

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

November 26th, 2018

Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Motion to approve: Zach Spitzer
 - B. Second: Patrick Paulsen
 1. Vote: All approved
- IV. Executive Announcements:
 - A. Corey Gayheart: Please fill out the survey that I sent out. We are having a meeting on Friday to hopefully make some changes that are needed to make Senate more efficient and better for everyone.
 - B. Gates McGavick: On your way in, you should have grabbed a letter about how the Faith and Service Department is putting on a mass for all the custodial staff tomorrow in the Basilica. Afterwards there will be hot chocolate and cookies and the chance to write thank you cards for custodial staff. We would love to see you there.
 - C. Corey Gayheart: There is a Facebook event for that as well and if you mark yourself as going, it will increase attendance and awareness.
 - D. Bri Tucker: Student Government is looking to host a selection day watch in Midfield Commons on Sunday, December 2nd. We're hoping to get wings and mozzarella sticks for everyone and we will be sending out more information later this week.
- V. General Orders
 - A. Follow-up Discussion on last week's presentations
 1. Corey Gayheart: Does anyone have any follow up concerns or thoughts from last week?
 2. Alyssa Ngo: I can't remember if I mentioned this but I know that very recently there has been a new disability club on campus. It's called Access-able. They're really new, and we've had presentations from clubs before so it might be interesting if they could give a presentation to the Senators and spread news about their club. The exposure would be really

good for them. It's more about physical disabilities, and not mental disabilities.

3. Lindsay McCray: This was a point that Erin made last week, but I think that it really didn't get paid attention to or didn't get a response last week, but the student requested a single because having a roommate would increase his risk of having a seizure. They were focused on if that's fair to the student, but is that fair to what would have been the assigned roommate to put that kind of stress on them? How stressful would it be to know that if you accidentally wake up your roommate, you could actually potential kill your roommate? That was a concern she brought up but it got brushed over, and I think that's something that wasn't fully thought out because that's terrifying to think of.
 - a) Corey Gayheart: We'll send an email from Dr. Stackman.
 - b) Lindsay McCray: They never got to that point because the student chose not to come here, but that's legitimate concern.
4. Mark Spretnjak: Just as a defense because he's not here, that is absolutely concerning, but I would assume that they did talk about it because their whole job is to consider that and it has a huge effect on the community and on the person themselves, and so I don't think they didn't talk about it. They just didn't say it last week.
5. DC Morris: I talked to Dr. Stackman afterwards and he said that they have a set protocol in how they handle students with epilepsy, and that there are not a lot of students with epilepsy in doubles on campus, but this has happened before, and all other students were able to live in doubles their freshman year, so that was a big factor that it was a big precedent.
6. Zach Spitzer: I'm curious as to how much the "culture" of having freshman communicate each other play into these decisions because that was brought up a lot, and in my opinion, it sounds as if that factor itself played more into the decision than it should have.
7. Corey Gayheart: If anyone has anything else they didn't want to say, please send it to me, and we will right in in a follow up meeting to Dr. Stackman.

B. Committee Breakout Sessions: Continuation of Planning for Projects/Policy

1. Health and Wellness:
 - a) Awareness Campaign → write blurb on escort services, put in the Week ND → Michaela Kocher
 - (1) Posters in dorms/libraries →
 - (2) Safety beat

- b) Grace Dean/Mcwell → see if the tents can be continued throughout the winter..? In places on campus that are more student populated
 - (1) Indoor Mcwell huts in highly student populated areas during peak times
 - (2) De-stresser events during final week , oxygen bar
 - (3) Essential oils/pair with Mcwell
 - (4) Isabella → contact Claire Marie for finals week activities
 - c) Finals De-stresser Activities, rent out a room
 - (1) Pancakes and puppies
 - (2) Christmas themed → gingerbread men or gingerbread house thing, potentially on Reading Day Friday
 - (a) Talk to Corey about possibility
 - (3) Each dorm has a Christmas Tree, decorating contest
 - d) Green Dot Certification → working w student athletes to get trained.
 - (1) Incentives for dorms, get hall of the year points
2. Student Finances:
 3. Residence Life:
 - a) Westin meeting with Corey concerning flex points for laundry
 - b) Look at petition stuff (20% of a dorm)
 - (1) Force Senate address and/or University response
 - c) Advertise information from Ed Luna about campus dining
 - d) Take a look at campus residence survey by Erin Hoffman Harding
 4. Sustainability:
 - a) Some issues we will look further into but would like to potentially draft resolutions for:
 - (1) Lights on in on-campus buildings while buildings are closed:
 - (2) NDH (SDH)
 - (3) Geddes
 - (4) Mendoza
 - b) Look into building services and set up meeting to discuss this and talk about a resolution
 - c) Campus Dining:
 - (1) Meatless Mondays once a month
 - (2) Energy, money, sensitivity
 - d) Students on campus:

