

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

November 12th, 2018

Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Motion to approve: DC Morris
 - B. Second: Mark Spretnjak
 1. Vote: All Approved
- IV. Executive Announcements: Corey Gayheart
 - A. Gates McGavick: This week is Stand Against Hate Week. Hopefully it will be as much of a success as Race Relations Week. Izzy will send out information about Stand Against Hate Week
 - B. Corey Gayheart: Thank you for signing up and volunteering at events this week. We are going to meet next week and we've invited Dr. Stackman to discuss the STAT article that we had shared. We're waiting to hear back on that. Name tags are coming soon.
- V. General Orders
 - A. Presentation from Elizabeth Boyle, Student Government Director of Gender Relations
 1. Last week you received an email from Erin Hoffman Harding with a personalized link to the Campus Climate Survey. This gauges sexual violence on campus, and is the only way to monitor where that is occurring. It is very important that you all take it and it will be open on November 26th. Within the first 24 hours, they had over 1,000 responses. This will gauge Blue Lights, GreeNDot training, and other programs.
 - B. Presentation from the Library Leadership and Renovation Team
 1. Diane Walker: I am responsible for all nine branches of the library around campuses (besides the Law Library). Welcome to one of our newest spaces (231 B). This is midst the collaboration hub, and we're testing out how it works with a pillar in the middle of the room. This room is used for instruction, meetings, and it divides into three. We are four years into a phased renovation of this building. Before we started the renovation, we

gathered input about what they wanted to see. It had not been renovated in 50 years of existence. It was a very different feel when you walked in. A then-student was writing an article about the libraries for the Scholastic, and one of her questions was, “Students don’t find the library to be an inviting or welcoming space. What will you do to change that?” We started out knowing that we would keep the building open during the renovations. We agree that we would renovate parts of the building in phases as we raise the money. Before developing the master plan, we developed project goals for the building, such as making visible activities of intellectual engagement with Hesburgh Library, promoting research and learning services led by the Hesburgh Libraries and those provided in partnership with other University groups, providing high quality study and work environments for all users of Hesburgh Library, implementing space strategies for effective access and growth of Hesburgh Library’s physical collection, recognizing and celebrate Hesburgh Library’s unique and special collections that are an important part of the University’s identity, and transforming the physical environment of Hesburgh Library to reflect its prominence as a leading 21st century university research library. We started with a master plan (shown on board). You can see the list of phases color coded here, and started at the end of 2014 with what’s the light yellow color, which is the 10th floor and the core of the 1st and 2nd floors, which was key to bringing natural light into the building, and a skylight outside the North Reading Room. The new North Entrance is also new so that people on that side of campus can get in. The second phase is green, and it’s the concourse phase, which is changing the concourse, adding the Scholar’s Lounge (not intended as a quiet student space but it behaves that way), and the fourth floor, which was full of book stacks and is now the staff area for the Acquisitions and Catalogs Staff (used to be occupying main floor when the building opened when there were hard catalogs). The dark blue is the third phase, which we just completed, which is the Center for Digital Scholarship. The part on the first floor is behind construction walls now, as it was moved upstairs and we are continuing to free up space on the first floor for subject librarians. The pink area is the other one we’ve just begun, which is this area, the collaboration and teaching area, which is this area and right beneath it. The rest of what we’ve called Tech Row is on the first floor with my staff and the technology staff. Those phases will finish up in this spring semester. Yet to go is the two level grand Reading Room, which is where the music collection was, and the special collections across from the fish bowl and the room above it. We

did photographing of spaces before we started (*shows pictures of before renovations*).

2. Jessica: We have some areas right now, on the first floor North East, we have an area called the Research Commons, where we are moving Subject Librarians so that people can find them more easily. We're imagining is more study space lined with the offices of the librarians. We envision having some print collections there still. Directly below us there should be new books online soon. If you look at the left image, you see the curvy pieces, which are supposed to be shelves for new books and a new small reference collection. The Grand Reading Room will have current periodicals. On the second floor is staff space for IT staff and admin suite, near the Tech Row. (*Shows pictures of what we can expect for the new renovations*). We've tried to address the artificial and natural lighting in student and faculty spaces. The research commons will have a bulkhead with signage, there will be reference shelving. There will be a lot of transparency, shorter shelving, and so on in order to have better visibility throughout the space. Our phases left including the Grand Reading Room, south of us, where the fishbowl is on level one, and then directly above that. We want to put another floor opening there to make a connection within that space, and make it a very traditional reading room (quiet, heads down study space with rows and rows of long tables). On the far right, there will be a stair within the room in order to access the room from within the space. The second floor will have a large fireplace to make people feel more welcome in the space. The last piece is special collections and archives, on the sixth floor, which we will put down onto the first and second floor, so that they can utilize shared space, because many times they're used for the same purpose. This would be the last piece that would finish up the first and second floors, and it might be a large glass room with large shelves. We want to highlight this space in a better way, like a gallery, to attract people in and understand what kinds of resources that we have. It will still have practical spaces. If you have interest in tracking the project, we have a website (renovation.library.nd.edu), and you can get alerts for drilling and such. Any questions? Otherwise we can give you tours of the spaces we have.
3. Erin Hiestand: What are you planning on doing with the sixth floor?
 - a) Diane: We renovated the tenth floor as a user material, and the sixth floor will be the same way.

