

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

October 1st, 2018

Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Motion: Patrick Paulsen
 - B. Second: Jack Usher
 1. Vote: All approved
- IV. Executive Announcements: Gates McGavick and Bri Tucker
 - A. Director of University Affairs wasn't available to come today, so Gates and Bri will be talking about the Safety Summit later today.
 - B. This week is Mental Illness awareness week, and there are activities to participate in every day:
 1. There will be "In Our Own Words" in the Jordan Hall Reading Room from 7:00-8:30
 2. On October 3rd, there will be an exhibit of backpacks on South quad remembering those who have passed away from suicide
 3. Also on October 3rd there will be a speaker from 4:00-4:30 on South Quad
 - C. Sam Cannova: This is Elisabeth from Farley Hall's first meeting as their new Senator.
- V. General Orders
 - A. *Presentation from Senators on the Student Safety Summit*
 1. Westin Dell: Next Tuesday, October 9th, we are hosting a Safety Summit in the LaFortune Ballroom at 6pm. We will be partnering with NDSP and local police forces to bring police figures and safety figures from the area to talk about safety issues. Within the student body, there has been a lot of discussion around blue lights and sexual assault. This is a time to ask questions, get answers and make ground on solutions to these problems. It will be Q and A format, and we hope students bring forth questions to these officials and generate good discussion. We will be opening a Google Doc for students to submit their questions online, which we will ask them directly. We will also have a live feed on facebook to watch. We will have

Chick-Fil-A raffle prizes to entice people to come, and there will be posters given to HPC, so please spread the word.

2. Gates McGavick: We will put the details in the Senate GroupMe and we would love it if you could come to it as student leaders. It's an incredible opportunity to have four local police chiefs in the same room who deal with Notre Dame. This is the best chance you will have to speak for your constituents.

B. *Discussion: The University Honor Code Updates and the Conversation Surrounding Academic Integrity (Bri Tucker & Gates McGavick)*

1. Laksumi Sivanandan: There have been some changes to the Academic Honor code, which we would now like to discuss.
2. Gates McGavick: Dean Huge Page has started a process to update the honor code with the intention of making it a more general document that you interact with over the course of your four years. He hasn't come out with any concrete updates, but we have met with him twice, and we will more in the coming weeks. Once he comes back to us, we will have a more formal presentation on it, but right now we can tell you that what he cares about is standardizing the experience across classes and professors so that everyone knows what to expect. The main force is to encourage collaboration and make sure kids feel comfortable helping each other without not cheating. They are looking to add a mandatory waiting period (currently if you get caught, you have a short time frame to admit that you did it and begin process of sorting out punishment). They are looking to add 72 hours so that kids can talk to their parents or rectors and get a sense of what they're facing. From our perspective, this is going to be really good because it's student-centric, but when we have more concrete updates we will present them to you. Any questions?
3. Erin Hiestand: Does he hope to implement this for next year or is it longer term?

Bri Tucker: They are shooting for next semester, but we are trying to get on the same page about what they're going to do. It would depend on the pace of the committee in charge, but it would hopefully be next semester.

4. DC Morris: Would it apply just to the First Year of Studies, or to everyone else?
 - a) Gates McGavick: He envisions ways for the older classes to interact with the honor code once a year, like creating some kind of award or recognition to give to someone emblematic of the honor

code in their work. He was at one point discussing having a ceremony for reaffirming the commitment to the honor code

b) Bri Tucker: Other ideas included interacting with the e-portfolio, but we revised that. Something we considered was putting something at the end of CIFs, where people are generally being honest about their professors, or incorporating something for seniors in their thesis because it's important to remain thorough in your research. We are still trying to figure out when it will be implemented because we wanted to try something different.

c) Gates McGavick: We also considered having a well-regarded professor give TED Talk about the importance of the honor code, why everyone has one, and why it's important to the academic committee.

5. Gates McGavick: Nothing is set in stone, but we were pushing back on suggestions that wouldn't go over well with the student body.

C. Laksumi Sivanandan: We have a last minute addition to the agenda. Can we take a vote to include a presentation from Teach for America?

1. Vote: No Objections

2. Jamie from Teach for America: I am representing the ambassadors of Teach for America. Essentially, I want you to think of a great teacher you had across your education and why they were impactful for you. What most people say is that not that they had a great lesson plan, but that they cared about you and valued you. This is what we think kids across america should have. Only 8% of students growing up in poverty will graduate from college by the age of 26, and that's we're working to try and change. We are a leadership development organization who recruits college kids who want to pursue leadership opportunities. You would teach in a low-income community and then join an alumni network to try and end educational inequity. You can work in schools, but also in law, medicine, and other fields because there are so many factors that impact a student's ability to access education. Our upcoming deadline is on October 17th. The online application is very easy but we also have rolling applications throughout the year. If you are looking for additional information, go to teachforamerica.org. We will be at the Post-Grad Service Fair on Wednesday.

3. Laksumi Sivanandan: I went on a spring break trip with them last year, and they have internships as well, so look into those if you're interested and not old enough to be a teacher.

