

## UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

November th, 2018

Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Motion to approve: Zach Spitzer
  - B. Second: Jack Usher
    1. Vote: All Approved
- IV. Executive Announcements
  - A. Bri Tucker: This is Race Relations week. Tomorrow we will be showing Selma at 6:30 in this room. We will have free Chick Fil A. After that, there will be midterms election watch in Geddes Hall around 8:30 pm.
  - B. Bri Tucker: November 8th is Majors Night and we have posters so if you could each take two or three and put them in your dorm, that would be great. Please encourage your freshmen at Hall Council to come, and tell them that we will have AirPods and ND Gear to raffle off. It is in South Dining Hall at 6:00 pm.
  - C. Gates McGavick: If you remember the resolution that was passed a couple week so ago regarding adding mental health resources to syllabi, we put that on the floor of CLC today and it was approved unanimously to move on to Erin Hoffman Harding. Last year it was decided that the Office of the Provost would be in charge of disseminating the information to the faculty, and Student Affairs would craft the language. We will be addressing the letter to both groups because they both have a hand in it. In addition, there is a minor inline edit about who is responsible for the statement. The final step of the process has been done, and we're through all three groups on the mental health resources thing.
- V. General Orders
  - A. Nomination of Kristin Andrejko for President of The Shirt Project
    1. Jin Kim: (*reads nomination letter*)
    2. Corey Gayheart: We will open it to questions for Jin or Kristin.
    3. Alyssa Ngo: I think that she did a great job last year, and I am more than confident that she is qualified. Was she nominated because no one

younger was interested, or because she did an actual job? Do you feel confident that someone will be able to take your position next year?

- a) Kristin Andrejko: We have ideas about our succession plan in place already. We don't want to jeopardize the project and we want it to benefit for years to come. There are multiple students on the committee who are in training, and it's a matter of who fits the role best. This process wasn't taken lightly and our advisor guided us through the process
  - b) Jin Kim: The FMB doesn't make the decision, so I didn't choose Kristin. The members chose themselves, and that goes to show how much they think she's a good leader for this year.
4. Weston Dell: Are you in charge of the contract for who makes the Shirt?
- a) Kristin Andrejko: The Shirt goes through a competitive request for proposal process in which we send a bid to all licensees of the university and they have the opportunity to price The Shirt and get specifications relevant to our decision making process. SustainU put in a bid for The Shirt, unfortunately their price point was exceedingly high for us, and as much as we would love to support their work, it may distract from being able to sell as many shirts as possible for the student clubs on campus. With the price increase, we were not comfortable making that business decision. I personally spoke with him on the phone and talked about different ways to build a consumer base on campus, and I'm hoping in future years he will offer some products in the bookstore. He doesn't partner with Follet, and it would be great to enter that space to begin with and show there's demand for this sustainable project. Should he be able to show us those figures, we would be more comfortable entering into that partnership.
5. Zach Pearson: Motion to end debate and move to a vote
- a) DC Morris: Second
  - b) Vote: All approved
- (1) Vote for the nomination of Kristin Andrejko: All approved

B. Presentation from Aaron Benavides on the Campus Engagement Task Force

1. Aaron Benavides: I just want to let you know what the Campus Engagement Task Force is doing. There are nine members and it is co-chaired by Father Jerry Olinger and Jennifer McWard. Our duty is to facilitate dialogue to the observations and thoughts of different members of the community in regards to the crisis in the Catholic Church right now. We are focusing on what Notre Dame should be doing as a Catholic

Institution. Today we started with listening sessions. There are going to be seven, and they are an opportunity for different members of the community to share their thoughts with the administration. Today was the first student session and there were only two people, but it was one of the most constructive conversations that they have had, and there needs to be a strong showing of students at the next one so that the administration takes our voices seriously. I think that for the next session for at least some people to come and share their thoughts and give a broader input. This is affecting us because we are a Catholic school. We, being here at Notre Dame, have a special honor to be here, but also a duty to help in whatever way we can, and we have the ability to respond in a constructive way. Our next listening session is the last one for students. It's Wednesday at 7pm in Corbett Hall on the 7th floor. We ask you, "What was your initial thoughts?" "How has that changed over time?" and "What can Notre Dame be doing?" After, we will gather and synthesize our findings and give it to Father Jenkins.

