

MINUTES
INDIANA UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
STUDENT BODY CONGRESS
Tuesday, October 21, 2008
8:30 pm, Business School 201

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

- a. Present:** Allison Shearer, Allison Torline, Andrew Conley, Anuraag Tripathi, Ashley Reller, Ben Blair, Christian Hines, Danielle Loewenthal, Darian Stahl, Eric Weigel, Erik Kiser, Hannah Bennett, Holly Clark, Jack Diamond, Jennifer Conley, Jenny Kim, Jim Snaza, John O'Hara, Katie Lambert, Kevin Rippey, Laura Wyman, Mark Shadiow, Mike Coleman, Mike Powell, Neil Bansal, Nicole Hakes, Skylar Edwards, Smita Das, Valerie Vandenberg
- b. Absent with Proxy:** Alexander Mieure, Megan Busam, Zac Ventress
- c. Absent without Proxy:** Alexandra Geller, Benjamin Agley, Benjamin Lawson, Bryan Sewell, Elizabeth Schrader, Forrest Fowler, Jaron Kient, Jessica Schul, Jimmy Lambert, Jordan Abrams, Katherine Iaria, Kyla King, Laura DeWald, Matt Corsaro, Matt Tyner, Melissa Block, Omair Ali, Oscar Amador, Paris Gray, Sarah Bielski, Sheila Ellis, Shelley Harriman, Thomas Little, Timothy Williams, Veral Patel, William French, William Yu, Willie Miller

III. Approve Minutes-Approved by unanimous voice vote

IV. Guest Speakers

- a. Nick Clark—GPSO Moderator
 - i. Two resolutions before the IUSA Congress today
 - ii. First: Drop/Add Late fees, graduate students are paying more than undergrads because they are billed by credit hour and not with a flat rate, like undergrads. Party of theory behind higher fees is also that, in a class of 5 grad students, if one drops, you might have to cancel class.
 - iii. Second: Bursar Schedule of Payments, graduate students employed by the university are getting paid 5 days after first round of tuition is due. GPSO was told that they cannot change bursar billing schedule, but would like to delay the institution of fees, if nothing else. Also, GPSO is considering moving Bursar payment across the university to August 15 as opposed to August 10. This would also apply for undergrads. Provost has expressed support for this. BFC has expressed support. But some administrative resistance.

V. Executive Reports

- a. Luke Fields—IUSA President

- i. GPSO Moderator: Essentially like the IUSA President, but for Graduate students. One of the things that we can do to help each other is to concur with what the GPSO is advocating with their two resolutions. IUSA is undergraduate heavy, but we also represent graduate students.
 - ii. Transportation: Bus routes on A, B, E extended to 1 am on weekdays
 - iii. IUSA in the IDS: We're not doing a half bad job, happy to continue to work hard on behalf of students
- b. Dan Sloat—IUSA Vice President
 - i. Nick Clark, Luke, and Dan attended Bloomington Faculty Council meeting, heard state of campus report by Provost
 - ii. New department of sustainability at IU
 - iii. Abby Schwimmer is doing a great job as IUSA Director for Sustainability
- c. Andrew Hahn—IUSA Vice President for Congress

VI. Director Reports

- a. Jill DeLuna—Director for Legislative and Governmental Relations
 - i. Proposal for Sales Tax Holiday
 - 1. Jill, Andrew Hahn, Torrey Kittle met with State Senator Vi Simpson regarding the proposal in the Agenda packet
 - 2. May take a few years, but appreciate consideration by Student Body Congress

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Rules, Membership, Internal IUSA Affairs Committee
 - i. Want to talk about increasing attendance at Congress
 - 1. Will be voting out 8 members of Congress due to attendance issues
 - ii. Also working on reallocating seats
- b. Health and Safety Committee
 - i. Working with Luke Fields, Billy Bennett, and Health/Safety Dept. of IUSA for Weekend HC Hours
 - ii. Drafting a survey next week
- c. Student Rights and Concerns Committee
 - i. Trouble with attendance; 4 of 18
- d. Finance Committee
 - i. Did not meet in the interim
- e. Educational Affairs Committee
 - i. Jen Conley was chair at meeting
 - ii. Discussed Fall Break Issue

- iii. Conclusion: If week long fall break during Thanksgiving is the best we can do, then that's what we should pursue

VIII. New Business

- a. Resolution 08-10-11 Remove Congress Members
 - i. Nicole Hakes: Oscar Amador is abroad, excited about working in IUSA Congress next year
 - ii. Erik Kiser: Did the VPC contact these individuals before meeting
 - 1. VPC: They were not contacted before this meeting, but were contacted before the meeting that they missed to be in violation of IUSA Congress attendance rules
 - iii. Eric Weigel: We can't really tolerate absent members
 - iv. Unanimous Approval**
- b. Resolution 08-10-12 Approve New Congress Members
 - i. Unanimous Approval**
- c. Resolution 08-10-13 Concur with GPSO Re: Drop/Add Late Fees
 - i. Nicole Hakes and Mike Coleman co-sponsors
 - ii. Nicole: Support what Nick Clark perceives as an issue for graduate students
 - iii. Unanimous Approval**
- d. Resolution 08-10-14 Concur with GPSO Re: Bursar's Schedule of Payments
 - i. Nicole Hakes and Mike Coleman co-sponsors
 - ii. Nicole: I support Nick Clark's resolution
 - iii. Unanimous Approval**
- e. Resolution 08-10-15 Support Pursuit of Sales Tax-Free Weekend Legislation
 - i. Nicole Hakes, Jim Snaza, Mike Coleman co-sponsors
 - ii. Unanimous Approval**

IX. Adjourn