4. Alyssa Ngo: When the Scholar's Lounge first opened, people thought it would be a loud space, but now it's very quiet. How will people know which space is supposed to be for what purpose?
 - a) Jessica: We try not to police our spaces, and students are pretty good at that. We're hoping that when everything comes online, they will understand that they are for certain types of activities and they will think of different spaces in different ways. If it doesn't work out that way, we might have to think about signage to regulate where it will be quiet. We try and go by and open the doors all the time to attract some noise in that space.
 - b) Diane Walker: The original design had walls that could fold up and be open most of the time, but that was more expensive than we could afford, so we ended up with fixed walls and sliding doors, but we go by and open the doors and they immediately get closed. Part of the issue is because we didn't have this area open yet and there weren't good alternatives. How many of you know you can reserve rooms for group work? (Lots of hands).
5. Daniel Rottenborn: Have you considered setting a space away in the library for sleeping like there is in DeBart?
 - a) Diane: My observation is that students are sleeping even if we hadn't done that. But I'll introduce Shay, who is our interior designer and furniture planner.
6. Shay: Sometimes when we select furniture, we talk about is it going to invite sleep and if it is, maybe we should pick something else, but we know that you are studying and have crazy hours, so you're gonna sleep wherever you feel like sleeping. Some of that is, too, is that furniture can walk away, but people might just take them to their dorm.
7. Katie Gabanic: How are you going to ensure that the reading rooms are more soundproof and able to be used as silent spaces?
 - a) Diane Walker: What do you hear when you're with them?
 - b) Katie Gabanic: You can hear people in the group study room, or people that are outside the reading room talking.
 - c) Diane Walker: We might be able to do some sound deadening between the study rooms and the reading rooms.
 - d) Jessica: If that's still an issue, we can take a look at that because that shouldn't be an issue.
8. Brendan Watts: Do you know the number of group study rooms specifically, and how much it increased?

- a) Jessica: We had the four in the basement, we had a few right off the elevator, we've probably at least doubled if not tripled the amount of spaces. I would guess we've at least tripled, and some of those are formal group study rooms, but we've opened up the rest of this and that contributes to the number and the increase.
 - b) Diane Walker: There are the group nooks out on this level, and overall the goal was to have more seats that were useful, because we had enough, but we wanted to increase the number of group spaces and make them more useable.
 - c) Brendan Watts: The one complaint I hear is that there's never enough spaces to reserve. You could put some group spots on the sixth floor if that hasn't been designed yet.
 - d) Diane Walker: AS we opened the spaces, we gather as much information as we can that informs what we do down the line.
9. Alex Miskimon: It looked like the fish bowl would seat fewer people. Is this still maintaining the number of seats in that space or will they be left out?
- a) Diane Walker: That was the only space we had, and now that's going to be spread out.
10. Brennan Dour: Is the plan for most of the tower floors to remodel along the tenth floor?
- a) Diane Walker: We're focusing on finishing the rest of the second and first floors, but that is the plan, so probably not soon.
11. Mark Spretnjak: What is the total number of seats?
- a) Jessica: I don't remember that off the top of my head?
 - b) DC Morris: What percentage?
 - c) Diane Walker: About a quarter of the student body.
12. Weston Dell: One of my favorite elements is that its very open and very informal, and the areas up here is much more formal and much more quickly reserved, so are you going to keep that?
- a) Diane Walker: WE're trying to do that around here so that the fishbowl can be more formal.
13. Caila Lindsay: Will the third floor be available?
- a) Jessica: The third floor is mechanical and so it will never be available.
14. Alyssa Ngo: Are there plans for the basement?
- a) Jessica: The basement was renovated a very long time ago.
 - b) Diane Walker: That was quite a while ago, but no immediate plans.
15. Patrick Paulsen: What is the fourteenth floor?

