DSA Student Advisory Board

February 28, 2017

Meeting Minutes

1) Welcome – Dr. Willie Banks, Jr.

2) Dinner

3) Program –

A) Mark Adkins – Student Transit

* Dr. Banks asks the members to discuss with friends and classmates their thoughts and suggestions for the Transit System. Please email your feedback to John Sare at [john.sare@indstate.edu](mailto:john.sare@indstate.edu)
* Suggestion that there is room to improve the perception of safety on the Transit System.
* Suggestion that there needs to be an improvement in the marketing of the availability of the Transit System, publishing routes and schedules.
* Suggestion to include Transit System in NSO.
* Transit drivers need to be instructed to stick to specific routes.
* Transit Stops should be posted.
* A transit tracking application for smart phones needs to be made available.

B) John Lentz – Campus Recreation, Updates and Announcements

* Racquetball courts will be permanently lost with renovation to the Arena Building.
* North Gym will be closed to approximately December 2017 till August 2018.
* New floor in the North Gym may restrict allowable uses, which may result in loss of special event spaces.
* OCR currently lacks staff and services to provide management of special events.
* Discussion of possibly using SCR for physical activity events (DM).
* Renovations to Arena should not affect dance minor or dance instruction spaces.
* OCR staff is working to expand hours of operation during vacation periods.
* There will be a student survey, specific to ORC services and programming will be sent campus-wide, at the end of the spring semester.

C) Dr. Willie Banks, Jr. – Post-Inauguration Discussion

* Students are concerned about how cuts to the NEA will impact art students at ISU.
* It is perceived that there are divisions on campus, even within small groups, which is leading to a heightened anxiety among students and faculty.
* As a positive outcome, students are becoming more informed about the issues to bolster their positions.
* Some students are becoming aware of some incidents of intolerance taking place off-campus.
* The election results are pushing students together into distinct groups, with both positive and negative outcomes.
* Students are becoming exposed to bias incidents happening in the residence halls. It is reported that residence hall staff are receiving training on dealing with such incidents.
* Inclusion initiative is positive and gaining recognition, especially as it involves international students.
* Some student’s parents are reported as not being as tolerant; however students are able to rely on the University to reinforce their position of acceptance and tolerance.
* Board members observed: ISU did a job reacting to the travel ban and being transparent, reaffirming that ISU will continue to support ALL students and protecting their rights.
* Dr. Banks reminds the Board that resources are available for students and requests the Board’s assistance in “spreading the word” about DSA’s efforts to provide safe spaces and counseling.

4) Open Discussion - Student Issues, Concerns, Recommendations

* Ms. Davis reports being involved in campus efforts to:

1. Provide card swipe payments on residence halls washing and drying machines.
2. A smart phone application which informs how many parking spaces are available in each ISU parking lot and any time.

* Ms. Davis will provide further information to the DSA SAB as it becomes available.

5) Adjournment

6) Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 5:00pm – 6:30pm, HMSU 9th floor.