advocate for students and following the Constitution.
         (3) Believes in relying on principles, hard work, and honesty especially when times get tough.
         (4) Senator Cagle asks about any jobs on campus.
            (a) Brayan says he works full time at Best Western and just recently applied for a job on campus.
         (5) Senator Santos asks about leadership positions.
            (a) Brayan says he has lead in student council, debate team, speaker, soccer team captain, crew leader at McDonalds.
      iii) Senator Cope motions for a Senatorial Session to discuss the two candidates for 20 minutes with all senators, executives, Chief Justice Johnson, and Advisor Strittmatter.
      iv) Senator L. Klopfenstein motions to appoint Brayan Cerrillo as Senator.
      v) All in favor, so moved.
      vi) Senator L. Klopfenstein motions for a five minutes recess.
      vii) Senator Redman seconds the motion.
      viii) All in favor, so moved.
      ix) Senator Roach motions to appoint Kevin Schascheck as Associate Justice.
      x) Senator Bogard seconds the motion.
      xi) All in favor, so moved.
      xii) Senator Salisbury points out that the last date to make changes to the Constitution before elections would be March 25th.

11) For the good of the order
   a) Senator L. Klopfenstein says SVO cannot be here for the entire meeting next Friday and they would like to present as early as possible.
   b) Senator Roach motions to adjourn the meeting.
c) Senator Cagle seconds the motion.

d) All in favor, meeting is adjourned.

Meeting is adjourned at 11:45am.