

STUDENT SENATE  
Executive Summary  
Wednesday January 20, 2016

- I. Invocation
    - A. Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm
    - B. Rohit Fonseca led the invocation
  - II. Roll Call
    - A. 1 was absent; 1 was tardy
  - III. Approval of Minutes
    - A. Kevin Coleman moved to approve the minutes
      - 1. JP Bruno seconded
  - IV. Officer Announcements
    - A. Mr. Bryan Ricketts, Student Body President
      - 1. Thank you to those who came to the MLK Celebration Lunch
      - 2. Met with Executive Vice President John Graves about China policy. We piloted with some companies in China, evaluating factories on a case-by-case basis. Looking for a student government representative who will bring what is not confidential from China policy discussions to Senate, so if you know students in your dorm who care about this, reach out. Find out more at [evp.nd.edu](http://evp.nd.edu)
      - 3. Campus Crossroads: Almost done with the outside, which means they are about to start on the interior!! Since what is being installed inside is largely unknown to students, a steering committee is being created to facilitate communication.
    - B. Ms. Nidia Ruelas, Student Body Vice President
      - 1. Mae Raab is the new Secretary. Her email is [mraab@nd.edu](mailto:mraab@nd.edu)
      - 2. Benefit dinner for Christian refugees on Saturday January 30, 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Remick Commons in Carole Sandner Hall. Tickets are \$26, and there is the opportunity to win free ones: see flyers
    - C. Ms. Sibonay Shewit, Chief of Staff
      - 1. If you want to continue any conversations that you had with Dan, come see her!
  - V. V. Approvals
    - A. Student Union Secretary
      - 1. Kevin Coleman motioned to entertain this approval
        - a) Kathleen Rocks seconded
      - 2. Kathleen Rocks moved to vote on the nomination
        - a) Ryan Herd seconded
      - 3. Mae Raab has been approved as the new Student Union Secretary
- VI. VI. General Orders
  - A. Resignation of Director of Internal Affairs
    - 1. Rebecca Blais resigns
  - B. B. Discussion Re: Leadership and Responsibility
    - 1. Student Union Senate
    - 2. Diversity Council Leadership
      - a) Nidia Ruelas: Moving forward, we may want to close this discussion

- b) John Kill motioned to close discussion on this matter
  - (1) JP Bruno seconded
- c) If you would like to continue talking about this, or have any questions/concerns/comments, definitely come to Bryan and Nidia.

VII. New Business

A. Bryan Ricketts: Adjustments to housing for some dorms. Feedback?

1. John Julien: After the initial email was received, the Zahm rector emailed residents that their situation would be changing as well: the common rooms would be changed to smaller rooms. Vast majority of the dorm is upset about this.
  - a) JP Bruno: Can we fight this?
2. Bryan Ricketts: Have you spoken to your rector personally?
  - a) John J: We have tried to protest before but were ignored
3. Wilson Barrett: Common rooms are so important to dorm community. It would be extremely detrimental for dorm community if those were taken away; likely that no one in the dorm would be in support of that
4. Isabel Fox: Ryan has a lot of empty rooms from people going abroad - Doesn't seem that people should be stuck in small rooms if there are big empty ones available
5. Janie Goodson: Those rooms are saved for injured people who are no longer able to navigate their original dorms.
6. Bryan Ricketts: People can always float for a single. Also the number of people leaving vs coming back due to study abroad isn't always perfect
7. Nidia Ruelas: When people move off for second semester it causes a huge impact also
8. Kathleen Rocks: What is the logic for removing the five man in Zahm?
  - a) John Julien: Social gatherings; it could be less of a liability for university if they were removed
9. Sarah Kim: Everyone in Walsh is accepting of the fact that their only problem with this is that they found out via email yet the decision was made over Thanksgiving. Would prefer that they tell people in the halls as early as possible - some people would have made different living plans for senior year if they had known.
10. Alexandra F: I would like to emphasize this point for Badin too - there was no discussion in Badin. New rector is frantic because (Alexandra's) entire class is moving off their senior year now. Recommends going to meeting: leaders from Student Affairs and Facilities Design & Operations will host two information sessions open to all students on **Tuesday, January 19 at 9 pm in 101 DeBartolo Hall and Thursday, January 21 at 9 pm in Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library**
11. Taylor Still: when Pangborn's common rooms were removed due to overcrowding, people were sympathetic to men's dorms but the decrowding did happen quickly.
12. Sullivan Curry: How will new dorm presidents be elected?
13. Janie Goodson: Pangborn will be called Walsh once walsh residents move in
14. Abe Jenson: Fisher was surprised they weren't included on list of those to be renovated, especially because Pangborn was first on the list

15. Amy Smikle: Are they redoing Pangborn this summer or are people moving in and Walsh will be redone over the school year? Also how will they deal with accommodating men (i.e. urinals)
  - a) Bryan Ricketts: Men will be living there
  - b) Nidia Ruelas: They are doing plumbing in Walsh
16. Kathleen R: How is construction of two new dorms going to alleviate overcrowding? They are opening an entire men's dorm but only 60 spots for women
  - a) Bryan Ricketts: I don't know what will happen to Pangborn. Maybe it will become a women's dorm again; overcrowding needs to be fixed now though
17. Eva Niklinska: How will new dorms be named?
  - a) Bryan Ricketts: They will have new names
18. Christine Z: Will having two more men's dorms than women's affect balance?
19. Nidia Ruelas: We will take these questions back and bring someone in that can answer them.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Zach Waterson: Petitions due this Friday for elections. Keep in mind that the first floor is up for grabs for discussion, 2 and 3 closed. Let him know if you have questions. Additionally, if you're meeting with your department on the first floor or the basement, election discussion is still not allowed
- B. Wilson Barrett: Keenan Revue is in 22 days!
  1. Ticket distribution will be on the 28th at 5:00.
  2. There is a snapchat and an app: download it!!
- C. Abe Jenson: Fisher Regatta is April 23rd
- D. Louis Bertolotti: Planning Antostal over at SUB, and Acoustic Cafe is in Lafortune basement on Thursday at normal time
  1. Please take back to your residence halls that SUB is having a big event on January 30th, so try not to schedule anything for that date.

IX. Adjournment

- A. Jack Kill moved to adjourn
  1. Kevin Coleman seconded
- B. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm