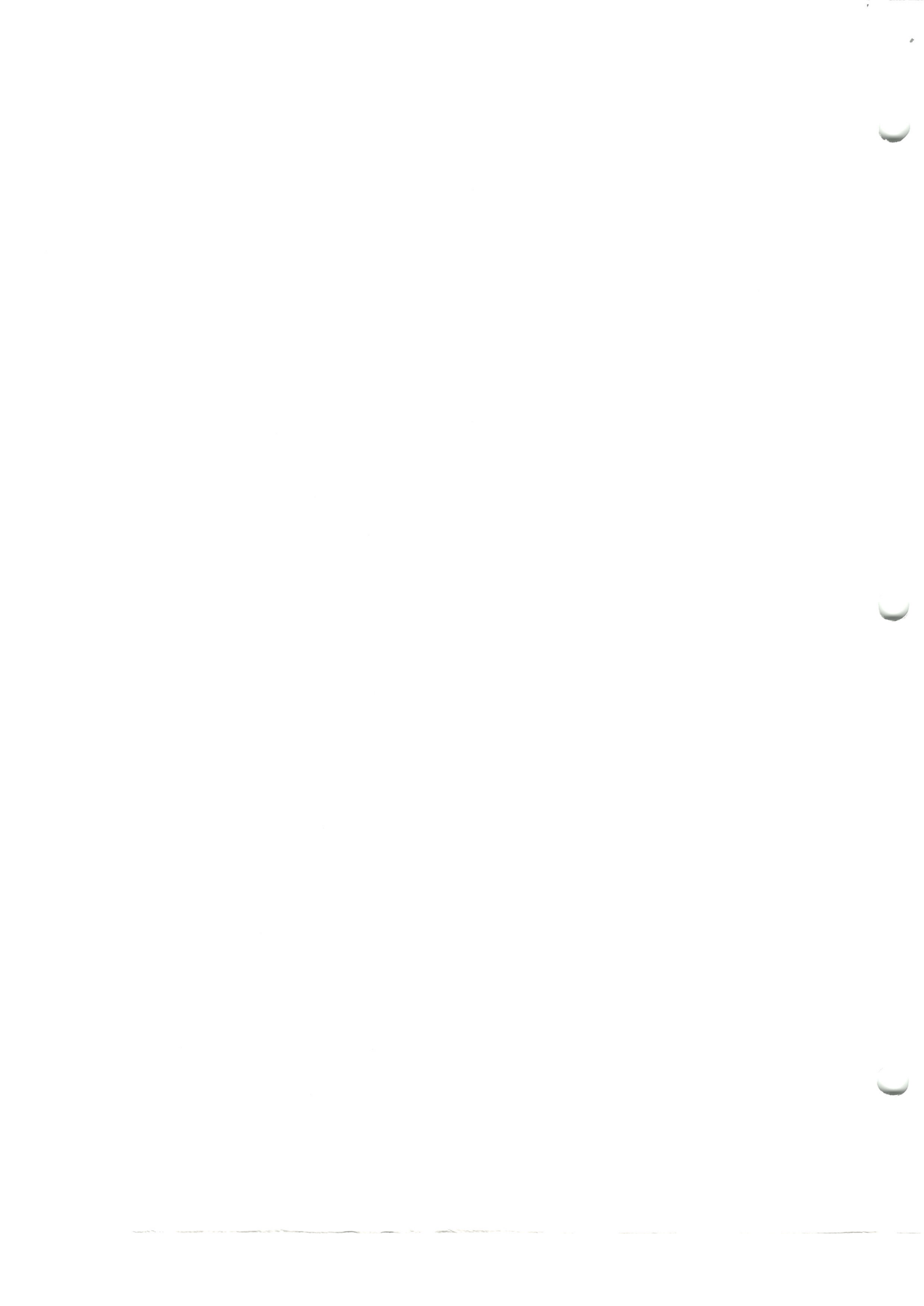


STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

April 22, 2015

- I. Invocation
 - A. Nidia Ruelas called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM
 - B. John Kill led the invocation
 - C. 3 were absent; 0 were late
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Reynaldo Lopez: update the idea about compost and urban gardening so that it's focused in South Bend and not just on campus.
 - B. minutes were approved
- III. Officer Announcements
 - A. Mr. Bryan Ricketts, Student Body President
 1. Campus Community Advisory Coalition
 - a) created a survey to gauge student interest in South Bend
 - (1) encourage everyone to take it
 2. Meeting with local Law Enforcement
 - a) NDSP, excise police, St. Josephs county police, etc.
 - b) discussed safety procedure for the year
 - c) most important thing: police are here to keep everyone safe, not out to get anyone
 3. Take Back the Night (Tonight at 7:00 PM)
 - a) Oak Room at SDH
 - B. Ms. Nidia Ruelas, Student Body Vice President
 1. Continue to let both Sib and Nidia know about proxies if you can't attend a meeting
 2. Review the Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, it helps the meetings run smoothly
 - a) refresher training will be held in the fall
 3. Next Wednesday is the last Senate of the year
 - a) State of the Student Union speech will be delivered by Bryan
 4. Last week's topics will be the point of discussion for meetings next school year
 - C. Mr. Dan Sehlhorst, Chief of Staff
 1. Wall of Ideas
 - a) front wall of Student Government office
 - b) add any ideas and/ or talk to Dan, Nidia, or Bryan at any point during the school year
 2. If you want to know more about Student Government's power of press releases and broadcasting information, talk to Dan
 3. Pie your President
