

STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

August 26, 2015

- I. Invocation
 - A. Nidia Ruelas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
 - B. Christina Murphy led the invocation
 - C. 3 were absent; 1 was late
 - D. Minutes were approved from last senate
- II. Officer Announcements
 - A. Mr. Bryan Ricketts, Student Body President
 1. Campus Life Council: Begins this coming Monday
 - a) Chaired by Bryan, talks about a lot of campus issues
 - b) talk to Senate liaisons if you have questions or comments (Abe Jensen, Ethan Holland, and Kathleen Rocks)
 2. It's On Us campaign will continue this year
 - a) look out for posters and notecards that will be distributed shortly through the dorms
 - b) keep dorm mates informed and involved with the campaign
 - B. Ms. Nidia Ruelas, Student Body Vice President
 1. Workshops will be covered today that should be helpful throughout your term
 2. Next week there is no Senate because of the Leadership Reception from 5:00-6:30, this is to encourage you to attend
 3. Justice Sotomayor will be here next Wednesday as well
 4. Office of Sustainability is selling reusable grab and go bags for \$1.80
 5. Men's Soccer 3 vs. 3 tournament (announcement from Sam Gersteimer)
 - a) annual barefoot tournament with proceeds going to GrassRoots Soccer, registration will be sent out around Sept. 1
 - b) \$20 to register, register by Sept. 9th
 - c) each team that register receives a free pizza during the Men's Soccer game on September 12th
 - d) Contact Nidia if you want the full text of this message
 6. Tonight: Feed your Face
 - a) 7:00-9:00, food trucks on South Quad
 - C. Mr. Dan Sehlhorst, Student Body Chief of Staff
 1. Invite friends to Ice Cream Social August 27th at 7:00 PM
 - a) Information about Stadium Discounts will be handed out then
 - b) See Facebook page
- III. General Orders
 - A. Celebrating Diversity Workshop
 1. *Ray'Von Jones, Diversity Council Representative and Professor Maria McKenna, ESS Program and Department of Africana Studies*
 2. What is Diversity?
 - a) John Kill: Different types of diversity: theological, racial, ethnic
 - b) "The condition of having or being composed of differing elements, especially inclusion of different types of people" - Merriam-Webster
 - c) We should all be focused on making the school a more inclusive environment for all our fellow students
 3. Op Ed: "On Hearing You Might Transfer"

- a) summary: heartfelt outpour from a faculty member that it is Notre Dame's fault students may want to transfer in respect to issues surrounding diversity and inclusion on campus
 - (1) almost 300 professors signed the letter in four days
 - b) Why?
 - (1) Notre Dame's diversity by the numbers
 - (a) about 30% of Notre Dame's student body come from some sort of a diverse background
 - (2) Implicit biases: we all have implicit biases, it's important to recognize this
 - (a) example: Student majoring in the sciences feels that some people may think of his/her ideas as less important because he/she is a minority (based on the quote)
 - (3) microaggressions
 - (a) example: Day 1 in the Observer, there was a full page spread about how to dress for a football game, with both of the figures being white and a woman in a skirt. Also talked about pockets in shorts (insinuating drinking) and presupposed that we all eat, live, and breathe Notre Dame football.
 - (b) example: itooamnotredame.tumblr.com
 - (c) minorities get tired of having to always explain how their lives work to majorities.
 - (4) lack of conversations
 - (a) Conversations may be uncomfortable, but when they are avoided, a lot of people are left silenced.
 - (5) there are students who feel like they are not a part of this community
 - 4. Roll of Diversity Council: Chizo Ekechukwy
 - a) Made up of representatives from every cultural club
 - b) Purpose is to discuss issues in regards to diversity on campus
 - c) Issues are discussed and solutions are provided through resolutions that are sent to administration
 - d) Meet on Mondays at 5:30 in the Notre Dame Room (open meetings)
 - e) Contact cekechuk@nd.edu for more information
 - 5. Moving Forward: What Can You Do?
 - a) Try your best to listen and learn
 - b) Don't be a silent bystander
 - c) Work in tandem with Diversity Council
 - d) Seek out information from campus leaders about diversity initiatives
 - e) Advocate for diversity initiatives
 - f) Think about how your actions and decisions impact the lives of others in our community
 - g) Talk to faculty members who you know have a background in this topic
- B. Parliamentary Procedure Workshop
1. Sara Dugan, Student Union Parliamentarian

2. Parliamentary Procedure: guidelines followed in any formal meeting to guide discussion, provides a uniformed method of connecting meetings and it protects the rights of both majority and minority opinions
3. Role of the Chair (Nidia Ruelas for Senate, Bryan Ricketts for CLC): Makes sure everyone has an equal opportunity to speak and say their peace
 - a) ensure that any decisions made will be implemented and carried out
4. Attendance: required for all voting members of the Senate
 - a) Quorum: amount of people that need to be present for a vote to be cast (in our case, $\frac{1}{2}$ of voting members)
 - b) Absences: Nidia and Sib need to know of any absences at least 24 hours before Senate, along with the name of your proxy.
 - c) Proxy rules: Proxies can participate freely in all discussions
 - (1) They are able to vote, but only if they're voting exactly as directed by the person they are proxying for. Nidia must be notified prior to Senate if a proxy is voting on behalf of a Senate member.
 - (2) Proxies can vote on friendly amendments (such as grammar things), but not any changes
 - (3) Proxies do not count towards Quorum
5. Setting the Agenda: Any member can submit a resolution or agenda item by discussing it with Nidia before 5:00 the Sunday prior to Senate.
 - a) Contact Becca Blais for help or guidance on drafting a resolution
6. Making a Motion: used to suggest what an organization should do
 - a) any Senate member can make a motion if there is no other motion on the floor or if the motion takes precedence over a pending motion
 - b) Someone states the motion, Nidia repeats the motion and asks for someone to second the motion. Discussion of the motion begins, any discussion that doesn't deal with the motion at hand is out of order. After discussion is over, the Chair will ask for a vote on the matter
 - c) some motions do not allow for discussion: point of order, asking for clarification, etc.
7. Voting: Chair's discretion on the method of voting. In Senate, it's usually done through raising hands
 - a) General Consensus: to make matters move quicker and just look for a majority (ie: yay or nay)
 - b) Division of the Assembly: requesting to actually count the votes instead of estimating the majority
 - c) Roll call vote and Secret Ballot Vote: Both are very time consuming, the assembly would need a majority in order to use one of these methods of voting. Members can recuse themselves if they don't want to express their vote out loud.
8. Motions (in order of Precedence):
 - a) Motions of lower precedence can not be considered while motions of higher precedence are in place
 - b) Privileged: motions that deal with matters of the individual
 - (1) ie: change the time assembly would adjourn, motion to adjourn, questions of privilege (personal comfort: if it's too hot in the room, too loud, etc.), call for orders of the day (asks to remain in the order that is listed in the agenda)

- (a) If you have any reason to leave early, let Nidia know before the meeting instead of calling a privilege motion.
- c) Subsidiary: motions that directly handle main motions
 - (1) ie: table something (anything tabled is moved to the agenda for the following week), close debate and vote, limit or extend debate (time decided by whoever calls this motion), postpone (to a certain time or definitely), commit or refer, amend, postpone indefinitely.
- d) The Main Motion and Restorative Main Motions
 - (1) ie: take from the Table, reconsider, rescind repeal annul, renewal of Old Motion, Ratify (used rarely)
- e) Incidental: motions that arise incidentally and have no no order of precedence
 - (1) ie: Point of Order (includes appeal, for anything not following procedure), division of a question, division of an assembly (voting), requests growing out of the business of an assembly (classification)

IV. New Business

V. Announcements

A. Louis Bertolotti:

- 1. Movie on the Quad August 26th 9:00
- 2. Comedies on the Quad: Friday, Sept 4th

B. Peggy Hnatusko:

- 1. Build a Burger: August 27th at 11:00 pm
- 2. Friday 10 PM: Irish Shenanigans on North Quad and in LaFun
- 3. Saturday 9:00 PM: Comedy improv group in Washington Hall
- 4. Sat 10:00 PM: The Incredibles on South Quad
- 5. Check the website for more information: <http://sao.nd.edu/events/>

C. Marissa:

- 1. Activities Night, Next Tuesday 7:00-9:00 in the Jacc

D. Michael Finan

- 1. FUEL, J Council, SUB, and FCC are having a Student Govt reception to showcase the main ways freshman can get involved in Student Government

E. J.P. Bruno:

- 1. Gatsby Dance in two Saturday nights

F. Tommy Schneeman:

- 1. Seniors wanting to go to the South Bend Cubs Game, deadline to buy tickets has been extended

VI. Adjournment

A. Isabel Fox moved to adjourn

- 1. John Kill seconded

B. Senate was adjourned at 7:07 PM