

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

DATE: 30 OCTOBER 2013

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Nancy Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- b. THOMAS ROGERS led the invocation.
- c. 1 were absent; 0 were late.
- d. Nancy Joyce entertained any motions to change the 23 OCTOBER 2013 executive summary. *The 23 OCTOBER 2013 executive summary was approved at 6:04 p.m.*

II. Officer Reports

- a. Mr. Alex Coccia, Student Body President
 - i. No Shave November
 1. You are encouraged to create teams
 2. Alex C. will not be shaving his full beard, he will be trimming it
 3. This supports mental health awareness and raises money for prostate cancer
 - ii. Coffee Cart
 1. Looking forward to hearing reactions
- b. Ms. Nancy Joyce, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Missed all of you last week, thank you Zach Waterson for chairing senate last week.
 - ii. Senators, your role on the departments is to attend all meetings as a normal member and whatever your assigned task you must do them just as much as everyone else
 1. If you are having a hard time, please come talk to Nancy
 2. She is hearing people are not showing up to meetings. This makes everything harder to accomplish. It is not fair to the directors.
 3. She realizes you are all busy, but this is a part of your commitment so please meet these.
 4. Come talk to her if you are having problems.
 5. You are a full participating department member.
- c. Mr. Juan Rangel, Chief of Staff
 - i. No announcements

III. General Orders

- a. Coffee cart is now up and running
 - i. Any feedback is appreciated, Nancy opened it up for comments
 1. Juan Jose Daboub says they love it.
 2. Emma Herily said that she loved it, she enjoyed going in DBRT.
 3. Carolina Wilson said that its okay if the line is long, this is normal in coffee lines like in Starbucks.