2. Erin Hiestand: If this next student session is constructive would you consider adding another?
  - a) Aaron Benavides: This will be the last, as we want to have the report to Father Jenkins by the end of the semester. Next weeks' will be for faculty and staff. You can submit recommendations in the online form provided in the original email, which you would have to find that from November 1st.
3. Zach Spitzer: You mentioned that there are seven listening sessions. Two of these involve students. The other five are administrators?
  - a) Aaron: Two for faculty, and three for staff.

C. Presentation from Eduardo Luna on the Campus Dining Meal Plan Restructuring

1. Eduardo Luna: There are 8,576 people enrolled, 79% of which live on campus. There are 2 dining halls and 26 retail outlets. There are an estimated 6,775 people with meal plans on campus. Student Government conducted a survey in May 2018, and we asked which dining hall people frequent most. There was 48.5% at North, 40.2% at South, and 11.3% equally distributed between both. On average, a student uses 8-11 meal swipes per week. We projected that 8,000-10,500 meals served at North and South every day. At lunch, 60% of students eat at North. The average meal on the Gold plan is \$9.13, Blue plan is \$11.67, and Green plan is \$11.85. Over 99% of residents choose the Gold plan. Student organizations only receive a fraction of whatever meal swipes are left over. Do you think we can calculate the amount of money wasted by

students on our meal plans? We cannot because of the operational costs that go beyond just the food costs. Campus dining is a business, and has to maintain the equipment and the buildings. Food costs are approximately 27-28% of the total food costs. The reality is that employees still come to work regardless of whether we eat there or not, and so we really only forfeit the food costs, which is about \$3.14 cents per meal forfeited. Some possible options for changing the meal plan include reducing the number of meal swipes, going to an all flex point system, going to a meal block system, going to an unlimited meal swipe system, or removing late lunch.

- a) Meal Swipe Reduction: Pro = greater flexibility provided to student body. Con = Overall quality and variety of food in the dining halls will be reduced due to the reduction in budget allotment for food costs.
  - b) Flex point system: Pro = flexibility for student body and reducing wasting meal swipes/flex points. Con = possible for students to run out of meal swipes at the end of the semester.
  - c) Going Unlimited: Pro = eliminates the possibility of wasting swipes, and if overall swipe usage goes up, food budget will go up and quality and variety will go up. Con = If overall swipe usage goes down, the quality and variety of food will go down. Flex points would be determined on the budgeting for the year, so we don't know the specifics yet.
  - d) Removing Late Lunch: Pro = reduces operating and food costs during the meal period. Savings could be used to improve quality of food, reduce overall meal plan, or provide more flex points. Con = Eliminates the flexibility for students to eat within the dining hall during this period.
2. Eduardo Luna: If the dining hall doesn't change at all, we can still maximize our plan by reducing the waste of each student at each dining hall. We could reduce millions of dollars in costs to the dining hall. As Student Senate, we could reduce the costs by reducing the waste and operating costs, call for students to waste less food in the dining halls, or run initiative to make students aware of food waste.
  3. Caila Lindsay: Does the meal swipe count include Grab N Go?
    - a) Eduardo Luna: Yes
  4. Zach Spitzer: Is there any concerns about a plan such as the unlimited plan increasing costs? Or more food waste?
    - a) Eduardo Luna: If people are given the option of going unlimited, they would lose the mentality of trying to maximize each time

they're in the dining hall. You could get just a little bit each time in each period. Personally, I think they would reduce the amount they eat.

5. Zach Spitzer: Would Grab N Go get eliminated entirely?
  - a) Eduardo Luna: This is just general, there haven't been specifics in place yet, and we would have to go to the student body.
6. Matt Jennings: Is there consideration for a rollover plan for swipes that go unused?
  - a) Eduardo Luna: It depends on what meal plan we would go to. It would depend on what it looks like with the budget.
7. Erin Hiestand: How would you calculate that cost into room and board before the year starts?
  - a) Eduardo Luna: This would be based on the averages for this year, and i believe people can appeal to the board of trustees to expand the budget
8. Elisabeth Lasecki: How odul you ensure that people who have classes throughout the morning maintain a healthy lifestyle?
  - a) Eduardo Luna: There are other outlets where people can go, and the savings can be put to more flex points.
9. Alyssa Ngo: How reactive is the dining hall to these changes?
  - a) Eduardo Luna: The dining halls keep track over the course of the year, and they make projections based on the past years. If they start noticing different trends, they will probably make changes immediately.
10. Caila Lindsay: With the unlimited plan, has it been considered allowing more food to be taken out?
  - a) Eduardo Luna: Campus Dining is working on creating a system where you can take food out of the dining halls in containers that you can return into vending machines, and your netID would be associated with it and they would know if you bring it back or not.
11. Katie Gabanic: North Dining has smaller plates now; how did that happen?
  - a) Eduardo Luna: I run the student program there, and a lot of the plates at NDH that broke easily are being phased out and the new ones are easier to work with. Maybe that played a subliminal choice, but I don't know.
12. Alyssa Ngo: On here they emphasize "for personal use only," and my on campus friends can't swipe me in anymore. What is the policy on using meal swipes on friends?

