

**I. Call to Order**

**Meeting called to order at:701**

**II. Roll Call**

**Senators Not Present:**

Samantha Austin

Chris Ballard

Leslie Boelter

Jessica Dixon

Mike Friedman—sub

Matt Hackertt

Neil Jansen

Bridget Karns

Melissa Koeppen—sub

Kevin Malweski

Michell Montgomery

Sarah Mysiewicz

Megan Presnack

Angela Shockley—sub

Kenny Watson

### III. Reports

#### 1. Vice President Hsienjan Huang's report:

1. Currently waiting for an official statement for Premier Notebooks stating that they are not holding us to the past contract.
2. We have begun receiving draft contracts from two of our most likely bidders, Student Datebooks and Star.
3. Our next Senate Meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup>.
4. For those not on the Senate Listserv please be sure to get on. Directions are on the Senate website at [www.iwu.edu/~senate](http://www.iwu.edu/~senate)

#### 2. Treasurer Peter Alford's report:

1. Before any motions are made, I would like to make a quick statement. Due to the absence of Financial Advisory board members, the board was under quorum for the meeting on Thursday, February 19. It states in the Code of Finances that "No voting shall take place unless a quorum is present." Out of respect for those petitioning for funding and the time-sensitivity surrounding them, Scott Simons was temporarily appointed to the Financial Advisory Board by Hsienjan. Trevor was out of town and unavailable. After consulting with Jason, the appointment was made. The concern is that for that meeting, FAB had 7 members, whereas the constitution only stipulates for six. We found this situation to be preferable to violating quorum. After hearing and passing only one petition, another FAB member arrived, putting us at quorum, regardless of the appointment. As an executive board, we just wanted you to be aware of this.
2. FAB made one decision that did not require Senate Approval.
  1. The Parliamentarian was allocated -\$199 for a Caligraphed copy of Resolution 2003-1 for Mrs. Myers
3. FAB made 3 decisions that require Senate Approval
  1. USAID--Reallocated \$900
    - i. -200 Spring Speaker
    - ii. -200 From their fall speaker
    - iii. -300 from taxis
    - iv. -100 from food for bands
    - v. -100 from flowers passed out at SAGA tables
    - vi. Was allocated -600 to pay for Ruthie from real world.

Eric Infanzon asked what was significance Ruthie holds?

Alford said she battled with alcoholism on MTV's the Real World, and speaks on the dangers of drinking.

The motion passes.

2. Competition Cheerleading
  - i. -7000 Participation fee and hotel fee for 20
  - ii. -621 single occupancy hotel room for bus driver
  - iii. -5,176 in bus fare for nationals
  - iv. Minus 6447.92 from outside funding
  - v. Total: 6349.08

Scott Simons asked how much is in activities fund currently?

Alford answered that with the motions passed about \$15,000.

Joe Jasinski asked how long Senate will have those funds.

Alford answered they will last through the end of the year.

The motion passes.

3. Entertainment Commissioner
  - i. -9000 Exploratory bidding process for Tonic Acoustic show.

Laura Pautz asked when Tonic wants the date.

Kyle Brigham answered April 3rd.

Dan Glade asked about Tonic—who are they?

Alford answered they are a band popular in the 90s.

Pautz asked if that includes sounds and all the extra things?

Brigham answered yes.

Becky Krause asked if this meant there will be about \$8, 000?

Alford said yes.

The motion passes.

4. Budgeting is coming up
  1. Workshops on 23, 24 at 4 pm
  2. Forms are here or online. Due on the 28<sup>th</sup> in student interest room.

### **C) Parliamentarian Jason Dulac's report:**

We'll have a resolution to address in new business. I'll take all questions related to that in new business.

I touched on Senator Apathy last week, but it's come to my attention that many residents don't even know who their senators are. Even if the Student Body doesn't want to be actively involved, students like to know what's going on.

