

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

DATE: 4 SEPTEMBER 2013

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Nancy Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. JENNIFER SEWELL led the invocation.
- c. 2 were absent; 0 were late.
- d. Nancy Joyce entertained any motions to change the 28 AUGUST 2013 executive summary. *The 28 AUGUST 2013 executive summary was approved at 6:03 p.m.*

II. Officer Reports

- a. Mr. Alex Coccia, Student Body President
 - i. Student government night out
 1. Tomorrow taking freshman to Silverhawks game
 - ii. ACC conference
 1. Alex was in Pittsburgh for this and focused on medical amnesty and meal plans
 2. Try and use founding documents to make sure we cover incoming and outgoing presidents
- b. Ms. Nancy Joyce, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Faculty Senate
 1. Talked about grade inflation with respect to undergraduates.
 - a. An interesting point brought up that if students don't buy into it, it will not work work.
 - b. They would like senate to look into this.
 - ii. ND International
 1. This is a great thing, and will let students give their feedback especially with study abroad.
 - iii. She made treats.
- c. Mr. Juan Rangel, Chief of Staff
 - i. Juan Rangel had no updates this senate.

III. General Orders

- a. Ms. Jessica Kayongo, Hesburch Libraries
 - i. Max Brown with his committee have been working extensively on these topics.
 - ii. They are currently working on a renovation plan for the library on this committee.
 - iii. There should be a master building plan available in the next few weeks.
 - iv. The building is experiencing its 50th anniversary. The library has not been renovated much since its opening.
 1. Some minor changes, with ABP, the courtyard, and the fishbowl.

- v. A discussion was had with faculty and students to understand the universities needs.
 - vi. There are over 400 square feet that is going to be renovated. Great because much space to work with, however it is disorienting for users.
 - 1. Trying to orient the space and make it more usable to the library.
 - 2. Looking to have a North/South axis to better orient people to the spaces.
 - vii. The café is very popular but also very small, looking to expand places for the café to make it more user friendly.
 - viii. Trying to move print out of house, and put in more user space.
 - ix. Looking to make a nice space for the writing center.
 - x. More group study space will be added.
 - xi. There is a center for digital scholarship looking to see what works and what does not for the renovation.
 - xii. Bathrooms will be added to the first floor.
 - xiii. On the second floor, the rare books will be moved here.
 - 1. More staircases will be added for access.
 - 2. They will remove the bathrooms and have windows to see the stadium.
 - xiv. A two story grand reading room will be added.
 - xv. Collections will be toward the center, study spaces will be towards the winter.
 - xvi. There will be a whole floor dedicated to music.
 - xvii. For the graduate students, they will have more open spaces instead of the little locked office areas.
 - xviii. The lower level will house some of the special collections, after removing other books to off site storage.
 - xix. They are looking to have more cut throughs to allow more light into the building.
 - 1. Such as sky lights.
 - xx. Ideas have been taken from other similar spaces at other universities.
 - xxi. You will be able to see the second floor from the first floor and vice versa.
 - xxii. The design details have not been determined, the space orientation is what is currently being worked on.
 - xxiii. The tech commons on the second floor will be renovated, with more group study rooms.
 - xxiv. A more traditional look is being looked into for the design.
 - xxv. The group that is doing the work has done work for Duke, UPenn, Marquette, Princeton, and Johns Hopkins University.
 - xxvi. The project will be completed in phases.
 - xxvii. This will most likely take five years.
 - xxviii. Maggie Armstrong asked if the fishbowl will be left.
 - 1. The auditorium, café, presidents space, Fr. Ted's office, and the lower level will not be touched.
-

- xxix. Danny Colston asked if more natural light could come into the space.
1. The graduate student carels will be taken out.
 2. It would be hugely expensive to add more windows.
- xxx. Sarah Senseman asked if there was an estimation for the cost.
1. Currently, no. That is being worked on.
- xxx. Casey Skevington asked why the fishbowl was done first.
1. It was built as an experimental space. It is currently being studied.
 - a. People love booths, which would be 6 seats, however some people take up an entire booth to themselves.
- xxxii. Maggie A. asked how this will fit in to other renovations with campus.
1. The priority is currently the library and the stadium.
 2. There will be no repeat spaces.
- xxxiii. Danny C. asked that beside the glass being put in, would it look virtually the same?
1. It will look the same from the outside.
 2. Also, are the bathrooms being renovated on upper floors?
 - a. Yes, and there will be more power added. Many little changes will be made.
- xxxiv. Robert Pak asked if you will be able to dim the light.
1. There will be updated window screening, and there will be a sort of filtering for the sky lights. Control of light and sound is being looked into. Elevators are also being looked into.
- xxxv. The environmental impact of the materials being used is being taken into account.
1. The architect's office is making sure all changes will be green.
- xxxvi. Danny C. asked if the flat roofs could be used as solar energy?
1. No, but a patio was considered.
 2. This could be looked into, it is a good point.
- xxxvii. Toni Schreier asked if the windows could open.
1. Upper floors no, as it would be a safety concern.
- xxxviii. Thomas Rogers asked what a music area was.
1. He did not know you could listen to cds currently in the library.
 2. It would be moved to a different tower floor.
- xxxix. During construction, they must be careful about asbestos exposure.
- xl. Juan Jose Daboub asked if there would be a fountain in the reflecting pool, like in Dubai.
1. No.
- xli. Maggie A. asked if the furniture changes would be seen soon?
1. The university librarian's strategy is to move whenever there is money for it to gain momentum and funding.
- xlii. Juan Jose D. asked if each new renovation would be open, or if there would be a grand reopening.
1. You can use things as they are renovated, no grand reopening. They cannot close the spaces.
-

- b. Coffee Cart for DBRT Discussion
- i. There is no source of caffeine in DBRT.
 - ii. This has been proposed to food services and to Dave Harr.
 - iii. Nancy J. wanted to bring it to senate to make sure that all major points are hit as to why this would be a good idea.
 1. In the next couple of weeks, there will be a more formal survey to get more hard data for administrators to realize that students really do want this.
 2. This is a tangible thing for the future.
 3. Now is the time for input.
 - iv. Katie McCarty asked if there would be food.
 1. It will not be big, that is one of the selling points.
 2. Maybe. But if there was just coffee then no.
 - v. Sarah S. asked where it would go.
 1. Alex Coccia said that it would most likely go by the West stairwell.
 - vi. Does Duncan Donoughts do coffee carts?
 1. Maybe.
 - vii. Rohan Andresen asked if it would be the size of the one in Jordan.
 1. No, much smaller.
 - viii. Thomas R. asked if there was a concern of the lines.
 1. This would be addressed.
 2. The idea is that many people can go to Waddicks and then get back. However if half go to each, this would cut down to lines at both.
 3. Alex C. said that this is okay if it is revenue neutral.
 - ix. Christin Pacifico brought up that she personally would love this, especially when it snows.
 - x. Kyle McCaffery asked if there could be multiple coffee stands?
 1. This is less appealing to food services, but if this pilot works well then maybe we could add another.
 - xi. Conner Cole asked if you could use flex points.
 1. Ideally, yes.
 - xii. Maggie A. asked if maybe we could ask the language center to house it, or consider other floors.
 1. It could be looked into.
 - xiii. Erin Killmurray brought up that it takes another 7 minutes to get to the basement of Mendoza and back with no line.
 - xiv. Melissa Krumdick asked if it would be open during normal hours.
 1. Yes
 - xv. Carolina Wilson suggested that you could pilot it with only a certain amount of hours.
 - xvi. Michael Lindt asked if there is a concern of running out of stock?
 1. There might be.
 - xvii. Carolina Ramirez asked if tea could be there.

1. Sure.
- xviii. Casey S. asked what type of coffee food services would served?
 1. Probably Green Mountain.
- xix. Juan Jose D. asked if it could be like Starbucks and you could order more fancy drinks.
 1. It would depend on the cart and the space, but this would be something that we would be willing to compromise.
- xx. Danny C. asked if there is space in the basement?
 1. There are offices and specialty classrooms, but maybe.
- xxi. Matt Munhall asked if it could be looked into using your own coffee mug.
 1. This would save on space and cut down the line.
- xxii. Sarah S. brought up that if this is revenue neutral, we could maybe subsidize the Starbucks bringing your own mug deal. Also, Green Mountain is more eco friendly than Starbucks.
- xxiii. Meghan Gallagher asked where the storage would go.
 1. This is being thought through.
- xxiv. Rohan Andresen asked if would be a cart where you just lock it up with the metal hood.
 1. Probably, like with the soda stands.
 2. Also, it gets cold in that stairwell in the winter. That might be uncomfortable for the employees.
 - a. Any open space in DBRT has a door by it.
- xxv. Michael Masi was curious if this would effect our contract with Starbucks.
 1. This is being looked into by Dave Harr.
- xxvi. Dottie Schlueter asked why are we looking into a small cart instead of a permanent café?
 1. We probably will not be able to sell that to food services.
 2. We currently just want to be able to get coffee inside DBRT.
 3. They are talking about putting a food or coffee space in the stadium, this kind of space would be better used there.
- xxvii. Robert P. asked what employment would look like. Just students?
 1. At first, wanted a student run business.
 2. This will most likely function like a Waddicks.
- xxviii. There will be a survey at some point.

IV. New Business

- a. There was no new business.

V. Announcements

- a. Kyle McCaffery announced that SCC is planning a great Gatsby themed dance open to everyone on campus.
 - i. Sarah Price announced that there will be chocolate covered strawberries.
 - ii. Very classy affair.
 - iii. Trying to get fireworks.
-

- iv. There will be an 18 member jazz ensemble. Swing club will be there to give instruction and help.
- b. Student Gov is after this.
- c. Michael M. announced that FCC petitions will be out soon, also he has posters please take them.
- d. Erin K. announced that the Safety Summit is next week.
- e. Marisel Wilber announced that Football 101 is Thursday.
- f. Olivia LaMagna announced that there will be discounted tickets to the Silverhawks game.
- g. Toni S. announced to please email your academic commissioners in your dorm.
- h. Juan Jose D. motioned to ajourn.
 - i. No second.
- i. Sarah S. reminded us that the Town Hall is September 10th please bring friends and questions.
- j. Matt M. announced that ServeND has gone live.
 - i. Find your service commissioner.
 - ii. Syria: this Saturday there will be a fast for Syria through the CSC and Campus Ministry. There is a prayer service and mass at 10 am.
- k. Michael Lindt announced that the Fisher regatta will take place in 233 days.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Without objection, the 4 SEPTEMBER 2013 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandria Chloe Wellman
Student Union Secretary