

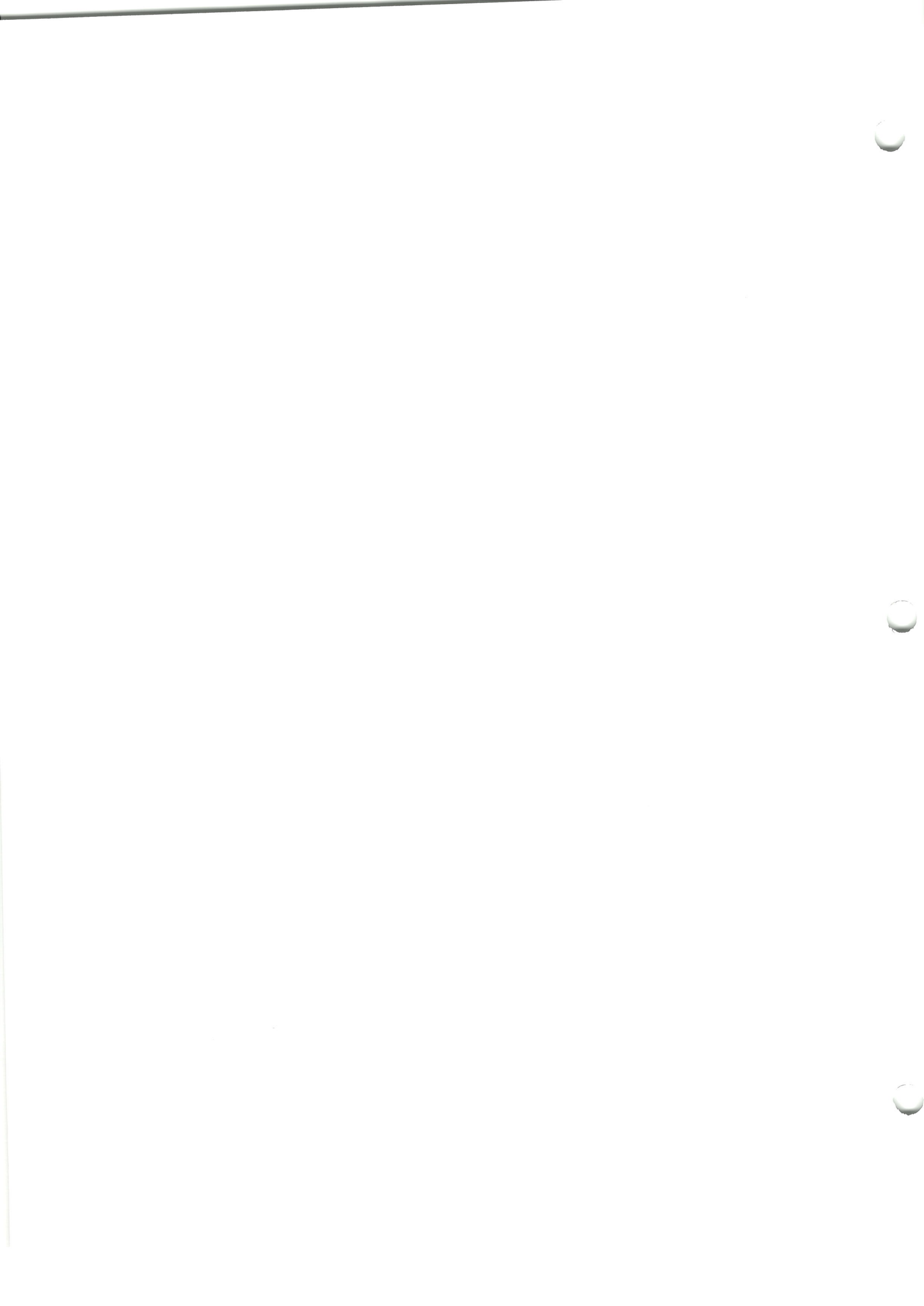
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