- (1) Composting Initiative in Ryan Hall in conjunction with standardization of waste disposal between dorms goals
- (2) SAO sustainability module
 - (a) Include resources within the module
- e) Reach out to SAO and meet to discuss what sustainability module would/should look like

VI. New Business

- A. Corey Gayheart: One of our co-directors of FUEL was on the waitlist for abroad, and so he's leaving us next semester, and so we have to find a replacement. We are nominating someone but we didn't include in on the agenda because the interview happened today. If we have a unanimous vote, we and hear it.
 - 1. Mark Spretnjak: Motion to hear the letter
 - a) Patrick Paulsen: Second
 - b) Vote: All approved
- B. Gates McGavick: (*reads letter about Ryan Mullin*)
- C. Corey Gayheart: We will open it up for questions for us or for Ryan.
- D. Motion to end discussion and debate: Patrick Paulsen
 - 1. Mark Spretnjak: Second
 - 2. Vote: All approved
 - a) Vote on Ryan Mullin as new Co-Director of FUEL: Approved with two abstaining (proxies)
- E. Corey Gayheart: Does everyone know what FUEL is? FUEL is the First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership and it's one of the two main ways that first years can get involved in Student Government (besides Freshman Class Council). They apply for it in the fall after activities fair, and then the directors go through an interview process after reading the applications to decide which first-years they want in the group. They meet once a week like Senate. This year they're doing committees that are planning events on campus so that the first years can learn how to get an event through SAO, who to collaborate with, who to work with...they listened to TED Talks and would have discussions on them last year, and this year it's evolving to develop first years and their leadership abilities and to introduce them to student government and expose them to what they can do after freshman year.
- F. Bri Tucker: A lot of them are impressive candidates that made it onto Executive Cabinet.
- G. Patrick Paulsen: What is your and Corey's stance on Eduardo Luna's manifesto?
 - 1. Corey Gayheart: It was developed under the Student Government umbrella, the umbrella of Eduardo being North Dining Hall Student

Manager, and his personal umbrella. They merged into one when it was written. It was somewhat problematic because it was not anticipated as much as other things that have occurred. It has sparked conversations on campus and amongst administrators, and an exciting update is that campus dining is establishing a student task force to keep students in the loop about campus dining in terms of all of the projects happening and not just certain ones. They're coming next week to talk with all of you, and surprisingly in the survey results, the most popular presentation was Eduardo's by an overwhelming margin which I find interesting.

2. Gates McGavick: A lot of productive stuff has come from Eduardo's "manifesto." We've talked to him about tone and making sure they're warned about something like this coming out, but now they're having a town hall with all of their employees, and we've had several meetings with campus dinings since its release. That's why they're coming to Senate next week. He had good intentions, and it got a little spicy, but going forward, we're still working with them just as well as we were before hand.
3. Corey Gayheart: We do want to make sure we're working in good faith with people, so certain standard operating procedure is to release it to the people included in it first so that they can respond and give you information that they feel is adequate or is improperly represented. That was something that we used as a learning moment for all of us moving forward.
4. Patrick Paulsen: How do you work in good faith with someone who doesn't work in good faith with you?
5. Corey Gayheart: It's just how life is. It's going to happen, but we have to do our best to advance student life here, and it's not helpful to do that working in spite of administrators.
6. Patrick Paulsen: It seems to me that it hasn't benefited students to work with administrators that much. I think we need to do more and do outside of the box solutions and I would gladly help anyone.
7. Gates McGavick: I definitely agree that there are administrative actions that bother us, but Campus Dining is a large business backed by the administration, and if we were to cut off our relationship with them, it would hurt us more. The sentiment that there are sometimes concerning things coming down from the top, we totally agree with, but anytime we can work with someone, it has the chance to yield good results for the student body.