4. Toni Schreier asked what the hours were?
 - a. 8am-3pm.
 - b. Is this set in stone asked Toni?
 - i. For the rest of the semester, but then it will be reevaluated answered Nancy Joyce.
 5. Michael Masi has not used or seen it, but he has heard charge cards were not allowed.
 - a. Nancy said that it will be available soon, they are working on this.
 6. Thomas R. asked where this is located?
 - a. It is to the right of the map if you are coming in from DBRT quad facing the stadium.
 - i. He will find it, he said.
 7. Alex, in response to Toni, said that all of the pastries are half price from 2-3.
 - a. Juan Jose D. said don't tell that to too many people.
 8. Bob Pak said that he just heard about it now.
 - a. Nancy J. said that Food Services has asked us to be low key on the promotion as they are working things out. Maybe Duncan is just having some issues. Word of mouth has been working.
 - i. Catherine Kromkowski said that Duncan should probably follow student government on facebook and twitter.
 9. Nancy said if anyone has further comments, questions, or concerns to please let her know to incorporate feedback.
- b. Discussion on Residence life
- i. CLC has been talking about residence life to understand better how students relate to campus and their communities on campus. One of the questions that has come up in Nancy's CLC as what do students view as their primary community. Many of you view your dorm, but that may not be true for everyone. She would like to know why you associate with your dorm, team, or club to understand better how some dorms are different or how clubs have become communities on campus. Whatever comes to mind, please share if you feel comfortable. Who among you identify with your dorm?
 1. Unanimous, almost, show of hands from the senators.
 2. What sets your dorm apart?
 - a. Juan Jose D. said that Alumni is right by main circle, which is very convenient. They have the oldest elevator in Indiana in 1931, their rector has been their 36 years, the architecture is wonderful, they have 3D sculptures, and they have a sun dial half is on Alumni and the other half is on that other building.
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- b. Joe Kelly said that his dorm, Carroll, is far. You grow together, and he knows pretty much everyone in his dorm because it is small. It was an easy transition from an all guys high school to a single sex dorm.
 - c. In Walsh, everyone leaves their dorm open, so you get to know people better.
 - d. Carolina Wilson lived in PE. Most of her friends did not live in PE. That was okay, she liked that it did not force community on you if you were out and about. She thinks most dorms provide the option.
 - i. Nancy J. asked if there were girls who did feel that the dorm was their main community?
 - 1. Yes.
 - e. Kyle McCaffery mentioned that each section goes to dinner every single night. They have a strong section community. It does detract in some ways, because there is a stronger section identity than hall identity. Better turn out to section than dorm events. He knows that the strong section unity was helpful starting off freshman year to him.
 - f. Mike Murphy in St. Ed's feels pretty standard as considering it his primary community. He feels that FroshO has a lot to do with this. He thinks athletes have their primary community as their team.
 - g. Stephen Scobee mentioned that the freshman all live in the basement in Sorin, besides a few. They sit at the same tables in the dining hall. Guys can just show up and sit there.
 - h. Erin Killmurray lived in Farley. She still feels that it was her main sense of community, and now that she doesn't live there she still is in Farley all the time and feels welcome even with the new rector. She works out there and studies there still.
 - i. Olivia LaMagna said that in Farley she has had 3 rector in her time there. She sees the same thing as Carolina W. She has appreciated not being pressured into the dorm. She still appreciates having it there. It is not her primary social.
 - j. Dottie Schlueter said that Lewis is isolated like Carroll. She does not think that being in Lewis affected who they are friends with. It just depends on the type of person. Sometimes what happens is you leave Lewis and don't come back for a while because of the location, but it does depend on your roommate freshman year, who lived by you freshman year, and it varies a lot.
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- k. Meghan McGarel loves how small Howard is. A downside she finds is that they are 40-50% singles. It is harder for them to just leave their door open. A lot of their doors are closed because of this.
 - l. Michael Lindt lives in Fisher, and they have the best dorm event of the year. He recognizes everyone by face in the dining hall. There is a lot of engineers in Fisher, and he liked how he had friends in his classes and in the dorm. This allowed for help studying and help with the major.
 - m. Cristin Pacifico lives in Badin. Whatever dorm you live in, it is commonly known that that is your community. With the freshman orientation staff, you belong somewhere. There is constant community with hall council programming. Whether you decide to participate or not, you have a community there.
 - n. Casey Skevington lives in Farley. They welcome you with open arms, if you are at a dorm event it is like you haven't missed anything. It is helpful to have other engineers in Farley, because there is in dorm help.
 - o. Thomas R. knows that for the male dorms, there is a fraternal aspect to it. He feels like everyone has each other's back. The sections are all very close.
 - p. Rohan Andresen likes the idea of single sex dorm and brotherhood and sisterhood. He enjoys it. It was hard in his class because there was only 40 freshman, so if you didn't find your niche right away it was difficult. Also, he leaves early and comes back late because he does work in the library and his friends did something while he was gone. When you go away for a period of time, it is hard to merge back.
 - q. Toni Schreier lives in McGlenn. There is a wide range, but there is no stigmatism if you spend a lot of time outside of the dorm.
 - r. Juan Jose D. said that Alumni always goes right right. He likes how dorms have the Sunday night masses and this contributes to the community. He knows guys that aren't Catholic that go to mass. He used to be like ugh im going to mass, but now he's like cool I'm going with my Buddies.
 - s. Melissa Krumdick likes how you can live with people that aren't freshman, it leads to a nice diversity.
 - t. Carolina W. thinks she may have taken her dorm for granted. She came not knowing anyone at Notre Dame, and she did find comfort that she could do something with
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the girls in her dorm or the girls in her quad. It was a nice comfort as a freshman.

