

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC
STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
December 3, 2014

I. Opening Business

- A. Matt Devine called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
- B. Matt led the invocation.
- C. 2 were absent; 0 were late.
- D. Ryan Rizzuto moved to approve minutes from two weeks ago.
 - i. Brian Cimons seconded.
 - ii. Minutes approved.

II. Officer Announcements

- A. Lauren Vidal, Student Body President
 - i. Changes to the TRANSPRO bus routes
 - 1. Student Government subsidizes TRANSPRO.
 - 2. The bus now makes a stop at the corner of Vaness St. and Willis St. every 40 minutes.
 - ii. 29 for 29
 - 1. Thank you for all of your help in getting each of the dorms on board.
 - 2. We have car seats and booster seats lined up for families who need them.
 - 3. Please send all questions to project leads, Jamie Grzybowski and Brent Murphy.
 - iii. O'SNAP
 - 1. Zach Waterson gave an update on the O'SNAP app.
 - 2. They have passed it off to NDSP for approval.
- B. Matthew Devine, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Safety Video
 - 1. We have filmed several scenes already, including scenes with Coach Mike Brey and Mike Seamon, Associate VP for Campus Safety.
 - 2. We need about nine Senators to help us film a scene at an off-campus home on Friday at 4:45pm. We will provide transportation from Main Circle.
 - ii. There will be cookies and hot chocolate after Senate next week.
- C. Shannon Montague, Chief of Staff
 - i. See Shannon after Senate today to get your Secret Santa pairing.

III. General Orders

- A. Resolution SS1415-09, *Kathryn Peruski*, Judicial Council President
 - i. A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body on the usage of social media in elections
 - ii. There is currently no social media policy with regard to campaigning. This amendment will clarify guidelines for candidates and for the election committee.
 - iii. Matt opened discussion
 - 1. Kevin Coleman asked about the current Section (XVII)(1)(f).



- a. This is an insertion, so all other sections will shift down.
2. Ashley Calvani asked if this extended to posts by campaign supporters.
 - a. Candidates are held responsible for the actions of their supporters.
3. Jake Wittenburg asked about the reason for Section (2).
 - a. Blanket approvals were allowed in the past, but were open to interpretation by candidates.
 - b. This amendment will eliminate confusion and differences in interpretation.
4. Brian Cimon asked about approvals for tweets about going out to vote.
 - a. Judicial Council recommends getting approval ahead of time for all future tweets or social media posts.
 - b. Intended posts must be printed and brought to Judicial Council during office hours for stamped approval.
5. Chris DeSapio expressed concern about the amount of oversight on the part of Judicial Council regarding campaign post approvals.
 - a. These policies do not cover Hall Council elections.
 - b. Student Body elections often include heated campaigning.
 - c. This amendment is a check for the Election Committee and for the candidates.
 - d. Judicial Council has the right to specify any election policies, even if they are not written explicitly in the Constitution.
6. Ashley clarified that this approval process is for candidates only.
 - a. Supporters of candidates do not have to get posts approved.
 - b. However, candidates are responsible for the content of supporters' posts.
7. Lauren addressed this from her perspective campaigning this past spring.
 - a. Her and Matt's campaign was heavily focused on social media.
 - b. Especially in the run-off, both tickets came up with new campaign tactics using social media, including boosted posts.
 - c. This amendment also hopes to address advertising via Facebook and Twitter and eliminate any confusion.
8. Ryan asked about spontaneous posts.
 - a. During the month of January, Judicial Council will have office hours every day for approvals.
 - b. Lauren noted that this does help the candidates because they are able to plan their posts ahead of time.
 - c. Matt added that this is intended to slow the candidates down deliberately.
9. Zach asked why approvals must be in person.
 - a. Electronic materials must be printed and stamped by Judicial Council. Printed materials are stamped by SAO. This gives candidates physical proof of approval.
 - b. This also gives Judicial Council the ability to ask questions and suggest changes to posts.
- iv. Peter Durbin moved to close discussion.
 1. Kevin McMannis seconded.
 2. Discussion closed.
- v. Peter D. moved to vote.



1. Ryan seconded.
 2. The resolution was approved by a show of hands. 29 approved, 1 opposed, 4 abstained.
- B. Resolution SS1415-10, *Michael Wajda*, Hall Presidents Council
- i. A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body concerning Hall Presidents Council
 - ii. This takes every instance of “Hall President’s Council Treasurer” and changes it to “Hall Presidents Council Finance Chair.” This also removes the approval of the Finance Chair by voting in the first meeting of HPC.
 - iii. Matt opened discussion
 1. Grant Humphreys reported feedback from his constituents that this name change is problematic.
 2. Jake asked why this name change was confusing.
 - a. Grant responded that the responsibilities of the Treasurer are much different than the responsibilities of the other Chairs, so the original name is more in line with the job description.
 - b. Michael W. responded that there is no traditional spending in HPC, so “Treasurer” does not accurately reflect this person’s duties. The person in this position does perform duties similar to the other Chairs.
 - c. The name change does not give this person any more power; it is simply a name change.
 3. Brian Mukhaya reported feedback from his constituents that they would like to retain the voting process.
 - a. This resolution aims to drop the voting requirement to make everything more consistent across all positions in HPC.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer is the only issue HPC votes on because HPC is an information disseminating body, unlike Senate.
 - iv. Peter D. moved to close discussion.
 1. Brian C. seconded.
 2. Discussion closed.
 - v. Elena Silla moved to vote.
 1. Ryan seconded.
 2. The resolution was approved by a show of hands. 30 approved, 1 opposed, 3 abstained.
- C. DARTing Procedure Change Discussion, *Department of Campus Technology*
- i. Shuyang Li, the Director of Campus Technology introduced Phil Gilroy, Sorin Hall Senator and member of the Department of Campus Technology.
 - ii. Phil Gilroy presented the results of a survey sent out to students.
 1. Students reported difficulties comparing classes, determining which classes fulfill specific requirements, and registering using the CRN number system.
 2. Suggestions for improvement:
 - a. Enable class search to have a mock schedule program built-in
 - b. Incorporate GPS into Class Search so students can pull up exactly which classes have the correct attributes for their major, minor, or University requirements
 - c. Adding a wait list system after classes fill



iii. Matt opened discussion

1. Ashley expressed a concern that the wait list system could get complicated with other classes students are already registered for.
2. Peter D. asked about students' concerns with the CRNs.
 - a. Students suggested having a check-box to register, rather than having to look up and enter each CRN.
3. Peter D. added that incorporating GPS into Class Search and DARTing would be very helpful so students could see exactly which classes they needed without having to switch back and forth between the programs.
4. Jimmy McEntee asked why each class is separated into two days to DART.
 - a. This used to be a server overload problem, but that is no longer an issue.
 - b. Brian C. responded that the two-day system gives students the opportunity to come up with a "Plan B" schedule, which is beneficial.
 - c. Some departments open spots on the second day. Brian C. suggested closing DARTing for first-day students until after second-day students have DARTed.
5. Jake suggested expanding this tapering system of opening spots to de-incentivize having an early DART time.
 - a. Marissa Taylor noted that the first-day and second-day DART times alternate.
 - b. In reality, they do not always alternate.
6. Elena suggested having syllabi available during DARTing.
 - a. This puts pressure on professors to have their syllabi available months in advance of the first day of class.
7. Helen Hathaway suggested having time to swap classes without having to give up your seat when trying to register for a new class.
8. Ashley suggested having more time in between DART times.
9. Henry Dickman noted that the Law School registers for classes in a piece-wise system. Perhaps students could register for three classes at a time and then give the next set of students the opportunity to register for three classes.
10. Jimmy suggested that restrictions for majors/minors be lifted after all students have DARTed.
11. Scott Copeland suggested having the Class Search and DART on the same screen so students don't have to toggle between them.
12. Brian C. suggested having a way to rank your classes and then having the computer auto-register everyone, similar to a fantasy football draft.
 - a. That is being done at other universities based on a point system.
 - b. This could be technically possible, but we do not want to turn DARTing into a gambling game.
13. Ryan asked about putting pressure on faculty to offer classes that students actually want to take.
 - a. Kristen Gates noted that Walsh Hall has a mock room pick day. This could be extended to DARTing so professors could see which classes students are intending to take.
 - b. By the time classes are posted for the next semester, they are already confirmed to be taught.



14. John Patrick Bruno noted that some classes, especially upper level language classes, are difficult for freshman to get into.
- iv. Brian C. moved to close discussion.
 1. Elle Huang seconded.
 2. Discussion closed.
- v. This will be an ongoing discussion and a continuous process.

IV. New Business

- A. No new business.

V. Announcements

- A. Come see Shannon after Senate to see get your Secret Santa pairing. There will be a \$7-\$10 price range for the gift exchange. The exchange will take place at next week's Senate.
- B. Hesburgh Library is having Farewell to the Floor from 4-6pm on December 10 before Phase 1 of library renovations begins.
- C. SUB is bringing comedian Justine Marino to Legends this Saturday night at 10pm.
- D. Hip Hop Night is also this Saturday night at Legends beginning at midnight.
- E. Howard Halliday is next Monday at Fieldhouse Mall.
- F. Carroll Christmas is this Friday from 7-10pm. There will be a horse drawn carriage with two horses.
- G. Farley is having Be Fine tomorrow to encourage embracing inner beauty.
- H. There are 143 days until the Fisher Regatta.
- I. Next Wednesday in the Montgomery Auditorium is the first info session for students interested in running for Student Body President/VP.
- J. There are five weeks of classes until the Keenan Revue.
- K. If you are interested in being in the Safety Video on Friday, please email Matt. Pickups from Main Circle will be at 4:30pm.

VI. Adjournment

- A. Kevin C. motioned to adjourn.
- B. Grant seconded.
- C. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine L. Wood
Student Union Secretary

