

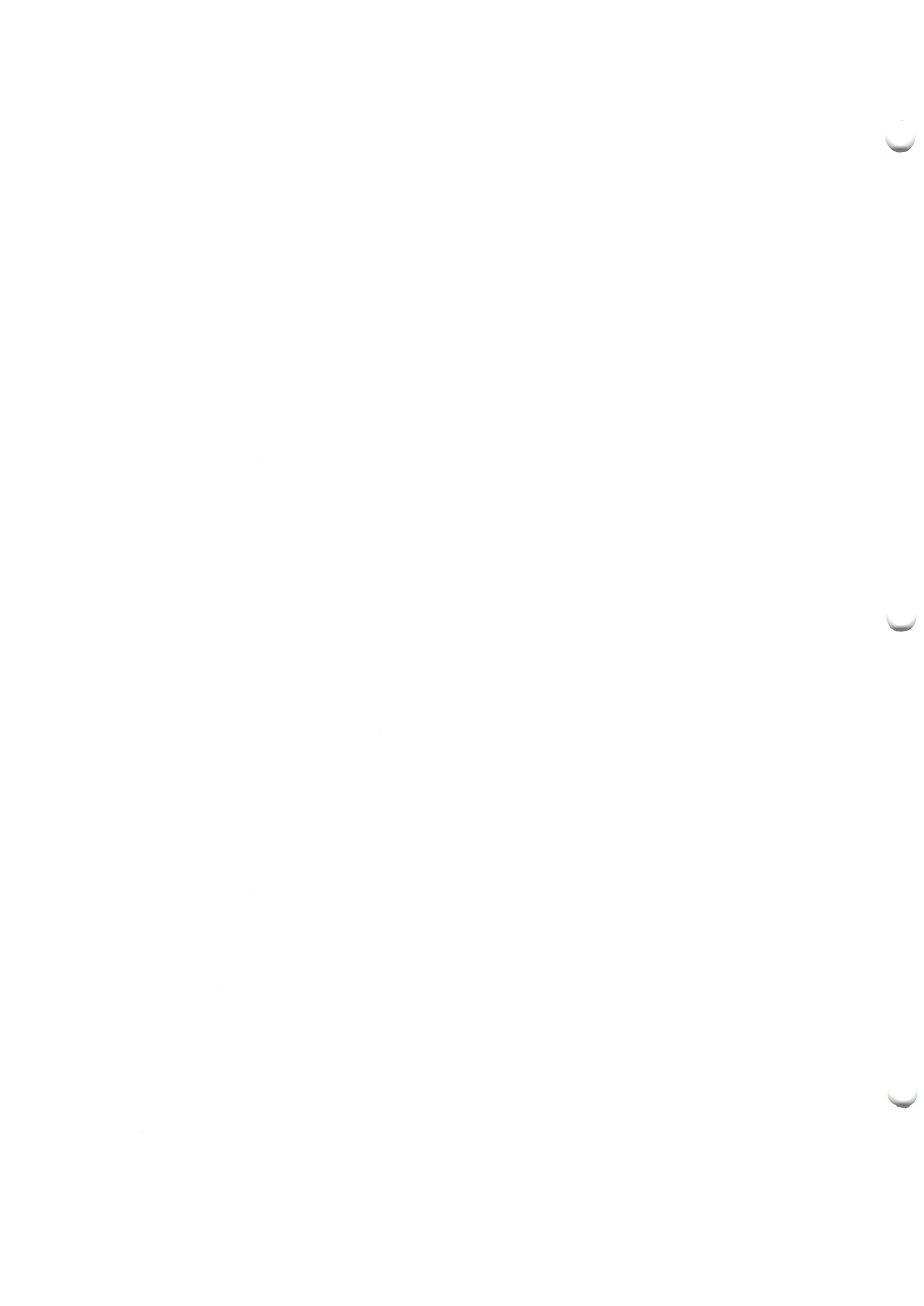
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC
STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
January 14, 2015

I. Opening Business

- A. Matt Devine called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
- B. Matt led the invocation.
- C. 8 were absent; 1 was late.
- D. Scott Moore moved to approve the minutes from December 10.
 - i. Elena Silla seconded.
 - ii. Minutes approved.

