

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

DATE: 28 AUGUST 2013

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Nancy Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. JAKE GREFENSTETTE led the invocation.
- c. 2 were absent; 0 were late.
- d. Nancy Joyce entertained any motions to change the 1 MAY 2013 executive summary. *The 1 MAY 2013 executive summary was approved at 6:03 p.m.*

II. Approvals

- a. Jacob Stanton was presented for the position of Student Union Board of Director Operations by Kaitlyn Keelin.
 - i. Michael Masi asked Jacob what his favorite band was.
 1. Kenny Chesney.
 - ii. Jacob does not plan on going abroad, asked about by Joe Kelly.
 - iii. Jacob was approved by unanimous vote by way of raising of hands.

III. Officer Reports

- a. Mr. Alex Coccia, Student Body President
 - i. Welcome back everyone!
 - ii. CLC senators please think of initiatives.
 - iii. We rebranded.
 - iv. We have many new initiatives that we have been working on over the summer, mentioned at TeamND.
 - v. Town halls are looking very good. The first one is September 10th with Ryan Willerton.
- b. Ms. Nancy Joyce, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Next Tuesday is activities night.
 1. We just ordered 3,000 posters with the new Student Government logo which is a shamrock.
 - a. It would look great in your rooms and your friends' room.
 - b. Please advertise this.
- c. Mr. Juan Rangel, Chief of Staff
 - i. Department meetings will continue as per usual either next week, or the week after, depending on your department. Check your email for updates.
 1. Residence life has changed meeting times but all the others shall remain the same.
 - ii. There will be updated constitutions in the binders soon.
 - iii. ProgBoard
 1. Juan is currently working with SAO on several initiatives.

2. There will be a Student Union Calendar up and running soon. The purpose of this calendar is to avoid overlap.
 - a. Please let your constituents know about this.
- iv. There will be an event newsletter that will begin soon. The purpose of this is to promote each other's events.
- v. The Immigration Task Force has been formed, and is beginning to meet.
- vi. The Bookstore
 1. The Hammes Hub is now open through the bookstore, discounts are available.
 2. Shirt sales are down this year. We are looking into as to why.
 - a. Jennifer Sewell brought up that they are extremely long.
 - i. Nancy Joyce said that they could be worn as dresses, and that this is great feedback that we are looking for.

IV. General Orders

- a. Mr. Ryan Willerton, Director of the Office of Community Standards
 - i. He was introduced by Nancy N.
 - ii. The process review began in 2011, and this model was launched this fall.
 1. This conduct review was looked at through four different things,:
 - a. Peer benchmarks
 - b. Focus groups
 - c. Open Office hours
 - d. Informal feedback through those who had been through the ResLife process
 2. There were discussions as to what incidents ORL should handle, case review processes, etc.
 3. What was learned was that:
 - a. There were many procedural inconsistencies with the system.
 - i. If a student was caught by an NDSP officer as opposed to a rector, it could be a very different process depending on the case.
 - b. It was realized that rectors had quite a bit of influence over their students.
 - i. Some students thought that rectors threw them under the bus.
 - c. There will now be tailored responses as opposed to cookie cutter outcomes.
 - d. Students tended to be harder on students than administrators.
 - e. Many students who had never been through the process had a very different view than those who had been through the process.
 - f. Student records.

- i. Students are very concerned as to what is shared.
 - ii. Three guiding themes were created:
 - 1. transparency and availability,
 - 2. education of the University community on student life policies and procedures,
 - 3. and articulation of the practice of student conduct in accordance with Holy Cross traditions.
 - 4. The name now reflects what they do, and is now not confused with the Office of Housing.
 - a. Reflects on what is important at Notre Dame
 - i. Community on campus and off campus
 - 5. There must be a balance between formation and development of the individual student and the well being of the community.
 - a. It may be better for a student to be at Notre Dame than at home, however they may be having a negative impact on other students at the University.
 - 6. There have been changes in the language
 - a. Now there are Notification Letters, not Summons
 - i. Respondent instead of Accused/Charged student
 - 1. Must be fair process
 - b. Personal statement is now a reflection
 - 7. Formative outcomes
 - a. No more fines or community service
 - b. The outcomes are online and grouped into different categories, such as formative, professional referral, administrative, loss of privilege, and disciplinary outcomes.
 - 8. Role of the rector
 - a. When possible, the first time violations of the standards of conduct should be referred to the student's rector and hopefully the rector can form and education so there is not a similar situation. A second offense will come to the office.
 - i. If a student is off campus, there are off campus advisors that will act in this role.
 - b. There are three meetings.
 - i. With the rector.
 - ii. With administrators.
 - iii. The most serious: the hearing.
 - 1. Need to hear about the learning and the growth of the student from the rector.
 - 9. It will be looked at what standard of conduct was violated, have they been responsible for violating this standard on a previous
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occasion, whether they live on or off campus, if yes they will meet with the rector, if not they will meet with an administrator.

