

MINUTES
INDIANA UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
STUDENT BODY CONGRESS
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
8:30 pm, Business School 100

I. Call to Order (8:30 pm)

II. Roll Call

- a. **Present (30):** Alexander Mieuse, Allison Shearer, Ashley Reller, Ben Blair, Chi Hoong Ng, Christian Hines, Danielle Loewenthal, Erik Kiser, Forrest Fowler, Hannah Bennett, Holly Clark, Jordan Abrams, Joshua Davis, Leonardo Martinez, Mark Shadiow, Michael Albert, Mike Powell, Shelley Harriman, Skylar Edwards, Veral Patel, William Miller, William Yu, Darian Stahl, Jack Diamond, Jenny Kim, Mikaela Shaw, Alexander Simpson, Katie Lambert, Megan Busam, Nicole Hakes
- a. **Absent without proxy (21):** Allison Torline, Andrew Conley, Andrew Johnsen, Anuraag Tripathi, Bryan Sewell, Christopher Lenz, Eric Weigel, Evan Sweeney, Jim Snaza, John O'Hara, Laura Wyman, Lynn Hughes, Mike Coleman, Neil Bansal, Omair Ali, Ryan Granholm, Sheila Ellis, Shona Lee, Thomas Little, Valerie Vandenberg, William French

III. Approve Minutes

- a. **Minutes from 1/13/09 approved**

IV. Guest Speaker

- a. Larry Hagerman—Hoosiers for Higher Education
 - i. A joint effort between IU alumni association and students and faculty
 - ii. We want to lobby for more state appropriations to the University
 - iii. Fewer funds from government to university means less options for what IUSA can do, and what students can get as far as services and educational opportunities are concerned
 - iv. Trip up to Statehouse on Tuesday, February 17
 - 1. Free Transportation leaving from IMU Circle Drive at 10(?) am
 - v. Encourage all students to attend, lobby legislators, especially in a difficult budget year
 - vi. Go to www.gov.indiana.edu for HHE information
 - vii. Register online
 - viii. If we each get 2 people to go, we'll have biggest contingent in IU Bloomington history
 - 1. Kokomo, South Bend, Fort Wayne always send a huge number of people
 - ix. Class absences are excused
- b. Anna Strand—Teach for America

- i. Sign up sheets going around for emails

V. Executive Reports

- a. Luke Fields—IUSA President
 - i. 3 Big Considerations as we wind up the year:
 - 1. Fall Break
 - 2. Sales Tax Holiday
 - 3. Basketball Student seats behind the basket
- b. Dan Sloat—IUSA Vice President
- c. Andrew Hahn—IUSA Vice President for Congress
 - i. Fall Break
 - ii. Sales Tax Holiday
 - 1. Jill has been talking to Senate Majority Leader
- d. Robin Featherston—IUSA Treasurer
 - i. Fee Committee Presentation, we should know in a few weeks

VI. Director Reports

- a. Sharon Wen—IUSA Director for Volunteerism
 - i. A link for students
 - ii. Not going to use IUSA funds
 - iii. Good way for students to get in touch with each other
 - iv. Organizations that will be giving funding:
 - 1. Kelley School
 - 2. First Year experiences for enrollment management
 - 3. SRSC/HPER
 - 4. SAO
 - 5. IU Foundation
- b. RJ Campbell—IUSA Director for Diversity
 - i. Union Board supports putting a Gender Neutral bathroom in the first floor of the IMU Activities Tower
- c. Jill DeLuna—IUSA Director for Legislative and Governmental Relations-Not Present

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Rules, Membership, Internal IUSA Affairs Committee
- b. Health and Safety Committee
- c. Student Rights and Concerns Committee
- d. Finance Committee
- e. Educational Affairs Committee

VIII. New Business

- a. Resolution 09-1-2—Approve New Members of Congress
 - i. Passed Unanimously**
- b. Resolution 09-1-3—Approve Proposed IUSA Elections Code

- i. Consider Amendments 1-5
- ii. Luke presenting his proposed Amendments:
 1. Amendment 1
 - a. Propose to have Congress review the Code each year
 2. Amendment 2
 - a. Propose \$2,500 spending limit
 - b. Previous Codes have had one
 - c. We want everyone to be able to run and not have money be in the way of them being a candidate
 3. Amendment 3
 - a. Keep internet online voting
 - b. Want to make sure future administrations have legitimacy with the IU administrators
 - c. Hybrid system:
 - i. Still vote online from personal laptops and computers with limitations
 1. Lag time
 2. One Vote once
 4. Amendment 1:
 - a. William Yu cosponsor, Nicole Hakes cosponsor
 - b. Unanimous Approval**
 5. Amendment 2:
 - a. William Yu, Nicole Hakes Co-sponsor
 - i. Nicole: I think spending limits is a good idea
 - b. Blair: Please vote no
 - i. No empirical analysis about ticket that won spent the most money
 - ii. This amendment is unconstitutional under the US Constitution
 1. Violation of First Amendments Rights, Free Speech
 2. Expenditures necessarily constitute speech, even in University elections
 3. We have a legal obligation to vote no
 - iii. Holly Clark: In my opinion as a voter, I want to know where the money is going. Putting a cap on spending doesn't let ticket's distinguish themselves.
 - iv. William Yu: Isn't lack of empirical evidence an argument for the status quo?

1. To Ben Blair: How do we change it to make it Constitutional?
2. Ben Blair: We would want to keep non-candidates from giving money, I don't think too many students have 5,000 dollars in their pockets
- v. Jack McCarthy: Questions to Luke regarding reasoning behind amendment
 1. Luke: Reiterate what I said earlier
- vi. Jenny Kim: In favor of the Amendment
- vii. Nicole Hakes: In favor of the Amendment
 1. I understand that if a parent cuts a check for \$250 to donate, but how do we keep them from just giving \$ to their son or daughter as an "allowance" and then they can spend it however they like
- viii. Darian Stahl:
 1. I think this election needs to focus on the issues and not who can buy the most t-shirts. I think we should be aiming to level the playing field.
- ix. Peter SerVaas:
 1. We don't want equal ground, we want the tickets who work hardest to be elected. To restrict expenditures is to restrict the ticket who works hardest for donations from winning.
- x. William Yu:
 1. Traditionally, the IUSA Executives have received a 4,000 stipend. It would make sense that people might consider spending up to \$4,000 for each executive. Could we limit each individual from contributing excessive amounts of money
- xi. Erik Kiser:
 1. I think you can relate earned money for invested time. A big voter turnout is related to a big campaign. Higher turnout means higher interest of the students.
- xii. Robin Featherston:

1. Big Red campaigned under 2,500 with a website, t-shirt, stickers, fliers
 - xiii. William Yu: Secondary motion to Amend current amendment to \$250 contribution limit for non-candidates, and \$1,000 amendment for candidates, no spending cap
 1. Darian: What's to stop a ticket from recruiting really rich kids?
 - c. Secondary Amendment
 - i. **Passes 22-8**
 1. **Aye (22):** Alexander Mieure, Allison Shearer, Ashley Reller, Ben Blair, Chi Hoong Ng, Christian Hines, Danielle Loewenthal, Erik Kiser, Forrest Fowler, Hannah Bennett, Holly Clark, Jordan Abrams, Joshua Davis, Leonardo Martinez, Mark Shadiow, Michael Albert, Mike Powell, Shelley Harriman, Skylar Edwards, Veral Patel, William Miller, William Yu
 2. **No (8):** Darian Stahl, Jack Diamond, Jenny Kim, Mikaela Shaw, Alexander Simpson, Katie Lambert, Megan Busam, Nicole Hakes
 - d. **Amendment Passes 23-7**
 - i. **Aye (23):** Alexander Mieure, Allison Shearer, Ashley Reller, Ben Blair, Chi Hoong Ng, Christian Hines, Danielle Loewenthal, Erik Kiser, Forrest Fowler, Hannah Bennett, Holly Clark, Jordan Abrams, Joshua Davis, Leonardo Martinez, Mark Shadiow, Michael Albert, Mike Powell, Shelley Harriman, Skylar Edwards, Veral Patel, William Miller, William Yu, Darian Stahl
 - ii. **No (7):** Jack Diamond, Jenny Kim, Mikaela Shaw, Alexander Simpson, Katie Lambert, Megan Busam, Nicole Hakes
6. Amendment 3
 - a. Cosponsors: William Yu, Nicole Hakes
 - b. Secondary Amendment Strike Line 7, 35
 - i. Unanimous Voice
 - c. **Unanimous Approval**

7. Amendment 4

a. Co-Sponsor: Nicole Hakes, William Yu

b. Unanimous Approval

c. Code Passes Unanimously

d. ****Resolution 09-1-4—Approve IUSA Elections Polling Locations**** (*Pending outcome of IUSA Elections Code Resolution*)

i. Amendment 5:

1. Co-sponsors:

a. William Yu, Nicole Hakes

b. Friendly Amendment to change to 10th and Fee

2. Passes Unanimously

ii. Resolution: Passed Unanimously

e. Resolution 09-1-5—Support CampusLink Student Web Portal

i. Co-sponsors:

1. Nicole Hakes, William Yu

ii. Unanimous Approval

f. Resolution 09-1-6—Support Installation of Gender Neutral Restroom in IMU

i. Unanimous Approval

g. Resolution 09-2-7—Approve New Director for Health and Safety Department

i. Co-sponsor:

1. William Yu, Nicole Hakes

ii. Unanimous Approval

IX. Adjourn (10:00 pm)

*****The next scheduled IUSA Congress meeting will be Tuesday, February 24, at 8:30 pm in BU-100*****