II. General Orders

- A. Kevin Coleman moved to consider this week's agenda. Due to our recent return from the break, the agenda was sent out 42.5 hours prior to Senate, rather than 48 hours prior.
 - i. Scott Moore moved to vote.
 - ii. All in favor of considering this week's agenda.
- B. Jake Wittenburg moved to vote on the addition of the appointment of Rohit Fonseca to this week's agenda.
 - i. Kevin Bond seconded.
 - ii. All in favor of adding the appointment of Rohit Fonseca to this week's agenda.
- C. Selection of the new Director of Social Concerns, Rohit Fonseca
 - i. Michael Wajda asked about his responsibilities as a FUEL member.
 - 1. Rohit will not be continuing with FUEL, as his primary responsibilities will lie with his position as the Director of Social Concerns.
 - ii. Director for Social Concerns, Rohit Fonseca, was approved by the Senate.
- D. Overview, *Spring Semester Initiatives*
 - i. Worker Participation Committee
 - 1. Lauren sent out an email before break regarding the Worker Participation Committee. She was one of seven representatives who visited factories in Shanghai, China last semester.
 - 2. The first panel discussion will be January 20 at 4:00pm. This panel will be moderated by Alex Coccia, Student Body President 2013-2014. The second panel will be January 21 at 7:00pm.
 - 3. Lauren will be hosting roundtable discussions on January 22 and 25 at 7:00pm in the Student Government Office.
 - ii. 29 for 29
 - 1. We will host a meeting with the project leads within each dorm to check in.
 - 2. We have seen very evident change and have received a lot of great feedback. We are excited to keep this initiative going throughout the year.
 - iii. There is a new hire for the First Year course that will replace the PE requirement.
 - iv. Safety Video
 - 1. We have one more scene to film and then the video will be released.
 - v. Financial Literacy



1. We are looking at the possibility of introducing a financial literacy booklet. A lot of students are not very informed about picking insurance plans, signing a lease, etc.
- vi. Michael Wajda spoke about the Hall of the Year Review Board.
 1. Two senators will sit in on this Board. If you are interested, email Michael when the dates approach.
 2. HPC will be hosting those presentations on March 20, 21 and 22.
- vii. Michael also submitted resolutions to Angel Zambrano, so those will be going through Senate in the coming weeks.
 1. One resolution will change the apostrophe in the Hall President(')s Council name, one will be about Rocknes, and another will be regarding the Student Union Ethics Commission.
- viii. Matt opened discussion about what Senate would like to discuss for the remainder of the term.
 1. Jimmy McEntee commented on the tension between students and student athletes on campus. He suggested an initiative to change this culture and encourage a sense of community among all students.
 - a. Corey Robinson, our Athletics Rep, would be the person to talk to.
 2. Jake suggested increasing the dialogue between administration and students. It would be great for students to be included in front channel ways rather than back channel ways.
 3. Scott M. would like to see more conversations about financial need on campus. You do not have to be directly affected to be included in this conversation. Fr. Joe Capora wrote a great Viewpoint in *The Observer*.
 4. Kevin Bond asked about putting hydration stations on each floor of the dorms. We can look at this through University Affairs or Residence Life.
 5. Kathryn Peruski noted that there is a general student sentiment that Student Government doesn't do anything.
 - a. Kevin C. suggested working further with *The Observer* to publicize what we are doing.
 - b. Lauren noted that we have a great relationship with *The Observer* and we now have a "spark notes" section every Tuesday that gives an update on what Student Government is working on.
 6. Chris DeSapio noted that the library would like to hear feedback about how the construction is changing the way students study.

III. New Business

A. Lauren will be delivering another State of the Union Address to Senate.

B. Election season has begun.

- i. There can be no campaigning or petition-signing on the second or third floors of Lafortune. If you are running for office, please remember to act ethically and respectfully.
- ii. More information regarding Class Council Elections and Student Body elections will be released soon.
- iii. Judicial Council purchased "Vote Like a Champion Today" shirts for each of us. Please wear those on Election Days. Remind people that their vote counts.



IV. Announcements

- A. Tomorrow night, there will be a fundraiser for Jiffy at Five Guys. Tell them you're with Jiffy and they will donate 20% of your bill.
- B. The first Acousticafe of the semester is tomorrow night in the Lafortune Basement. There will be free Chick-fil-A. Email sub@nd.edu if you are interested in performing this semester.
- C. There are 101 days until the Fisher Regatta.
- D. Heads of the Student Union should be preparing transition materials. Those will be due by presented at Senate on February 4.
- E. Martin Luther King Day is on Monday. There will be mass at the Basilica at 5:15pm. There is also a prayer service with Fr. Jenkins in the Main Building Rotunda at 11:45am.

V. Adjournment

- A. Grant Humphreys motioned to adjourn.
- B. Kevin B. seconded.
- C. Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Student Union Secretary