Please communicate with your constituents. We're thinking about doing a program through Hsienjan and the Senate Activities Committee but you can use:

Posters

E-mails

Programing (through RA's, Hall Budgets, Our Budget)

### **3. Communications Commissioner Landis Wiedner's report:**

1. Entertain the Motion to approve the minutes from February 8, 2003.
  1. Motion: JR Glenn
  2. Second: Colin Zepeda

2. Curriculum Council met last week, main issue was the May Term Choir trip and students not getting credit for it. The issue has raised many questions of the relationship between May Term Office and CC. However, certain faculty members agreed to look into that issue thoroughly and next week they hope to have a conclusion to the matter.
3. The issue was raised that student groups are not aware of the service offered of doing publicity. There have been flyers around campus and an announcement on Campus Pipeline.

1. **Special Events Commissioner Ashley Whittington's report:**

1. Spring Family Weekend

- Schedule is coming together
- Going to Printing Services on Tuesday
- Luncheon set with Research Conference
- Working on a President's Breakfast during registration in Hansen

1. May Term

- Events are picked out and divided amongst committee members
- Working on fitting all the events within budget
- Sending out contracts for many of the different groups
- Committee meeting Monday at 8pm in the Commissioners' Office

5. **Entertainment Commissioner Kyle Brigham's report:**

1. With the approval of \$9,000 for the exploratory bidding process for the TONIC Acoustic Performance, a bid will be placed immediately. Let me emphasize that this DOES NOT mean that TONIC will definitely be performing. A bid will be placed in the hopes that the band accepts. If and when the band accepts, then and ONLY then a contract is made. I will keep you all updated on the bidding process.
2. I recently attended the National Association for Campus Activities' National Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. The conference was a huge success and was a very informative learning experience. If anyone has any questions or wants to know more about NACA, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

6. **Media Commissioner's report Eric Fatla's report:**
  1. Titan TV will now be changing it's movie selection every 2-3 days as opposed to every week.
  2. Fatla will be in China during May Term and needs someone to fill the position for that period of time. Anyone interested can contact him.
7. **Issues and Programming Commissioner Jessica Lothman's report:**
  1. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Soul Food Dinner!! The count was approximately 300 we are still gathering overall numbers.
  2. I am working on my speakers for next year, if there are any concerns or issues that you would like to see brought to campus email or call me at jlothman@iwu.edu or X2663.
8. **Student Welfare and Human Relation Commissioner Alyssa Stone's report:**
  1. Gender Issues Week

Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> Tracy Gold, 7 pm Hansen

Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> Chapel Hour 11 am Chapel; possible speaker

Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> Movie: Senorita Extraviada

Project on the Quad

Movies on Titan TV

2) First-Year Health

Thinking about starting a program for first year students at Fall Festival. Anyone interested let Stone know.

3) Sodexo

Meeting last Friday

Grab and Go-hopefully running by after spring break

12 meal plan a possibility-call or email support

Lines at Saga are an issue-they are working on more efficient service

Family Recipes and comment cards are encouraged to be written.

Qiana Cryer asked what happened to the e-store?

Stone answered that it has taken more time than expected, and Sodexo is still working on it.

Dan Glade asked if students could get a 5 meal plan for those who live off campus?

Stone said she would bring it up to Sodexo.

9. **President Trevor Sierra's report:**

1. The Calendar Committee met and I'm happy to report that Landis and I were successful in extending Winter Break with the cooperation of the committee. Break will now run from Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Due to a required amount of class days, the spring reading day had to be cut next year. Classes will end on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and finals will begin on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
2. CUPP is currently examining IWU's faculty governance structures and will begin discussions with committee chairs to determine if there are any changes that need to be made.
3. Strategic Planning Steering Committee is forming a subcommittee to prioritize the recommendations of the Multi-Cultural Study Group. If you haven't read the document, please do so and forward any thoughts or concern to me, so I may direct them to the subcommittee.
4. SPC is meeting and considering possible procedures to reduce the amount of printing on campus. We are also reviewing the Re-Establishing Focus report and determining the best way of implementing the changes recommended.
5. Please remember to take the library's LibQual survey. Student participation currently stands at 10%, and we would like to raise that to 20% to meet the library's goal. If we want to see changes in the services the library provides, we must articulate those now that they are seeking our opinion.

