

STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
April 15, 2015

- I. Invocation
 - A. Nidia Ruelas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
 - B. Kelly Smith led the invocation
 - C. 1 was absent; 0 were late
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. John Kill motioned to approve last week's minutes
 1. Isabel Fox seconded
- III. Officer Announcements
 - A. Mr. Bryan Ricketts, Student Body President
 1. The Hunting Ground showing this Friday
 - a) documentary about sexual assault on college campuses
 - b) tickets on DPACS website
 - c) panel following the movie
 - d) two hour panel Monday, April 20th at 7:00 discussing the issues brought up in the movie
 2. Continuing to research college readership
 - a) looking into contracts, meeting with the representative from NY times
 - b) expect updates
 - B. Ms. Nidia Ruelas, Student Body Vice President
 1. If anyone ever needs extra documents from Senate meetings, see Nidia in her office
 - a) come up to two weeks after missed Senate, after that email Nidia or Sibonay for documents
 2. Holocaust Remembrance Service
 - a) April 15 at 8:00 PM at the Grotto
 3. Armenian Genocide Prayer Service
 - a) events all next week
 - b) vigil will be held Wednesday April 22nd at 7:00 PM at the Grotto
 - c) share pamphlets with your dorm
- IV. General Orders
 - A. Campus Life Council Senate Representative Elections
 1. Nominees:
 - a) Abe Jensen: Fisher Hall
 - b) Ethan Holland: Sorin College
 - c) Dylan McDonough: Duncan Hall
 - d) Kathleen Rocks: Cavanaugh Hall
 2. three open positions (one position automatically goes to an off campus Senator)
 3. Reynaldo Lopez motioned to vote
 - a) Ryan Heard seconded
 4. CLC Senate Representatives:
 - a) Abe Jensen
 - b) Kathleen Flavin
 - c) Ethan Holland
 - B. Discussion Re: Topics of Interest for Senate 2015-2016
 1. Kevin McMannis: Off Campus Safety
 2. John Kill: Awareness of Incidences Reported to NDSP (general campus safety)
 - a) Christine Zvakos: opening more buildings for safety late at night
 - b) Lauren O'Connell: increasing number of bluelights around lake and on campus
 - (1) Kevin McMannis: Campus will most likely not be adding more because they are found to not be as useful as people would think
 - c) Kathleen Rocks: adding lighting on campus
 - d) Wilson Barrett: how much financing goes in to bluelights?
 3. Dan Riehle: Hydration Stations for Knott(and other dorms as well)
 - a) Eva Niklinska: Add Hydration Stations to Debart and Jordan
 4. Christine Zvakos: Adding Grab and Go Stations Closer to Academic Buildings
 - a) Ethan Holland: Diversity in food offered in dining halls
 - (1) Lauren O'Connell: Increasing vegetarian and vegan options