- a) Diane Walker: It's an entertainment space, and I don't have responsibility for it or access to it, because it's primarily used by the President's office.

C. Resolution SO1819-02 concerning an Update to the Student Union Constitution

1. Halena Hadi: I drafted this resolution based on the one time Corey wasn't here to maintain partiality, because he's not a voting member. I thought we should stay in line with that in order to have another non-voting member take his place so we can preserve the rights of all voting members to vote. It's nothing against Laksumi or Sam, but it would be the best way to tackle problems.
2. Corey Gayheart: Having a voting member be the chair might be problematic if it came down to a vote. It would make more sense if it was a non-voting member.
3. Debate:
 - a) Mark Spretnjak: I like it.
 - b) Erin Hiestand: Are the class presidents voting members?
 - (1) Halena Hadi: Yes.
 - c) Mark Spretnjak: Motion to end debate and move to a vote?
 - (1) Second: Zach Spitzer:
 - (2) Vote: All approved
 - (a) Vote on resolution: All approved

D. Constitution Committee Appointments

1. Corey Gayheart: We're charged with nominating three Senators. Who's interested?
 - a) Isabella Schmitz
 - b) Mark Spretnjak
 - c) Caila Lindsay
2. Halena Hadi: It wouldn't be a large time commitment, just some independent reading to propose amendments or resolutions. There's no meeting schedule and it would be only once every couple of weeks.
3. Motion to vote to approve the three nominees: Patrick Paulsen
 - a) Second: Jack Usher
 - b) Vote: All approved
 - (1) Vote to approve nominees: Approved with one abstaining

VI. New Business

- A. Caila Lindsay: Students that can run to be the Student Body President or who are abroad (and won't be able to do that), and I wanted to discuss how we could change that if there aren't any options for them.

1. Corey Gayheart: My first thought is that the term starts on April 1st, and a lot happens during the transition periods, and there's a lot of meetings and interviews with directors that in theory, they should be present for, but that might be difficult from a leadership perspective. If the Vice-President is the chair of the Senate, so if they were abroad, they would be absent from those meetings.
2. Karen Kennedy: The primary reason for that being one of the requirements is that the transition period is hard and the term starts April 1.
3. Shady Girgis: I can also see the other side, but if they can't study abroad any other term, should that be a limiting factor for voting the best president for our student body. It might be worth looking into other programs.
4. Corey Gayheart: We have one of the highest study abroad rates in the country, including summer.
5. DC Morris: I kind of feel like it would be too difficult with voting and campaigning if they were abroad, or moving the elections up to the first semester, and usually people run as juniors. If first semester junior year, you might not know who the best candidates are or if they can commit their senior year to Student Body President. Being the President is a really big deal, and it is kind of a sacrifice in a lot of ways, and you have to be willing to sacrifice a lot of things to take on the role.
6. Corey Gayheart: Giving the timeline of the Student Union, Student Government is tasked with helping select the leaders for other branches of the Union. The budget planning process happens in April as well for the next school year.
7. Zach Pearson: I want to echo DC's point because Study Abroad is optional, so it's not like there is anything fully stopping them from applying, but they have to make that decision, and I think it's reasonable.
8. Laksumi Sivanandan: I had to go through this decision making process, and I get that we want to do everything, but sometimes you can't have everything, and so you have to decide what is the best thing for you.
9. Gates McGavick: I would just add to that that having had some experience with it, it would be kind of impossible to do. I understand the concern that you don't want to limit the applicants, but thinking back to last spring, it was our busiest time, and I don't know how we would have managed Student Government if even one of the three of us was abroad.
10. Shady Girgis: You guys had Executive Cabinet can be abroad in the spring or is that not allowed?

