

STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
Wednesday, February 22nd 24

I. Invocation

- A. Kevin Coleman led invocation

II. Roll Call

- A. 8 absent; 0 tardy

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. John Kill moved to approve the minutes
 - a. Isabel Fox seconded

IV. Officer Announcements

- A. Mr. Bryan Ricketts, Student Body President
 - a. There will be a Diversity and Inclusion discussion next week that will lend itself to themes in Show Some Skin.
 - b. Diversity and Inclusion is the topic for the spring report
- B. Ms. Nidia Ruelas, Student Body Vice President
 - a. Love Your Body Week is this week!
 - i. Event tonight: the presenter is Carlisha Brooks
 - b. Shades of Ebony Women's Week is the week after spring break. Instead of holding Senate that week, I ask you to sign up for the dinner they are holding that Wednesday and will send out the link: March 16th at 6:00pm
 - i. As soon as you sign up, send me a screenshot of your confirmation
- C. Ms. Sibonay Shewit, Chief of Staff
 - a. With Love Your Body Week, t-shirts are in the office, but the best way to get them is to come to the events!!
 - b. Treat Yo Self tomorrow in Hesburgh Fishbowl. Right after they are showing Debart 213: showing
 - c. Diversity and Inclusion discussion is next week from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Oak Room of SDH. Off campus students can email Daniela for a meal pass.

V. Approvals

- A. Director of Internal Affairs
 - a. Bryan Ricketts: I would like to nominate Becca for her old position again.
 - i. Nidia Ruelas: Any questions or nominations?
 - 1. Kevin Coleman moved to consider the nomination
 - a. Christine Zavakos seconded
 - ii. Kevin Coleman moved to approve

1. seconded
- iii. Approved

VI. General Orders

A. Discussion Re: Campus Dining

a. Scott Kachmarik, Director of Student Dining and Residences

- i. The Organizational Analysis Design (OAD) dining services underwent is the largest yet
- ii. I have been at the University for almost 19 years
 1. Experiencing in student housing, auxiliary operations
 2. I am most passionate about the student experiences, so I want to engage you in ways that you maybe haven't experienced before in order to make sure that you are a part of the creation of the dining experience.
 3. We have spent a lot of time talking with staff, an incredibly important part of the dining experience.
 4. I want to be accessible to you, and hope to reach out to all levels of student participation here - so I really look to you all to understand ways in which we can engage students so that we know what we need to be doing
 5. I have been asking 3 questions: 1) What are we doing well and should keep doing? 2) What can we improve on and tweak? 3) What do we need to stop doing? (i.e. Have your needs changed, are we doing something just because we have done it for a long time and now it no longer makes sense?)
- iii. Sarah Kim: Do you look at meal swipes versus flex points? I just wanted more options, say 10 meal swipes and more flex points instead for those who cannot make lunch
 1. Scott Kachmarik: Yes - but to give some background, we want to make sure we find a balance between hectic lifestyles and making sure we find time to slow down and eat together.
- iv. Kelly Smith: Why does someone have to grab parfaits, etc at NDH grab and go whereas not at SDH? It is slow and kind of inefficient, especially when you are running late to class
 1. Scott Kachmarik: I am wondering that too, and agree with you.
- v. Christine Zavaikos: The chicken patties are different now than when I was a freshman and seem less juicy and harder to grill.
Fall semester of 2013
 1. Scott Kachmarik: This is good feedback about the product line

