**IPC Senate Meeting**

**Date:** April 19, 2015 at 5PM

**Location:** The Ohio Union

**President:** Tariq Azam

**Vice President:** Brian Myers

**Secretary:** Matt King

**Chief of Staff:** Laura Awadalla

**Absent:** Several absences. However, quorum was established.

**Guest Speakers**

None today.

**President Update**

Starting off with a few personal remarks from Tariq about his time with IPC. He wanted to thank everyone for all their work over the years. We have had some great events over the years and that’s all a result of a lot of great work from all of you.

Now for a couple things that have gone really well over the past couple years, starting with HPS. HPS turned out to be really good. Folks who attended, the planning committee and all the others really enjoyed it. People from Battelle and the industry came as well and really liked it. All the deans were and are really excited about the event and what it will be in the future as well. The Deans are going to be taking on some sort of a first-year interdisciplinary curriculum event and would like to merge that somehow with HPS.

Next year’s topic will be focusing on mental health among patients, etc. Tariq has requested the performance hall for end of march/early april for the event.

It’s really important that we continue to build the Health Professional Summit up in the future as well. The event is truly unique in that it is organized and run by students and it could serve to bring positive attention to the University and it’s resources.

This year we’ve done happy hours, branched out into board game night which was a big success and then Casino night was a big hit again as well. Keep up the momentum!

In terms of areas for improvement: PDF needs some work. We need to work on the advertising and making sure that it gets out early, often and that we work on targeted advertising. We should really be doing “testimonial” type things, showing each school that members of their school have applied for “X” event and have gotten “Y” funding for it.

Other things to consider over the next year or so: New University administration. Dr. Drake is still relatively new. I assume there will be a lot of turnover in the upper levels over the next couple years. We have a new CEO of the Med center, there will be several new deans including veterinary medicine and medicine. There have also been changes in vice presidential positions as well. This is important for IPC because there is a lot of uncertainty for students. The administration has laid out some of it’s goals since Dr. Drake’s arrival and stuff and we need to engage him more as an organization. Ohio State has a tradition of shared governance between students, faculty, and administration. That means we need to stay active with our committees and be sure that we bring back information from our committees to the IPC Senate so that we can stay informed on these issues/topics.

It’s been a pleasure to lead you the past couple of years. Definitely learned a lot, and I’ve been lucky to work with all of you.

For the Halloween planning we will be working on getting the same place as the last two years. It’s worked out really well in the past, Park Street Patio has been very accommodating to us and people seem to have a really good time.

For Casino night, Tariq has submitted a request for the same place with the same vendors and everything since it went so well this year. Consistency seems to be the best way to succeed with Casino night. Please bring up any new ideas for these events and stuff as time goes on so that we can make these as successful as possible.

**Vice President Update**

The budget that was prepared for this meeting is updated to include everything that has come through in terms of funding requests, etc. Total unallocated funds are around $3,100, which can be seen at the top of the spreadsheet on the handout next to the amount left in the Coca-Cola Fund. Right now, the goal for Brian, since the year is coming to a close and he will be gone soon, is to make sure that everyone who has asked for funding gets it, and that all of our expenses are taken care of and accounted for properly. As there may be some additional requests before we all break for the summer, our current amount left is at a good level to accommodate for anything that might come up. We’re expecting CJ will show up tonight to talk more about the funding request that he had put in for the Veteran Student lounge last week.

Don’t forget to fill out the RSVP for inauguration. At orientation we had an issue where a bunch of people showed up that didn’t RSVP.

Inauguration will be next Sunday at 5pm in the cartoon room, which is on the 3rd floor of the Union.

**Chief Justice Update**

Jeff wasn’t able to make it this week. Any and all advice on how to make the PDF process run more smoothly at the senator or justice level would be greatly appreciated. We’re looking for anything you have to say, particularly around better ways to attract people or disseminate information, etc.

**Chief of Staff Update**

Michael Ringle of the law school will be taking over as Chief of Staff and he’ll be sending out a form this summer for you to indicate your committee preferences for next year.

**Social Chair Update**

Nothing new. Thanks for all your help with FB and getting the word out about events this year.

**Service Chair Update**:

Had 13 teams show up to the Volleyball tournament yesterday at Woodlands backyard! We were able to raise over $700 for the Columbus YWCA. The event went really well, everyone seemed to have a great time. Big time thank you to Caitlin Thompson and all the others who made this event possible. Great job.

**Outreach Chair Update:**

Nothing new to add. Thank you to everyone for your help this year. Keep up with the outreach breakfasts next year!

**PR Chair Update**

No new updates here.

**New Business**

Congratulations to Lo-Shen on getting engaged this past week.

CJ has now shown up to present on the pending resolution from last week to fund the Veteran’s Student lounge here on campus.

The proposal as it stands was general operating funds in the amount of $2,000. There are several hundred veteran students on campus, so this would be a great resource for them and for others looking to meet veterans. It’s in the Smith Labs building.

As of right now it’s kind of a safe space for veterans and it is maintained by those that use it. The big cash draw they have is the printing and the food that they have there.

This is kind of like seed money to finance the operations of the lounge for next year.

Question: Is this only available to veterans?

CJ believes that it HAS to be opened to all given their status on campus.

The Law school has about 40 military service personnel alone.

Question: Do they have any type of outreach events?

The organization has only been around for a couple years now. It’s getting much more popular now because a lot of military personnel are finishing up with their service obligations and are going back to school. Couple that with the military downsizing across the board, and Ohio States leading stance on providing an education to veterans, the number of veteran students has risen sharply.

Tariq said that there is a military medicine interest group and would suggest that if we were to fund this resolution that the organization would have to agree to actively reach out to recruit professional students from these types of groups to bring in other students.

You can find the student groups’ facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/VeteransLoungeAtOhioState>

There was concern raised about the amount raised for groups throughout the year. This resolution seems to be for a bit more than we usually provide to student groups. In the interests of being consistent and fair among all of the student groups it seems a little bit more in line with what we’ve been doing throughout the year to start off the funding resolution voting at a lesser amount. The speaker thinks other Senators would be more comfortable with voting to finance this at a lesser amount. [Others seemed receptive to this proposal.]

The first amendment was for the money to only be used for upkeep of the lounge and to require that they would have to then reach out as a requirement to the professional student veterans.

This amendment has passed unanimously.

The second amendment being proposed is to amend the requested amount to $1000 instead of the $2000 that was originally requested.

2 Opposed. Amendment passes. The resolution is now asking for $1000 from IPC.

Move to vote on the amended proposal was seconded.

Motion to fund them 1000 passed. 29-0-0.

**Adjourn**

Thanks again to everyone for a great year.

See you next week in the Cartoon room at 5pm on Sunday for inauguration!