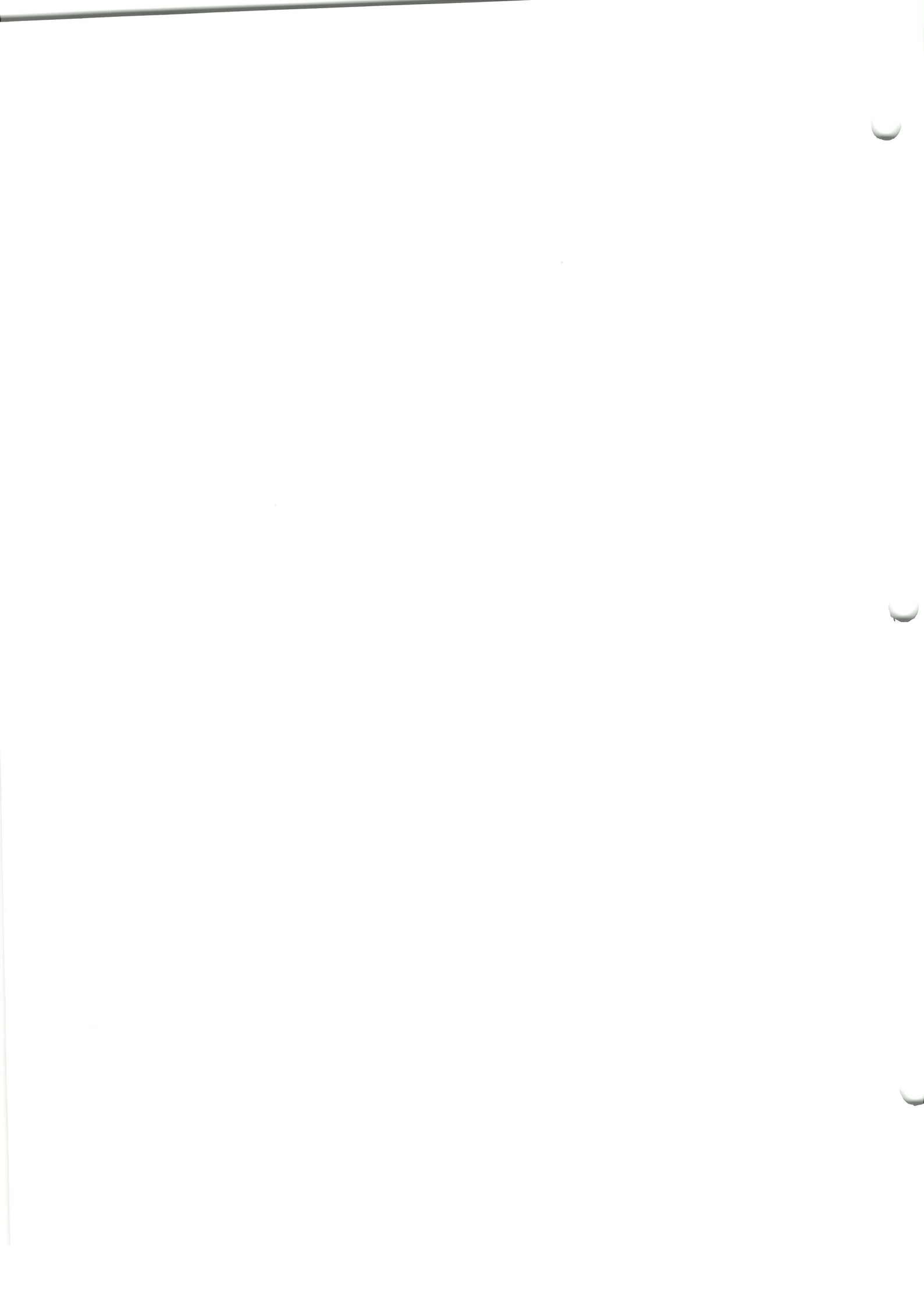
Executive Summary

September 17, 2014

- I. Opening Business
 - A. Matt Devine called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
 - B. Lauren Vidal led the invocation.
 - C. 1 was absent; 0 were late.
 - D. Henry Dickman moved to approve last week's minutes.
 - i. Kevin Bond seconded.
 - ii. Minutes approved.
- II. Officer Announcements
 - A. Lauren Vidal, Student Body President
 - i. Lauren, Matt and Shannon submitted the Board of Trustees Report on Monday.
 - ii. They will present to Senate after they present to the Board on October 2, 2014.
 - iii. The research conducted for this report will act as a springboard for the spring report to the Board of Trustees.
 - B. Matthew Devine, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Lindsay Huth, Student Union Communications Director, is working with the *Observer* to include a graphic every Wednesday to give students a snapshot of what Student Government is working on. The Student Government website will also include "5 Things Happening in Student Gov. this Week."
 - ii. Quad Markets will be Friday, October 10 from noon to 5:00pm on North Quad. Posters will go up later this week.
 - C. Shannon Montague, Chief of Staff
 - i. The Executive Programming Board calendar is on the SAO website. This is a great way for Senators to check for events to report back to hall councils.
- III. General Orders
 - A. Discussion Re: Safety Summit and Resources
 - i. Matt thanked everyone for coming to the Safety Summit yesterday and for everyone's' questions and attentiveness.
 - ii. Chris DeSapio asked about getting data regarding crime on campus.
 1. NDSP is required by law to report those statistics. Crime statistics and a daily crime blog are available on the website.
 2. The entire city is crime-mapped by St. Joe County and by South Bend Police Department (see crimereports.com).
 3. Dorms often post the crime map as well.
 4. If there is a crime within a certain radius of campus, students are informed.
 5. Offcampus.nd.edu is also updated by NDSP with off-campus crime statistics.
 - iii. Kevin McMannis asked about what Student Government can do. There have been several robberies at gunpoint right off campus, some of which have involved Notre Dame students.



1. This is something we can address with NDSP and SBPD. Student Government has meetings local law enforcement every month so we can address these issues.
 2. Most often, people who are robbed are alone. As students, we have to travel together. There is no reason students should be walking alone in the South Bend area.
- iv. Peter Durbin asked about the bounds of NDSP's jurisdiction. It is concerning to see Notre Dame students immediately off campus getting mugged. They do have a large area to cover, but maybe NDSP officers should be stationed right off campus.
1. NDSP and SBPD share jurisdiction right around the border of campus.
- v. Jimmy McEntee expressed his shock that Notre Dame does not have a shuttle that goes around to off-campus residences.
1. There is a shuttle that runs from downtown South Bend to Main Circle, St. Mary's and Irish Crossings. That runs from around 11pm-4am.
 2. Student Government subsidizes the Transpo shuttle.
 3. There used to be a program run by students, but that was a huge liability.
- vi. Kevin M. noted that Transpo has certain stops that are several blocks away from clusters of student housing, so students often have to walk alone from the bus stop to their houses.
1. He also suggested making those bus routes better advertised.
- vii. Kathryn Peruski noted that there is no shuttle service for students on campus late on weekdays. Less cab drivers work on weekdays, so there are many fewer options.
- viii. Hermona Abera asked about extending O'SNAP off campus.
1. We would need to speak with Marty Ogren in Transportation Services, but we are very willing to look into it if this is something students feel strongly about.
- ix. Cristina Jeong suggested implementing more blue light call buttons on and off campus.
1. Matt noted that those blue lights are slowly being phased out. They will ask about this at the upcoming meeting with local law enforcement.
 2. Jake Witteburg said they are discussing the blue light buttons in the Department of University Affairs.
 3. University Affairs is also looking at lighting on campus, especially around the lakes. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Drew Carmona, Director of University Affairs.
 4. Brian Cimons noted that his mom noticed that there are less blue lights here than on other college campuses.
 5. Kevin M. sat on University Affairs two years ago. NDSP went to a conference and the statistics of use were very low. Their time and money could be invested in putting more officers out.
 6. The visibility of the blue light system can add to the feeling of security and can act as a deterrent.
- x. Ryan Rizzuto asked about off-campus crime emails.
1. On campus students do not receive those emails, but all of that information is on the website.



2. Since on campus students do go off campus and may live off campus as upperclassmen, it is important to know about crime reports.
3. It is important just to have them for awareness, even if you don't read them all the way through. Peter noted that it is important to know locations of crimes.
4. Hermona said it was shocking to start getting all of those emails as soon as she moved off campus. Receiving off-campus emails could affect decisions about where students live or whether they should bring cars.
- xi. Henry Dickman noted that NDSP focuses their patrols near the dorms and asked about officers in other less-traveled areas.
 1. Matt responded that there are officers that patrol each area of campus. There is always at least one officer in a car driving around the outskirts.
- xii. Martin Walsh asked about SBPD's perception of Notre Dame.
 1. Our crime rates have decreased significantly over the past 5 years and a lot of that is because of our partnership with them. The discussions to begin that partnership started in Senate.
 2. Officers are now very friendly towards students. There was tension there beforehand, but there has been a huge change.
 3. The decrease in incidents is also on the part of the students. Being respectful of the officers goes a long way. Mike Seamon reiterated that last night. Police do not want to cite students, so all citations and arrests are behavior driven.
- xiii. Matt asked what we can communicate to students about how to approach situations with cops.
 1. When they have to break up a party, have a designated spokesperson to speak to the cops. If they ask you to do something and you comply, they will leave.
 2. Kevin M. brought up the point about the "You must be 21 and over to drink" signs and how they are not a safety net. That has been a myth on this campus.
 3. Lauren pointed out that there is a huge difference between making excuses and arguing with the cops versus being honest and respectful.
 4. Hermona brought up an article that she read about debunking myths. Maybe that could be included in the *Observer*.
- xiv. Kevin C. asked about off-campus orientation for students who live off campus.
 1. That is a great idea, but the biggest problem with that is participation.
 2. Off campus is hosting a Housing Fair, so perhaps a safety information session can be included in that.
- xv. NDSP is very open to students, so please feel free to email them.

IV. New Business

- A. Ashley Calvani followed up about the Rector Fund money for textbooks being moved to Financial Aid.
 - i. Kristen Parkinson responded that everything done in the spring was completely structural and that did not affect allocation.
 - ii. Matt Anderson's office deals with this. She will follow up with him.
 - iii. Hermona noted that Rector Funds are all loans now.
- B. Elle Huang brought up a concern about nothing being done on 9/11.



- i. Lauren and Matt cannot answer why the University as a whole did not do anything, but they will ask.
 - ii. Student Government did create a prayer wall on Facebook.
- C. Jimmy reported back some concerns from an O'SNAP worker.
- i. He worked the second shift and the cart died before his shift began.
 - 1. Lauren has spoken with Sergeant Skibins about this and that only happened one night.
 - 2. Our O'SNAP carts are on patrol, but NDSP is also using their carts.
 - ii. He has been instructed to drive around campus instead of waiting for calls. He ends up being a driver for intoxicated students, who often jump out of his car.
 - 1. It may be frustrating for the driver, but O'SNAP is creating a safety service for students. Students have passed out walking home in the cold, so this program is intended to drive intoxicated students home safely.
 - 2. The GEM carts have both doors and seatbelts, so those should be used to prevent students from jumping out.
 - iii. The employees now drive around alone, whereas before they had partners.
 - 1. NDSP has chosen to only have 1 driver because the carts only seat 4 people.
 - 2. Taking up a seat with a second employee seemed inefficient.
- D. Lauren announced an O'SNAP mobile app in the works so students can request a ride to their location, which will be tracked via GPS.
- E. As soon as we know who is heading up new PE curriculum, we will follow up with them.

V. Announcements

- A. This week is the Keough Hall Chariot Race. Builder Day is on Friday from 4-7pm in front of Reckers.
- B. Stanford Hall's Rave for the Brave is Friday September 26 in the Stepan Center.
- C. There are 220 days until the Fisher Regatta.
- D. Sex Signals is a comedy troupe that will performing after Senate next Wednesday 7:00pm in McKenna.
- E. Happy Birthday Ryan Rizzuto!
- F. SUB is having "I Love College" from 6-8:30pm on Thursday. There will be free Dominos and Coke as well as music and humor artists. They will also be selling tickets for 22 *Jumpstreet*.
- G. SUB is bringing Audien to Legends on Friday, September 26.
- H. Saturday night at Legends is Hip Hop Night.
- I. The Great Gatsby Dance on Bond Quad is this Friday night.

VI. Adjournment

- A. Kevin C. motioned to adjourn.
- B. Jake seconded.
- C. Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine L. Wood
Student Union Secretary