Dan Glade asked for the dates of the official standing Winter Break.

Sierra answered that they are from December 17, 2004 through January 10, 2005.

Peter Raatz asked which Reading Days have been changed.

Sierra said the Spring Reading Days have been taken away for 2005.

#### IV. **Old Business**

##### 1. **Shirk scheduling**

1. Reserving Space in Shirk
2. This week I met with Dean Matthews and Coach Wagner to discuss the procedures of reserving Shirk gym space.
3. Mike Wagner is working on an official statement to be sent out to students about the process and guidelines used when space is requested.
4. The order that space goes to groups is 1. Physical Education classes 2. Varsity Athletics 3. and 4. Intramurals / Clubs and Activities (keep in mind special events also use Shirk)
5. There simply is not enough space from January through March since so many sports are utilizing facilities and everyone has to be indoors.
6. Schedules should always be available behind the control desk for workers to check if there are any questions.
7. One concern has been that male groups have been getting priority over females; this is a misconception. For example, since intramural basketball is currently only used by the men, it may appear that men are being allowed to use Shirk more often, but this is not the case. Intramurals were open for women teams, but there was not enough interest in order to continue with that program. Currently the females interested are playing on men's teams. The Athletic Department is changing around their web site in order to make it clearer and more understandable by dividing up the female and male links for each sport. If anyone has any ideas for how else to help solve this problem, let me know.
8. To help reduce these problems and conflicts Mike Wagner is also looking into off campus facilities that some groups may use. Since he has connections within the community he may be able to get some good deals.
9. If you ever need to reserve space in Shirk, please contact Mike Wagner at [mwagner@iwu.edu](mailto:mwagner@iwu.edu) and he will try his best to fit your group in!
  - i. Stephanie Swearingen asked if the dance team is considered a club or a varsity sport?
  - ii. Whittington said the group has a club status on campus.

##### 2. **Themed Housing**

1. The process is more difficult now but that has been done intentionally to increase participation of themed houses. An open process exists so that

new opportunities are offered to different groups. This will increase diversity in housing units.

2. There are no questions.

## V. **New Business**

### **Resolution**

1. Dulac informed Senate that the resolution being composed is on the back of the committee list handed out in the beginning of the meeting. Dulac reminded the Senate that resolutions are not passed very often. He then read the resolution.
2. Proposal For:  
**Illinois Wesleyan University Student Senate  
Resolution 2004-1**

*Whereas*, The Illinois Wesleyan University Student Senate is opposed to the discrimination of individuals based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or religious affiliation; and

*Whereas*, The oppression of such individuals through hate crimes or other means is antagonistic to the philosophy of this Body, the University, and the mission of a liberal arts education; and

*Whereas*, Certain incidents that constitute such discrimination have accumulated in the recent year, notably the threats directed towards homosexual, bisexual, and transgender individuals found on National Coming Out Day in the Fall of 2003, the harassing statements directed towards homosexuals found in Troyer Hall in the Spring of 2004, and the hate speech directed towards African Americans found in Ferguson Hall in the Spring of 2003; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Illinois Wesleyan University Student Senate, in accordance with the Illinois Wesleyan University Student Handbook, reaffirm its objection to any and all acts of hatred and discrimination; and be it

*Resolved*, That the Illinois Wesleyan University Student Senate continue to support events and organizations that promote all forms of diversity and an atmosphere of mutual respect for all members of this community regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or religious affiliation.