5. Kathleen Flavin: More O'snap Cars
 - a) Ariana Zlioba: increasing efficiency of O'snap system
 - (1) Zach Waterson: implementing a text notification when O'snaps arrive
 - b) Sarah Kim: caller identification so people don't snatch other's rides
6. Lauren O'Connell: Increasing Recycling on Campus
 - a) Bryan Ricketts: talked to the office of sustainability, even though recycling goes into a dumpster, it is a separate dumpster that is separated for recycling
 - (1) Office of Sustainability is currently doing a recycling audit
 - (2) Isabel Fox: composting food waste in the dining hall
 - (a) Reynaldo Lopez: forming more gardens on campus
7. Wilson Barrett: investigating number of flex points we get when prices of food on campus change
 - a) Taylor Still: Why are there prices at the huddle?
8. Sarah Kim: Adding More Options for Meal Plans
 - a) Christine Zavakos: remove time constraints for meals
 - (1) Shannon Montague: This happens to reduce waste of food
9. Kevin McMannis moved to close discussion
 - a) Reynaldo Lopez seconded
- C. Senate Approval of Bylaws
 1. Drafted by the Department of Internal Affairs
 2. Amendments
 - a) Art. II Section II
 - (1) claus I: Parliamentarian should be nominated by Judicial Council and elected by 2/3 vote of Senate
 - (2) claus 3: "Vote of CLC" has be changed to "Vote of the Senate"
 - b) "Robert's Rules of Order" has been changed to "The Standard Code of Parliamentarian Proceduces"
 - c) Article II Section III
 - (1) claus I: Secretary should be nominated by Student Body President and elected by 2/3 vote of Senate
 - (2) number sequencing in this section
 - d) Article II Section V
 - (1) number sequence in this section
 - e) Abe Jenson suggested discussion about changing the wording in Article V Section change from "shall" to "can"
 - (1) Reynaldo Lopez moved to open discussion
 - (a) Kelly Smith seconded
 - (2) Abe Jenson: Senators should have the choice of dropping one of their departments to serve on CLC (and should not be required to), but should have the choice to handle the third commitment
 - (3) Matthew Cratch motioned to close discussion
 - (a) John Kill seconded
 - f) Abe Jenson motioned to change the wording in claus 1b to from "shall" to "has the option to"
 - (1) Amendment passed
 - g) Dylan McDonough motioned to amend the bylaws Article IV Section Ib to give proxies speaking privileges
 - (1) John Patrick Bruno seconded
 - (2) amendment passed to give proxies speaking privileges, but not voting privileges
 - h) John Kill moved to approve the bylaws
 - (1) Peter Durbin seconded
- D. Senate Approval of Budget for Senate Expenses
 1. Matthew Krach motioned to approve the budget
 - a) Christine Zavakos seconded
- E. Overview of DARTing Procedure Changes
 1. Michael McRoskey, Department of Campus Technology
 2. system will change for next year
 3. class search and registration on the same window

4. shows you where conflicts will be
 5. plan your classes ahead of time: up to five different plants
 - a) system automatically goes to plan two if plan one doesn't work, and so on
 6. visually pleasing and includes many contextual reminders
 7. Conditional drop
 - a) expect videos from OIT
 - b) serves as a waitlist: automatically drops one of your classes if a class you want more that is full has an opening
 8. Sessions at the end of this month to test the program
- F. Resolution SS 1516-04
1. John Kill, St. Edwards Hall Senator: Commending Rev. Theodore Martin Hesburgh C.S.C.
 - a) Kevin McMannis: motion to change the spelling of "Reverend" in the sixth claus
 - (1) Amendment passed
 - b) Alexandra Fincher: motion to change the second "that" in the seventh claus to "a"
 - c) Wilson Barrett: motion to change "the Congregation of the Holy Cross" to "the Congregation of Holy Cross"
 - d) Wilson Barrett: Motion to change dashes in-between years to "to"
 - e) Wilson Barrett: Motion to flip the order of the last two sentences in the fifth claus
 - f) Jamie Walter motioned to pass these amendments
 - (1) Kathleen Flavin seconded
- G. Student Union Ethics Commission Recommendations
1. Zach Waterson, Judicial Council President
 2. Peter Durbin motioned to move to a closed Senate
 - a) Andrew Thomas seconded
- V. Announcements
- A. Wilson Barrett: Keenan is hosting a volleyball tournament next Sunday
 1. tickets are \$10
 - B. Abe Jenson: nine days until Fisher Regatta
 - C. Ryan Heard: Carrol Hall Lakeside
 1. tickets are now \$5
 - D. Zach Waterson: Lakeside Floating Candle Prayer Service tonight at 8:15
- VI. Adjournment
- A. Isabel Fox moved to Adjourn
 1. seconded Katelyn Markley
 2. meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

