



Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis

Undergraduate Student Government

Minutes for Senate Meeting 9/28/2012

Devin Bready: Call to order

Approval of minutes

Steve Graunke: How can USG use this information? NSSE is a nationwide survey that is a national survey that looks to use information from students about college. We take this information that's given to us by IUPUI students and compare ourselves to other universities to see how we line up and see where we need to improve. We use effect sizes which are the number of units away from the mean or average. A point 2 unit away is an opportunity for improvement. Point 2 to .5 is issue to be mindful of. Assets to protect are .05 to .2 above .2 is area of strength. Supportive campus environment I'm talking about first years as a group and seniors as a group. First year and senior students gave us the same on this. IUPUI students appear to get along with everyone. Support for student success is where the university supports you academically and issues outside campus many students said this is an issue to be mindful of.

Brandon Betz: I feel supported. With things like MAC and BEPKO.

Steve Graunke: Enriching educational experiences: These are things like what you do outside of class. First year students were ahead of other institutions but seniors were a little bit behind. Seniors were doing it less than other schools. IUPUI has a lot of non-traditional students with students have things going on outside of school who do not have as much of a chance to do these things were other campuses have more traditional things. Diversity interactions mean people you interact with people who are different than you. Information technology is what extent your program suggests you use computers. This is dated. I just wanted to get some feedback again.

Mary Ankenbruck: First year experiences the way it's different is that in the past few years there have been a great push for freshmen to get involved.

Steve Graunke: Being more intentional to get students out there?

Brandon Betz: Solving problem. We see it's an issue with seniors and we are solving it with first year.

Steve Graunke: Do you see it as a problem?

David Willard: My feeling is that many of us seniors in our final year where we want to get it done. When we finish our work we go home and do our job or have homework. If there could be more educational events on campus that seniors knew about that would enrich it.

Steve Graunke: Any other comments? This next one is on student faculty interaction. In first year it's built into first year seminars. Included there is research and doing various activities. Go from something that's a strength as first years then it falls for seniors. Course interaction is more in the middle. Any thoughts about that?

Alaina Hodges: With the first year seminars you have to meet and do these things but with your senior year you check out a little bit.

Steve Graunke: These last two are more actively inclined. I thought about sharing with marketing because active learning is a huge strength. Students share things in class. We are very high ranked in class. We do this a lot more than other students at other universities we have students who want to get out and learn and take part in class. Do you talk to friends at other schools about academics?

Mary Ankenbruck: I think because we are in Indy we have more opportunities. Than other college towns because so many people are here that need help.

Steve Graunke: This last one is level of academic challenge. Course challenge how often is you doing things in a tough class. How many problem sets are you doing and things like that. Writing is how many papers are you writing. IUPUI scored high on how many papers we write. The higher order thinking skills is something that's a little more educated. Are you making connections between classes taking what you learned in class to real world experience? What can USG do to build on IUPUI strengths? What can USG do to address other issues? Does this fit into anything you've been discussing?

Cole Johnson: I think this is good info for our committees. To be able to have research based aspects can really help us drive missions and goals of other committees and make sure we are using funds and everything effectively.

Mary Ankenbruck: I am the chair of the social action committee and I think we can try to promote diversity I think to really understand it's important to have a diverse environment. I think we can provide diversity opportunities. If you have any other ideas you may go to the IMIR website.

Maria Harlan: Are these going to be on Oncourse?

Steve Graunke: I'll send you the link

Devin Bready: It'll be on the USG homepage.

Steve Graunke: NSSE puts up data on how to inspire this data and make changes with this data. The IUPUI Pulse survey began in 2009 to cut down on the number of surveys. I know you get bombarded with stuff. The idea with this is we take various office and USG and get take topics that are interesting to student's and get info that's real and usable here for IUPUI. We did a survey on campus housing that was taken to trustees. We did a campus safety survey. That especially discussed lighting. We did one on the summer. And that info was presented at the most recent deans meeting. We wanted to open it up and talk to you guys and see what you were interested in. I gave Cole a list of the topic. I heard campus safety came out on top. I want to know more since we did one a few years ago. We have another DP wants to do one on that service. Bookstore wants one on how to better serve IUPUI. Veteran students want on also. Campus accessibility is one . I'm interested here. Let's start with any questions. Campus Safety came out on top what about campus safety are you wanting to know about

Alan Hancock: In housing, there were cars broken into and bikes stolen and phones stolen. In housing, it made various people uncomfortable.

Mary Ankenbruck: By the apartments I've noticed that some of the blue emergency lights are not working and I've talked to people and nothing has happened. I want to know who is in charge of stuff.

Jason Spratt: You need to send that to me. Because I want to fight that battle for the students. I know the chief of police I'll go straight to him.

Steve Graunke: So just safety around campus housing or any other concerns.

David Willard: Over my three years here the campus presence of police have started getting better it is not strong enough yet. I think they need to be observed in every area of campus if they were just out there.

Jason Spratt: Maybe the question is around more the number of officers that is employed rather than the visibility. Where should the staffing structure bet at.

Brandon Betz: Aren't we one of the safest campus?

Jason Spratt: Yes .

Alan Hancock: I have not had experience with campus police. I have heard people unflattering talk about the campus police and see how they respect. Maybe respect the campus police could be a question.

Maria Harlan: Getting students opinion on their feelings of safety.

Lauren Schommer: I wanted to talk about the relationship with police. The spring semester this lady was walking around the parking lot and asking people for money. I called them and they were here in two minutes and they were really helpful. I think it depends. I have them in my

phone if they need them. I think we need to bring people together because maybe they need to see different things and see how to strengthen any weaknesses.

Steve Graunke: I'll wrap it up on. The democracy plaza is one we want to do. Is that something you think someone would be interested in?

Maria Harlan: I think two things health and wellness centers and parking. So maybe a student survey would be good for that.

Steve Graunke: We hear about parking on things that have nothing to do with parking. I can send you the pulse survey. That had some information about health and wellness center where they liked it but wasn't sure what it was. Thank you I will bring this information back.

Devin Bready: Updates on committee chairs

Andrew Davis: Just a quick update. I've been in contact with Davey Craig. He wants to set up a town hall about parking issue. Looking for early November going to go with staff and faculty council. We are going to discuss ways that we can be a little more active with public relations. Make tabling more active and work with other committees and get what USG is about out there.

Mitchell Gauger: As far as elections go second semester is more where we get down to it. I'd like more people. We are going to work a lot with PRC. Recruit candidates that are willing to campaign that will increase number of voters. I'd like to hit 1000 voter threshold mark. I want each senator to set a goal to get 6 people each to vote and start a domino effect.

Devin Bready: I have signup sheets here for anyone who hasn't signed up for a committee.

Kevin Cook: We had our meeting today and kind of talked about what we want to do. We want everyone to know where to go to talk about these safety issues. We want to be well known about campus. We are going to walk around campus and check call boxes. This Thursday we have a Security Council state meeting. Any security concerns are meetings are Friday at 11 so come to us.

Maria Harlan: So first my committees meet Wednesdays at 10:30 so if you guys would like to join. But everyone has to be on a committee. This is a new committee so we did a lot of discussion. We just want to know students opinions. We are going to work on getting information from students. Another thing we wanted to do is with the food committee is to get on the committee. Bring information back to those committee meetings. Smoking issue is on our radar. You can e-mail me if you have any questions.

Mary Ankenbruck: My name is Mary. We have found ways to partner with LGBT heritage month. We have action awareness posters that will be in the campus center starting next week. We are also being a Castro level sponsor. We are the highest sponsor for the Harvey milk dinner, this way we can promote diversity. So we are getting a lot of promotion and all that. This

will help the social action committee. We want to organize around issues on campus. Such as parking privatization and make sure their voices are heard. We are looking for new members.

Dile Wilson: I'm stepping in for Bindu. Pros vs. Joes we are partnering with sports teams and have different stations set up. Try and block a pass or something. Have different events and see what they think is best for the team. Have awards. Have USG vs. sports team tug of war. We are looking at food from Moe's. We are looking at promo items. We haven't finalized. We are still working out those finer details. Tentative date right now is 25<sup>th</sup> in the courtyard or larger rooms.

Tony Greco: If you are interested and you are not a liberal arts major we still need a justice.

Devin Bready: Open forum

Tony Greco : I have a letter from the vice chancellor that goes to presidents from student orgs. I'll give a copy to Hannah and read it. (See attached letter)

Read Letter.

You can contact him but I'll take any immediate questions

David Willard: When did they start thinking about this?

Tony Greco: About the second half of summer.

Ben Judge: Do you know how that would affect creation of new parking structures?

Tony Greco: At this time it is all up to negotiation.

Mary Ankenbruck: How fast would timeline be for deciding?

Tony Greco: It's hard to say how fast. The board will meet mid-October that will be the fastest they will say anything about. If, and that is a big If, they decide to do this they will send a proposal we want to see what these vendors would offer us in exchange for our parking. Short answer is mid-October. I wouldn't imagine they have a decision at least for a month or so. There is plenty of time to make

Brandon Betz: Do we have representation on this board and if we do who is it?

Tony Greco: It's me [usgpres@iupui.edu](mailto:usgpres@iupui.edu). Anyone who is involved is there. I am your representative.

Abby Drumm: What would happen if this did happen? I know a private company takes it over but what changes.

Tony Greco: University sells parking to a third party vendor for a large sum of money. We give up the right to sell permits. They got 500 million dollars at Ohio State.

Alan Hancock: based on your meetings are they opposed or what is the culture of the committee so far. If you can't tell me that's fine I'm just wondering.

Tony Greco: Nobody has officially said support. I feel there is a healthy dose of skepticism. Privatization can be a good thing and it can be a really bad thing. I think as the students it's reasonable to be skeptical. IUB (IU Bloomington) and IUPUI won't be tied in together it's not the same situation. I don't want to speak for other people.

Maria Harlan: Is there any plans or ideas with what they would do with the money?

Tony Greco: Yes there is the health and wellness center other classroom spaces this has to go into physical assets. It has to be concrete. We have such a good credit rating we cannot take the money and put it into none physical entities.

Aliana Hodges: In the event we did the third party vendor could they sell IUPUI spots to non IUPUI people?

Tony Greco: Depends on the contract.

Devin Bready: I've looked at the Ohio State contract and in it; it did not give them that right.

Rishi Chandra: That doesn't mean there will be more sports so will parking bet better?

Tony Greco: This has nothing to parking services we are just looking at the money?

Rishi Chandra: So does this mean parking will stay the same?

Tony Greco: I don't know?

Brandon Betz: If committee sees the upsides but students faculty and staff don't like it is there checks on them moving forward?

Tony Greco: In student government the best course of action is to see if a request goes out and you can look at it and then put a resolution out to see how we student government feels. We can act on the resolution and see. They can't do anything against our will without us putting up a fight.

Andrew Davis: Just a couple comments. We are always going to have parking problems. We would have to demolish half of campus for parking to not be a problem. We would get a huge check if it happened for these projects. It provides an avenue for us to do things like a health and wellness center. This town hall is expressly for privatization as soon as we get date finalized. Bring this up there because staff and faculty will be there.

Ben Judge: I think dr. davenport the money would also go towards things we've already done like money owed on hotel. So that's another thing.

Tony Greco: The parking garages also.

Jon McCann: Regardless of personal opinions I would like to ask that you give facts and not something that is construed. There has been a lot of fear mongering with this topic. Also vice chancellor Rhodes is a very smart woman who has our best interests at heart. Just keep that in mind.

Devin Bready: Have any more questions e-mail Tony we will move on.

David Willard: In early October activity we will put on our tournament for Gamer's Guild so look for that.

Andrew Davis: Come talk to me if join committee.

Mary Ankenbruck: Same with me.

Devin Bready: Committee chair meeting next Monday at noon.

Devin Bready: Adjourn