

**MINUTES**  
**INDIANA UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
**STUDENT BODY CONGRESS**  
**Tuesday, November 11, 2008**  
**8:30 pm, Business School 100**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

- a. Present (34):** Forrest Fowler, Mike Powell, Neil Bansal, Danielle Loewenthal, Jennifer Conley, Mikaela Shaw, Skylar Edwards, William Yu, Christian Hines, Chi Hoong Ng, Shelley Harriman, Shona Lee, Darian Stahl, Erik Kiser, Jack Diamond, Valerie Vandenberg, Alexander Mieure, Andrew Conley, Ben Blair, Bryan Sewell, Christopher Lenz, Jim Snaza, John O'Hara, Joshua Davis, Kevin Rippey, Laura Wyman, Omair Ali, Sheila Ellis, William Miller, Allison Shearer, Allison Torline, Hannah Bennett, Jordan Abrams, Anuraag Tripathi
- b. Absent with Proxy (5):** Thomas Littel, Zac Ventress, Jenny Kim, Melissa Block, Ashley Reller
- c. Absent without Proxy (17):** Smita Das, Mark Shadiow, Holly Clark, Alexandra Geller, Benjamin Agley, Jaron Kient, Kyla King, Benjamin Lawson, Evan Sweeney, Veral Patel, Eric Weigel, Katie Lambert, Megan Busam, Mike Coleman, Elizabeth Schrader, William French, Nicole Hakes

**III. Approve Minutes**

- a. Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**IV. Guest Speakers**

- a. Roger Thompson—IU Vice Provost for Enrollment Management
  - i. Wanted to come and talk about enrollment at IU
  - ii. Worked at a couple of universities in University management
  - iii. Look at Chart number 1: SAT Scores across the country
    - 1. State of Indiana, scores have been dropping off, like across the nation
    - 2. IU has seen SAT scores of students rising
    - 3. This year's freshman class was largest, most academically talented, and most diverse in history of IU
  - iv. Chart number 2: 25<sup>th</sup> to 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of SAT scores
    - 1. 990-1220 past
    - 2. 1040-1260 present
    - 3. Middle of our class has been improving over past 4 years
  - v. Chart number 3: Combined SAT/ACT
    - 1. Combined scores have been rising over past 4 years as well
    - 2. If we could convert SAT to ACT, our average score is 1174

- vi. Goals
  - 1. Improve quality of class—in terms of GPA and test scores
  - 2. Improve Diversity—in terms of ethnicity and socioeconomic
  - 3. Increase International Population
  - 4. Keep IU Affordable
- vii. First 3 are increasing over 4 years
- viii. General feeling last year that out of state students more important to admissions, b/c they pay more
  - 1. Simply not true
  - 2. Important to remember that State of Indiana funds us for 3800 freshmen in each class. We've always enrolled more in-state students that we're funded for
- ix. Chart number 4: Share of freshmen who rank in top 25% of HS class
  - 1. This year, over 70%
- x. We are moving toward recruiting students on IU is where you can do anything
- xi. We are becoming more competitive, up to 31,000 from 21,000 four years ago
- xii. For next year's class, we're already at 23,000 applications
- xiii. Total enrollment:
  - 1. Just above 40,000 this year
    - a. More applications
    - b. Higher retention
- xiv. Questions:
  - 1. What is the Selectivity Rate?—Jim Snaza (Off-Campus)
    - a. Percent of students who apply who are accepted
    - b. Of Indiana students who we admitted this year, 54% that we admitted chose to come to IU
  - 2. What schools draw highest SATs?—Billy Bennett (Chief of Staff)
    - a. Kelley leads the way
      - i. This year, 3.75-3.8 GPA in HS, and 1220-1230 SAT score for direct admit
    - b. Jacobs
      - i. Not exactly the same requirements, but still near top in its field
  - 3. Do in-state students get preferential treatment—Mikaela Shaw (COAS)
    - a. Yes, at least a little
    - b. But even in-state, 3.0-3.1 GPA, 1050-1060 SAT

