

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC
STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
October 15, 2014

I. Opening Business

- A. Matt Devine called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- B. Matt Devine led the invocation.
- C. 1 was absent; 2 were late.
- D. Elena Silla moved to approve last week's minutes.
 - i. Chris DeSapio seconded.
 - ii. Minutes approved.

II. Officer Announcements

A. Lauren Vidal, Student Body President

- i. Lauren has been meeting with NDSP and administration about safety on and off campus, specifically in light of the recent shootings and robberies off campus.
- ii. Discussed NDSP and South Bend police department territories
 - 1. NDSP covers Angela, Twyckenham, 933, and Douglas
 - 2. Past this territory is the South Bend Police Department
- iii. These two departments are in constant communication and have a direct line to one another, student safety is a priority for both.
- iv. David Krohn requested to bring back up on-campus students possibly receiving emails about off-campus incidents.
- v. Kevin McMannis responded by discussing his communication with Tracy Skibins about the fact that the shooting wasn't an immediate threat because both individuals were taken into custody immediately, and therefore on-campus students did not need to be notified according to procedure.
- vi. Jimmy McEntee asked about the possibility South Bend Police Department informing the student body about incidents that are under their jurisdiction.
- vii. Matt and Lauren asked if Senate felt that it would be beneficial to receive emails about all incidents off campus.
- viii. David Krohn responded not all, but serious issues like the recent shooting.
- ix. Jake Wittenberg said that if there are life threatening or dangerous situations it would be worth notifying students.
- x. Kevin McMannis stated that he was not even aware of the situation until he received emails from concerned people and directed Senate to the off-campus Connector, which reports crimes around campus.
- xi. Marissa Taylor commented as someone who was in the area and was scared because there were so many Notre Dame students there and the fact that she and others were not notified until the day after by others, not an official source.
- xii. Michelle McGrath suggested that it would be beneficial to have an email at the end of each week with a couple of the big issues or incidents that have occurred but not overdoing it so as not to diminish the importance.



- xiii. David suggested an email about a prayer service or some sort of programming for the shooting.
- xiv. Ashley Calvani suggested a solution where frequented areas like South Bend Avenue would be notified if something this serious were to come up and trusting the SBPD to use discretion when it comes to this sort of crime.
- xv. Lauren encouraged Senate to take a step back and look at it from an educated student perspective where students have access to online crime reports and can see any incidents occurring in the areas that students frequent.
- xvi. Jake responded that it is not necessarily fair to expect students to check crime reports on a regular basis and that it would be reasonable to expect notification in a timely fashion.
- xvii. Martin Walsh commented on taking personal responsibility for finding out information about off campus events and understanding the area that we live in.
- xviii. Kevin Coleman asked about the current medical status of the two students.
 - 1. Lauren, Matt, and Kevin M. responded that they're in recovery.
- xix. Kevin M. stated that Tracy Skibins asked if off campus representatives and a few other members from Senate wanted to be present in a meeting with her in order to present ideas (shoot him an email if interested).
- B. Matthew Devine, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Matt thanked everyone who came out to Quad Markets last Friday and discussed the success of the event.
- C. Shannon Montague, Chief of Staff
 - i. No announcements

III. General Orders

A. OIT Printing Quota Discussion

- i. FY-2015 Printing Strategy: Peggy Rowland, Chad German, Bob Guthrie
 - 1. Focus on explaining the problem OIT was facing and, more importantly, describing how they came up with the solution and the quota that is currently in place
 - 2. Possibility of coming up with suggestions and recommendations that cannot necessarily be implemented (because they are under a budget constraint), but they want student feedback
 - 3. The printing quota was discussed with a group of both graduate and undergraduate students during the transition process
- ii. Discussion
 - 1. Michael Wajda asked about how print usage could be different by classes because he suspects he prints more now as an A&L senior than he did as a freshman.
 - a. They have the last 3 years in the analysis data base and because of the rollover quota, it is difficult to figure out who is printing what for upperclassmen the past few years (hence the reason the freshman are the cleanest group to look at).
 - b. However, when looking at the data, juniors and seniors do print just a little more than the sophomores and freshman.
 - 2. Brian Cimons asked about the Printing Distribution in terms of impressions vs. pages.



- a. The data is reflected in points.
3. Jimmy asked how the September numbers looked.
 - a. The first months of each semester are the biggest, the last month is the second biggest, and then there is a drop in the middle. The current semester is following that same pattern; however, it's not as high.
4. Jimmy asked if the graduate printing quota was affected by the same amount.
 - a. The graduate printing quota was affected the same way but they have a larger quota because of dissertations, etc.
5. Ashley brought up points from her constituency. Some people cannot stare at a screen for long periods of time, issues for kinetic learners vs. looking at a computer screen, professors refusing to increase printing quota because of departments not providing funds...suggestions: in the past there was a system in place where professors would say how much printing quota was needed based on class (i.e. peace studies vs. a business class) – printing customized on a departmental basis, a standard for fonts that reduce ink usage (i.e. ecofont or Garamond), issue of sustainability – a lot of people feel that there are other things that ND could be doing for sustainability vs. print quota because printing quota has an academic impact...question: who makes the budget and is there any way that ND could raise it?
 - a. Medical issues – faculty members will come to them and quota will be increased for anyone with a medical issue
 - b. Many faculty are increasing print quota and have been paying for it (most are coming from Arts and Letters students and faculty in discussion classes where mobile devices are not allowed in class but numerous slides are posted).
 - c. Course pack creation saves on the cost of textbooks but students are either printing them or using them on a mobile device.
 - i. Cost of textbooks has doubled and course packs are charging 9 cents a page.
 - d. The budget hasn't increased for the last 10 years but printing has.
 - e. The first week of class there was an article on print quota – officers care what the students think so OIT wants to know if they can leverage us to come up with a plan to show that they have used due diligence.
 - f. As materials go more electronic, printing is going to cost more.
 - g. Looking at juniors and seniors needing more print quota than freshman
 - h. Logistical nightmare to shift things around based on major demographic ideas like class and major (they're just having the ability to look at this using data now) and it is a possibility.
 - i. Issue of major being declared correctly
6. Elena got a lot of complaints from business majors about professors making students print slides in colors.
 - a. OIT heard this from pre-med majors in order to distinguish between different parts of the cell.
 - b. Business school has a large number of grad students and they're hearing a lot of the same complaints from them.



- c. Within a budget there is an issue, but leveraging students to encourage schools to get more print quota could be successful.
- 7. Scott Moore commented that Duke is able to print at 4 cents a sheet and the fact that ink is being wasted because we don't necessarily have the best facilities and printers.
 - a. We have the same exact quota as Duke even though we charge it differently.
 - b. Maintenance contract with Xerox to always fix printer issues
- 8. Scott M. says that students go to other dorms to print things because of faulty printers, suggestion about investment in higher quality printers and more efficient printing.
 - a. If there are dorm printer issues, call OIT.
 - b. The residence hall printers are up to be replaced but it coincides with contract re-negotiation with Xerox.
- 9. Scott M. says that there are positives, i.e. all ND Black and White and All ND Color.
- 10. Christina Jeong readdressed the statistics that 90% of students are within the printing quota and asked about exchanging flex points for print quota.
 - a. Flex points are in discussion.
- 11. Jake asked about how much in budget money OIT receives per student.
 - a. Budget for printing is \$300,000 and printing was close to \$400,000 last year.
- 12. Michelle asked if there was a possibility of a system for students exchanging points.
 - a. Informal ability to do this
- 13. Where do all the unused points go?
 - a. There was no better way of dividing print quota than to treat everyone equally so print quota was simply allocated and therefore the budget is always all used up (and typically overused, which OIT has to make up for with their funding) and simply resets.
 - b. Matt pointed out OIT runs on the fiscal year and budgets are reallocated.
- 14. Ashley suggested that, as a Senate, we need to discuss whether we have a right to print everything we want. We have to make the responsible decision as a representative student group.
 - a. In the short month that printing has been looked at this year, almost 700,000 sheets less have been printed this year than last year at this time
- 15. Ashley brought up more transparency from the University about where tuition money is going if we cannot get more printing quota.
- 16. OIT asked if this is something Senate would be interested in serving as advisors on because students communicate better with students.

IV. New Business

- A. Scott asked if anyone from the *Observer* writes an article approved by Senate as a statement from Senate.
 - i. Matt responded that this works through resolutions, in this case possibly through the Department for Campus Technology.



- ii. Lauren reiterated that the *Observer* is reporting in an unbiased fashion as a media perspective.
 - iii. Matt stated that resolutions are a formal declaration of collective student voice.
- B. Grant Humphreys asked who to talk to about expensive laundry costs.
- i. Jake responded that it was through vending.

V. Announcements

- A. Ashley said that it is important that Senate is keeping students aware, even on social media through Hall Facebook pages so that students are not as frustrated with administrative bodies like OIT.
- B. Brian Mukhaya asked about minutes being posted on the website.
- C. Elle Steichen asked why printers were not working and WiFi was out.
 - i. Shuyung Li responded that OIT has been experiencing router issues but it should be fixed.
- D. There are 192 days until the Fisher Regatta
- E. Kevin M. announced the housing fair on November 3rd. Underclassman can walk through and talk with apartment complexes about housing options

VI. Adjournment

- A. Peter Durbin motioned to adjourn.
- B. Jimmy seconded.
- C. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Student Union Chief of Staff