10. Integration of Student Affairs professionals

- a. Ethnic and gender diversity on the panel who can reach out to the student and help them to be educated.

11. Conduct record reporting

- a. External reporting
 - i. Must sign a release.
- b. Internal reporting
 - i. More information is shared internally.
 - ii. Study abroad and student leadership positions do look at these.
- c. Staff will participate outside the office.
 - i. Mr. Willerton is also the FCC advisor, for example.

iii. Erin Killmurray asked who went to the meetings.

1. Mr. Willerton said it could be an RA or a rector. In the past, you could bring another undergraduate student. Now, you can bring with a professor or an advisor as well.

iv. Maggie Armstrong asked about how would continuity be made between all of the dorms, especially between men's and women's halls.

1. He said that everyone would be treated the same, regardless of gender.
2. She asked about what about when rectors were handing out penalties?
 - a. He said this was slightly harder, but there will be a difference between hall to hall and between what year a student is, but he does hope that the rectors will be able to help with the new system.

- i. This is also being tracked by a computer system to check it.

v. Rohan A. asked what the punishment or outcome would be at the rector level.

1. It depends on the rector.

vi. Joe Kelly asked if rectors are allowed to give out fines.

1. He said that most have eliminated fines, and they are asked to be in line with the new policy but rectors are not governed by them.
2. Do first incidents of different types still go to the rectors?
 - a. Yes, but if they are hitting three or four different types then there will probably be a discussion. There are not that many categories. Alcohol and parietyals are two different categories.

vii. Trying to create more framework as per from talking with peer institutions.

viii. Michael Masi asked if one could talk to a previous rector.

1. Mr. Willerton said that a few rectors really liked this idea, but a few did not. This is part of the assessments.
 - a. This could even be an outcome.
- ix. Toni Schreier asked about medical amnesty.
 1. There is none. There is a misinterpretation of what medical amnesty means. Universities that have these still have processes for these students. It is a conversation, not a one way street of what policy did you violate? These are educational dialogues.
 - a. There outcome from helping a friend will probably be different than one who did not.
 - x. Rohan A. asked if community service would no longer be involved.
 1. Not necessarily, unless there have been issues with this student and the community.
 - a. It is all about reflection.
 - xi. Stephanie Klotter asked for other issues that would be sent to their office besides alcohol and parietals.
 1. Would being loud count?
 2. University Standards of Conduct online was brought up online.
 - a. In general, the top ones is rector conversation, and then any type of harassment will most likely come to the office.
 - xii. Dorothy Shlueter said that it seemed that those with good relationships with their rectors seemed to be at an advantage.
 1. The software acts as a check, and is looked at.
 - xiii. It was asked how would this affect the partying on campus?
 1. The residential life is a trade off.
 - a. Every year is there, which creates alcohol issues.
 - b. It is possible that it will.
 - xiv. Kyle McCaffery asked that if the rector seemed too harsh to the student with their outcome if there was a way to appeal an outcome?
 1. He cannot change the outcome, but if there are serious problems there are reviews.
 2. The rector cannot kick them out of the hall, but you can lose your ability to participate in hall.
 3. The office can kick you off varsity athletics.
 - xv. Rohan Andresen asked if this was more work for the rector and the RA.
 1. It depends on the situation.
 2. Are they a part of the reflection afterwards?
 - a. At the end of the day, the rector enters the information into the software. It depends on the case.
 - b. Sometimes the office asks the student what they think the best outcome would be.
 - i. Such as issues with game day activity.
 1. Maybe meet with an administrator right before game day.

- xvi. Nancy opened it up for one more question.
 - 1. Chas Jhin asked if parental notification happened.
 - a. In the office, financially responsible individual.
 - b. With the rector conversations, no.
 - b. Sarah Senseman, Director of Constituent Services, spoke about the upcoming Town Hall on Community Standards
 - i. Nancy J. said that this would be very similar to the presentation that we just heard.
 - 1. This will most likely be a mandatory senate event.
 - ii. Sarah S. said that there would be much more time to discuss and get feedback on these topics. It will go from 8:30-9:30 pm.
 - 1. Please bring your questions and concerns, and please bring people with you. They may not otherwise have this opportunity like student leaders do.
 - 2. The new logo will be used for the advertising.
 - 3. Another topic will be Erin O'Brien, VP for Peer advocacy.
 - 4. The first half will be speakers, and the second half will be questions.
 - c. Resolution SS 1314-06
 - i. This resolution was brought to the table by Michael Masi, and proposed to amend Section (1)(4) of the Constitution regarding Freshman Class Council Elections, and changing the voting to take place in each residence hall by the fourth Friday of the academic year.
 - 1. The background as to why this is being brought to the table, it was needed to give the freshman more flexibility with year to year depending on the academic calendar to organize their campaign. This also gives them adequate amount of time for a run off election. One dorm last year had two run offs. The election may occur before this date.
 - ii. "Fourth Friday" currently now says "September 15th"
 - iii. Sarah Price asked how this would work with FUEL.
 - 1. Michael M. responded that this will still give them the opportunity to engage in both and apply for both. The timeline for FUEL was moved up this year. It will be consistent with FCC.
 - iv. Diana Helfin says that the applications for FUEL are due September 13th.
 - 1. Nancy J. says that this gives them the opportunity to do one or the other.
 - v. Rohan A. asked if this delays FCC at all.
 - 1. Nancy J. answered no.
 - 2. Michael M. responded that this helped the timeline and helped the freshman not to be so overwhelmed with running for FCC.
 - vi. Kyle M. looked for FUEL in the Constitution 6.1.B (B).
 - 1. FUEL will have more time as well as FCC the way the language is worded.
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- a. Michael M. explained that they will be consistent.
2. Erin K. motioned to vote, Angel seconded.
 - a. Approved unanimously by hand raise.

V. New Business

- a. Alex Coccia is looking to see what term should best replace “forcible fondling” as a suggestion (the idea here is to eliminate the humor):
 - i. Nonconsensual sexual touching-
 - ii. Unwanted sexual touching
 - iii. Sexual battery
 1. The definition is found under Indiana State law and was read.
 2. Unanimously voted yes.
 3. Kyle M. was concerned that students may not report it under this.
 4. Olivia LaManga asked if the definition would be provided.
 - a. Yes.

VI. Announcements

- a. Michael Masi announced that freshman should come visit activities night on September 3rd.
 - i. Student Government 101 will be happening soon, please advertise within your hall.
- b. Kaitlyn Keelin announced that Monsters Inc would be playing tonight.
- c. Erin K. announced that there is a student safety summit Tuesday September 10th in the Library.
- d. Maggie A. announced that the CCC will be at activities night. Please let your constituents know who they are, they want to speak to the students as young as possible. Only two representatives behind your table.
- e. Sarah S. would like to announce that there will be a town hall every month. This first one is the kick off.
- f. Diana H. has posters, senators please take them to your halls. Tell the freshman that they are invited to senate before Student Government 101.
- g. Carolina Wilson announced that there will be a Senior Kick Off by the Career Center in LaFun with buffalo wild wings. There are posters, senators please take them.
- h. Margot Hughan announced that Dorothy Day’s granddaughter will be coming to Geddes September 12th at 7.
 - i. Kaitlyn K. Michigan ticket lottery goes live soon.
 - j. Jennifer S. announced that people should please follow Campus ministry on Twitter.
 - k. Alex C. announced that after senate that there will be an Open House at the Morris Inn right after this meeting and to please come to the Prism ND meeting tomorrow.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Without objection, *the 28 AUGUST 2013 Senate meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.*
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Respectfully submitted,

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Student Union Secretary

