



Student Government

Senate Agenda

September 1, 2015

- I. Present: Laura, Ben, Deeksha, Achieng, Zach, Launa
- II. Announcements/Organization
 - A. Budget: \$14,711
 1. Budget is the same as last year, but once salaries and printing are deducted, it's around \$12,000
 - B. Public meeting in connector tomorrow: Starts at 9, try to be a little early
 1. Check in later
 - C. Club \$ transactions from last year?
 1. Ben: Can we get the data from club transactions last year, because what we allocated, but not what they actually spent.
 2. Launa: I'm sure there's a way we can get that.
 3. Ben: For allocating money this year, we were thinking to give them funding each semester plus special events.
 4. Achieng: Are we doing that each time they do an event they request funding?
 5. Ben: I think we need a good mix between funding each semester and special events.
 6. Deeksha: So we are giving it to them for the semester, not the year. So that amendment should be communicated to the clubs.
 7. Ben: I sent club funding forms with the directions to Shirley
 - D. Meeting w/ Gilberto tomorrow at 1:00pm
 1. In CIIE office
- III. Continuing Business and Quick Updates
 - A. AVI committee (Achieng)
 1. Achieng: I spoke to Jeremy and told him what we're thinking about

making a committee to improve things, and he thought that was great, so we're meeting this Friday about planning that further.

- B. Gender neutral bathroom signs (Laura):
 - 1. Laura: cost \$25 each and **will send to Jim Histan**
 - 2. Work with phys plant to possibly split cost
 - 3. Proposal approved by consensus
- C. Student on PC (Launa?)
 - 1. Launa: This is still in process
- D. Election Code (Ben)
 - 1. Ben: I reformatted it, making it more gender-neutral and added the part about having a commuter-student seat on the at-large senate.
- E. Student on Provost team (Ben)
 - 1. Ben: I emailed Ken about waiting a few weeks to put a student on his leadership team, and he said waiting would be fine.
- F. Computers in apartments (Deeksha)
 - 1. Still in process
- G. Reusable Goshen shopping bags (Deeksha)
 - 1. Still in process, send to admissions
- H. Bidet on campus (Deeksha)
 - 1. Deeksha: I spoke to Glenn and he said it shouldn't be a problem to install it, so he said I should send the proposal to the space planning committee.
 - 2. Laura: Maybe phrase is as being a feature that is welcoming to international students.
 - 3. Deeksha: plus they're more environmentally friendly and would help make Goshen unique. Who's going to fund that? It will be between \$300 and \$600. And I was thinking in the Union.
- I. Discussion board/suggestion box
 - 1. Ben: I talked to Judy Weaver who is heading the commuter student club/room and she was very open to it but said it should go through space planning. There's tons of wall space for it.
 - 2. Deeksha: I spoke to phys plant about it and they said each board would cost \$100 or more, so they said we should use boards that aren't being used around campus. I think that's a good idea because there are a lot of boards that aren't being used that could be used. Again, we need to write a proposal to space planning.
 - 3. Achieng: I had talked to Jeremy about putting boards up at the fraker, rott, and java, and he said to talk to space planning.
 - 4. Deeksha: Launa, there are two upcoming event boards, so could

we get one? or a section?

5. Launa: We should check them out to see. As clubs get going, they will be more filled. If we take it from something, what do we take it from?
6. Ben: And we were thinking of it being specifically for Senate.
7. Deeksha: and it would be fine for it to be smaller.
8. Launa: We want to think about location too.
9. Ben: Commuter lounge, java, and either the rott or the fraker.
10. Ben: Let's have an at-large member write this proposal.

J. Meeting with adult student classes (Zach)

1. Zach: I'm waiting on some professors to respond, but the ones I did talk to loved the idea, so I'll send out more specifics about possibly meeting next week. This is for us to promote running and ask for ideas they have. Probably next week sometime.

K. Coffee Hour (Zach)

1. Zach: Phil, Luis, and I are meeting with the convocation committee next Friday. Bev seemed somewhat accepting of it, but we'll see. Gilberto said CIIE would give some funding for it along with Senate, and Phil and Luis will talk to ResLife about it. If they don't buy from Java, they can do it more cheaply.
2. Launa: If you want it to be a broader campus thing, then you should ask CAC instead of ResLife since CAC is for everyone.
3. Zach: Phil and Luis are taking initiative.

L. Statement on diversity

1. Laura: Will have it done for the Record and to send to PC by next week. Still in process.

IV. New Business

A. Follow up on any 2014/15 proposals

1. Launa: I have some updates. There's always a time lag. So there were several things that wrapped up last year and I want to close the loop. There was a Wellness Proposal--the primary proposal was looking at the wellness for life course and trying to change the calorie counting and healthy sexuality. In May, I had a meeting with Bev Lapp who is the chair of the CORE, Val Herberger, Jewel Lehman. We talked through these and I can share it for you to read. As of August 23rd I got an email for the revised instruction for the calorie counting assignment. That's moving forward.
2. Launa: The other thing is, there was a proposal about how students make complaints around student employment and things outside of

academic misconduct, etc. So Anita Stalter and I drafted something, and I will forward it to you, so we redrafted what was already there on the website to make it more clear about that process. It talks about informal action and formal resolutions which can be taken to me or HR. There is a graph with more information about options. And we have it linked in the student employment handbook.

3. We talked about the Board of Directors meeting schedule. Last year there was a proposal to have the student's meeting moved to February instead of October which comes really quickly. The answer is yes, we will meet with them in February.
4. Deeksha: When do we meet with PC?

B. Voter registration table on club day

1. Launa: On Club Day that Senate hosts where clubs get students to sign up, we want to get people to vote here in Indiana, so we need to set up a table for the person from the voter registration office as well as the clubs and promote that.
2. Ben: Great. It's the 17th.

C. Update on task force reviewing Title IX, gender equity, and access

1. Pushing it to next week because of time.

D. Processing meetings with Ewuare: racial justice on campus

1. Senate involvement: ICC, coordinating events, training, etc.
 - a) Laura: creating a larger platform of statements and proposals, trying to get a lot of ideas from students
 - b) Ben: Signature campaign?
 - c) Deeksha: Have a certain percentage of administration be of color.
 - d) Zach: African American studies department. But I don't think it should necessarily be a Student Senate led initiative. I would rather see it come from a less administrative place. Our vision is for administrative change at Senate.
 - e) Ben: But Senate can work for cultural change too.
 - f) Zach: Yes, but in this instance we don't want to take charge. For this movement you can get other people in leadership who wouldn't be interested in doing something like Senate. More people might be interested if it's not coming from Senate.
 - g) Laura: Change needs to come from many angles.
 - h) Deeksha: We could be one of those connecting bodies for

these movements.

- i) Zach: Our board meeting might be a good time to unveil things. And we could have leaders outside of senate there.
- j) Laura: having a Latino Department and African American Studies department
- k) Zach: There needs to be as many people working on this as possible.

E. Recap of Launa's meeting with Provost

1. Launa: I talked to Ken about Senate's meeting and I was wondering what you thought and how you feel about that meeting with him--what worked and what didn't.
2. Achieng: I really like that he was for the students and was ready to do what he was able to do to make it comfortable for students and faculty. It's really good that he's coming from that mindset.
3. Ben: I thought it was a productive meeting and will be open to our ideas.
4. Deeksha: He seems to want to bring up conversation and is very welcoming.
5. Launa: Ken and I were thinking the two of us would meet with Senate once a month to continue conversations like that.
6. Deeksha: and maybe Gilberto and the three Jims as well.
7. Ben: I feel like we have a lot of access to you, but not many others on PC.
8. Deeksha: Or at least meet with PC twice a semester
9. Launa: Good ideas, it will just take some time to get everyone together.

V. Open Floor

- A. Achieng: I was talking to students who had been on SST and they were thinking of having a class or program to process what they went through.
- B. Ben: Did they try to do that with the Global Issues seminar?
- C. Achieng: People have the convocation where people talk about SST, but it doesn't seem to be enough.
- D. Zach: I don't think the transition back is well dealt with.

VI. Meeting Adjourned: 9:51