ABTS Presentation - Noel Mills and Sarah Henry

- ABTS is made up of all the big ten school’s student governments and all the students at their schools too. We come together to advocate for all the students and pass legislation that effects all of the schools. Each summer they elect an executive board, everyone is able to nominate whoever from their school. There are 3 conferences every year that also includes Big Ten on the Hill. At each conference, we have a legislative session where each school can work on legislation. Information sharing, there are round tables by topic where people can talk about the problems at each of our schools and brainstorm solutions and share things that we are working on at each school. It’s a chance to meet other student leaders. Advocacy is big during Big Ten on the Hill but we also focus a lot on student involvement during the voting season. Each school also has a liaison and are responsible for staying connected so we can share information not only during conferences. The winter conference is happening at Indiana University and we have 5 spots open this year, we encourage everyone to apply.

Appeals Process changes – Adam Burgaduff

- We changed some of the appeals processes in SABAC. Read over it and let me know if you have any questions.

Questions
  - Senator Roeder: Where will this be available in the future?
    - It’ll be included in our bylaws
Senator Smith: Are we going to be voting on this?
  o No because SABAC bylaws don’t need to be approved by senate
- Senator Verry: If this extends into legislative power, why isn’t the senate voting on it?
  o Yielded to Senator Correa
    ● SABAC’s bylaws don’t need to be approved but we have to consider how to goes into legislative power.
- Senator Smith: Is there a reason why we used the Office of Student Accountability?
  o It’s technically the appeals process for all around the university and we just changed it a little bit for SABAC. So, it’s not just for the OSA it’s the policy from around the university.
- Senator Correa: Can you go through the points on the appeals?
- Senator Peterson: I just wanted to clarify that we aren’t voting on this tonight and we will vote when all the bylaws change?
  o Yes, that’s correct

D.) Old Business

E.) New Business

✓ S.S.B #3- Senatorial Confirmations

- Presentation by Senator Correa
  - This is the new Senatorial Confirmation. They won’t be sworn in because we don’t have the SJC representative present.

- Questions?
  - Senator Roeder: Who were the seats that were vacated?
    o Can’t say but 3 of them did leave the organization.
  - Senator Heid: Do they have voting?
    o No since they are not officially sworn in.

- Discussion
  - Senator Correa: Point of inquiry. Can the new senators speak on the floor?
    o Yes
  - Senator Heid: They can speak on the floor and I’m calling the previous question.
    o Seconded by many

- Voting
  - Ayes have it
✓ S.S.B #4- African Student Alliance Appeal

- Presentation by Senator Hamstreet
  - SABAC has around 300,000 to 600,000 to spend each semester. However, last period we had $15,000 but had $50,000 in requests. We cut all of travel and every one’s requests by 50%. The first piece of leg

