

STUDENT SENATE  
Executive Summary  
April 8, 2015

- I. Opening Business
  - A. Nidia Ruelas called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm
  - B. John Kill led invocation
  - C. 3 were absent, 0 were late
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Ryan Heard motioned to approve last week's minutes.
    1. Abe Jensen seconded.
- III. Officer Announcements
  - A. Mr. Bryan Ricketts, Student Body President
    1. CCAC: Community Campus Advisory Coalition
      - a) Includes city council members, community members, etc.
    2. SAO 360
      - a) senators: approve yourself in SAO 360
      - b) see Bryan if you haven't gotten an invite
    3. CLC: Campus Life Council
      - a) administrators, rectors, faculty, etc. all talking about ways to improve student life
      - b) 3 student senators and one off campus senators: Elections are coming up, start thinking about it
      - c) talk to Nidia if you're interested
    4. Two senates from now (April 22nd): Take Back the Night
      - a) event raising awareness about sexual assault
      - b) add to your calendars
  - B. Ms. Nidia Ruelas, Student Body Vice President
    1. For the next few Senate meetings, say your name before you make a motion or second a motion
    2. Add in new contacts to contact sheet
    3. Next week: start discussing Bylaws
      - a) drafted along with director of internal affairs
      - b) will be presented to Senate and sent out with agenda
    4. Back the Bend
      - a) [backthebend.nd.edu](http://backthebend.nd.edu)
      - b) Day of service, schedule can be found online
        - (1) 7:45-3:00, several projects that people can sign up for
      - c) everyone is encouraged to get involved
  - C. Mr. Dan Sehlhorst, Chief of Staff
    1. Materials
      - a) Packets of Papers (NOT Binders): Leave on Nancy's desk in office and they will be put in binders (Front desk of office)
      - b) Leave binders in shelves in front of Class Council Office
    2. If anyone did not get a department assignment, talk to Dan Sehlhorst
      - a) expect emails soon about department meetings
    3. First All-Staff Meeting: Friday, April 10th, 5:30-6:30 PM
      - a) Debart 102
      - b) Anyone who can't make it should talk to Dan Sehlhorst

IV. General Orders

A. Speaker and Discussion Re: Notre Dame Day

1. Mr. Aaron Wall, *Programme Manager, Notre Dame Day 2015*
  - a) Begins at 6:42 (18:42) on Sunday, April 26th
  - b) Components
    - (1) 29 hour broadcast of Notre Dame stories (Students, Faculty, Alumni)
    - (2) The chance to give away the \$1M Challenge Fund to 750+ ND groups (clubs, halls, etc.)
  - c) \$1M Challenge Fund
    - (1) Make a gift on ND Day and receive 5 votes to cast for the groups you care most about
      - (a) second gifts = 1 vote
    - (2) % Total Vote = % of the \$1M Challenge Fund
  - d) webpage: [notredameday.nd.edu](http://notredameday.nd.edu)
    - (1) broadcasts will be streaming from here
    - (2) all ND group pages can be found here
  - e) Participation
    - (1) Give and Vote
    - (2) Engage the networks for groups you care about
    - (3) Promote #ndday
    - (4) Tug of War Challenge
      - (a) residence hall competition for money
      - (b) 3:00-5:00 the day before Notre Dame day
    - (5) Join us in the Social Media Lounge (outside of Sorin Room)
  - f) Why does ND Fundraise?
    - (1) high tuition cost, but it covers only \$280M of over \$1B expenses
    - (2) cost of instruction is \$400M
    - (3) financial aid, support existing programs, and build new programs

B. Discussion Re: *College Readership Programme*

1. Program that provides newspapers in the dining halls
2. Currently evaluating the program
  - a) \$50,00 out of the student government budget, which is unsustainable
3. 150 papers are taken daily, 700 papers are ordered (can't order any less)
4. Ideas
  - a) individual, dorm, or online subscriptions
    - (1) this would be more expensive
  - b) Political Brews serve as an outlet to engage in current news
    - (1) once a month meetings to watch Meet the Press and discuss
    - (2) want to increase from once to twice a month
  - c) Boost press clips department
    - (1) daily articles in the press that are sent to senator's emails
  - d) Use money to bring in speakers who can discuss current news
  - e) Personal or dorm subscription not done through student government
    - (1) use of hall funds
5. Discussion
  - a) Marissa Thompson: does this propose cutting all papers on campus?
    - (1) Nidia: Yes

- b) John Kill: Create something similar to The Week at ND with current news
  - c) Christine Zavakos: Create a database through the libraries that would provide free access to students
    - (1) Dan Sehlhorst: can only be done as per a professor's request
  - d) Amy Smikle: subscribe to The Skim
    - (1) daily emails with a brief rundown of the current news
    - (2) promote something similar at ND: form a publications team, etc.
      - (a) similar to press clips
  - e) J.P. Bruno
    - (1) problems with press clips: you're picking what students get to see
    - (2) even though it's 150 kids, it's not the same 150 kids so it affects more students overall
  - f) Christina Zavakos: who filters articles for press clips?
    - (1) Bryan Ricketts: department members of NEO
  - g) Eva Niklinska: can we only keep one newspaper?
    - (1) Hard to pick one paper that is not leaning to one side
  - h) Louis Bertolotti: Can we get other papers on campus?
    - (1) ie: South Bend Tribune
  - i) Tommy Schneeman: What would the money go towards?
    - (1) Paying for speakers, increasing money in rector fund, international student funds, etc.
  - j) Wilson Barrett: problem is that there is a limit to how many articles you can read from one website a month
  - k) Sarah Kim: Can we buy a few and recycle papers?
    - (1) have to buy in bulk
  - l) Seamus Quilty: If we get money back from the New York time, can we just keep that?
  - m) J.P. Bruno: cutting the readership program prevents Notre Dame students from becoming more well versed in world issues
6. Reynaldo Lopez moves to close discussion
- a) John Kill Seconded
- C. Discussion Re: Topics of Interest for Senate 2015-2016
- 1. Matthew Krach: Motion to table discussion until next senate
    - a) Ethan Holland seconded
    - b) motion was tabled
- D. Amendments and Resolutions Procedure Overview
- 1. *Department of Internal Affairs*: Becca Blais
    - a) come to DIA with idea
    - b) drafted resolution is approved by Becca
    - c) resolution is taken to senate
    - d) Bryan approves it
    - e) Zach Waterson: Speak to Judicial Council if resolution deals with the Constitution
      - (1) [jcouncil@nd.edu](mailto:jcouncil@nd.edu)

V. Announcements

A. Louis Bertolotti (Director of SUB):

- 1. SUB movie: tonight in washington hall the coauthor of American Sniper is here

- a) friday and saturday at 8:00 and 10:30 in debart 101: American Sniper
- B. Jamie Walter: next senate is the last senate to bring up budget happenings for your dorm
- C. Abe Jenson: 16 days until Fisher Regatta
- D. Isabel Fox: Ryan Hall Wheelchair Basketball is this Sunday from 12:30-4:30
- E. Eva Niklinska: ND's first Danceathon from this Friday 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
- F. Ryan Heard: Saturday April 18th, Carroll and Badin will have their first Lakeside Music Festival
  - 1. tickets are \$5
- G. Nidia Reulas:
  - 1. Make sure proxies mention that they're proxies
  - 2. Email resolutions or documents that will be presented in Senate the Sunday before Senate

VI. Adjournment

- A. Isabel Fox moved to adjourn meeting
  - 1. Reynaldo Lopez seconded
  - 2. meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM