**IPC Senate Meeting**

**Date:** March 29, 2015 at 5PM

**Location:** The Ohio Union

**President:** Tariq Azam

**Vice President:** Brian Myers

**Secretary:** Matt King

**Chief of Staff:** Laura Awadalla

**Absent:**

**Guest Speakers**

CJ Demmer form the Law school is speaking on behalf of two resolutions. First is Vets for Vets, a program supporting Veterans within the community.

The request is for $2,000 to fund a student lounge for them that would be open to the public, including student-veterans here at the school. They are asking for the funds to have some general funding and to help get the word out.

Second is an event to benefit PTSD suicide awareness among our veterans. Suicide rates of late are tremendously high for our returning service members. This would be a 5K obstacle run allowing vets to mingle with others and it would benefit “Summit for Soldiers”, a program that provides outdoor recreational adventure therapy for those who have PTSD and similar symptoms through mountaineering programs etc. The 5K is on 4/4/15.

CJ is requesting $1,500 for the 5K obstacle run. He is open to a reduction in the amount requested if the Senate deems that necessary.

**President Update**

HPS was this past Friday and Saturday. There were 200 student participants, 30-40 faculty and staff and community members, and 1 high school student as well.

Dr. King, who is now retiring dean of vet med and executive dean for all health sciences and a great advocate for IPC, was the keynote speaker and he was very good. Overall, the event went really well. There were some issues getting food and drinks delivered on time, but that was about it in terms of problems. There was a great turnout.

Asim has agreed to take on the planning of HPS for next year. It’s going to be in the Union Performance Center and it will be cheaper than the Drake was, so that’s good.

Casino night is on Friday at 7pm at the Blackwell. We need to make a FB event for that tonight, please share that on FB if you can. Invite your friends. Tariq is going tomorrow night to Barnes and Noble to buy the prizes to be given away at the end of the night.

Nominations will be in new business.

**Vice President Update**

Budget was printed out. We have put OUAB grad-prof thing under the coke fund. The T-shirts are also included in the budget numbers for next year. These are discretionary items that can be adjusted if we choose to fund CJ’s resolutions instead.

Any questions? None.

[Several boxes of IPC T-Shirts were at the front of the room] The T-Shirts up here should be taken. The leads should take them and hand them out at their outreach breakfasts and stuff.

We also have baseball shirts that we got last year with the last name of the Senator on the back. Take a look if you never got one, yours might be in there.

Some pins and pens are here also for people to take to hand out to their schools.

**Chief Justice Update**

Currently in the middle of grading PDF’s. Most Justices have gotten back already. In the next 2-3 days we will start processing with Meghan to make sure that people get their money.

Tariq: We will be working over the next month to get the PDF changes sorted out and see how we’re going to move forward with the next several years.

Ideally we would set a date next year (first one) and then there we would approve the changes and that way so that all the messages that go out will include those changes and stuff so you can market that with plenty of time.

**Chief of Staff Update**

Laura couldn’t make it today, she’s out of town and couldn’t get back. Let her know if there are any changes in committee structure for next year. Please let her know if you’d like to stay on the same committee you are currently in or if you’d like to have another one assigned to you etc. Think about your schedules for next year so that you can attend all of your committee meetings. You can always ask about other committees’ availability. It is part of our responsibilities as a Senator to attend. If you absolutely cannot go for some big reason, then that’s ok, but please continue to make these meetings. It’s very important to our mission on IPC.

**Social Chair Update**

No new updates. Everything is winding down aside from the big event this Friday.

Halloween will get squared away for next year in the next couple weeks also.

**Outreach Chair Update**

Outreach Breakfasts are this week. Med is tomorrow. Dental is tomorrow at 6:45am. Vet is Tuesday at 8am. Law is Tuesday at 10am. Pharm is Wednesday at 7:30am with Chelsea. Optometry is Friday at 8am with Jeremy. There are raffle tickets to hand out to everyone at the table that will be used at Casino night. Grab more shirts if you can so that you can hand them out while you’re at the table.

**PR Chair Update**

Made the FB event for Volleyball and going to do another one about Casino night tonight.

Promote the breakfasts and please invite people to all these facebook events once they go out.

Volleyball is 4.18 in woodlands backyard. There are going to be some good prizes as well so please try and get the word out.

**New Business**

Last thing about Casino night: we will have 4 more casino tables than last year. The food will be really good.

In addition to elections we have out 2 resolutions on the floor.

So let’s talk about supporting Vets for Vets and the Veteran’s student lounge. The student lounge sounds like it will be in the Union.

Brian: we don’t have enough money outstanding right now to fund these resolutions the way that we have it set up. But with the prospective funding we have set up to several other items, we could repeal those future-funding events in order to handle these.

Question: Do you know the kinds of things other than the general upkeep of the lounge that the 2K would go to fund?

A: They do a lot of off-campus Veteran’s events. They were having a Marine Corps birthday celebration and MLSA was also having a fundraiser at the same bar and they crossed paths.

They do a lot with trying to facilitate employment and job placement for vets on campus. There are certain tax incentives for hiring veterans so part of it is trying to get businesses to hire these veterans.

They would be used to fund their general meetings. They pay for all the paper and the toner for the printing. Food and drinks and general promotion for the student groups on campus. It’s a 501(c)(3) so CJ isn’t aware if they are actually a student group also and they may not be able to draw on the funding from the school.

Tariq: just as a point of order, generally we have not supported resolutions for seed money to get things started. Generally we don’t do start-up funding for operational budgets. There are other resources through the university available through their own fundraising mechanisms and we want to do that to make them more inclusive of the general community.

The lounge has only been operating for about a year now. It’s sort of a pay as you go service for them now with drinks and stuff in there. We could stipulate that it’s only for a specific event and not just “seed money” to add to their general funding.

Motion was made and seconded to table this discussion until next meeting so that CJ can get more information about why they are seeking funding and if it is for some specific event that would be suitable for IPC to fund as opposed to just general funding for their budget.

Unanimous decision to table the motion until the next meeting for voting on the funding of the veterans student lounge in order to get more detail about where the money is going etc. and how it will be allocated and for what.

Now for Run Down the Demons:

Senator: It’s a really good cause and we have the money. Open to the public. Sounds good.

Senator 2: So if we want to fund this now, do we have to make a motion to roll back the funding for the other stuff next year etc.

Motion to vote on the resolution now before the senate.

No further discussion, moving to a vote.

Motion passes unanimously to fund Run Down the Demons in the amount requested above.

MOVING ON TO ELECTIONS:

There will be time for them to speak and questions to ask them after. Anything asked of one person will be asked of all the others in the interests of fairness.

Running for President we have Matt King.

Running for VP we have Chelsea Devitt and Kevin Donnelly

Running for Secretary we have Noor Abushagur.

Matt King spoke and was asked questions by the Senate. Matt was voted president of IPC for the upcoming year.

Now onto Vice Presidential Voting:

Chelsea presented and was asked questions.

Kevin Donnelly presented and was asked the same questions as Chelsea.

Both candidates left the room for voting by ballots.

Kevin Donnelly was voted next year’s Vice President.

Now for Secretary.

Jeff Yu was nominated at the last minute and has chosen to run.

Noor spoke first and was asked questions.

Jeff spoke second and was asked the same questions as Noor.

Both left the room for voting by ballot.

Noor Abushagur was voted Secretary of IPC for the upcoming year.

Congratulations to all our officers for next year.

**Adjourn**

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