

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
Student Senate
March 19, 1959

Vice President Barclay Cale called the Indiana University Student Senate to order at 7:15 in the Bryan Room. Senators absent were: Senators Pebworth and Oliver. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The chair announced an executive report from President Flynn in accord with the mandate concerning the Convocation Series passed February 26. The report told how Dr. Mueller, chairman, organizes the program and its values and limitations. President Flynn recommended that the Senate discuss possible guest speakers for the series and suggest them to Dr. Mueller.

Mr. Pete Sherman presented a report from S.E.C. concerning the coming election. He announced the offices to be elected and explained that applications would be open March 21 to April 8. Mr. Sherman also stated that S.E.C. asked Senate to pass the proposed bill allowing S.E.C. to begin counting ballots before the polls close. He said the committee felt it would prove an easier and more accurate method. Senator Atkins asked what constituted the main work of counting ballots. Mr. Sherman and Senator Harle explained that one half the work is in separating the ballots.

Senator Nash asked the Senate to recognize Mr. Don Jackson who represented Phi Delta Theta. The fraternity wished to obtain the Senate's permission for sponsoring a Miss America pageant on campus. Mr. Jackson read the letter of information from the state sponsors and the contracts involved, and he answered technical questions asked by the senators. The vote on the proposal was passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Atkins presented a formal report from Committee A which was adopted, and Senator Williams gave an informal report from Committee C.

OLD BUSINESS

Senator Nash brought the Bill to Establish a Human Relations and Brotherhood Commission from the table. Committee B proposed the following amendments: deleting the sentence in the first paragraph starting "At least one member" and the following two sentences and replacing it with "The President of Indiana University shall be asked to serve as advisor to this group, in lieu of the President of the University, the advisor shall be any person whom he may appoint."; to add "and report their finding with any recommendations which they might have." to Section 1; changing Section 2 to read "To examine the complaints and grievances concerning discrimination tendered by members of the Student Body and investigate the same and report any recommendations to the Student Senate for the appropriate action."; delete Sections 5 and 6; to change the paragraph beginning "This Commission" to read "This Commission shall terminate with the submission of its complete report November 1, 1959."

Senator Naylor felt there was a discrepancy in the termination date, and Senator Nash expressed the committee had felt it was the best method. Senator Atkins proposed to amend the bill by extending the date to May 1960. Senator Naylor thought the commission should be a permanent one and that a termination date would hamper its work. Senator Davis and Senator Atkins felt that if the Commission has value, Senate can extend the mandate next spring. Discussion followed. Senator Nash moved the previous question. Motion carried. The vote on the amendment to the amendment also carried. Further discussion on the date was brought up. Senator Atkins suggested that the last sentence of the paragraph concerned be amended to read--"The termination of this Commission shall come up for a vote at the first Senate meeting of May, 1960." The amendment was passed. Senator Alexander asked for a clarification of wording in Section 4. Senator Barton asked why the Dean of Students had been removed from the proposed commission. Senator Nash did not feel that Senate had the right to name the Dean of Students to a committee. Senator Atkins felt the Dean was important to the success of the commission. Senator Schlens felt the bill was trying to do what President Flynn had already done in his report on brotherhood. Senator Alexander felt that there were other interest groups on campus which should be included. This opened a discussion on student membership to the commission. Senator Barton moved to amend the first paragraph by beginning the list of Commission members as follows: "An autonomous seven-man commission, consisting of the Dean of Students or such persons as he may appoint in his stead." The amendment carried. Senator Naylor spoke on his original purpose of the bill and expressed disappointment with the amendments. Senator Nash moved to adjourn for a five minute recess at 9:00. Motion carried. When the Senate readjourns, Senator Nash moved to table the bill and resend it to committee. Motion carried. Senator Barton moved that this be an open and publicized meeting. It was carried. The chair assigned the bill to Committee A.

Senator Harle moved to bring the Bill to Amend the Indiana University Student Government Elections Code from the table. Motion carried. This is the bill concerning the counting of ballots before the polls close. Senator Atkins proposed to amend the bill as follows: the ballot boxes may be replaced during an election. They must be sealed, signed and officially stamped when replaced. They may be taken to the counting area and separated according to districts by straight and split tickets. No counting shall take place until after the polls have officially closed. The amendment was passed. The vote of the bill passed with more than the necessary two-thirds majority.

Senator Atkins gave the second reading of the Bill Concerning Certain Portions of Housing Regulations and proposed two amendments. They are: by deleting "and all students of Indiana University who become twenty-one years of age during the school year, shall at or after their twenty-first birthday," and by inserting "to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate between "Senators" and "shall" in line 2 of Section II. Both amendments were passed. Senator Dann moved to table the bill until the next meeting so that other interest groups might be consulted. The vote was defeated. Senator Mikosell asked why the similar resolution was defeated last October. Senator Grant explained that there was no investigation made to support it.

Senator Barton explained Dean Dowlings suggestions and ideas on the matter. There are two objections. First, if single students were to live out in town there would not be enough housing available for married students. The second is that there would be a lack of supervision. Senator Mikesell felt this bill would definitely harm the married students after hearing the statistics, but Senator Atkins answered that the bill is only a suggestion to the administration. Senator Atkins moved the previous question. Motion carried. The vote on the bill was taken by division and the bill passed. The chair appointed a committee composed of Senators Barton, Southworth, Oliver, and Bourne to present this bill to the administration.

NEW BUSINESS

There were four new bills presented before Senate. Senator Atkins gave the first reading of a Bill to Amend the Indiana University Student Government Constitution. It was assigned to Committee C. Senator Naylor presented the first reading of a Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Indiana University Student Government, and the bill was referred to Committee B. Senator Barton presented the first reading of the third bill, a Bill Strengthening Requirements for the Supreme Court. The bill was sent to Committee A. Senator Barton also proposed the fourth. He gave the first reading of a Bill to Amend the Indiana University Election Code. This bill was referred to Committee C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Barton invited anyone interested in running on the Student Democratic Party ticket in the coming election to contact him. Senator Atkins reminded Senate that LUNA was in progress. Senator Ewer moved to adjourn at 9:55. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Foulkes, Clerk