- b. Kirk White—IU Director of Community Relations
  - i. In 1983-1984 was IUSA president
  - ii. Coordination of Critical Incident Communications Team
    - 1. Past 7 years, this has become necessary
    - 2. We take it very seriously
    - 3. Key Component is communication with Students, Faculty, Staff
      - a. What we want you to do
      - b. What we don't want you to do
      - c. What we know
      - d. What we don't know
    - 4. New IU-Notify System
      - a. Email, Text, Voicemail messages simultaneously
      - b. Limiting factors
        - i. How fast tech allows us to send it out
        - ii. We need info that is input by students or else students won't get it where they need it (ex: cell numbers, alternate email addresses)—just go to the Onestart webpage
          - 1. Texts are fast, but have to be small
          - 2. Emails can have much more info
            - a. Sends 96,000 emails at once
            - b. Took 1 ½ hours to send it all out the first time
            - c. Now down to 30 minutes
            - d. All IU Addresses plus alternate addresses
          - 3. Voicemail
            - a. Limitation is capacity of voicemail systems
            - b. We can only do 50-60 a minute
            - c. All Res. Hall numbers, all cell numbers entered, all office numbers
          - iii. Can parents get these notifications?
            - 1. Undue worry for parents who can't do anything to help at the time
            - 2. But, we allow students to put in any numbers they want
      - c. When will we use this?

- i. Death, serious injury, or threat of death or serious injury, along with factors that affect university operation or potential to damage university property
- ii. Last use: Slashing incident on 17<sup>th</sup> street
  1. Borderline case
  2. We don't report every assault
  3. This one clicked over threshold because:
    - a. Rumor mill had gone into overdrive: Indpls media and CNN picked up on it
    - b. Unusual attack, went against what we would usually expect (students in group, lighted area)
- iii. IU-Notify is just one part of the emergency response system at IU
- iv. Can receive recorded info from a number about University Status
- v. IU Cable override
- vi. Warning system in Bloomington, which includes public address capability
- vii. Questions
  1. Is signing up for IU-Notify required for registration?—Luke Fields (President)
    - a. Not yet, but I would like to see that accomplished
  2. Would student support help that along?
    - a. We haven't pushed it yet, but it might be time to do that
    - b. For the most part, administrators are responsive to these sorts of things
  3. Can we prioritize who is contacted first?—Robin Featherston (Treasurer)
    - a. Not yet, but we are trying to constantly improve the system
    - b. I think that's a good idea
    - c. We are looking into bringing onboard GPS capability to notify people closest first

- c. Laura Garman—Teach for America
  - i. Did not present, will present on Dec. 2

## **V. Executive Reports**

- a. Luke Fields—IUSA President
  - i. We'd like to have a resolution for BFC in support of faculty textbook adoptions being submitted on time
    - 1. Faculty make textbook requests for upcoming term, and if they do it in time, bookstores can buy back books from students for more money
    - 2. If not submitted in time, will only buy back books for 5 dollars b/c may not be able to resell
    - 3. We are only at 43% of professors having submitted requests
    - 4. Last semester, cost students at IU Bookstore about \$250,000 dollars—looking at about 1,000,000 at both bookstores for all of last year
      - a. Reason: b/c faculty didn't get requests in on time
- b. Dan Sloat—IUSA Vice President
  - i. Association of Big Ten Schools
    - 1. Idea sharing body
    - 2. Execs of all 11 Big Ten Schools collaborate, share ideas, etc
    - 3. If interested in how other schools run things (ex: Congress), ask Dan ([iusasbvp@indiana.edu](mailto:iusasbvp@indiana.edu)) to find out
    - 4. Collaboration on resolutions:
      - a. If projects are more than just IU related, we can use them for support
- c. Andrew Hahn—IUSA Vice President for Congress
  - i. Next meeting Dec. 2
  - ii. Be cognizant of new Committee Attendance Rules
  - iii. Jill DeLuna is heading up push for Tax Holiday Weekend, sending out 40 lobbying packets to Student Body Governments across Indiana
- d. Robin Featherston—IUSA Treasurer
  - i. IUSA Bus on campus next week
  - ii. Photo-op on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2 pm

## **VI. Director Reports**

### **VII. Committee Reports**

- a. Rules, Membership, Internal IUSA Affairs Committee
  - i. We submitted 5 resolutions for today
- b. Health and Safety Committee
  - i. No Report
- c. Student Rights and Concerns Committee

- i. Meeting following this Congress meeting, will be discussing IDS opinion piece from two weeks ago
- d. Finance Committee
- e. Educational Affairs Committee
  - i. Willie Miller (SLIS)
    - 1. We are compiling list of how other Big Ten Schools/Indiana schools do their academic calendars

### **VIII. New Business**

- a. Resolution 08-11-16—Remove Members of Congress
  - i. Passed Unanimously**
- b. Resolution 08-11-17—Congressional Appointments
  - i. Passed Unanimously**
- c. Resolution 08-11-18—Eliminate Labor Studies Congressional Seat
  - i. Passed Unanimously**
- d. Resolution 08-11-19—Reapportion Congress Seats
  - i. Passed Unanimously**
- e. Resolution 08-11-20—Enact Attendance Rules for Congress Committees
  - i. Passed Unanimously**

### **IX. Adjourn**