- Questions
  - Senator Peterson: When is the next period?
    - Senator Smith: Why did you cut spending by 50%?
      - Because if we went lower, we would have money left over and we wanted to spend as much as possible.
  - Senator Haggarty: What will happen if we didn’t approve the bill?
    - Yielded to someone who’s part of the ASA?
      - It will still happen, but we will have to use our own money.
  - Senator Smith: Have you looked at outside funding?
  - Senator Cooke: This would dip into our contingency fund?
    - This is coming from contingency, because senate can’t spend SABAC money.
  - Senator Heid: Can we spend out of SABAC account?
    - Don’t really know yielded to Adam
      - Don’t know either
    - Yield to Noel
      - We are not sure but just take into account that there has been a lot of budgeting going on and to respect the work that they put in to make sure that we don’t run out of money like last.
  - Senator Smith:
  - Senator Verry: Does the line items follow what we have in the bylaws?
    - Yes all of the line items follow what we have in the bylaws
  - Senator Khassai: Is SABAC’s request spread out?
    - Yes but they’re consistent throughout
  - Senator Khassai: Why does it need to be held at the Robert E. Lee rec center?
    - It needs to be held there because the rec center because the IMU does not allow home cooked food to be served to students.
  - Senator Khassai: Why are food costs so high?
    - Yielded to ASA
      - We have to buy a lot of our own food to cook because we can’t just use the IMU catering since they can’t cater African food honestly.
  - Senator Turnquist: Is the travel cost included in the food cost?
    - Senator Komen: No it’s not included.
- Senator Turnquist: How many students came last year?
  - Around 50.
- Senator Haider: How many countries are being represented?
  - Yielded to the representatives
    - We are going in to the double digits this year and it’s so important to get this funding because people see Africa as only one country when there is so much more.
- Senator Kerst: Is it normal for student orgs to ask for money for events that don’t necessarily only benefit students?
  - Yes
- Senator: If this was in the in a different spending period would they be able to get the money?
  - We don’t know because it depends on how many other student orgs also apply for funding in that period.
- Senator: In the bylaws it says that if it’s free for students you can charge admission for the public have you considered doing that?
  - Yielded to ASA
    - We have not considered doing that but right now we advertised it as being free, so we’d like to keep it that way.
- Senator Folkers: Is this going to affect any of the other student orgs that were cut?
  - No
- Senator Qi: So this funding period was cut because too many people applied right? Is it a hard cap?
  - Correct and it’s not a hard cap but it’s financially smart so we don’t run out of money like we did last year.
- Senator Smith: When does SABAC decide when to cut the travel?
  - We wait until the end of each period and have the requests. and then go over all of them. Usually travel gets cut first then see what can be cut next.
  - Senator Heid: That decision was made in the past as well.
- Senator Smith: Were the amounts that were cut the same as the line items that are in the legislation now?
  - Yes, it’s the same line items but just cut in half.
- Senator Miera: Did ASA ask for UISG money last year?
  - No
- Senator Miera: How did they afford it?
  - Yielded to Valentine
    - We usually put in our own money.
- Senator Peterson: Would not getting the other $900 effect the amount of food?
- Senator Correa: How did you come up with the food budget?
  o Yielded to ASA
    ▪ Yes it would
- Senator Turnquist: What would happen if the event was not going to get held?
- Senator Smith: What is the amount in the contingency fund?
  o Around $95,000 but there’s going to be more requests that have to come out of contingency, and we have to keep $60,000 in the account. So right now we technically only have $35,000 in contingency for the rest of the year.
- Senator Smith: We’ve typically had more money in contingency in the past, what’s the reasoning for that?
  o Because last year we over spent due to KRUI and we are trying to avoid that with the new
- Senator Qi: Is there somewhere we could find all the funding that was approved?
  o Yielded to Adam
    ▪ I’ll email it to Elli so she can pull it up.
- Senator Miera: Since attendees were charged in the past, did that contribute to how they could afford the event?
  o Yielded to ASA
    ▪ No because it was after the event, so we used it to fund the other events we put on.
- Senator Qi: How did marketing happen for this event?
  o Yielded to ASA
    ▪ Contacted departments to try and get the word out. We are also planning on doing a flash mob and handing out flyers later this week.
- Senator Miller: Is there a concern that cutting funding would prompt people to request more than they need?
  o Yes, but also we go through all of the requests to make sure that they aren’t inflated.
- Senator Peterson: Did ASA provide any documentation if it was possible to get the other $900 from the SOBO account?
  o Yielded to ASA
    ▪ We did fundraise some but if we used that money we’d have absolutely nothing left
- Senator Hagedorn: Flyers are digital or printed?
- Senator Smith: What would ASA consider be the most important line items? Would we be available to make an amendment to consider cutting some of the items so we can bring the costs down?
  o Yielded to ASA
    ▪ We can consider it but we really need all the money.
- Senator Correa: Didn’t we already buy equipment that they could potentially use for audio?
  o Yielded to Sarah
    ▪ Not really because it’s not the equipment they need.
- Senator Smith: Would it be possible to use other campus resources, so we don’t have to do it off campus?
  o Yielded to ASA
    ▪ No because of the catering rules.
- Senator Correa: Is there a breakdown of what is going to be spent on catering vs. groceries?
  o I’ll pull it up
- Senator Turnquist: I thought UISG could only fund utensils if they’re compostable
  o No we will still fund utensils but they can apply for GIF funding for all the utensils, cups, plates, etc.
- Senator Roeder: Are they compostable?
  o Yielded to ASA
    ▪ No they are not.
- Debate
  - Senator Kepner: I will be in support because it fell in a bad week and does fit into our guidelines.
  - Senator Qi: I’m concerned about passing this because we need to be able to fund every student org equally
  - Senator: I am in favor because it’s really expensive to get a lot of these. It’s not equal because we have to pull out of our own pockets and that’s not fair.
  - Senator Khassai: We never ask these many questions unless it’s a multicultural organization. Also, a lot of multicultural organizations have not been aware of how to request funding. Plus out of all of the orgs that were cut, these two were the only ones that showed up and appealed the decision.
  - Senator Miera: I do agree with Ruth. I do want to make the point that this may prompt a lot more people to come in and also appeal the decisions and we have to fund them since we funded this org.
- Senator Haider: I do support Senator Qi’s alternative suggestion to GIF and we could cut utensils.
- Senator Khassai: Multicultural events do need more money because they can’t rely on a lot of the resources that the university has.
- Senator Haggerty: Point of inquiry. Would the $38,000 amount that won’t
- Senator Roeder: I do agree with the financial concerns; I think that this legislation tackles something bigger. Between the urgency and their contribution to the university I think we need to really think about funding this.
- Senator Meyer: Can we amend the first 3 line items and delete that. As well as subtract half of the utensils from the food.
  o Seconded by many
  o Debate over the amendment
    • I’d like to make an amendment to the amendment to subtract $55.65 from food to make it all of the utensils. Will be taken out.
      o Seconded.
      o Discussion
        ▪ Oscar: will not be in support
        ▪ Smith: Will be support
        ▪ Voting over the amendment
          • Nay
            ▪ Debate over the amendment before the amendment
- Senator Heid: Call previous question
  ▪ Nays have it
- Senator: I’d like to know how ASA found out about appeal?
  ▪ We had someone from UISG talk to
- Senator Smith: When we deny funding, does the letter also include the appeal process?
  ▪ Hamstreet: no but we will be
- Senator Qi: Amendment to subtract the amount of money for utensils from food.
  ▪ Seconded
  ▪ Call previous question
    • Aye
- Senator Komen: Yield to ASA did we look into GIF funding.
  o We didn’t look into GIF funding because it had a lot of regulations that we couldn’t make.
- Senator Mueller: Remember the difference between supporting and fulling funding something.
- Senator Hamstreet: This appeals process is not for orgs that don’t like the amount of money that they gave. But it’s rather for people who believe we are being biased. It’s concerning because again this opens iup people to just appeal because they’re upset and that’s not what we want.

