

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC
STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
April 16, 2014

- I. Opening Business
 - A. Matt Devine called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
 - B. Henry Dickman led the invocation.
 - C. 2 were absent; 0 were late.

 - II. Officer Announcements
 - A. Lauren Vidal, Student Body President
 - i. Lauren was not in attendance. She is currently helping to interview the new Director of University Health Services.
 - B. Matthew Devine, Student Body Vice President
 - i. TeamND is a student leadership retreat held August 20-22 before Freshman Orientation. There will be a high ropes course and other activities. Matt will send an email out with more details later this week.
 - C. Shannon Montague, Chief of Staff
 - i. Shannon is working with SCOC on Freshman Orientation.

 - III. Oaths of Office
 - A. Senators
 - i. Kathryn Peruski, President of Judicial Council
 - 1. There was a vacancy in the Senator position for McGlinn Hall. Marissa Taylor was the only candidate. Kathryn proposed suspending the election and naming Marissa the McGlinn Hall Senator.
 - 2. Kevin Coleman moved to vote.
 - 3. Kevin McMannis seconded.
 - 4. 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
 - ii. Scott Moore, Kristen Gates and Marissa Taylor were sworn in as Senators for the 2014-2015 term.
 - B. Vice Presidents, *Judicial Council*
 - i. Peter Rodgers, Vice President of Peer Advocacy
 - 1. Kevin M. moved to vote.
 - 2. Kevin C. seconded.
 - 3. 32 in favor of appointing Peter for the VP of Peer Advocacy.
 - ii. Caitlin Geary, Vice President of Elections
 - 1. Peter Durbin moved to vote.
 - 2. Kevin C. seconded.
 - 3. 33 in favor of appointing Caitlin for the VP of Elections.

 - IV. General Orders
 - A. Discussion Re: Political Brew
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- i. Elizabeth Fenton, Director of National Engagement and Outreach
 1. Political Brew will invite College Republicans, College Democrats and College Libertarians every Sunday to watch “Meet the Press” and engage in open discussion afterwards. Free bagels and coffee will be provided.
- ii. Matt opened it up to discussion.
 1. Kevin C. agreed that Political Brew is a good way to foster discussion, especially in response to divisive articles in *The Observer*.
 2. Chris DeSapio brought up the concern that attendance may be low due to the length of “Meet the Press.” He thought that a freer atmosphere would encourage more people to come.
 3. Ashley Calvani suggested that it be held once a month, rather than weekly.
 4. Madison McMullen noted that the discussion should have some structure. This would encourage students who may not be as informed about political issues to feel comfortable attending and participating in discussion.
 - a. Scott Moore agreed that there must be some sort of structure to encourage productive discussion.
 - b. Shannon Montague clarified that Political Brew will be one large discussion among all attendees, but will not have a formal debate structure.
- iii. By a show of hands, the majority of Senators expressed interest in Political Brew.

B. Discussion Re: Press Clips

- i. Elizabeth is working on creating a Listserv so everyone will get the emails every week.

V. New Business

- A. Chris S. shared a discussion within his Hall Government that it is difficult to find someone interested in the Hall OIT representative position. The OIT representative position is much more demanding than other Hall Government positions and the OIT reps receive no compensation for their work.
 - i. Kevin Bond responded that the Knott OIT representative does not appear to have more demanding tasks than any other Hall Government representative.
 - ii. Kevin C. does not think that an OIT representative is necessary for each dorm. He proposed having one representative per quad.

VI. Announcements

- A. Scott M. wished everyone a happy Easter.
 - B. Peter D. asked about the SUB concert. Scott Copeland responded that they are still working on the contract, but the announcement will be made soon.
 - C. Martin Walsh announced an event for a charity in Rwanda at Mulligan’s next Thursday.
 - D. Grant Humphreys reminded everyone about the Fisher Regatta on April 26.
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- E. Zach Waterson announced that the Class of 2016 will be selling apparel tonight from 8:00pm-11:00pm in the Lafortune elevator lounge.
- F. Tom Taylor announced a recess sponsored by O'Neill and Lyons outside on the quad on the last day of classes. There will be a cookout, a bounce house and other outdoor activities.
- G. Elle Huang announced that Howard is having a bone marrow registry drive to swab for potential matches in the future.
- H. Ryan Rizzuto announced Keenan Muddy Sunday on April 27. Registration will come out next week.
- I. Olivia Till announced the Pangborn Easter Egg Hunt on McGlenn Fields from 1:00pm-3:00pm after Keenan Muddy Sunday. Registration is \$5 per team.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Kevin C. motioned to adjourn.
- B. Peter D. seconded.
- C. Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine L. Wood
Student Union Secretary
