

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC
STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
August 27, 2014

I. Opening Business

- A. Matt Devine called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
- B. Matt led the invocation.
- C. 1 was absent; 0 were late.

II. Officer Announcements

A. Lauren Vidal, Student Body President

i. Updates to Alma Mater policy

- 1. Athletics Representative to Executive Cabinet, Corey Robinson, helped initiate this conversation.
- 2. Executive Cabinet gathered student feedback to present to the team captains.
- 3. Lauren, Matt and Campus Ministry Rep, Grace Carroll, met with Corey and Mathias Farley.
 - a. We reflected student sentiment, but we must also remember to respect the players on and off the field after both wins and losses.
 - b. They agreed to sing the alma mater after home wins and losses.

B. Matthew Devine, Student Body Vice President

i. O'SNAP

- 1. The GEM carts arrived over the summer.
- 2. O'SNAP will operate under the Safe Walk framework, dispatched by NDSP.
- 3. This is a pilot program, but we are currently looking into a mobile app to eliminate the need for a dispatcher.
- 4. This is a student service, so please bring back any feedback.
- 5. Thank you to Grant Humphreys for the suggestion of the name "O'SNAP" last spring.

ii. College Readership

- 1. Matt and Lauren delivered copies of the Wall Street Journal and New York Times to Lafortune, North and South Dining Halls, and Debartolo Hall Tuesday and Wednesday morning.
- 2. Student Government will be looking to hire a student employee to deliver papers in the future, paying minimum wage. Delivery will begin at 7:00am and take about one hour. There will be 2-3 students to allow for rotation among workers.

C. Shannon Montague, Chief of Staff

i. Frosh-O

- 1. SCOC and SAO have gotten a lot of good feedback, especially with Domerfest at Rolfs instead of Stepan.



2. Please email Shannon with any further feedback on Frosh-O.

III. General Orders

A. Preparing for the New Semester: Look Ahead

i. Quad Markets

1. Jamie Grzybowski, Director of Community Relations, has been working with vendors.
2. The market will likely be set up on a football home game weekend in October.

ii. 29 v. 29

1. We will be pairing our 29 dorms with 29 needy families in the South Bend Community.
2. The Center for the Homeless graduates families and there tends to be a gap when families move from the Center to their own homes.
3. We will be providing holiday feasts, gifts, Christmas trees, etc.

B. Discussion Re: Physical Education Change

- ##### i. Dean Hugh Page will be coming to Senate next week to discuss this further.

- ##### ii. Matt met with Dean Page over the summer to discuss the history of how this change was initiated.

1. In 2011, the Academic Council created a committee to look at the Physical Education requirement, composed of four professors who provided recommendations.
2. An ad hoc committee looked at a change to the PE curriculum and requirement. They found that there were many other alternatives for students to be involved in physical activity across campus.
3. This passed by the Council, but will not be enacted until Fall 2015.

- ##### iii. Matt opened up discussion.

1. Dean Page is still looking to craft this program, so student input can be taken into consideration for that purpose.
2. There are 4 students that sit on Academic Council and Dean Page has said that the committee has consulted various student groups.
3. One section of the new program will be focused on physical activity, but it is not a central theme.
4. One Council recommendation was to offer free RecSports classes, but those will likely only be open to first year students.
5. The current PE staff will be seeking other positions within the University, but nothing is solidified or guaranteed.
6. The proposal has a recommended course outline, but that is still being finalized.
7. The purpose of this program is to give students outside resources, so it is not meant to take time away from the academic coursework. That being said, it is considered a class and will be given course credit.
8. The Crossroads Project has a large space devoted to a new student gym, so this, in conjunction with the elimination of PE, should not result in overcrowding of Rockne Memorial.



9. Scott Moore suggested structuring our conversation with Dean Page in terms of the process, the program details, and the overall goals of the program.
10. The swim test will be eliminated with this program. If freshmen choose to take the swim class, there will be opportunities outside of this program.
 - a. The test was eliminated because there would be no follow-up class built into the program.
 - b. Many students associate the swim test with a sense of tradition and that can be brought up with Dean Page as well.
11. Scott M. brought up the point that PE provided a unique opportunity for students to try out new sports that they may not have had access to in the past.

IV. New Business

- A. Kevin Coleman asked about student involvement about changing Greenfields to Au Bon Pain.
 - i. The library Au Bon Pain will not change.
 - ii. These are businesses, so profits are the main motivating factor.
- B. Chris DeSapio brought up concerns about the new print quota.
 - i. Shuyang Li, Director of Campus Technology
 1. OIT discovered that about 95% of students don't use the entire print quota.
 2. Their goals are to cut down unnecessary student printing, especially color printing.
 - ii. Scott M. asked Jimmy McEntee about CCC funding to clubs for print quota.

V. Announcements

- A. Due to the leadership picnic in the Press Box next Wednesday, Senate will start at 6:45pm.
- B. Dillon Hall Pep Rally is tomorrow night at 7:00pm.
- C. SUB is hosting Movie on the Quad tonight, showing *How to Train Your Dragon*. There will be free popcorn. Comedian Demetri Martin is coming on Friday at 10:00pm on South Quad.
- D. David Cook from American Idol will be performing at Legends this Thursday at 10:00pm.
- E. Senate dinner at South Dining Hall tonight.
- F. Student Activities Night is next Tuesday from 6:00-8:00pm in the JACC.
- G. Keough Chariot Race in 24 days.
- H. LHOP is in two weeks.
- I. Under Armour will be giving away free women's tanks on South Quad.
- J. Fisher Regatta in 241 days.
- K. FUEL opens on September 1 and will be open until September 12. Senators, please encourage freshmen in your dorms to apply.

VI. Adjournment



A. Kevin C. motioned to adjourn.
B. Scott M. seconded.
C. Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine L. Wood
Student Union Secretary

