

IUKSGA Senate Minutes

Tuesday December 9th, 2008

Room KO 170

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. 11:35 am
- II. **Roll Call**
 - a. Present: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Crawford, Guse, Graves, Fisher, Oliver, Slisher, Waddel, President Bolinger and V.P. Sims.
 - b. Absent:
 - c. Guests: Sarah Sarber
- III. **Absentee Count.** Committee meetings are in < >. Excused absences are in brackets [], and do not count in total absences found in parenthesis (). Any emergency meetings are noted in {} and do not count toward total absences.
 - a. Justin Crawford: (1) <10/07>
 - b. Bethany Fisher: (1) 11/04
 - c. Zach Barnes: (1) <11/18>
 - d. Kathryn Graves: (2) 11/04, 11/11, <11/18>
 - e. Katherine Oliver: (3) 11/04, 11/11, <11/18>, [11/25], [<11/25>]
 - f. Kyla Alexander: (0) [<11/20>]
 - g. Steve Waddell: (0)
 - h. Jon Guse: (0)
 - i. Brandon Slisher: (0)
- IV. **Approval of Previous Minutes**
 - a. Motioned by Senator Barnes
 - b. Seconded by Senator Slisher
 - c. 8-0-0
- V. **Officer Reports**
 - a. Vice President-VP Sims
 - i. Typed report read by V.P. Sims. Inspirational speech ensued talking about change for SGA and the university.
 - b. President Pro Temp Guse
 - i. Thanks to David for helping with the transition process to becoming VP. Looking forward to working with SGA in the new year.
 - c. Secretary Crawford
 - i. Corrected minutes and recordings have been uploaded to the SGA drive for the past year, as well as corrections needed for the website sent to Barb.
 - d. Parliamentarian Oliver
 - i. Nothing at this time.
 - e. Treasurer Barnes
 - i. Nothing at this time.

VI. Standing Committee Reports

- a. SRC Chair Oliver
 - i. Meeting time for the spring will need to be setup. SRC will be losing members and will need some moved over by spring.
 - ii. Bylaw revisions will be discussed later this meeting.
- b. SFC Chair Barnes
 - i. Meeting earlier this morning discussing activity fees which will be brought up in new business.
 - ii. Next semester schedules will be setup as well.

VII. Other Reports

- a. President's Report- President Bolinger
 - i. Apologies for being late, was in a meeting with Chancellor Green.
 - ii. Thanks Senator Slisher and Sarah Sarber for attending the town hall meeting.
 - iii. December 5th there was an AUSA with quorum. The Representative from IU South Bend shared his desire to create a scholarship to those who are ailing from the recent financial crisis. The representative from IU Kokomo thanked the IU Kokomo SGA for allowing her to review their Bylaws and constitution as they are in the process of restructuring their student government. The Student Body President of IUPUI presented the idea of a fall break for IUPUI students and it might be something that Kokomo would also like to adopt. A proposal was shared with the committee to create a tax free holiday for students in Indiana the weekend before each semester for school supplies. AUSA is in the process of writing legislation and contacting state representatives.
 - iv. Tomorrow there will be an IT advisory board committee meeting, where the laptop referendum will be discussed.
 - v. Tomorrow night at 5pm in Alumni Hall will be a free pizza giveaway and President Bolinger asked for volunteers to join. Several Senators volunteered.
 - vi. This Thursday President Bolinger will be attending a board of Trustee meeting in Indianapolis where he looks forward to taking copious note and will provide SGA details of the experience.
 - vii. Lastly, Thanks to all the Senators who have come on and been here this semester and good luck with finals.
- b. SAB- Director Ferrell
 - i. There was cosmic bowling last night, with good turn-out.
- c. SUB- Assistant Director William Deboard
 - i. The last SUB events for the semester were on December 2nd and 3rd, the showings of "Lakeview Terrace" at 7pm with minimal turnout due to inclement weather.
- d. Faculty Advisors Report – Shirley Aamidor
 - i. N/A
- e. Report from Sarah Sarber
 - i. Closer now to filling the career services position, interviews this week and next week.

- ii. Advising transition is moving forward and appointments have been made for the VP of advising.
- iii. Sign-up sheet for holiday party at Sarah's house passed around to confirm guests.
- iv. The art building will be closing at 5pm each day now.