 - a) Nidia and Bryan will be pied Friday at 3:30 at the fieldhouse mall
- IV. Approvals
 - A. The Judicial Council Vice President, Caitlin Geary, was approved by the Senate.
 - B. The Judicial Council Vice President of Peer Advocacy, Brenden Forte, was approved by the Senate.
 - C. The Student Union Board Director of Operations, Bekki Rumschlag, was approved by the Senate.



- D. The Student Union Board Directors of Programming, Derek Price, Abby Shepard, and Kaya Moore, were approved by the Senate.
- E. The Student Union Board Director of Finance, Leana Jonassa, was approved by the Senate.
- F. The Student Union Board Director of Publicity, Alan Whalen, was approved by the Senate.
- G. The Student Union Board Director of Art, Alex Ignacio, was approved by the Senate.
 - 1. Marissa Thompson asked if there have previously been Directors who are abroad
 - a) Louis responded that since they do not take office until May 1st, it's not a problem because they will be here for their term.

V. General Orders

A. Resolution SS1516-05

- 1. *Rebecca Blais, Director of Internal Affairs*
- 2. Resolution to amend section 10.3c of the Constitution to remove the word "biweekly" because of the direct contradiction with another portion of the Constitution (section 5.2c outlines specific dates)
 - a) Dan Sehlhorst: this amendment is part of a large change that is taking place with Programming Board, such as including late night and weekend programming.
 - b) Reynaldo Lopez moved to vote
 - (1) Kathleen Rocks seconded
 - (2) resolution passed

B. Resolution SS1516-06

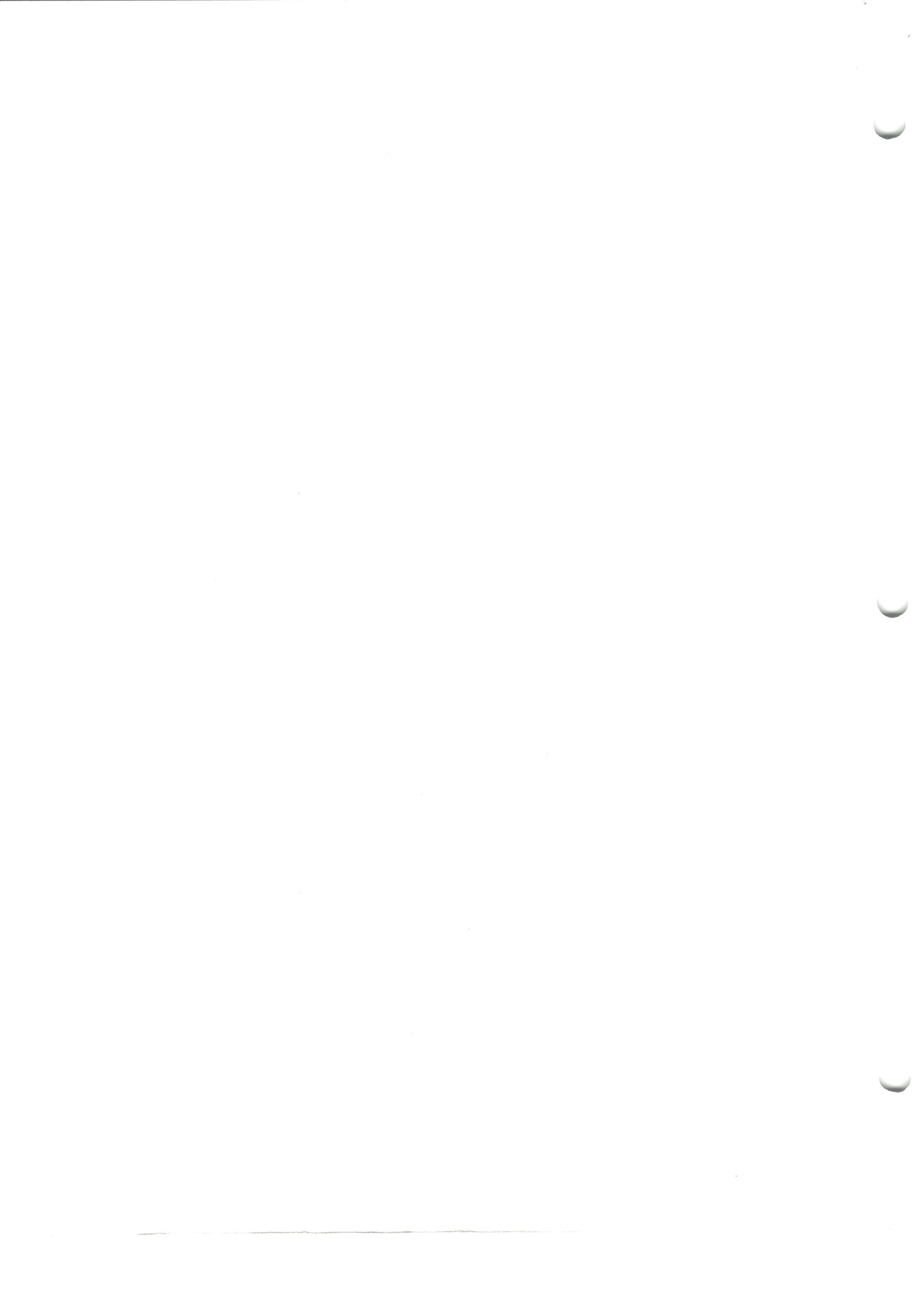
- 1. *Dylan McDonough, Dylan Hall Senator*
- 2. Resolution to amend the traditional responsibilities of non-voting members of the Senate so that they can propose resolutions to the Senate.
 - a) John Kill moved to vote
 - (1) Reynaldo Lopez seconded
 - (2) amendment passed