- a) Bri Tucker: We had Cabinet Directors abroad in the Spring.
 - b) Corey Gayheart: That just depends on which administration is in charge, so in theory, we could technically make it a rule, but if people were interested in looking in how to other schools do elections, we can set something up to benchmark where they're at, which is a great learning opportunity. A lot of other schools' Student Governments are very different than ours. There is a seriousness of rethinking timeline for budget planning, and we can do that, but we have to do all our research if that's what we're interested in.
11. Alyssa Ngo: I tried to look up a couple universities, but at Yale in the spring, you have to have attend three meetings.
 12. Gates McGavick: We also have pre-election meetings you're required to attend.
 13. Corey Gayheart: Personally, I value whoever's running being on campus to be able to ask them questions in person and hear their voice, because I think those things are better.
 14. DC Morris: How's our voter turnout, including abroad?
 - a) Corey Gayheart: Students that are abroad can vote and they get the emails, but that is a population that is heavily targeted, especially people at the big sites. They also read the Observer.
 - b) Shady Girgis: Numbers wise, we don't know who actually is abroad, but that is a cool point we could try to explore if we sent out separate links. The voter turnout for the past few years is about 45-55%.
 - c) Gates McGavick: Relative to other schools this is pretty high.
 - d) Corey Gayheart: Other schools do in person voting.
 15. Corey Gayheart: Be thinking about the future and how we can get higher voter turnout on campus. We can keep that in mind, and I can get Caila the list of schools we try and benchmark with, and if anyone else is interested in this topic, Shady, Halena, and Ellen can also work with us to make improvements before the next process.
- B. Matt Jennings: I heard that someone had died in the Hesburgh Parking Lots. Over Fall Break I read an article about how it was a custodian, and it was very unfortunate event, but it was very badly publicized on the university. They had worked here for 37 years. Father Jenkins released a note for the death saying a prayer, but in contrast when a student dies, this was very lacking. I feel like a student at the university, higher academic institutions are associated with socio

economic awareness, and as student leaders, we should do something about this event.

1. Corey Gayheart: We were shocked and appalled by this article, and I will say that we notified our director of Faith and Service into setting up a prayer service, and at the advice of Campus Ministry, they suggest that we reach out to Keenan Hall to make sure they hadn't already done something, and they're working on something with Keenan to plan a prayer service.
 - a) Zach Pearson: We have a mass schedule in the Basilica next week and a reception to follow. There was no publicity, and Faith and Service is working on it.
 - b) Corey Gayheart: This means that we need to value the members of the communities in the dorms, including housekeeping staff, dining hall workers, etc.

VII. Announcements

- A. Bethany Bogges: This week, SUB is having a Coffee Hour with faculty in the CoMo Lounge from 3-5pm with pastries and coffee. The movie is Ant Man and the Wasp. We have an improv comedy guru coming and he is doing a show at 9pm in Legends on Thursday, and a workshop at 10am on Saturday. If you are interested in signing up, they can email me or SUB. His show is called "Paranormal Comedy" and its before the football game so he's going to predict the football game. Acoustic Cafe is Thursday at 10pm.
- B. Alyssa Ngo: We already talked about Stand Against Hate Week, but it's also several months. I encourage you to get involved in dorm events for Stand Against Hate Week that remove the troublesome nature of Thanksgiving for Native Americans. On Friday, we are having Elliot Cheng come to the Carey Auditorium at 5 pm. After that, Voices of Faith is having their fall concert in Ryan Hall at 5pm. Tickets are \$5.
- C. Erin Hiestand: Dance Company show for the semester is this Thursday at 7:30 and tickets are \$5.
- D. Zachary Spitzer: The Not-So Royal Shakespeare company is performing at 7:30 pm at Washington Hall on Friday and Saturday. This Thursday at 5:30, the Basilica is hosting the Gold Mass catered to Science and Engineering majors with a reception and lecture (Steven Meredith from the University of Chicago on Disease and the Problem of Evil). in Jordan Hall after.
- E. Dana Plagenz: It's KiND Week for KiND Club.

- F. Shady Girgis: If you're interested in running for Student Body President/Vice President, we will send an email soon and there will be a meeting and info session after Thanksgiving.
- G. Laksumi Sivanandan: We are hosting Thanks a Latte tomorrow to send a \$5 gift card to Starbucks to your friends that we will deliver for free. We are partnering with SCC, Student Gov, and the Department of Athletics to sponsor a game watch on Saturday.
- H. Brendan Watts: Ryan Hall is hosting their Caring Cats Collection this month to collect clothes in the 2-4 spaces and proceeds go to St. Vincent De Paul and the winning dorm will get Chipotle. Howard is hosting their Pop Tab Drive. Over the past few weeks, we've developed a new initiative that allocates 5% of the Hall of the Year score to GreenDot participation within dorm, on a percentage basis. If they haven't told you about this, if your dorm reaches the critical mass level of (15%), you automatically get this 5% of your Hall of the Year score. Any dorm that reaches that 15%, the people within the dorm will receive dorm GreenDot t-shirts, and the top 2 dorms will receive either water filtration systems with the water bottle things or the equivalent cash prize towards whatever you want to improve your dorm.
- I. Corey Gayheart: Please stick around for the brief tours!

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn: Patrick Paulsen
- B. Second: Zach Spitzer
 - 1. Vote: All approved

IX. Optional Library Tours Afterwards