8. Bri Tucker: We always take the opportunity to have a seat at the table, and if you don't, you take away the opportunity to hear about things on campus. If we don't have that insight and they don't hear us, they can't make decisions that reflect student needs. It may be frustrating, but it makes it all the more important to continue to be voice, say what we need, and ask what can we do to make a difference. Administrators can't know everything, and that's why it's important for students to be involved.
9. Gates McGavick: We can definitely have a follow up conversation.
10. Corey Gayheart: It's more so about making sure that students do have a seat at the table when decisions are being made, and in this situation, now they are because of everything that happened, and there's a balancing act to play.

VII. Announcements

- A. Laksumi Sivanandan: Tomorrow at 7:15 we're having Junior Class Trivia Night and its Fandom themed. You can build a team of four and we will be giving out \$100 in gift cards to the bookstore and Class of 2020 Apparel. This Sunday from 2:05 pm, we're giving away Christmas treat and giving away apparel as well.
- B. Sam Cannova: Sophomore CC is having a class mass on Nov. 28 in the Basilica at 5:15 and afterwards we will have hot chocolate, and cookies in LaFun. Friday, Sophomores are wearing white t-shirts to hockey games and we will be selling more after the class mass. Next week we will be writing letters to Notre Dame people that are in the service or who have family members in the service and building care packages.
- C. SUB: Wednesday is the Karamo Brown event, and Friday is the SUB Student Concert at 10 pm in Legends.
- D. Shady Girgis: Next Tuesday if you're interested in running for Student Body VP or president, we will be having an info session at 8 pm.
- E. Alyssa Ngo: Diversity Council meetings are always open, and this week might be more interesting because Claire Mende is having a discussion on Walk the Walk, and I don't think she's slated to come here, so if you're interested in the work that she does or in giving feedback on Walk the Walk, you can come to our meeting tomorrow, or if you have questions, let me know.
- F. Katie Gabanic: Thursday from 6-10 in the LaFun ballroom is Silent Night Silent Auction. We have baskets being auctioned off and there will also be hot chocolate and cookies.
- G. MiKayla Kocher: Howard Holliday is this Thursday with mini Christmas tree decorations for \$7 and we will have chick fil a.

- H. Caila Lindsay: The Snite Museum is having a study break this wednesday from 9-11 pm with snacks and crafts and a study break hosted by the Snite and the museum has partnered with Solidarity and Solitary on the Aux with different people who have radio shows have created a playlist for each piece of art.
- I. Weston Dell; This saturday is Carool Christmas from 3-6 with cookie decorating, live music, pictures with Santa and elves. It's our one chance to showcase Carroll hall.
- J. Zach Spitzer: March for Life registration closes this Friday so if you need the link, be sure to let me know. There Is an information session in DeBart 117 at 7 pm for those who might be interested.
- K. Bri Tucker: Our Director of Gender Relations wanted to remind everyone that the Campus Climate Surveys last day to submit it is today. That is important because it shows the prevalence of sexual assault on campus.
- L. Brendan Watts: Badin's Conscious Christmas will be on Friday from 3-4pm and they' re raising money for Nepalese artists through the Hope Initiative. Dillon's Dillon Christmas will be on Sunday, December 2nd in LaFun.
- M. Corey Gayheart: You should have gotten an email regarding the president and vice president christmas reception at the top of the library. Check your emails and basically they host a reception with hors d'oeuvres on the top floor of the library and it's cool and a neat way to end the semester so I would recommend you go and there is an RSVP in the email. Please take the survey i sent out, and committee chairs reminder to send you notes to Izzy and I.
- N. Halena Hadi: If you have any thoughts for me or your department, I will be sending out a survey and I would appreciate if you all responded.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Mark Spretnjak: Motion to adjourn
 - 1. Zach Spitzer: Second
 - a) Vote: All approved