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INDIANA UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE

MINUTES

May 1, 1970

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker King called the Special session to order at 3:00 P.M. in the Union Board Lounge. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Balanoff spoke about the Purdue incident. Senator Allman elaborated on this point, and said there were just incidents of police brutality, no arrests were made and injuries were sustained.

Speaker King read a statement from President Sutton rejecting the demands. In this letter, he explained his meeting with Deans Derge, Hartley, Merritt, and Smith. He said that only three students were allowed in the room at a time. This was made possible through the efforts of Mr. Guy Brown, the Student Government Advisor. He said that President Sutton had received many unsigned communications, and would consider them informal until the Senate made them formal.

Senator Martin asked if the small group referred to President Parker, and Vice-President King or another group.

FORUM

No one wished to speak in the Forum.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Hutton introduced R-7, "A Resolution Endorsing The Demands Made To The IU Administration." The rules were suspended unanimously.

Senator Davis spoke about the 3rd Whereas clause, and asked for a definition of "silence" and "neutrality." He said that a large sector of the Student Body was not at the rally.

Senator Woolery spoke of the general lack of knowledge. He said that we need more publicity, the rally was held on too short a notice.

Senator Davis said that there were 1,000 or 1,500 in attendance, some of whom were there just to watch. He said that this does not resemble an open meeting.

Retired-Senator Hofer said there were 1,800 by police estimates, and these estimates are always low. Speaker King said there were many more than that.

Senator Woolery said that the rally was open, not closed, that there were few people because of lack of publicity. He questioned the second Whereas clause on whether it should read: "these" or "the."

Senator Buker said that the financial situation does not fit into the role of the University in Education.

Senator Perko said the financial interests of the University are not just those within the University.

Senator Davis asked how the Seale incident is racist.

Senator Hutton said that there is not time to go over the entire matter, that much of it has to do with Panther statistics.

Senator Allman spoke about two points raised by Senator Davis. He said that adding more demands fractionalizes from the one big demand, and the question of sympathy to the Panthers.

Senator Biesecker asked about the Cambodian situation and how it tied in with the demands. Senator Baran said that the issues are inter-related.

Senator Biesecker said that he supports the Panthers, but not the Cambodia venture. Senator Ostrofsky said that this was part of the demand.

Senator Basist said that the Panthers are being repressed all over the country.

Senator Biesecker spoke about ways of mobilizing the Student Body. Senator Hutton said that it has to be all or none. He said that the rally accepted all of the demands.

Senator Meyer said that the point was not that the rally accepted the demands but if the Senate should.

Senator Allman said that he has more support of the Seale situation than the Cambodian situation because of misinformation on the South East Asian policy.

Senator Biesecker said the one central issue is to mobilize..

Senator Woolery said that at the rally there was some dissent.

Senator Bienert offered a friendly amendment concerning the legal defense fund, suggesting that the contribution to the Seale Defense fund come from the Student Government Legal Defense Fund.

Senator Allman said that large groups are really hard to deal with. He said that we should go through each of the five demands separately.

Senator Bardagjy said that when you say this, you make the Senate elitists. Senator Meyer rejected this, and said that by the Senate doing this, it makes it important.

Senator Woolery said that if you say the Meadow People were wrong, how can 19 Senators be right.

Senator Allman said that President Sutton cannot ignore a decision of the Senate.

Senator Bustin gave the floor to Retired-Senator Hofer. Mr. Hofer said that at last year's rally too many alternatives were presented to the crowd, but the alternatives were clear today, and there was little objection. He said the rally was obviously in favor of the demands.

Mr. Dave Frohman spoke, and said that we should approve Demands A and B, and table Demands D and D.

Senator Bustin said that we are not here to alter the demands, only to endorse or reject them.

Senator Biesecker said that we must ask what we want to accomplish. He said that we need more support.

Senator Burr suggested setting up a referendum since the Senators are not representative of the Student Body.

Mr. Hofer suggested a compromise. He suggested voting on each demand separately, and assuming that we pass all of them, the Student Body can then decide despite President Sutton's rejection.

Senator Buker asked if the demands were from the people to the leaders or the leaders to the people. He said that Seale is getting kicked, but the rallying point was the war.

Senator Woolery said that we are complaining about two issues, and others have had two issues and have succeeded in dealing with them.

Senator Davis asked what was wrong in having a referendum, and Senator Hutton said that it is too much work.

Senator Pratt said he fears non-complicity from the Student Body.

Senator Woolery described the whole debate as being ridiculous and added that he felt the turnout for a referendum would be "ludicrous." He urged the Senate to act immediately, concluding "We're wasting time!"

Senator Bustin called the question. Senator Allman objected, and suggested that "we get it together." Senator Martin said that something will happen whether we like it or not.

The question was called, and Senator Allman removed his name from the bill. A vote was taken, and R-7 passed.

Senator Bienert introduced R-6, "A Resolution Condemning Police Activities at Indiana University. The rules were suspended. Senator Bustin said that the police were on campuses.

Senator Burr said to Senator Bienert: "If you were in charge of Safety in this situation, wouldn't you have done the same?"

Senator Bienert said that it was obvious that the rally was peaceful and had a peaceful intent.

Senator Meyer said that actions speak louder than words. Senator Bienert said that it was necessary to have police there, but there was no need to march riot police in, and that this brought a riot atmosphere to campus. Senator Hutton agreed, and Senator Davis also agreed. Senator Meyer asked how many windows were broken last year, and Senator Allman said that the kids messed up the rock throwers.

Senator Bardaggy called the question, and R-6 passed.

Senator Hutton introduced R-8, "A Resolution Endorsing Planned Activities for May 4, and May 5. The rules were suspended. Senator Woolery offered a friendly amendment to include something about Founder's Day, and suggested a walkout or something. Mr. Hofer suggested turning in unused tickets.

Senator Allman asked for clarification, and Speaker King suggested educational picket lines, talking to the people, leaflets, dorm and Greek organizing.

Senator Dillencourt called the question, a vote was taken, and R-8 passed. Senator Davis abstained.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Leeds
Acting Senate Clerk