

Prince regains power, authority

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In their first meeting of the semester, the Student Government Association voted to give David Prince, secondary education senior and senate chair, his position back.

Prince was removed from his seat last semester after asking another SGA member to remove a document from their public-access drive.

Members of the SGA had different opinions of the

punishment Prince was given.

"I don't feel like it was an adequate amount of time," Nicole Taflinger, business senior and senate secretary, said.

Prince's punishment was for the remainder of the semester, which had two meetings left at the time.

Some members thought prince was ready to take his position back.

"I think it shows good character," Kathleen Lee, economics and accounting

junior and senator, said. "He didn't resign when a lot of people would have."

Jaarad Taylor, political science junior and SGA president, said the punishment may not have been harsh enough, but was glad to have Prince back.

"He's back on target and has an idea of what the senate needs to do," Taylor said. "I think he's learned his lesson."

Prince was asked to leave the room during the vote, which came to a tie at 3-3. A

five-minute recess was called and it was discovered during the recess Prince's voting privileges were never revoked.

Prince was called back into the room and allowed to vote on his own nomination. He won the seat 4-3.

The SGA also had a first reading of a bill which would change the structure of the senate to have representatives from each school.

Deans from each school, such as Life Sciences and General Education, would be

asked to nominate two students to be senate seats, and also leave seats open for students to represent residence halls.

"I like the idea of it to spread out representation," Ben Wilmes, biology senior and internal/external affairs secretary, said. "It would help guarantee students with different interests would be represented."

The SGA will review the amendment this week to see if changes need to be made over the next week. If

approved, the amendment must be voted on by the student body during the elections in March.

Taylor is somewhat optimistic about the amendment. "I think we have better than a 50/50 chance [of it passing]," Taylor said. "Everybody wants a little change with it, but overall, I think everyone likes it."

Wilmes said he expects some work to be done before it becomes an item on the

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Hillside carpet lives short life

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The carpet on the first and second floors of Hillside Hall that was installed during the 2006 Thanksgiving break is already set to be replaced during spring break after students and faculty complained about its "loud" design and distracting effect.

The new carpet was just one part of a renovation project in Hillside Hall.

Other renovations included new AV equipment, new chairs and tables and a fresh coat of paint.

Other renovations still

underway include new energy saving lights and lighting control with dimming capabilities and drop ceilings to reduce echo.

The renovation project was initiated in order to create an environment more conducive to learning.

Bob Snip, director of Physical Plant, had some positive things to say about the carpet.

"Over 30 other universities have installed it with rave reviews," Snip said.

Tom Moore, assistant director of Physical Plant, agreed with Snip.

"It's funny because other universities love it," Moore said.

The original purchase for the carpet in Hillside Hall cost \$25,000.

The carpet which is being removed will be used elsewhere on campus. It will cost an additional \$20,000 for new carpet in the rest of the classrooms.

Snip had heard complaints from people on campus saying that it made them dizzy and that it was "too noisy."

The carpet is produced by Milliken & Company and is called an educational design.

Moore said the idea was to appeal to students by making it bolder instead of having a more conservative

look.

Snip offered some explanations for the quick replacement plans for the carpet.

"We're here to meet the needs of the campus, and if the campus as a whole, both faculty and students, aren't comfortable with something then we will do what we can to make it right," Snip said. "If the students really wanted it, and the faculty didn't like it, I would side with the students, because it's about the students."

Jesse Huntsman, business senior, said he didn't like it, but he was shocked so many

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Chancellor meets potential students

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IU Southeast has begun conducting "Meet the Chancellor" receptions and information sessions for southern Indiana high school students and their parents this January.

The sessions were designed and put into effect by Sandra Patterson-Randles, chancellor.

"These sessions were organized so prospective IUS students could learn more about the university and could have the ability to ask specific questions on areas of concern for their individual needs," Patterson-Randles said.

The sessions are run by employees from admissions, financial aid and career services.

There have been three sessions held so far this month on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The meetings generally take place on the third floor of the IUS Library. Providence, Charlestown, Jeffersonville and Harrison County high schools have all participated in the sessions so far. More than 10 other southern Indiana high schools are scheduled to visit before the end of the month.

Each Meet the Chancellor session lasts about an hour and a half and is divided into different phases.

Patterson-Randles begins the reception with comments on why a college education is becoming more important in American society. She then asks the students questions about why they are considering IU Southeast.

An IUS alumnus speaks at each session as well. Patterson-Randles said that she wanted to emphasize having a guest alumnus speaker at each session in order for the high school students to hear about the success IUS graduates are enjoying.

Diego Morales, 2006 graduate and Indiana Latino Affairs manager, said.

"I am very proud to talk about my accomplishments, and hope that my success from IUS will inspire other students to get an education here on our campus," Morales said.

The Meet the Chancellor reception separates into a parent information session and a student information session halfway through



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the program. This allows time for individual concerns or questions to be addressed.

Kathy Meyer, Campus Life orientation and leadership coordinator, talked with students about how IU Southeast could be a part of their plans for the future.

"It takes a little prying, but I can usually get them to express their hopes and even their fears about the college experience," Meyer said. "Hopefully the students leave feeling like IUS, or college in general, is something they think could better their lives."

The Meet the Chancellor sessions also offer information about financial aid, campus activities and athletics, degree and career options and ways prospective students can qualify for grants, loans and scholarships.

The sessions are designed to put a more personal face on IUS recruiting.

"It makes me feel really welcomed and like I matter," Heather Burton, North Harrison high school senior, said. "I'm interested in transferring to Purdue in a year or so, and they were able to answer all my questions about programs and how all my credits would transfer."

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New honors program underway at IUS

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A new academic program designed to challenge students at IU Southeast began in late August.

"The new honors program is for the varsity athletes of the classroom," Angela Salas, director of the Honors Program, said.

The coursework for the program is intended to be more demanding and the studies more rigorous.

"Honors Program students tend to fit a certain profile," Salas said. "They tend to be serious, conscientious, precise, have jobs and have a certain amount of intellectual curiosity."

Salas said honors students are already ambitious people who tend to be self-starters. "The hallmark of the hon-

ors student is they take multidisciplinary seminars and take courses that they ordinarily would not take," Salas said.

As an example she said an English student might take an evolutionary biology course which would not otherwise have been required outside of the coursework for the Honors Program.

Betty Johnson, undecided freshman, said the program gives an incentive to do well and will provide resources that would normally not be available.

"The transcript notation is definitely a commendation," Johnson said. "I think any graduate school or prospective employer would look upon it favorably."

Salas said while there may be a general profile for the typical honors student, she wants to keep the program as

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inclusive as possible.

"The program is designed to augment the many opportunities that students at IU Southeast already have," Salas said.

Salas wants students to

know the honors program is not just for those who were academic successes in high school.

"The program is also for those who did not necessarily have great ACT or SAT scores or great GPAs in high school," Salas said. "Students who are doing well now, and are working hard now, may feel free to apply for the program."

The University Honors Minor is applicable to students in their first two years at IU Southeast. It requires the student take four classes and complete one project.

The Discipline-based Honors track allows the student to take advanced classes in their chosen major. Since not all departments offer the discipline-based honors classes, students should

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