

## UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

October 22nd, 2018

Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Motion: Zach Spitzer
  - B. Second: Jack Usher
    1. Vote: All approved
- IV. Executive Announcements: Corey Gayheart
  - A. New name tags are being ordered tomorrow. We are waiting for Duncan to host their special election because John Cresson resigned. We want everyone to have one, that they're spelled correctly and they don't have weird things on there.
  - B. Thank you to those who came out to Safety Summit. We had over 100 people, all the prizes got raffled off, and all the food got eaten.
- V. General Orders
  - A. Executive Appointment (in light of a resignation): Student Government Director of Social Concerns: Kevin Gallagher of Duncan Hall
    1. Corey Gayheart: Our old Director of Social Concerns, Jim Deitsch, resigned for personal health reasons the week before fall break. We were interviewing people who applied for the job previously, and members of the departments to see who would be willing to take on that role and do it well. We will have Gates read the letter nominating Kevin Gallagher.
    2. Gates McGavick: *(reads letter)*
    3. Corey Gayheart: We will open it up to questions regarding the nomination of Kevin Gallagher.
      - a) Zach Spitzer: Are these positions listed ones he currently holds or that he had previously?
        - (1) Kevin Gallagher: They are a combination from last year and some that are you holding this year?
        - (2) Zach Spitzer: What are you holding this year?

- (3) Kevin Gallagher: I am currently on the Debate Team, BridgeND, and sitting on the Department of University Affairs, but I might be stepping down to see what contribution I might make.
- b) Westin Dell: What did you do last year on the department and what are your goals?
- (1) Last year, it was organized differently, and focused mostly on Sustainability at the beginning, and then they did Global Affairs stuff as it went on. We hosted a Hunger Banquet with the food bank, we did the recycling audit of the main academic buildings, and we did events with BridgeND, FossilFreeND, and GreeND who are groups with like-minded goals. For Global Affairs, we did tabling for things like the Rohingya Crisis, and other events as current events developed.
- c) DC Morris: Could you explain what both the Department of the Social Concerns is and what the director would do?
- (1) Kevin Gallagher: The people that wanted to be part of that Department are driven by key issues. Mine was Sustainability, and that's what I focused on last year for FUEL. I said that I would figure out what the existing members are mobilized by and see how we can turn those passions into events that would be marketable to the entire student body, on both International and Campus levels. For Sustainability, we will be working with groups on campus that have that goal, like clubs or the Office of Sustainability, and for Global Affairs, working with CSC, political organizations, and keeping up with current events.
- d) Dana Plagenz: So the current department is Social Concerns and Sustainability?
- (1) Corey Gayheart: It's just Social Concerns. We considered the change, but yielded to having a Senate committee, and we are leaving that advice to future administrations on creating a separate department.
- e) Alyssa Ngo: Can you discuss some of the other concerns that aren't Sustainability?
- (1) Kevin Gallagher: One of the things I mentioned was creating a Veterans Dinner, where we invite VFW members to have a dynamic conversation with students that

would want to come. It would not just be members of student government, but the entire campus. Going back to the Rohingya crisis, we did tabling for that and had speakers come in. We also worked on InterFaith week with Diversity faith groups and things like that.

4. Corey Gayheart: We will now move into debate (*Kevin leaves room*)
5. Mark Spretnjak: Motion to move to debate and end to vote.
  - a) Jack Usher: Second
  - b) Vote: All approved

(1) Vote for nomination: Drew Seketa abstaining, vote is approved

B. Letter Regarding *SS1819-06: Mental Health Resources* to Campus Life Council

1. Corey Gayheart: Just to recap, SS1819-06 regarded providing mental health information and access to resources on syllabi for classes at the university, and the resolution passed. Now the Senators and sponsoring groups have drafted a letter that would go to CLC, which they would discuss and vote on whether or not to pass this along to Erin Hoffman Harding. Would one of the Senators read the letter or describe it?
  - a) Zach Spitzer: Essentially what we're trying to do here is basically to sum up what was already covered up inside the resolution, to address the CLC and send these things to Erin Hoffman Harding, provided sample stuff regarding the information that we would post on this resolution, and just try to push this forward.
2. Corey Gayheart: Are there any questions or comments regarding the letter?
  - a) DC Morris: It says it doesn't force faculty to provide this information. Is there a reason why you didn't want to go that far?
    - (1) Corey Gayheart: We came up with the resolution but we don't have the enforcement power to tell faculty they have to do this. But if the CLC were to pass it, Erin Hoffman Harding has to respond within 72 hours, and her response must respond to the content of the letter and what she'll do moving forward regarding this topic. In theory, this will prompt her to have someone in the Division of Student Affairs draft this statement, and we will monitor that as it rolls through the different branches.
  - b) Alyssa Ngo: Earlier today, everyone should have gotten an email about the Inclusive Campus Climate Survey. I sit on the advisory committee, so I had access to that survey previously, so I've

processed the results already, but I highly recommend looking them over because that survey also includes information about when they received adverse treatment, and includes information about mental health. That was the most widespread category, and like 50% of people receive adverse treatment in terms of their mental health (other categories were in residence halls, but here it was in the classroom for academic settings), so this letter is in the perfect position to kind of build on the results of that survey, so please check it out. Erin Hoffman Harding's staff is having public presentations and Q and As this week, especially Tuesday at eight and Wednesday in the afternoon, so I would go to those and fester on those issues, because there isn't an advisory committee for mental health, so for those things it's easy to fall on the wayside, and the push for mental health isn't as strong as those other things. She was talking about these open meetings, but also we thought that she should come to the students, and maybe she could come here to talk about the survey.

(1) Corey Gayheart: We also got the survey beforehand, and we've been discussing her coming to Senate to talk about that survey and present on it, and if you haven't looked at it, definitely go find it and read it because it is important, including mental health which is an under-addressed topic.

3. Corey: Are there any corrections to the letter?
  - a) Bri Tucker: It spells "well being" differently in different places, so that could be changed or corrected.
  - b) Zach Pearson: Motion to make the change proper
    - (1) Patrick Paulsen: Second
    - (2) Change approved
4. Corey Gayheart: All those in favor of approving the letter directed to CLC?
  - a) Vote: all approved

## VI. New Business

- A. Corey Gayheart: Next week, the Vice President for University Relations is hosting an event on Monday evening talking about the endowment, donations, and where the money at the University goes to promote financial transparency in the student body. This would be around the time of the Senate meeting, so we are going to open up discussion to garner interest in that event and what we should do as a Senate, because we are required to meet once a week.

1. Zach Spitzer: Do we know how thoroughly they will go into the financials?
  - a) Corey Gayheart: It will be a comprehensive look at all of the financials, not just tuition, but also the fundraising for the endowment. It's a comprehensive look at all the finances of the university, like how it's raised and spent. I don't have specific details on the content because it was literally brought to my attention today. It's not information that's already readily available, but more in depth with questions that aren't easy to find.
2. Zach Spitzer: Will there be documentation of this event at the time?
  - a) Corey Gayheart: Part of the discussion we're having is to decide if we want to start a meeting, have that be a formal presentation in the meeting, and then briefly adjourn, or do we want to set a meeting time half an hour beforehand in the library in one of the rooms, call a formal meeting for new business and discussion, and then adjourn the meeting in time for the event.
3. Erin Hiestand: Is this open to the student body and will they take questions?
  - a) Corey Gayheart: The goal is for student leaders, so I don't think it's open to the student body, but to student union leaders (SUB, CCC, HPC, Senate, Exec Cab, RA's, etc.)
4. Katie Gabanic: I think your idea is good (having the meeting right before), and this way, depending on how long it's going to go, it doesn't hold people up too long.
  - a) Corey Gayheart: We definitely think beforehand, because we don't know how long it's going to go. Is that agreeable? I think it's going to be 5:30 or 6:00, and I'll keep you in the loop once I know more
5. Zach spitzer: Do you think that a half hour for a Senate meeting is going to be enough?
  - a) Corey Gayheart: The only thing on the docket now is a presentation from the disability center on campus, and I can move that if needed. We do need to have time for new business being brought forward. I think a half hour will be plenty, because I'm going to try and get the presentation moved.
  - b) Zach Spitzer: Maybe we can table the presentation to the week after so there's enough time.
  - c) Corey Gayheart: We can also table resolutions if they're not time sensitive.

6. Alyssa Ngo: One thing that is happening next week is Race Relations Week, and so that's not a bigger presentation but it can't necessarily be tabled. We'd like to talk about that and inform you of the events that are happening, so maybe Mita could come in and share the events.
7. Corey Gayheart: We do need to allow time for new business as it comes forward. We will discuss it more and come up with a formal decision.

## VII. Announcements

- A. Bethany Bogges: On the 25th, we will be giving away pretzels on Fieldhouse Mall from 3-6pm. Friday the 26th is National Pumpkin Day and we will have Pumpkin Fest on South Quad from 4-6 pm with pumpkin themed food. This Thursday is Acoustic Cafe, and the movie this week is Hereditary.
- B. Alyssa Ngo: Tomorrow in the ACE Commons at 7pm is the My Culture is Not Your Costume event about Halloween costumes and cultural appropriation. There will be food and prizes. This month is LGBTQ history month and there are events every day this week through MSPS and the Gender Relations Center. On Friday there is a conference about women happening all day about, and Asian Allure is happening next weekend. I have posters so please take some for your dorm.
- C. Alex Miskimon: Off Campus Council is hosting the Housing Resource Fair this Friday from 11-2 pm in South Dining Hall on the left side. We are having representatives from 20 different housing groups, parking services, meal plans, etc., everything that you need to know if you're moving off campus. It is for all students, but we are targeting freshman and sophomores who are going to sign soon. Please take posters to put up in your dorms.
- D. Elisabeth Lasecki: Farley is having their annual Farley Fall Fest this Friday from 3-5 pm on North Quad and all proceeds going to charity.
- E. Caila Lindsay: Michigan Club is cancelling their Fun Run for Flint, but Lyons Hall is having a fundraiser on Saturday at 10 am. It's the 25th annual Mara Fox Run.
- F. Patrick Paulsen: The Manor Game Watch on South Quad will be this Saturday for the Navy Game. We are having a 50 foot screen, and there will be food trucks. Wear coats, but hopefully we will not have rain.
- G. Lakumi Sivanandan: JCC is having a blood drive tomorrow (12-5pm) outside Notre Dame Stadium. All students can participate, and the dorm with the most donors will get a free Chick Fil A dinner. On Thursday we are having Oktoberfest on South Quad from 4-7 pm.
- H. Bri Tucker: Our Department of Community Engagement and Outreach will be having its Converge ND event this week on Thursday from 5-6pm. You can go and engage in dialogue with people who have different political views than you.

- I. Brendan Watts: Friday at 2pm on South Quad, PW is hosting PDub's closet, and you get tickets from each item that you donate that you can raffle for clothes. Welsh Fam is hosting their Hoedown Throwdown on North Quad this Wednesday. It is \$5 entry, and \$3 to ride the bull, and they are trying to get a representative from each dorm to do a dorm competition.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn: Erin Hiestand
  1. Second: Patrick Paulsen
  2. Vote: All approved