VI. New Business

A. Committee Breakout Sessions: Brainstorming for Project Ideas (Both Policy and Research Programming - Get Specific!)

1. Residence Life

- a) No-go on laundry stuff
 - (1) OSE has resources
 - (2) Not university funded, but there is funding
 - (3) Look for ways to advertise
- b) Request schedule for renovations on dorms
 - (1) Issues with receiving schedule as far as timelines go?
 - (2) Look for people to talk to about this information
 - (3) Hoping to get some type of reassurance on fixing dorm life
- c) Housing Waiver Policy
 - (1) Figure out current status of this part
 - (2) Talk with prior senators
 - (a) Brittany Cahill, Morgan Peck, others?
 - (3) Check with issues on report concerns?
 - (a) In case of sexual assault, etc.

2. Sustainability

- a) Research Programming
 - Field trip 1: Garden
 - Field trip 2: Warehouse
 - Construction Waste Research
 - Field trip 3: Joyce Center
 - Alumni for Solo Cup recycling
 - Unity Gardens
 - Ryan as baseline for composting
 - Sustainability commissioner meeting

B. Policy

- Tray Inconvenience at South
- Trash can prevalence
- Recycling bags for dorm bins
- Streamline communication between sustainability platforms/clubs
 - CLC type meetings
 - Compile list of all Sustainability clubs

3. Student Safety and Wellness

- a) McWell: Taking advantage, UHS, Mental Health Related Policy
 - (1) Faculty Senate Resolution

- (2) Laurie Lowrie Department of Dance has sexual assault clause in syllabus--has anyone used that resource yet?
- b) Irish Respond Program: External Education Initiative, GreeNDot for Mental Health for faculties
- c) Headspace Application
- d) Adding a page on Sakai: Links to all University Health Resources
- e) Antflow Program: in Duncan, LaFun, Halls?
- f) McWell: Meeting
- g) Senate Announcement: National Mental Health Illness Awareness Week: first week in October
- h) Safety Summit: Google Doc
 - (1) Asking what we can do about Title IX if policy changes
 - (2) Google Doc for questions
 - (3) Tuesday, October 9th from 6-7 in LaFun

4. Student Finances

- a) Student Body Survey:
 - (1) Understanding student awareness about resources ie. OSE
 - (2) How many students do you think are on financial aid
 - (3) What resources would you like to know more about
 - (4) What topics do you think need discussion?
 - (5) *Will ask First G ND for their input
 - (6) **Would love any more input on questions from others in senate
- b) Topics to research and info to learn from university officials:
 - (1) Transparency with financial aid statistics
 - (2) OSE criteria
 - (3) Price Hikes for on campus stores
 - (4) How many students on financial aid?
 - (5) How that financial aid is provided?
 - (6) Distribution of funds across population
 - (7) Student employment financial aid contribution calculations
 - (8) Surveys of alumni and the impact/paying off of loans

VII. Announcements

- A. Patrick Paulsen: Morrissey Game Watch is on South Quad this Saturday. There will be food trucks and a fifty foot screen for the game.
- B. Caila Lindsay: If you're going to be here for October break, the Snite is filming an advertisement for the sculpture park, and they need people to be in it as extras. There are no speaking parts, but you will be doing something like sitting in the

park looking at artwork, but your name will be put in credits and it's an opportunity to go to a wrap party.

- C. Isabella Schmitz: McGlenn's Bubble Soccer will be Friday from 4-6 pm on South Quad. You can make teams of three people and it's \$5 per person.
- D. Zach Spitzer: This week is Respect Life Week, and there are many events planned, ending with Life Fest from 2-4 pm on Friday on North Quad.
- E. DC Morris: The Fisher Car Smash is Friday October 12th, outside Lafun. \$1 will give you a sledgehammer and three shots to the car.
- F. Bethany Bogges: Acoustic Cafe is on Thursday at 10pm and there are still slots open if you want to play a 15 minute set. The movie this week is Mamma Mia 2 this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 7:30 to 10:30. If you announce it at your dorm and there's a walkover, we can coordinate your hall sponsoring it. We also have Dogs and Donuts this week on October 4th on South Quad from 3-5 pm.
- G. Megan Metersky: Next weekend is Flaherty's Flaherty Fights in the LaFun Auditorium. We are partnering with Brian Kelly's foundation, and there will be chocolate covered strawberries and pretzels, as well as \$3 for a pink hair extension.
- H. Alyssa Ngo: This Thursday from 6-9pm in Fieldhouse Mall will be the Asian Mid-Autumn Festival. Each club has a booth and each has different kind of food, as well as games and a Chinese lion. Tomorrow is Diversity Council's presentation at HPC with the multicultural commissioners, who maybe are unaware of what they can do for suggestions for events.
- I. Brendan Watts: Keenan's .5K is coming up on Thursday at 5:30 on North Quad. It is \$5 to run. Keough's Chariot Race is Saturday on South Quad at 12:30 pm and Stanford's Spikeball tournament is Saturday at 12:30.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Motion: Zach Spitzer
- B. Second: Bailey Baumbick
 - 1. Vote: All Approved