

STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
Wednesday November 11, 2015

- I. Invocation
 - A. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM
 - B. Bryan Ricketts led invocation
- II. Roll Call
 - A. 5 were absent; 1 was late
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Reynaldo Lopez moved to approve the minutes
 1. Tommy Schneeman seconded
- IV. Officer Announcements
 - A. Mr. Bryan Ricketts, Student Body President
 1. 5:00 November 11th (yesterday) there was a demonstration in solidarity with the students at Mizzou, please read the Observer's cover on that and continue to promote the dialogue
 2. We need people to go to the mass tomorrow for Jake Scanlan, need 12-15 people to assist as Ushers, etc. Volunteers need to be there at least at 8:30 and need to stay the whole time. Look out for an email to sign up.
 - a) Walk over to the mass from the student government office at 8:30
 - B. Ms. Nidia Ruelas, Student Body Vice President
 1. Please respect the 24 hour deadlines if you're unable to attend Senate and will need a proxy
 2. Show Some Skin story deadline has been extended to November 15th
 - a) to submit your story:
<http://ndshowsomeskin.com/submit-monologue.html>
- V. General Orders
 - A. Presentation and Discussion Re: Notre Dame International Policy Change on Overseas Fights
 1. *Tom Guinan; Associate Vice President for Administrative Operations, Notre Dame International*
 2. *Frank Wansley: Student Working with Notre Dame International*
 3. Change in the financial aspect that was announced over the summer, goes into effect 2016-2017. Students are now required to pay for their airfare to and from their study abroad location
 4. Study abroad participation
 - a) there has been a decline in the number of students studying abroad due to the increasing cost per student
 - b) Near future: Notre Dame International will be able to send 85-90% of applicants during academic year, there will be more options for summer and ST programs, there will be more options for science and engineering majors, the petition process will be active (petition

process: encourages a student to customize their study abroad experience to find a program outside of Notre Dame international).

- c) Benchmarking shows that we're one of the only schools to cover student's airfare, and the rising price of study abroad allowed less students to study abroad. Summer study abroad pays for their own airfare, and summer study abroad is growing more popular

5. Why change the air-fare policy?

- a) over \$1.0M allocated to airfare in 2014-2015 academic year programs, these funds will be redirected towards sending more students abroad (up to 50 more students a year)
- b) Office of Financial Aid will include study abroad airfare and cost of living abroad in cost-of-attendance calculations
- c) Other considerations

- (1) Students pay for airfare for summer study abroad programs, which are seeing huge increases in demand
- (2) Many students have ability to pay for airfare during Academic Year through accumulated miles or other resources

- d) J.P. Bruno, Christine Zavakos: If you're paying \$55,000 to come here, is that not being applied to the UCD (or another abroad university's) tuition? Where is the money the students are paying going?

- (1) Discrepancy comes because all the money from everyone who goes abroad gets put into a pool to allow everyone to go abroad that wants to. There are also a lot of events beyond classes that are part of the study abroad program.

- e) Bridget Rickard: What are the other steps to get from 74% to 85% of students studying abroad?

- (1) In the past, NDI was given a fixed price to send however many students they could abroad, which is why we saw the declining numbers because the cost of study abroad has increased. This isn't the only thing we're doing, this is the first thing we're doing to reach the 85% acceptance rate.

- f) Abe Jensen: For students who can't afford the airfare, is it covered by financial aid and is that money coming out of our study abroad fund?

- (1) Yes, Financial Aid will increase the student's financial aid packet, but they will cover it. That money will come from them.

- g) Dan Sehlhorst: We should be seeking an increase in the NDI pool instead of passing the costs to students since study abroad costs will continue to rise. Why was this not the first step?

- (1) This is a parallel step with the airfare costs. we want to tie the study abroad budget to the Notre Dame budget so that increase prices of attendance align with the budget.
 - h) Bryan Ricketts: Can you walk us through what a financial aid packet looks like for a student going abroad?
 - (1) A student on campus receiving financial aid has a cost of attendance package (books, clothing, food, etc.) If that student says that they are going abroad, the cost of attendance worksheet is updated to cover cost of attendance and the study abroad location
 - i) Isabel Fox: Will programs that give stipends still receive those stipends when studying abroad?
 - (1) Yes, that will not change
 - 6. Future Aims for NDI
 - a) Every student who is interested and qualified should have the opportunity to study abroad at some point during their time at ND
 - b) Encourage more students to consider Study Abroad
 - 7. Sources of Funding
 - a) Office of Financial Aid for Academic Year
 - b) NDI website for other programs and funding opportunities
 - 8. Contact tquinan@nd.edu or fwamsley@nd.edu with questions
 - a) all dorm president and vice presidents should have a copy of this presentation if you want to see it
- B. Wilson Barrett moved to withdraw Resolutions SS 15161-2,15161-3,15161-4 from the present agenda.
 - 1. Abe Jensen seconded
 - 2. Wilson Barrett: The resolutions have to do with elections, and our election experts (Judicial Council representatives) could not be here tonight. It would be best to wait until both sides of the resolution can be here to discuss it to best inform the senators
- VI. New Business
- A. Dan Sehlhorst: Motion to open discussion on the presentation on the new change in study abroad policy
 - 1. Abe Jensen: If money is the only issue from keeping more students from studying abroad, why doesn't the university start allocating more money to NDI?
 - a) They want to do that too, they chose to do this for the first step because maybe it is the quickest. They still want to tie student tuition to the study abroad allocated funds.
 - 2. Tommy Schneeman: The funding for study abroad is probably more complicated than what we just discussed, so I don't know if discussing this is the most productive use of our time.