- vi. Becky: Is there a possibility of moving to a block system, like Ohio State does?
 - 1. SK: There are advantages and disadvantages to different approaches, and we are trying to figure out what works best here?
- vii. Amy Smikle: Burger night is awesome, so definitely keep that! Also, maybe increase the number of fajita nights because they are really popular too. Further, I am not Catholic and have other friends who do not observe no meat fridays during Lent. So, I have been getting backlash about that combined with the tray inconvenient Fridays. Such observance of the Catholic tradition can feel not inclusive, especially for admitted students who visit and are turned off by that.
 - 1. SK: I think that's valid and something we need to take a look at, from a philosophical standpoint and from a business standpoint.
 - a. That said, I do really want to dig deep into that discussion because it comes up every year.
 - 2. Amy Smikle: Perhaps there could be a section with a sign indicating that the dishes there have meat.
 - a. SK: I agree that we need better communication and indication of dining hall dishes and services
- viii. Kathleen Rocks: Is it possible to have apple slices in NDH?
 - 1. SK: You have never seen any there? Get back to me on that about next week
- ix. Abe Jenson: Could you think about expanding Saturday and Sunday breakfast to have hot options for the few who do get breakfast on those days?
 - 1. SK: Yes, those numbers are down, but there are probably some things we can do to give better options.
- x. Becca Blais: The peanut butter jars in North are a lot smaller than those in South and sometimes run out
 - 1. SK: Ok, thank you
- xi. Marissa Thompson: Do you oversee on campus eateries as well?
 - 1. SK: Yes, and we are looking into bringing in someone who will particularly look at those. My role is to provide that link between students and campus dining.
- xii. Lauren O'Connell: New vegan burgers are awesome! And the plywood helps of trayless fridays
- xiii. Kathleen Flavin: I don't go to grab n go because I don't think it's worth it
 - 1. SK: one thing to keep in mind is that the original intention of grab n go and flex points is to be a supplement to the meal plan, not a replacement. I get worried when I hear

people saying that they are too busy to go to the dining halls

xiv. Kevin Coleman: Has there been any talk about standardizing the tray sizes in the dining hall? I favor the smaller ones used in south. Also what about the ND logo on the trays?

1. SK: I think the intent would be to standardize them - that's on the docket. And what do you all think about the logos?
 - a. Abe Jenson: I think it becomes a collector's item
 - b. Ivan Finkelstein: I don't care
 - c. Kelly Smith: I do like that North has larger trays because the utensils, etc are larger

xv. Becky: In regards to the Lent comment, I think that switching to a more flexible meal swipe/flex point system would be better and more inclusive. Secondly, I think you should reconsider the supplementary nature. and about your worry, I think having more meal swipes doesn't cause me to go to the DH more. Third, in regards to taxes on flex points. Lastly, part of the reason there are lower attendances is because students want hot breakfast and wait

1. Bryan Ricketts: I answered the question about taxes last week
2. Scott Kachmarik: yes

xvi. Brittany: ND's plans to get involved in sustainable agriculture?

1. SK: Cheryl Bower is responsible for food sourcing

B. SO1516- 03: Senatorial Order Re: 2018 Class Council Election Suspension

a. Zach Waterson reads senatorial order

- i. Isabel Fox: what if we vote it down?
 1. ZW: Then we will re-vote next week
- ii. Taylor Still: How are these elections communicated to the student body?
 1. ZW: This is not confidential
- iii. Christine Zvakos moved to approve
 1. Sarah seconded
- iv. Amy Smikle moved to vote
 1. Kathleen Rocks seconded

v. Order passes

C. SO1516- 04: Senatorial Order Re: 2019 Class Council Election Suspension

a. Zach Waterson reads the Order

- i. Amy Waterson: Is this your current ticket?
 1. Yes
- ii. Amy Smikle moved to consider
 1. Christine Zvakos seconded
- iii. Jack Kill moved to approve
 1. Isabel Fox seconded

iv. Order passes

VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements

- A. Kelly Smith: PE signature event, So You THink You Can Sync, is tomorrow
- B. BP signature event, the meal auction, is also tomorrow at 4:00pm
- C. Amy Smikle: Howard Hall is hosting a bone marrow registry, t-shirts are 5 dollars, and the process is simple. Next Thursday, March 3rd 6-11 in lafun
- D. Ivan Finkelstein: thanks to those who donated to Day of Man. \$20,000+ donated!
- E. Zach: Judicial council:
 - a. Student union awards coming up that senate will approve; start thinking about potential nominees
 - b. You are about to see part of my magnum opus, my revisions to the constitution. grammar and election system reform. It is currently 5 pages long.
- F. Becky: SUB announcements
 - a. AcustiCafe is in legends this week
 - b. Preview night of jazz fest is in lafun
 - i. Jazz night is in Washington hall with collegiate bands from all over the nation
 - c. big short is the movie
 - d. midterm stress relievers will begin next week!. coffee and bagels march 1st and march 3rd Jimmy Fallon's animal guy will be here
- G. Nidia Ruelas:
 - a. remember to go to LYB week event. If more than 10 people come I'll bring treats next week

IX. Adjournment

- A. Amy Smikle moved to adjourn
 - a. Kevin Coleman seconded