VIII. Special Committee Reports

- a. Parking Committee [Senators Oliver & Guse]
 - i. There was a meeting on the 4th to finish all the appeals for this semester.
- b. Food Service Committee [Senators Crawford]
 - i. Meeting will be tomorrow December 10th at 3:30
 - ii. Looking at advertising next semester for the credit card machine.
- c. Election Commission [Bolinger, Waddell, Halbrook]
 - i. VP Sims sent letters out to justices looking for members to join with the commission, two responses were returned.
 - ii. Justice Halbrook was chosen to join as she served last year.
 - iii. Election will be in KC 130 in the spring.
 - iv. If the constitutional amendment passes today it will need to be voted on in the coming election
- d. Environmental Committee [Bolinger, Slisher, Crawford, Graves]
 - i. Nothing at this time
- e. Scholarship Committee [Bolinger, Crawford, Guse, Slisher]
 - i. First meeting was on the 4th where Senator Crawford was nominated as chair and Senator Slisher was nominated as Secretary
 - ii. Met with Cheryl Currens to go over what needs done for setting up the scholarship. She gave us several documents and went over the process with us.
 - iii. Main item we are looking at now is setting the criteria for the scholarship. We will be looking at other scholarships to get an idea and will try to come up with criteria to present to Cheryl sometime in January, which will then be reviewed by Sarah Sarber and then sent to the scholarship committee.
 - iv. Please send any suggestions to Senator Crawford for criteria selection for the scholarship. The idea at the moment is for a student who exhibits leadership on campus in any way, but is still open to all students to apply for.
- f. Space Utilization Committee [Senators Alexander & Waddel]
 - i. Had initial Meeting December 2nd and next meeting will be January 20th 3:30 – 5pm with another meeting every two weeks at that same time.
 - ii. There are two roles for the committee, one is to request input from others for the new planning of space utilization and the other is to review current usage of space and come up with a recommendation for current usage of space.
 - iii. There are basically nine buildings which need looked at: The Kelly Center, Main building, East building, Hunt Hall, Observatory, Outreach building one which is the corner building, Outreach

building two which is early childhood education, the Anderson house and the Johnson property.

- iv. Issues discussed were implementation of an advising cluster center, which would enable advisors to work with anyone in their area.
- v. The cost of putting second floor rooms in the main building, as far as recommendations for space we do have.
- vi. All proposals need to be tied to IU's strategic plan.
- vii. They will be sending a memo to faculty requesting input in the future for use of the space, no request for student input yet.

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. n/a

X. New Business

- a. Absences

- i. Senator Oliver explains absences over the past few meetings with her doctors appointments and other complications.

- 1. Motion by Senator Oliver to excuse absences for 11/25 Senate and Committee
- 2. Second by Senator Crawford
- 3. Discussion: She was in the doctors office during the last meeting and did contact VP Sims within 24 hours. Senator Graves enters the room and vote is held until she is seated.
- 4. Motion passed 8-0-1

- ii. Senator Barnes discusses why he missed committee meeting on 11/18 and why it was not brought up on 11/25

- 1. Motion by Senator Barnes to excuse his November 18th absence
- 2. Second by Senator Graves
- 3. Discussion: Bylaws state the absence must be requested at the next senate meeting. Senator Barnes was unaware that the meeting was official because it did not meet quorum. Bylaws state there will be no exceptions to this procedure. Questions about the communication brought up about the absence and when it was communicated. Point brought up that the committee had not updated their minutes yet as to whether this would be an absence until that was done. Question brought up as to whether these absences can be excused since the Bylaws state they cannot. Is the absence official until the minutes are approved? The absence was not on the SFC minutes until this morning and those have not been approved. VP Sims decides to allow the vote.
- 4. Motion Passed 5-2-2

- b. Activity Fee Discussion

- i. Recommendation to increase activity fees from SFC passed out and Senator Barnes explains.

- ii. Sarah Sarber discusses the problem with activity fees and the bylaws current language for setting them.
- iii. VP Sims discusses the problems with voting on this today, increasing activity fees twice in one year. Recommends changing the bylaws first before requesting the increase.
- iv. Sarah Sarber explains more about the activity fee budget, the need for the wellness center and the current problem with the bylaws.
- v. Senator Crawford recommends changing the bylaws first then re-sending the request.
- vi. Parliamentarian Oliver recommends against voting on this at the current time.
- vii. Senator Crawford adds discussion from the meeting with Dr Tharp about the current hold on the activity fees.
- viii. VP Sims suggests to change the Bylaws first, consult with Dr. Tharp, and then vote on the increase
- ix. Parliamentarian Oliver asks about when the changes will be presented. There is no time table at the moment.
- x. Item passed on with vote to recommend again in January.
- c. President Bolinger enters and gives his report.
- d. ByLaw Revisions
 - i. VP hands out the revisions and discusses each one.
 - ii. SB0812-01 ByLaw add-on
 - 1. The Secretary will serve in absence of the V.P. and the President Pro Tempore. Added to Title V, Section 4, I.
 - 2. Motion from Committee Passed 8-0-1
 - iii. SB0812-02 Constitution Revision
 - 1. Change to the meeting dates for Senate during the months of December and August.
 - 2. Motion to Amend by Senator Graves to add January along with the months of August and December
 - 3. Second by Senator Alexander
 - 4. Motion to Amend passed 9-0-0
 - 5. Motion from Committee passed 9-0-0 and will need to added to the Ballot in the spring to be voted on by the student body.
 - iv. SB0812-03 Bylaw Revision Title V, Section 7, A, 4
 - 1. Change to the SRC meetings to reflect the Senate changes in the Constitution. The Chair is also responsible for announcing the meetings at the previous Senate meeting and email a minimum of 3 days prior to the scheduled meeting.
 - 2. Motion by Senator Guse to Amend to include January along with the months of August and December
 - 3. Seconded by Senator Graves
 - 4. Motion to Amend passed 9-0-0
 - 5. Discussion: Senator Waddel asks about the second part of the revision when the announcements will be made and

which announcement is official. More discussion about when announcements should be made.

