

## UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

October 8th, 2018

Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Motion to approve: Patrick Paulsen
    1. Second: Jack Usher
    2. Vote: All approved
- IV. Executive Announcements: Corey Gayheart
  - A. The Student Safety Summit is coming up tomorrow night. There will be raffle prizes and Chick Fil A. If you really can't come, please stop by for like five minutes and mark yourself as going on the Facebook event on the Student Government page. That will help us gain some traction and publicize the event.
  - B. Midterm Stress Relievers coming up this week: Play Doh Power Hour with pizza and Chick Fil A is tonight at 7:00 pm. Tomorrow morning we will have Einstein's on DeBart Quad, please mark these events as going on Facebook. Wednesday is Rise'n Roll on DeBart Quad.
  - C. Laksumi Sivanandan: We would like to welcome the new Freshman Class President to Senate!
  - D. Corey Gayheart: I am going to be ordering new nametags by the end of the week, so if there's something wrong with yours, please send them my way by email and I will make sure these changes will be made.
- V. General Orders
  - A. Presentation on the Notre Dame Washington Program
    1. Meredith: This is a semester-long program that can be in addition to study abroad or in place of study abroad. You spend a semester living in Washington DC, get to do an internship, take classes, and explore the city. This year, the application deadline is November 25, and you can check us out on Facebook to learn about the students that have gone and what kind of internships they have done. One of the coolest things about this program is that you live in a central location in DC. The living space is walking distance from the monuments, from the White House, from

internships, and there are grocery stores nearby. You get a very generous food stipend, the most out of any study away program (\$550). The best opportunity is the chance to intern in DC, such as on the Hill, but also in Think Tanks, non-profits, law-firms, etc. You work about 25-30 hours a week, and then you take classes in the evenings. It's also a great opportunity to get integrated into the DC community, especially if you want to live there later. The internship counts as one of the five classes that you take. There are incredible classes. One of your classes is Public Policy visits (tours at famous places with lawyers or top lobbyists). In addition, you take a required Foundations of Public Policy seminar with the 16 students that go, which is a great opportunity to integrate political theory and philosophy, such as reading legislation and court cases. You also take electives, such as American Political Journalism, taught by book reviewer at Washington Post. I also took a Campaigns and Elections class. Classes are in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each class is once a week for two and a half hours. I had a lot more free time than I did on campus, and you have much less homework, and learning is hands on in class. The application is due November 25, and you have a short personal statement about why you are interested, what you think you could get done, a rector letter, letters of recommendation, etc. You would hear back in January or February, and you can apply for both this and study abroad, and do both. It is not limited to Political Science majors, and can count for lots of University Requirements. You could do an internship in a variety of different things. Any questions?

2. Corey Gayheart: It's an incredible experience, and if you're struggling with abroad, you should definitely look into this. You could coordinate road trips for football games, and it's a very solid program.
3. Zach Spitzer: Are there any academic requirements for applying?
  - a) Meredith: Not a minimum GPA, but the application is getting more and more popular, and it's getting more and more competitive, so put a lot of time and thought into your application. Be specific about how this would help you in the future.

## VI. New Business

- A. Halena Hadi: All of you should have a copy of the resolution that we will be discussing. We are either looking for a motion to open debate on this, or to open consideration on it. Or, we could informally consider it, ask questions, and discuss the wording, and once you run out of questions, that automatically moves into debate and the motion to informally consider it dies. Once you move into debate,

the committee members would speak and then you would alternate between those in support and those in opposition.

B. Motion to move to debate: Zach Pearson

1. Second: Jack Usher
2. Vote: All approved

C. Resolution SS1819-06: A Resolution to Encourage the Publication of Student Health Resources on Class Syllabi

1. Zach Spitzer: (*reads resolution*)
2. Corey Gayheart: Last year, a similar resolution worked its way through Faculty Senate and it was approved. It was supposed to be brought through Student Senate and CLC but it died along the way, so we are bringing it back. Moving on from this, if it passes, the meeting falling the week after break we'll have a letter addressed to CLC and the Department of Student affairs, and if it is approved, it will go to CLC, and they will send a letter to Erin Hoffman Harding.
3. Katie Gabanic: So it would just be a standard message posted on each syllabus, just like the one on academic honesty?
  - a) Corey Gayheart: Yes, and part of this is that every year, Student Affairs oversees the implementation of mental health resources, and they will be able to draft a statement that has the best resources. It would be sent to all faculty to be standardized across the board.
4. Alyssa Ngo: Can you talk about what it means to "encourage faculty," and not have it be mandatory?
  - a) Corey Gayheart: We can't force faculty to do something, and part of this is for staff retention and recruitment. To attract high quality professors, you have to give them the autonomy about their syllabi. This is a generally agreeable thing, and we don't think that it is necessary to make it mandatory, because they will most likely opt in, but if it needs to be made mandatory, we can do that. Unfortunately, who's really enforcing it? We don't have that ability. It would fall under the Provost Office and Student Affairs.
  - b) Alyssa Ngo: Would it just be like the University send out a memo about if they want to include this?
    - (1) Corey Gayheart: It would probably would come in the form of an email, something saying "please include this in your syllabus," and we're hoping that once we have this passed through, we can work with Academic Affairs to implement it.

- c) Motion to end debate and move to vote: Zach Pearson
  - (1) Second: Jack Usher
  - (2) Vote: All approved
    - (a) Vote on motion: All approved

## VII. Announcements

- A. Bethany: There will be no movie this week, but there still will be Acoustic Cafe. We are hosting a Pure Barre class on Wednesday at 5pm (Pure Barre is a strength and agility exercise class with a ballet bar). There's a location on Eddy Street, and a junior is going to lead this class.
  - 1. Corey Gayheart: Apparently the one on Eddy Street is student owned, and she's the one teaching the class.
- B. Alyssa Ngo: I mentioned that we were doing a presentation to Hall Presidents Council. We told the commissioners about the resources we have for them to foster multiculturalism within the dorms, and told them to talk about their hall council and make themselves known to the dorms. Also, apart from my Diversity Council chair responsibilities, I'm directing Asian Allure this year, we're having a fashion show with traditional outfits and modernized traditional outfits.
- C. DC Morris (proxy): Fisher's Car Smash is this Friday from 3-6 pm on Fieldhouse Mall, and it's \$5 for three swings of a hammer at the car. All the funding goes to an underfunded school in South Bend.
- D. Isabella Schmidt: McGlinn Bubble soccer is this Friday on South Quad for \$5.
- E. Megan Metersky: Flaherty Fights is also this Friday in the auditorium of LaFun, and the funds go to Brian Kelly's foundation Kelly Cares. It will have food and music and hair extensions and you can donate to breast cancer.
- F. Caila Lindsey: Michigan Club is hosting its first event Fun Run for Flint on the 27th. If you're going to be here for fall break, the sculpture park is doing a video and needs students to be involved for it, so talk to me if you're interested.
- G. Laksumi Sivanandan: Junior Class Mass is tomorrow with Father Pete, and there will be Rise n' Roll. There will be a blood drive after fall break, and the dorm with most people will get free Chick Fil A dinner. There will be fall fest after break.
- H. Sam Cannova: SCC's Fall Fest is this Wednesday by the flagpole. There will be pie and a hugging booth.
- I. Bethany: Audition tapes for the SUB student concert on November 30 are due at the end of this week.
- J. Dana Plagenz: There is a petition going around to support SustainU to get The Shirt project this year so that the shirt can be sustainable. I can send the link to that in the Senate group.

VIII. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn: Mark Spretnjak

1. Second: Zach Spitzer
2. Vote: All approved