

# IUKSGA Senate Minutes

## Monday January 26th, 2009

### Room KC 106

- I. **Call to Order**
  - a. 9:06 am
- II. **Roll Call**
  - a. Present: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Crawford, Fisher, Waddel, President Bolinger and V.P. Guse.
  - b. Absent: Senator Oliver and Slisher
  - c. Guests: Sarah Sarber, Shirley Aamidor, Cathy Hightower, Nida Zia
- 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. Katherine Oliver: (4) 11/04, 11/11, <11/18>, [11/25], [<11/25>], 01/26
  - e. Kyla Alexander: (0) [<11/20>]
  - f. Steve Waddell: (0)
  - g. Brandon Slisher: (1) 01/26
- IV. **Approval of Previous Minutes**
  - a. Motioned by Senator Barnes
  - b. Seconded by Senator Alexander
  - c. 5-0-0
- V. **Officer Reports**
  - a. Vice President-VP Guse
    - i. SGA board has been updated by V.P. Guse
    - ii. Other than the change of room, the agenda will also change so that the interview will take place before HHE presentation
    - iii. Need to push for more members on the Senate this semester.
    - iv. There will be an emergency meeting Thursday for the next interview so it is done before deadline of 8 weeks before elections
  - b. President Pro Temp Oliver
    - i. n/a
  - c. Secretary Crawford
    - i. Nothing at this time.
  - d. Parliamentarian Waddel
    - i. Nothing at this time.
  - e. Treasurer Barnes
    - i. Nothing at this time.
- VI. **Standing Committee Reports**
  - a. SRC Chair Oliver

- i. Nothing at this time, from Senator Alexander.
- b. SFC Chair Barnes
  - i. There will be a meeting to discuss bylaw revisions for the increase in activity fees as well as contingency budget requests.

**VII. Other Reports**

- a. President's Report- President Bolinger
  - i. Hopes that everyone had a safe and enjoyable break and are ready to get back in the swing of things.
  - ii. Would like to hear contributions and ideas relating to the email sent during break over goals for the semester.
  - iii. IT advisory board meeting this Wednesday, hopeful to discuss the laptop referendum.
  - iv. This Friday will be attending the Indiana University Trustees Search & Screening Committee; please do not refer any applicants to President Bolinger as he is a member of the committee.
  - v. Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressman Joe Donnelly will be speaking to students at IUK and everyone is encouraged to attend.
  - vi. Interview for Senate candidate today with Nida Zia fully endorsed by president Bolinger.
  - vii. Office hours for this semester are 1-3pm currently.
  - viii. Wishing everyone well for the semester.
- b. SAB- Director Ferrell
  - i. Nothing at this time.
- c. SUB- Assistant Director William Deboard
  - i. Nothing much at this time, the initial reports for the showing of House Bunny estimated 20 or more students attending.
  - ii. The next event will be January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with comedian Jen Cobler.
- d. Faculty Advisors Report – Shirley Aamidor
  - i. Good luck to all for the semester.
  - ii. The university is getting ready for the NCA visits this spring and in the fall. Students should be approached to highlight the results and criterion from the self-study report which will be looked at by the NCA. The criterion should be known hopefully by most students, as faculty are given weekly updates. SGA should help disseminate the information to the rest of the students.
  - iii. Overall reviews will be here in April, Education will be in the fall.
  - iv. Question of criterion asked, and will be handed out later and brought to next meeting.
  - v. Students are expected to have some knowledge of what those criterion are as well as the history of IU Kokomo.
- e. Report from Sarah Sarber
  - i. Budget request deadline for the march budget bill went out and are due Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Groups should do those electronically and bring a photo copy if needed.

**VIII. Special Committee Reports**

- a. Parking Committee [Senators Oliver & Guse]
  - i. Nothing at this time.

- b. Food Service Committee [Senators Crawford]
  - i. New schedule not passed out yet, nothing at this time.
- c. Election Commission [Bolinger, Waddell, Halbrook]
  - i. Nothing at this time.
- d. Environmental Committee [Bolinger, Slisher, Crawford, Graves ]
  - i. Meeting will be later today at 2pm
- e. Scholarship Committee [Bolinger, Crawford, Guse, Slisher]
  - i. Next meeting will be tomorrow at 1pm, discussing the criteria we have already come up with and deciding what is next to be done with the endowment agreement with Cheryl Currens.
  - ii. Once done it will be submitted to Senate for review.
- f. Space Utilization Committee [Senators Alexander & Waddel]
  - i. Meeting was last Monday January the 20<sup>th</sup>. The problems with the economy has reduced funding for education overall and will impact what the committee can do, but they will continue forward. First step will be implementing the advising center clusters. Waiting for approval currently from the deans committee and the Chancellor.
  - ii. Other proposals are being asked for relating to the main building and the outreach building.
  - iii. Next meeting will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**IX. Unfinished Business**

- a. n/a

**X. New Business**

- a. Interview of New Senate Candidate
  - i. Application for Nida Zia passed out as V.P. Guse explains interview process and introduces the candidate.
  - ii. Interview conducted
    - 1. Questions asked by Senators
  - iii. Candidate asked to leave
  - iv. Discussion held
  - v. Motion to accept Nida Zia by Senator Crawford
    - 1. Seconded by Senator Alexander
  - vi. Motion passed 5-0-0
- b. Fall Break Discussion
  - i. Introduction by President Bolinger, example of IUPUI's adaption of Fall break which should occur by 2010. Thought of Monday/Tuesday instead of Wednesday/Thursday. There are extra days currently built into the schedule, but the academic calendar is still set far in advance and will be hard to change.
  - ii. Discussion on how it would benefit for students held. Used for service learning, project work. Student success as helping with midterm stress.
  - iii. Presentation to the faculty senate would be a good approach to start. Surveys of students to help find ideas.
- c. Hoosiers for Higher Education – Cathy Hightower Valcke
  - i. Introduction of HHE by Cathy Hightower.

- ii. There will be a bus leaving IUK at 10:45 to head down, there will be a box lunch provided.
  - iii. Important for students to talk to state legislators to keep funding for education. Asking for as many students to come as possible. Please ask for permission to be excused from class.
  - iv. All eight campuses will be there as well as Purdue with the Indiana Innovation Alliance.
  - v. Requests will be made for Operations budget, as well as Capital budget to help fund the Wellness Center.
  - vi. Presentations from Purdue and IU presidents, talking points will be handed out for speaking to legislators as well as time given to speak with them and a reception.
  - vii. Dress will be business casual, will leave Indianapolis at 5pm. Register by emailing Cathy or online at <http://www.gov.indiana.edu/hhe/>
- d. Any other New Business?
- i. Where are the newspapers?
    1. Discussion held about where the newspaper bins from the commons areas have gone. It will be looked at.
  - ii. Communication with students
    1. How effective are we as a student government body at communicating to the student body.
    2. Discussion held about better ways to communicate with the student body. Onestart, email, newspaper, posters
    3. Have communications and marketing department help.
    4. Use distribution list of faculty.

**XI. Good of the Order**

- a. Thank you to V.P. Guse for updating the board by President Bolinger and the rest of Senate.

**XII. Announcements**

- a. *Next Senate Meeting: Emergency meeting Thursday morning at 8:30 am in the SGA office.*

**XIII. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Senator Barnes
- b. Seconded by Senator Waddel
- c. Passed 5-0-0