- a) Eduardo Luna: It was never allowed, and it was a miscommunication between the higher-ups and those at the door, and now they know. The yearly budget is based on averages for the year, and if others start to use it, Campus Dining is going to think that people are eating more on average when they really are not.
13. Zach Spitzer: Will these slides be available after Senate?
- a) Corey Gayheart: These are more so not confidential but soliciting feedback because we are at the beginning of this process. When we can make them available, we will.
  - b) Eduardo Luna: this is based on student feedback that we got. I will always be open to collaboration with anyone, and I passed around a survey for feedback, and if you could fill that out we will read them. The new meals plans will be announced in January or February, and there will be town halls where more people can go, but the basics will be set with just tweaking little details.
- D. Committee Breakout Session: Plan Event/Project for Committees for November

## VI. New Business

- A. Tabled: Discussion on Chair Absence Clause in the Constitution
- B. Committee on the Constitution
  - 1. Halena: I have a Committee on the Constitution that I chair, and I am looking for three Senators to sit on it. We talk about the Constitution and resources for it, and I just added a tab to the website anyway. You can think about it this week, and if you know, we can go ahead with voting.
  - 2. Corey Gayheart: I will give you time to prepare and we will vote next week.
    - a) Jack Usher
    - b) Mark Spretnjak
    - c) Caila Lindsay
    - d) Isabella Schmitz
    - e) Zach Spitzer
    - f) Erin Hiestand
  - 3. Shady Girgis: Contact us if you want more information about what you would be doing.
- C. Caila Lindsay: Are we doing Multicultural Competency Training again for everyone else? The information was very relevant.

## VII. Announcements

- A. Corey Gayheart: Saturday we had Multicultural Competency Training. It was very informative and she focused heavily on Microaggressions. We are going to try and share her presentation with all of you, and additionally, we are going to see if she has other sessions for the rest of you to come to. If you are interested in coming, it would be very informative. Please let me know so I can give an estimate to Paige.
  - 1. Caila Lindsay: WE talked about the different ways microaggressions are seen, how to take into account other people's perspectives, and it was very informative.
- B. Bethany Bogges: There will be OMG Oreos on Wednesday outside DeBart from 12:30-2:30 pm, Thursday there will be Acoustic Cafe, and the movie this week is Black Clansman on Thursday and Friday. Email [sub@nd.edu](mailto:sub@nd.edu) if you are interested in planning a walkover, and we will lower the costs for a group rate. I put some Tim McGraw posters for the Idea Week Concert, so please take those. If you are interested in serving on committee to make decisions about that concert, let me know.
- C. Alyssa Ngo: This month is Native American Heritage Month and Black Catholic History Month, and a lot of organizations are thoughtful about this as Thanksgiving approaches, and as we are a Catholic University, we think about who we welcome to the Catholic Church. This Thursday is Black Images in Washington Hall at 7 pm. Thanks for coming to Asian Allure, and I will post the video in the Senate Group Chat.
- D. Zach Spitzer: Next Thursday, the Basilica is holding the Gold Mass and Lecture for people within the College of Science or the College of Engineering. There will be a reception and lecture in Jordan afterwards. Next weekend, the Shakespeare Company will be putting on a show in WASHINGTON Hall.
- E. Bailey BAumbick: Baraka Bouts is starting tomorrow night. IF you want to get tickets, they are \$15 from a boxer, or \$20 at the door. The proceeds go to our partner schools in Uganda.
- F. Zach Pearson: Glee Club concert will be Friday in DPAC.
- G. Sam Cannova: Your two favorite Class Councils will be doing a Syracuse Game watch in the MIDfield Commons. The food is TBD but there will be prize giveaways as well.
- H. Laksumi Sivanandan: Senior CC will be hosting Fro-Yoga on Wednesday.

## VIII. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn: Patrick Paulsen
  - 1. Second: Zach Spitzer
  - 2. Vote: All Approved