- Senator Haggarty: I see 3 different scenarios. We pass this legislation and it opens it up for more orgs to appeal. We pass this legislation and we suddenly become responsible to decide what is considered equitable and that’s not fair. Or we don’t pass this legislation and the event goes on.

- Senator Verry: That’s what we call a slippery slope and should not be considered when we do this.

- Senator Heid: Call previous question.
  - Seconded

- Period of Voting
  - Aye have it

✓ S.S.B #5- National Society of Black Engineers Appeal

- Presentation
- Questions
- Debate
  - Senator Peterson: I’d like to yield my time to NSBE
    - As part of NSBE we are a huge push for DEI and because of the director of DEI resigning. Our funding fell through and we provide so much to the students that our membership doubled.

- Senator Haggerty: I will be in full support because

- Senator Pinho: I will be support because we are here to support students and I think that $3,000 will be well worth it if even one student gets a job with a big company and they can come back.

- Senator Komen: There is not a lot for people like me and NSBE is a great community and things like this create so many opportunities for people that look like me.

- Senator Drahos: Since the release of DEI, what activities and jobs have your picked up?
  - Every week we have something big because he stepped down. Like this week we have a huge diversity reception.

- Senator Drahos: I will be in support of this because they have been doing so much for the university. Because of the situation that they are in right now, I believe that there is something that

- Senator Turnquist: How did you fund this in the past?
  - Usually through corporate but because we want to take a lot of student there this year and we can’t do that with the funding that we currently have.
- Senator Dickens: I’d have to vote against it because it’s $3,000 and if we continue to fund things like this. We won’t have a contingency fund in a month.
- Senator Turnquist: Have you asked corporate for more money?
  - Yes, but a lot of our money is restricted and we can’t use it for travel and that is going to be a huge cost.
- Senator Heid: I’d like to make a motion to extend to 10:10
  - Nay
- Senator Verry: I serve on the funding committee on the engineering and they have put in a request. We won’t be able to fund them if they don’t get money from UISG.
- Senator Folkers: NSBE there is a possibility of trio funding as well. Regarding the idea of setting a precedent, since we are already changing the bylaws that won’t matter anymore.
- Senator: Previous Question
  - Aye

  ▪ Period of Voting
    - Aye have it.