1. Dulac cautioned about passing this resolution. With each resolution passed means that they lose their "potency" and this is the second one proceeding the faculty when it should be the other way around. Policy has stated in the handbook that we don't condone harassment, or hate crimes. It was checked to make sure that the resolution did not become a censoring issue.
2. JR Glenn said that there is a big difference between a hate crime and hate incident. No one was physically hurt and it's important not to cross that line.
3. Dulac said we chose the term based on the events that occurred.
4. Glenn stated that there's been a lot of other incidents that haven't been listed in the resolution. He said that there was some stuff that happened our freshman year that shouldn't be forgotten. Glenn stated he didn't know how we can justify something that's been happening even a year before these incidents.
5. Dulac stated that it's the feeling of the Resolutions Committee that a resolution has to address an issue, not something broad, which is why the recent incident that happened in Troyer, also the incident in Ferguson, to broaden the issue so it wouldn't be about one specific incident.
6. Glenn asked why all of a sudden we're stopping in 2003.
7. Dulac said that's something to consider. John Larson spoke of some incidents of the past, if that's the concern we can definitely go back to those.
8. Dan Galde said that Dulac spoke of resolutions not losing their potency. He stated that one of the problems is that no changes are being made. He felt there was no disagreement with the university's policy of how it was handled and it's obvious that Senate doesn't support the actions.
9. Laura Pautz said that hate crime is a strong word and not what Senate is working at. The word should be re-evaluated.
10. Dulac said that amendments can come from the floor. This would save time rather than going back to committees.
11. John Larson said that the resolution is reactionary but it's important to take a stance on the issue. The incident in Ferguson was considered a hate crime. The actual act has to be a crime and vandalism occurred which is hate crime.
12. The questions was asked as to what happened in Ferguson.
13. Glenn said it happened during his presidency. There was something worded on a mirror with shaving cream and pictures to accompany it with racial slurs. There were no leads as to who did it.

14. Dulac said that at this point to make further action, we need a motion to pass it at the next meeting or pass it.
15. Laura Pautz said she moved to table it.
16. Glenn seconds.
17. The motion passes.
18. Dulac said that in many bodies resolutions can be brought ring to the floor. In the Senate Constitution if we vote by  $\frac{3}{4}$  to stop it, it will never at anytime become a possiblily to bring this to the floor, until a new incident comes up. If it goes back to the committee and by  $\frac{3}{4}$  is not passed.

#### VI. Senator Speakout

1. Glenn said that Senate should be aware we just dropped 15,000 dollars of money. He says he doesn't regret the decision, but that there was no discussion. He reminds senators that this is your activity fee and your constitutes' activity fee and should take more consideration when dropping money. Glenn said he himself didn't speak up much either, but it's just something to think about.
2. John Larson said when he was talking to Darcy Greder she said there are few that incidents that we know about, but there's no file to keep record of hate incidents. Larson said they were thinking of setting up something so people could look into a file to know how our campus has tracked the problems.
3. Sierra said it would be something like Security's Crime Report.
4. Infanzon asked what information is provided about incidents is available for public record.
5. Sierra said they are all confidential.
6. Infanzon asked about a student having a sociology project, would they have accessf to any records?
7. Sierra said you could just ask the Dean Greder and then she'll share the information.
8. Peter Raatz asked if there are records of gender issues.
9. John Larson said that's considered harassment, and yes.

#### VII. Announcements

1. Brandon Christol announced the Argus won 20 awards in the state for its publications and photos. Myla Green won best photo of sports in state. The Argus itself won third best newspaper in the state. Also, the Best Dressed award goes to Landis Wiedner.
2. Qiana Cryer said anyone interested in participating in Rakhi, please get her information before 10 AM Monday. The program involves getting paired with someone from a different background and having them be your brother or sister for the school year. Please e-mail her for more information.

3. Huang asked senators to look on back of resolution sheet to see the committee update on the back. He also asked to see Senate Activities and Calender Committee after the meeting.
4. Infanzon said that on Tuesday at 5:30 in the Muti-cultural Center there is a discussion on Latino identity
5. Dulac asked to see Resolutions Committee after the meeting.

VIII. Adjourn Meeting

A) Motion to adjourn: Nii-Amaah Ofosu Amaah

B) Seconded by: JR Glenn

C) Meeting adjourned at: 8:01