

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC

STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

February 11, 2015

I. Opening Business

- A. Matt Devine called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
- B. Brian Mukhaya led the invocation.
- C. 8 were absent; 0 were late.
- D. Michael Wajda asked to amend the minutes to read "March" instead of "February" under Hall Presidents Council Co-Chair elections.
- E. Martin Walsh moved to approve last week's minutes.
  - i. Jake Wittenburg seconded.
  - ii. Minutes approved.

II. Officer announcements

- A. Lauren Vidal, Student Body President
  - i. She met with Sgt. Skibins about O'SNAP.
    - 1. Currently, the dispatchers respond to both O'SNAP calls and emergency calls. When the app comes out, two student dispatchers will be added to respond to O'SNAP requests.
    - 2. Ridership went up significantly in November to over 1,000 riders. This is nearly triple of what Safe Walk ever saw.
  - ii. The Town Hall is Monday, February 16 at 8:00pm in Debartolo 101.
    - 1. This is a great opportunity all undergraduate students to ask questions about anything concerning the University.
    - 2. University President Father John Jenkins, Provost Tom Burish, and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves will be speaking and answering questions.
    - 3. Senators are encouraged to organize dorm walk-overs.
- B. Matthew Devine, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Please remember to attend your department meetings.
  - ii. Love Your Body week is coming up in two weeks.
- C. Shannon Montague, Chief of Staff
  - i. No updates.
- D. Congratulations to Bryan Ricketts and Nidia Ruelas, the recently elected Student Body President and Vice President for the 2015-2016 school year.

III. General Orders

- A. SS1415-13; Shuyang Li, *Director of Campus Technology*
  - i. Resolution proposing an elective introductory computer science course for the undergraduate student body
  - ii. Discussion
    - 1. Martin Walsh asked about the timeline for implementation.

- a. This resolution is intended to show student support for the implementation of this class.
- b. There is no specific timeline yet.
2. Elena Silla asked how this fits into the new minor.
  - a. There is a new minor called Computing and Digital Modeling in the College of Arts and Letters. The classes for this minor focus more on technology and computing, not computer science.
  - b. The new computer science course would be a free elective that could possibly fulfill a core curriculum requirement.
3. Scott Moore discussed this with the College of Engineering and they are on board. Non-science majors could take this class to fulfill the science requirement.
4. Jimmy McEntee asked if there are any physical limitations that have prevented this course from being offered in the past.
  - a. Not that we are aware.
5. Kristen Parkinson asked if all classes that fill the science requirement are currently offered in the College of Science.
  - a. Yes, as far as we know.
6. Kevin Coleman moved to close discussion.
  - a. Brian Cimons seconded.
7. Brian C. Moved to vote on SS1415-13.
  - a. Scott M. seconded.
  - b. The resolution passed by unanimous hand vote.

#### IV. New Business

- A. Ashley Calvani asked for feedback on having reusable Grab n' Go bags instead of paper bags. The idea would be to distribute a reusable bag to each freshman during orientation and they could carry it with them in their backpacks on days they planned to eat Grab n' Go.
  - i. JP Bruno suggested having the reusable bags for habitual Grab n' Go users, but keep the paper bags as an option for people only go once in a while.
  - ii. Martin noted that this might work for the incoming freshman class, but it may be hard to implement for upperclassmen who are already used to the paper bags.
  - iii. Brian Cimons suggested offering an extra Grab n' Go point for people who use reusable bags.
    1. Lauren suggested having a smaller incentive, such as including a piece of candy if you use your reusable bag.
  - iv. Tom Taylor suggested selling the bags to generate revenue.
  - v. Scott M. noted that it would be difficult to eliminate paper bags completely, but it might be a good idea to start this grassroots in the dorms.
  - vi. Marissa Taylor noted that some dorms have made bags together. This could be a good Frosh-O bonding event.
  - vii. Elle Huang suggested having grocery baskets in Grab n' Go and then students could just put the items straight in their backpacks after checkout.
  - viii. Kevin Bond supported the idea of giving bags to all of the freshmen. This could also be a good way to advertise Grab n' Go to the freshmen.

- B. Michael Wajda asked about Lauren's State of the Union speech.
  - i. Lauren will deliver the final State of the Union at the end of the term.
- C. Katie Arndorfer introduced the Rice Bowl initiative.
  - i. They will distribute cardboard bowls in the dorms for people to collect change and bills. Please take one on your way out.
  - ii. 75% of the money collected will go towards CRS initiatives overseas. The remaining 25% will stay in our diocese.
- D. Chris DeSapio noted that Stanford Hall is having trouble getting people to run for SUB rep because some SUB reps feel like pack mules. He also asked why this was an elected position.
  - i. Kathryn Peruski answered that SUB reps are part of the Student Union. All positions within the Student Union are elected or appointed. Most appointed positions are the higher-level positions within each organization.
  - ii. Scott Copeland noted that the responsibilities of SUB reps are inherent in the structure of SUB. How involved each rep chooses to be is really dependent on the SUB rep. There is a difference between just showing up to meetings and hanging up posters versus taking initiative in planning events with their programmers.

#### V. Announcements

##### A. Judicial Council announcements

- i. Class Council petitions are in. Campaigning will begin over the weekend.
- ii. Hall elections will be February 24.
- iii. Please wear your "Vote Like a Champion Today" shirts on election days and remember to vote.

B. Hall of the Year Review will be March 20, 21, and 22.

C. There are 73 days until the Fisher Regatta.

D. The Design Team for the First Year Experience course met last week. Let Jake know if you have any input.

E. The Howard Hall Chapel Crawl begins this Monday, February 16. Please take 3 posters and hang them in your dorms.

F. SUB will have an Open House next Tuesday at 7:30pm in the SUB Office. Anyone interested in joining SUB is encouraged to attend.

G. The Miss ND pageant is March 4.

H. If anyone is interested in testing out the DART and Class Search systems, email Arthur Laciak ([alaciak@nd.edu](mailto:alaciak@nd.edu)).

I. The Freshman Networking Fair is right after Senate today in Lafortune Ballroom.

J. Please stay after Senate today if you are on the Gender Relations Department or are interested in helping out with Love Your Body Week.

#### VI. Adjournment

A. Senate concluded in prayer to remember Daniel Kim, a Notre Dame sophomore who passed away last Friday.

B. Tom Taylor motioned to adjourn.

C. Jake seconded.

D. Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Student Union Secretary