6. Motion by Senator Guse to table the item
 7. Second by Senator Slisher
 8. Motion to Table passed 8-1-0
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- v. SB0812-04 Bylaw Revision Title V, Section 7, B, 4
1. Same as above for the SFC
 2. Motion to table for revisions by Senator Oliver
 3. Second by Senator Slisher
 4. Motion to table passed 9-0-0
- vi. SB0812-05 Bylaw Addon Title IV, Section 4, E
1. It is the responsibility of the Vice President of Programming to ~~in his or her absence~~ supply an updated written report **to** the President of Senate two(2) days prior to the ~~missed~~, regularly scheduled Senate Meeting.
 2. Motion to Amend by adding the word to (bolded above) to the revision by Senator Oliver
 3. Second by Senator Alexander
 4. Motion to Amend passes 9-0-0
 5. Discussion: on when updates can be given for meetings missed. Questions on consistency between the Executive president requirements and the Vice President requirements.
 6. Motion to Amend to strike “in his or her absence” and “missed, “ by Senator Oliver
 7. Second by Senator Alexander
 8. Motion to Amend passed 8-1-0
 9. Motion to table the item by Senator Guse
 10. Motion dies without a second
 11. Discussion: Senator Waddel notes that there will be a burden put on the Vice President to present these reports. VP Sims explains why this is being asked. Sarah Sarber notes that SUB is already burdened by the evaluations SFC has imposed on them and asks why not match the monthly report the Executive President is required to give. Senator Oliver explains more in detail. VP Sims explains why he would recommend President Bolinger veto this revision which asks the VP’s below President Bolinger to give more reports than he is required.
 12. Motion with Amendments passed 6-2-1
- vii. SB0812-06 Bylaw addon Title IV, Section 5, E
1. Same as above, except for SAB
 2. Motion to Amend to word the same as SB0812-05 by Senator Oliver
 3. Second by Senator Slisher
 4. Motion to Amend passed 8-0-1
 5. Discussion:

6. Motion with Amendments passed 7-2-0

- e. Resignation of Senator Graves
 - i. Senator Graves explains why she will be resigning due to student teaching next semester. She thanks everyone for her time with SGA.
 - ii. Motion to Resign by Senator Graves
 - iii. Second by Senator Slisher
 - iv. Motion passed 7-2-0
- f. Resignation of Chief Justice Kizer
 - i. She is stepping down as chief, but wishes to remain on the court.
 - ii. Motion to accept by Senator Guse
 - iii. Second by Senator Oliver
 - iv. Motion passed 8-0-1
- g. Resignation of Vice President Sims
 - i. VP Sims explains that he will be student teaching next semester and will not be able to remain on SGA. He thanks everyone who has helped him while being part of SGA and everyone he has served with.
 - ii. Motion to accept resignation by Senator Oliver
 - iii. Second by Senator Guse
 - iv. Motion Passed 4-3-1
 - v. Mr. Sims hands over the gavel and the meeting to Vice President Appoint Guse.
- h. Swearing in of Vice President Appoint Guse
 - i. President Bolinger swears in Vice President Guse
 - ii. Vice President Guse asks for nominations of President Pro Temp
- i. Election of President Pro Tempore
 - i. Nomination of Senator Oliver by Senator Slisher
 - ii. Nomination accepted by Senator Oliver
 - iii. Nomination passed 5-1-1
 - iv. Vice President Guse asks for nominations of Parliamentarian
- j. Election of Parliamentarian
 - i. Senator Oliver nominates Senator Waddel
 - ii. Senator Waddel accepts
 - iii. Senator Alexander nominates Senator Slisher
 - iv. Senator Slisher accepts
 - v. Motion by Senator Oliver to waive secret ballot
 - vi. Second by Senator Crawford
 - vii. Motion to waive secret ballot passed 6-1-0
 - viii. Those in favor of Senator Waddel 4
 - ix. Those in favor of Senator Slisher 2
 - x. Senator Waddelis now the Parliamentarian
- k. Other new business – Appointment of David Sims as Chief Justice by President Bolinger
 - i. Motion to accept by Senator Oliver
 - ii. Seconded by Senator Alexander
 - iii. Motion passed 7-0-0
 - iv. Swearing in of Chief Justice Sims by President Bolinger

XI. Good of the Order

- a. Chief Justice Sims appreciates those who wished him well during his surgery last week
- b. Sarah Sarber will email directions to her home
- c. Senator Oliver thanked Chief Justice Sims for help throughout the years
- d. President Bolinger announced there will be refreshments in the SGA office for Chief Justice Sims after the meeting

XII. Announcements

- a. *Next Senate Meeting: TBA, KO170*
- b. *Holiday Partay: Friday December 19th at 6:30pm see you then!*

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Senator Crawford
- b. Seconded by Senator Alexander
- c. Passed 6-1-0