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- I. Student Union Ethics Commission Recommendations
 - A. Zach Waterson, Judicial Council President
- II. Allegations
 - A. lack of transparency with regard to appointments to the Student Government Executive Cabinet
 - B. untimely presentation of a monetary gift to one who assisted in the campaign for Student Body President
 - C. Bryan Ricketts excused himself from Senate because of his involvement in the allegation
 - D. Nidia Ruelas passed the gavel to Sara Dugan, Student Union Parliamentarian, to monitor and lead discussion
- III. Closing Discussion to Any Members of Senate
 - A. Kevin McMannis moved to close discussion to Nidia Ruelas and Danny Funaro
 1. JP Bruno Seconded
 - B. Michael Finan moved to open discussion on this motion
 - a) Kathleen Rocks seconded
 2. Danny Funaro: Danny should stay in Senate in order to answer questions and give light to the situation
 - a) Kevin McMannis: This would still give a biased opinion on the allegations
 3. Madi Purrenhage: Since Nidia was not accused of anything, she should be allowed to stay
 4. J.P. Bruno: Zach has the ability to answer questions that Danny would answer if he was to stay
 - a) Nidia should be asked to leave because of her proximity to the issue
 5. JP Bruno moved to close discussion
 - a) Isabel Fox seconded
 6. Kathleen rocks moved to vote on this motion
 - a) Reynaldo Lopez seconded
 - b) JP Bruno requested a paper vote
 - C. Motion Passed: Danny Funaro and Nidia Ruelas were asked to leave senate
- IV. Isabel Fox moved to open discussion on the topics of the recommendations
 1. Kathleen Rocks seconded
 - B. Zach Waterson: explanation of allegation
 1. First allegation addresses Bryan Ricketts implying that he would choose an individual to be Chief of Staff, but then later offered the position to someone else
 - a) Giftcards were given to those who helped in campaigning two days after elections, including the individual who was expecting to be Chief of Staff
 - b) Michael Finan asked for an explanation of the "infringement upon the rights and dignity"
 - (1) Zach Waterson: The other individual was presented in Senate as the Chief of Staff, so Bryan withheld information of not intending to appoint this individual as Chief of Staff
 - c) Reynaldo Lopez: Though this was implied but not explicitly said, does this person still have grounds to make this allegation?
 - (1) Zach Waterson: it was discussed only once between Bryan and the other individual, so it was explicitly stated.
 - (a) It was never explicitly stated that Campaign Manager would become Chief of Staff
 - d) John Kill: When did this issue occur?
 - (1) Zach Waterson: This is an ongoing issue of lack of clarity
 - e) Kendall Marthaler: Why was the individual not made Chief of Staff
 - (1) Zach Waterson: There was a falling out between the two individuals, but in order to preserve the friendship Bryan chose not to withdraw the offer
 2. Second allegation addresses making Danny Funaro the Director of Gender Relations even though he holds a position in PrismND
 - a) Eva Niklinska: How is Danny's position in PrismND different than any other person's position in any other club

- (1) Zach Waterson: PrismND is considered to be a Special Interest group, so this club would have closer ties to Student Government than other clubs
- b) J.P. Girshwind: Was there an intentional covering up of this issue?
 - (1) Zach Waterson: The Commission was unable to declare if this was intentional or not
- c) Madi Purrenhage: Though Danny's letter of recommendation did not include his involvement in PrismND, this doesn't mean that it was intentionally covered up because this letters tend to be broad and vague.
 - (1) Shannon Montague: Since this could be perceived as a conflict of interest, it should have been brought up
 - (2) Zach Waterson: PrismND addressed their issues with this to Bryan, but he failed to address this issue to Senate.
 - (3) Becca Blais: As Director of Internal Affairs, it has already been added to the priority memo to clarify the issue with the letter of recommendation
 - (4) Kathleen Rocks: Since there was no precedence for Bryan to follow, how should he have dealt with this conflict?
 - (a) Zach Waterson: This information should not have been withheld through and beyond Danny's appointment
 - (5) Becca Blais: Since PrismND is pastoral and Student Government is procedural, there should not be much of a conflict without me
- C. Peter Durbin moved to close discussion
 - 1. Kathleen Rocks Seconded
- V. J.P. Bruno moved to form a subcommittee to further discuss these issues
 - 1. Kathleen Rocks Seconded
 - 2. Motion passed 23-4-2
- B. J.P. Bruno motioned to have 5 senators chosen at random by Zach Waterson and have the subcommittee chaired by Zach
 - 1. Kathleen Rocks seconded
- C. Kelly Smith motioned to add that Executive Cabinet members are not added to the subcommittee
 - 1. J.P. Bruno Seconded
- D. Christine Zavakos motioned to give Senators the opportunity to recuse themselves from the subcommittee
 - 1. J.P. Bruno Seconded
- E. Isabel Fox motioned to vote
 - 1. Dylan McDonough Seconded
 - 2. Motion passed.