- a) Nidia Ruelas: The purpose of the presentaiton was more to get the information out there and to raise awareness throughout the halls
- 3. Wilson Barrett: It seems like now there is less of GPA requirement to study abroad, but the sites still give recommended GPAs. Can we tell people in our dorm who were hesitant to study abroad because of their GPA not to worry about that?
 - a) Nidia: Not entirely sure, email Tom
- 4. Dan Sehlhorst: There is a big difference between \$1000 plane ticket and \$1000 raise in tuition. You don't notice immediately if your loans are going up, but a plane tickets you notice immediately. it's a more immediate burden on some families. This is something to think about
- 5. Christine Zavakos: This change has been implemented right?
 - a) Yes
- 6. Kathleen Rocks: Was this change implemented for people studying abroad this fall?
 - a) No, it's being implemented starting the fall of next year
- 7. Kelly Smith: When I first applied to Notre Dame, I was always told we wouldn't have to pay for my tickets, but now we do. 2018 has the most impact by this because we were told when we were applying here that we wouldn't have to pay our tickets, it would be helpful if this information was more transparent, even during the decision making process.
- 8. Bryan Ricketts: If anyone has questions about financial aid, go to the financial aid website and look through the FAQ
- 9. Isabel Fox: When they used to cover your plane tickets, you already had to cover your ticket to get you to the group flight location right?
 - a) Yes, if a group flight was leaving from New York, you had to cover your flight from wherever you are to New York.
- 10. Taylor Still: For the new petition process to study abroad, do students still apply through Notre Dame International and how are they affected by the change in policy?
 - a) Not sure, email Tom
 - b) Sara Dugan: I'm pretty sure that the rule is that you apply separately through the program, but you ask Notre Dame if you can still get credits for it.
 - c) Bryan Ricketts: Financial Aid may not apply depending on the institution and the process

VII. Announcements

A. Louis Bertolotti: SUB Announcements

- 1. Acousticafe cosponsored with the Asian American Society 10:00 PM Thursday in the LaFun basement
- 2. SUB Move this week: Me Earl and the Dying Girl
- 3. Mockingjay preview, SUB will be shipping people out to two different theatres. We'll be selling tickets this Friday and upcoming Monday

4. Comedian on Dec. 5th, Creed from the Office
 - B. Jack Kill: St.Ed's Mullets Against Malaria, haircuts starting tonight (November 12th) to raise awareness against Malaria. Working with Nothing But Nets, so far we've raised over \$2,000 and our goal is \$55,000
 1. gofundme.com search Mullets Against Malaria to donate
 - C. Alex Fincher: Badin Art Show next Thursday the 19th, please submit your art or let your friends know! Submissions allowed until November 15th
 - D. Amy Smikle: Howard Holliday is coming up December 4th. Please talk to your hall presidents and have them email me to sign up. \$20 a tree
 1. Department of University Affairs is trying to get a price scanner in the huddle, please respond to the survey so we have data to take to the Food Services Department
 2. Howard has made it to the flag football championships, playing in the stadium Sunday at 2:00
 - E. Wilson Barrett: Keenan Review will be February 11th, 12th, and 13th
 - F. Reynaldo Lopez: Morrissey v. Keenan flag football on Sunday at 3:30 in the stadium
 - G. Nidia Ruelas: Please tell me when birthdays are coming up in Senate
 - H. Bryan Ricketts: Just sent an email with sign ups to assist with the mass, please sign up as quickly as possible. Please make sure you can be there if you do sign up.
 - I. Reynaldo Lopez: NEO has a survey going around about political knowledge. Downstairs by the elevator tomorrow between 2:00 and 4:00
 - J. Nidia: Please let me know if you're not getting emails via google group.
- VIII. Adjournment
- A. Jack Kill moved to adjourn
 1. Kevin Coleman seconded
 - B. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM