

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC

STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

November 19, 2014

I. Opening Business

- A. Matt Devine called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- B. Scott Copeland led the invocation.
- C. 5 were absent; 0 were late.
- D. Kristen Gates moved to approve last week's minutes.
  - i. Jimmy McEntee seconded.
  - ii. Minutes approved.

II. Officer Announcements

- A. Lauren Vidal, Student Body President
  - i. Not in attendance.
- B. Matthew Devine, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Lauren had a meeting today with CCAC, focusing on safety.
    - 1. Local police forces were present to discuss safety concerns off campus.
    - 2. They discussed safer taxi access. One suggestion was taxi standardization by giving acceptable cabs a University seal of approval.
  - ii. Filming of the safety video began today. The video will feature big players on campus, including several NDSP Officers, Coach Mike Brey, Student Activities administrators, and students.
- C. Shannon Montague, Chief of Staff
  - i. No updates.

III. General Orders

- A. Library Renovation Overview, *Ms. Jessica Kayongo: Anthropology and Interim Sociology Librarian*
  - i. Presentation of the multi-phase master plan for renovating the interior of the Hesburgh Library
  - ii. They welcome advice on how they can update the student body on the project's progress.
  - iii. The first phase will start over Winter Break and construction will finish by Winter Break of next year.
    - 1. This phase includes renovations to the core of the first and second floors and to the tenth floor.
    - 2. Openings will be cut between the first and second floors to let in more light and allow better connection between the floors.
    - 3. Other features of phase one:
      - a. Addition of a north entrance
      - b. Addition of skylights to let in more natural light
      - c. Replacement of the marble wall with glass
      - d. Restrooms on the first floor



- e. Grand reading room for quiet study on the second floor
  - f. Relocation of second floor restrooms to the center of the floor
  - g. Tenth floor reading room
  - h. Graduate student enclave
- iv. They are working with the construction crew to minimize disruption. There will be a website that will alert students of noisier days/times so they can plan accordingly.
- v. Discussion
1. Kevin McMannis asked about the installation of more outlets.
    - a. There will be many plenty of new power outlets after the renovations.
  2. Zach Waterson asked about the reading rooms.
    - a. Upper tower floors are much quieter anyway, but yes, the reading rooms would be expected to be quieter.
  3. Ryan Rizzuto asked about access to the second floor during construction.
    - a. The main staircase will be inaccessible, so elevators and the secondary staircases will be the only way to access the second floor.
  4. Shannon Montague asked about staircases in the openings.
    - a. Those will be accessible after phase one construction is finished.
  5. Kathryn Peruski asked about the state of the library in May.
    - a. They are still getting bids back, but construction would probably halted during Commencement and finals week.
  6. Jimmy asked about access points to the library.
    - a. The two points of access will be through the fish bowl and through the north entrance.
  7. Brian Cimons asked about group study rooms.
    - a. The current group study rooms will not be affected by this phase of construction.
    - b. More group study rooms and collaboration spaces will be installed in later phases.
  8. Jake Wittenburg asked about making other study spaces available on campus during construction.
    - a. Branch libraries on campus are always an option for alternate study space.
    - b. The renovation website will alert students of the construction occurring each day so they can plan accordingly. Students can sign up for email alerts or check the website periodically.
    - c. An email will be sent out to launch the renovation after Thanksgiving.
  9. Ashley Calvani asked about projections for the changes in the amount of study space available to students.
    - a. The seat count will be maintained, but the space per seat will be increased.
    - b. In later phases, about 1 million volumes will be moved off site to free up space on the second floor.
  10. Kevin Coleman asked about the next phases.
    - a. The construction end date depends on fundraising.



- b. The University only goes forward with construction projects when 100% of the funding is pledged and 80% is in hand.
- 11. Kevin Bond asked about renovations on the tenth floor.
  - a. There will no longer be the enclosed study carols on the perimeter.
  - b. The individual carols will be replaced by tables in the center of the floor and in clusters.
  - c. They will put in smaller tables to prevent the waste of space due to single students sitting at large tables.
- 12. Elle Steichen asked about study carols on other floors.
  - a. As each floor is renovated, all study carols will be replaced with tables.
  - b. If there is feedback that students prefer to retain individual study spaces, they will take that into consideration when planning the furniture.
  - c. One advantage of doing this project in phases is being able to adapt to student feedback.
- 13. John Patrick Bruno noted that the booths in the basement are great, but they can be a waste of space if only one person is sitting there.
- vi. Any future questions can be directed to Matt, and he will pass them along.

#### IV. New Business

- A. No new business.

#### V. Announcements

##### A. 29 for 29

- i. Matt sent out an email last night to clarify the details of the program.
- ii. Matt went to the Center for the Homeless today and has the list of families that will be paired with the dorms. This list was narrowed down from about 60 families to identify the people that are really interested in becoming part of our community.
- iii. There are four full-time staff members at CFH working on this project. They are adopting this program as if it is their own and are open to providing us any resources we need.
- iv. The families are all very excited to be joining our dorm communities.
- v. Peter Durbin asked about an off-campus family pairing.
  - 1. We began with dorms because of the uniqueness of dorm communities on campus.
  - 2. Off-campus is less of a cohesive community, but this is definitely something to consider for future years.
- vi. The “families” can be families with children, single people or groups of people who have moved out of the Center.
- B. Chris Desapio announced that he sits on the Library Committee. If there are any questions or concerns about renovations, let Chris know.
- C. There are hockey games tomorrow and Friday. There is a student skate on Monday. There are flyers in the back for you to distribute in your dorms.
- D. The interhall and co-rec flag/tackle football championships will be in the Stadium this Sunday.
- E. Pangborn’s signature event, Project Pumpkin Pie, is this Sunday from 3:00-4:30pm in the Rec Room at North Dining Hall. Pies will be donated to the Center for the Homeless.



F. St. Ed's Broomball Classic will donate proceeds to Nothing But Nets. Pizza will be provided.

G. SUB is having a Christmas sale on Friday. Bed Bath and Beyond will have Christmas lights and other decorations. There will also be cookies and hot chocolate.

H. The second off-campus panel will be tonight from 8:00-9:00pm.

I. The Milk and Cookies gathering for 29 for 29 will be from 7:00-8:00pm on Sunday.

J. There are 157 days until the Fisher Regatta.

VI. Adjournment

A. Peter motioned to adjourn.

B. Kevin M. seconded.

C. Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine L. Wood  
Student Union Secretary