C. Discussion Re: Department of Gender Issues

- 1. Discussion is focused on addressing conflicts of interest with Danny Funaro holding a position in PRISM and the executive cabinet
 - a) PRISM representative was present as well
 - b) result of the Senate subcommittee meeting
 - c) JP Bruno: Asked Lily (President of PRISM) to speak on what she saw as the conflict of interest
 - (1) Lily: Conflict of interest lies in the fact that PRISMND and Executive Cabinet have two separate interests, and Danny would not be able to separate the interest of one while focusing on the other
 - (a) PRISM is more pastoral, while Student Government is more Executive based
 - d) JP Bruno: How much of a role does historian play in representing the interest of PRISM?
 - (1) Lily: As long as he holds the position, he represents PRISMND
 - e) Sean Kent: How did Danny come to get this position?
 - (1) Lily: He submitted an application to the outgoing cabinet officers
 - f) Seamus Quilty: How did you (Lily) come about the knowledge of this issue?



- (1) Lily: Danny mentioned his position is Student Government in the passing in a PRISM meeting a few days before being appointed in Senate
 - g) Seamus Quilty: Did you (Lily) have a discussion with Danny prior to bringing up this issue to Senate?
 - (1) Lily: After talking to the advisor, I reached out to both Danny and Bryan, and Bryan also discussed it with Danny.
 - (a) The question of whether or not this was a conflict of interest was just between Lily and the PRISM advisor
 - (2) Conversation with Danny, Lily, and Bryan started with asking Danny to pick between positions, and ended with bringing this to Senate because it wasn't clear of whether or not he had to pick (and whether or not this is a conflict of interest)
 - h) Kathleen Rocks: Can you (Lily) clarify the timeline?
 - (1) Danny: Took office of both positions on the same day (April 1st), but the selection process for PRISMND came prior to being offered the position in Student Government
 - (a) Lily: Danny was offered the PRISM position before he applied for the Student Government Position
 - i) JP Bruno: moved to open the closed Senate meeting from last week
 - (1) Kathleen Rocks seconded
 - (2) Dan Sehlhorst: What is Zach's rationale on the meeting being closed and what is his opinion on this?
 - (a) Zach: The meeting was closed just for unbiased discussion, but now that that discussion is concluded and the outcomes are done, I don't feel that Senate needs to be closed anymore
 - (3) JP Bruno motioned to vote
 - (4) motion passed: previous Senate meeting is now open
 - j) Bryan Ricketts: Danny did apply after the PRISM process, but he was still clearly the best option for his Student Government position. Though they (Dan, Nidia, and Bryan) knew that Danny held a position in PRISM, they did not see a conflict for that, and they were excited about a connection to another club. Danny is an effective leader and is fulfilling his job.
 - k) Nidia Ruelas: One of the action items would be to consider Danny's appointment in Student Government, but this would require a motion to reconsider the appointment from someone who voted "Yes" initially
2. Wilson Barrett: motion to give Danny the opportunity to resign from his position as PRISM historian if it comes to the point of reconsidering his appointment
- a) Amy Smikle moved to discuss to motion
 - (1) John Kill seconded
 - b) J.P. Bruno: were you ever presented with the choice between the two?
 - (1) Danny: Thought about choosing between the two, but decided that since he didn't see a conflict an interest, he decided not to choose.
 - c) Dan Sehlhorst: Think about the definition of conflict of interest. It usually deals with the same subject, but this is pastoral vs. policy based. As far as rationale for choosing Danny, any potential to give that benefit to PRISM



was outweighed by the benefit of the asset of having a connection with another ND club

- d) Morgan Dunn: Would you (Lily) still promote him choosing between the two?
 - (1) Lily: Yes. Both her and Bryan asked to choose between the two
 - e) John Kill: Did Bryan also ask Danny to choose between the two?
 - (1) Bryan: Yes
 - f) Louis Bertolotti: How can we confirm that Danny would resign his position from Student Government?
 - (1) Nidia: This would be coordinated with PRISMND
 - (2) Abe Jenson: There could also be a follow up if he doesn't resign by a specific date
 - g) J.P. Bruno: Have you (Lily) considered removing his position?
 - (1) Lily: There won't be new members until the fall, so his impeachment would be difficult because there aren't current members to vote on this impeachment. If it was possible, Danny would be removed immediately.
 - h) Louis Bertolotti motioned to vote on Wilson Barrett's previous motion
 - (1) Taylor Still seconded
 - (2) motion passed
3. Discussion on the Conflict of Interest
- a) Marissa Thompson: Was it his officer position or his active membership that created the conflict of interest?
 - (1) Lily: his officer position
 - (2) Danny: According the PRISMND Constitution, the only part that mentions Historian include his role of sharing, keeping, and archiving records and documentation. Therefore, he is not speaking for PRISMND as part of his role
 - (3) Lily: Danny still represents PRISM
 - b) Reynaldo Lopez: how is this any different from us carrying our interest into Student Government?
 - (1) Andrew Thomas: The big deal is related to holding an officer title because it gives him a "foot in the door"
 - (2) Marissa Thompson: Anyone in the room that is a voting member is representing a constituency, so it is their responsibility to carry the interest of whoever they are representing
 - c) J.P. Bruno: We don't need to make a decision today, in this case we should close this discussion and move to the amendment that fixes this issue for the future.
 - (1) Nidia: A motion can be made to give Danny time to decide by a certain date, or we can table this discussion and move forward with the amendment.
 - d) Amy Smikle: Can Danny elaborate on how you plan to reconcile the differences between the two organizations
 - (1) Danny: The job of historian is very limited so there should be no issue between the two organization because his role in both do not overlap or conflict
 - e) Seamus Quilty: Has Danny considered resigning from PRISM position?



(1) Danny: When it comes to PRISMND, the LGBT community is very important to him, so Danny wants to do anything he can to stay involved with PRISM. Plus, most members of PRISM still support him

f) Jamie Walter: Motion to give Danny time to decide whether or not he wants to pick by next Senate

(1) Amy Smikle: Have we decided whether or not there is a conflict of interest?

(a) J.P. Bruno: wouldn't it be easier to table the discussion?

g) Amy Smikle: Motion to table this discussion

(1) John Kill seconded

(2) Motion passes

D. Resolution SS1516-07

1. *Zach Waterson, Judicial Council President*

2. Drafted by the Senate subcommittee created last week, proposes that the Constitution is amended so that any potential conflicts of interests are presented during or before the appointment of a member of the Student Government cabinet member to the Senators. It also allows the Student Union Ethics Commission to conduct hearings and shall make recommendations to the Senators

3. John Kill: How are we going to ensure that all conflicts of interests are revealed?

a) Zach Waterson: it would be the responsibility of whoever feels that there is a conflict of interest

b) J.P. Bruno: It also errs on the side of giving too much information rather than not enough

4. Bryan Ricketts: Is the intention to have the nominators clarify any other involvements in clubs or interests that may present an issue?

a) Zach Waterson: The nominator can present any information that may lead to a conflict of interest, just so the information is present for the Senate

5. J.P. Bruno moved to vote

a) Isabel Fox seconded

VI. Announcements

A. Louis Bertolotti: Antosal

1. Ken Jenny will be on campus tomorrow (Thursday, April 24)

2. Keenan: This Sunday is muddy Sunday

B. Alexandra Fincher: Badin Breakdown is this Sunday on South Quad

C. Abe Jenson: Pie your President is this Friday from 3-5

1. Fisher Regatta is this Saturday at noon

D. J.P. Bruno: Friday at 5:00, Holi Festival will be held on North Quad

VII. Adjournment

A. Reynaldo moved to adjourn

1. Ivan Finkelstein seconded.

2. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM

