

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC
STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
March 18, 2015

I. Opening Business

- A. Matt Devine called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
- B. Kathryn Peruski led the invocation.
- C. 11 were absent; 1 as late.
- D. Jake Wittenburg moved to approve last meeting's minutes.
 - i. Kevin Coleman seconded.
 - ii. Minutes approved.
- E. Kevin C. moved to consider the agenda.
 - i. Grant Humphreys seconded.
 - ii. Senate voted unanimously to consider the agenda.

II. General Orders

A. Student Union Board (SUB) Executive Director Appointment, *Executive Director Scott Copeland*

- i. Louis Bertolotti discussed his work as Co-Director of FUEL this year, restructuring FUEL and organizing new events, such as the Freshman Networking Fair and Senior Secrets.
- ii. Ashely Calvani moved to close discussion.
 - 1. Ryan Rizzuto seconded.
- iii. Kevin Bond moved to vote.
 - 1. Ryan seconded.
- iv. Louis Bertolotti was approved as the Student Union Board Executive Director for the 2015-2016 term by unanimous hand vote.

B. Club Coordination Council (CCC) President Appointment, *CCC President Jimmy McEntee*

- i. Scott Moore moved to close discussion.
 - 1. Phil Gilroy seconded.
- ii. Kevin C. moved to vote.
 - 1. Olivia Till seconded.
- iii. Marisa Thompson was approved as the Club Coordination Council President for the 2015-2016 term by unanimous hand vote.

C. Resolution SS1415-15, *Hall Presidents Council Co-Chair Michael Wajda*

- i. A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body concerning the proper name of the Hall Presidents Council.
- ii. Scott M. moved to close discussion.
 - 1. Kevin C. seconded.
- iii. Scott M. moved to amend the resolution to be called Resolution SS1415-15.
 - 1. Ashley seconded.
- iv. Ryan moved to vote to amend the resolution.
 - 1. JP Bruno seconded.

2. All in favor by hand vote. Resolution amended.
 - v. Scott moved to vote to pass the resolution.
 1. Chris DeSapio seconded.
 2. All in favor by hand vote. Resolution passed.
- D. Student Union Annual Awards Approval, The Irish Clover and The Frank O'Malley Teaching Award
- i. The Irish Clover was awarded to Hermona Abera and Katherine Wood.
 - ii. The Frank O'Malley Teaching Award was awarded to Chris Stevens.
- E. Discussion Re: Papers
- i. Grant noted that only 2 people in his dorm read the papers every day.
 - ii. Brian C. asked if the funds could be used to subsidize personal subscriptions.
 1. This is being considered.
 2. Elle S. noted that this limits access for all students, especially if students are subscribing and not reading the papers.
 - iii. Kevin C. asked how many papers we receive each day.
 1. We are receiving 300 New York Times and 400 Wall Street Journal.
 - iv. Elle S. asked about the purpose of this discussion.
 1. We are not seeking to take action before the end of the term. This discussion is simply to aid Bryan and Nidia in making a decision for next year.
 - v. Molly Burke expressed that she feels it is very important to have papers available so that students do not miss out if they do not sign up for a persona subscription at the beginning of the year.
 - vi. Chris DeSapio suggested going through the dorms. The rectors could fill out a certain number of subscriptions for the residents of their hall.
 1. This would eliminate papers from the dining halls, which is primarily where students read papers.
 2. The students could pick the papers up from their dorms in the morning on their way to the dining hall.
 3. Kathryn Peruski added that this would exclude off campus students.
 - vii. Ashley suggested sending out a survey to the student body to gauge interest and gather data on how many students read papers regularly.
 - viii. Nidia suggested an online subscription.
 - ix. Matt asked if there were other locations on campus where students would like the papers to be.
 1. Scott M. suggested O'Shaughnessy Hall.
 - x. Jake noted that he would prefer the papers to be picked up by non-student members of the Notre Dame community than for the papers to be eliminated completely.
- F. Discussion Re: Open Letter
- i. There was a shooting at the University of North Carolina, which spurred a lot of discussions about racial and religious discrimination. This letter was drafted as a recommitment to our values and what we stand for as a university. This is a statement of solidarity that we will send to our peer institutions and to UNC as a show of support.
 - ii. We will discuss this further next week.
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III. New Business

A. Scott M. read a personal reflection regarding mental illness and campus support.

IV. Announcements

A. Officer Announcements

i. Lauren Vidal, Student Body President

1. The Campus Life Council has divided into Academic, Social Scene and Benchmarking Task Forces to address student stress on campus.
 - a. We will be making recommendations and bringing them to the floor next week.
2. The O'SNAP app was launched.
 - a. Kevin C. suggested also including information about free buses in the email to students.
3. The Safety Video is ready for release.

B. Matthew Devine, Student Body Vice President.

i. This Friday is the International Day of Happiness.

1. Please take a t-shirt and wear it on Friday.
2. A picture will be taken on South Quad of people spelling out the word "Happy."

C. Sophomore Class Council is hosting a Dance Marathon on April 10 to raise money for Memorial Children's Hospital.

D. Junior Class Council and SUB are sponsoring a campus-wide jeopardy competition.

E. Cavanaugh is having a Coin War. They will be donating the proceeds to St. Margaret's House.

F. Farley Fiasco is tomorrow from 5-8pm in Compton. There will be food and they will be auctioning off a tandem bike.

G. The SUB movie is The Hunger Games.

H. On Friday, SUB is hosting Post-Paddy's Day Pottery at Legends.

I. Bridge ND is hosting a discussion on immigration.

J. There are 38 days until the Fisher Regatta.

K. This Sunday, we will be taking professional shots of our Executive Cabinet. If Senators would like to have a professional photo taken, they are welcome to join us.

V. Adjournment

A. Senate ended in prayer to remember senior Lisa Yang, who passed away.

B. Chris motioned to adjourn.

C. Jake seconded.

D. Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine L. Wood
Student Union Secretary