- u. Stephen Scobee brought up that in Sorin, you hug every person in the chapel at mass. This builds community.
 - v. Sophie Manly is critical of that you must identify your primary community as your dorm. This could limit your experiences on campus.
 - w. Sarah Price, going back to all ages mixed together, thought it was important that upperclassmen reached out to the freshman. Her and her friends wanted to do the same. Freshman now feel comfortable hanging out with them in their room. She goes to upperclassmen for finance help, even though their room was far.
 - x. Juan Jose asked who is in charge with assigned with roommates? He feels like it is not random.
 - i. Nancy J. said it is random. She would be happy to have office of housing come in.
 - 1. He feels like they just say that.
 - y. Meghan Gallagher in BP said that they have a big sister little sister program, which is nice to have this one on one connection.
 - z. Katie McCarty said that she is an arts and letters major in PE, and said that PE is a science/engineering dorm which makes it difficult.
 - aa. Mary Susan said that it was nice to not have strictly athletic dorms. She is in Lyons, which is not an engineering dorm, while she is an engineering dorm. They also have a big/little program.
 - bb. Kyle McCaffery said that with engineering, it is nice to have them in groups. When he does his PLS homework with people, they are all reading together silently. So, there is a difference in the type of work. Off of Sophie and Mary Susan's point, what is your experience with how athletes experience dorm community? He experiences both sides. There are those who participate when they can, but there are also guys that he never sees. What is everyone's experience?
 - i. Erin Killmurray said that she had a roommate who was an athlete. Her roommate said that she wouldn't want to live with the athletes, because they would have been around each other far too much.
 - ii. Kaitlyn Keelin said that girls she knew on sports teams felt that they weren't a part of the
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community because they were at practice while other girls were at FroshO.

1. Toni S. brought up that this applies to band.
- iii. Meghan G. said that many athletes cannot come to events because they are constantly traveling.
- cc. Juan Jose D. would like to know about brother sister dorms?
 - i. It is up to the dorms, said Nancy.
 1. Cristin P. said that at HPC this is online and very set out. They can have events together. You should tell Alex Cantrell that you want to have events with BP.
 - ii. Mary Susan brought up Lyons and Carroll do things frequently together.
 - iii. Katie M. said that the only person she knows from Knott is Angel Zambrano.
 - iv. Stephen Scobee mentioned that there is an issue with Badin standing them up on events.
 1. Emma H. said that there is a communication issue. It is also dependent on the dorms.
 - v. Nancy J. would encourage senators to talk to your brother sister senator.
 - vi. Rohan R. would say that Siegfried has many events with PW.
 - vii. Dottie S. thinks Lewis has two brother dorms which is awkward. She knows Stanford from last year, but she thinks also St. Ed's. It seems weird, she interpreted it as two versus everyone else. There are a lot of Lewis girls, though.
 1. It is more people to get to know, said Nancy.
 - viii. Thomas R. said that the masses in the dorm are beneficial, to reiterate Juan Jose D. As a transfer, he felt very welcomed in his section.
- dd. Nancy would like to know who has the same priest every week?
 - i. About half of the hands were raised.
- ee. Juan Jose D. would like to talk about parietals maybe next week. He likes parietals, honestly. He feels like in recent years, the university has been thinking progressively so he is wondering how this will effect parietals.
 - i. Nancy is pretty sure parietals aren't going anywhere any time soon. They are around to stay.

1. Juan Jose D. remembered Alex C. the other day that transgender was being taken into account. Will guys only be allowed in their own guys dorm or girls only in their own girls dorm?
 - a. Nancy thinks that parietals is probably not the solution.
- ff. Bob Pak thinks that many of the international students feel more involved in cultural clubs. He is unsure of how that could change in the dorm. There are so many cultures in the dorm that the attention couldn't be sufficient. This is not negative, but he knows many Koreans that are "isolated".
 - i. Juan Jose D. went to a boarding school with a large Korean population and they hung out together because they wanted to. Is it because of the dorm or because they want to hang out with other Korean people?
 1. Bob P. thinks that maybe more of an outreach from the dorm.
 2. Carolina Ramirez said that from talking to her Korean friends, the language barrier is sometimes difficult. Even if they are fluent in English, they may not feel comfortable around native English speakers.

IV. New Business

- a. Rohan A. would like to bring up the robbery before we went on fall break. His main concern was that apparently after the attack the young lady was unable to get into her dorm because she did not have her id. He would like to know if we can look into having some sort of phone outside the dorm.
 - i. Show of hands for those who have phones outside the door?
 1. Less than half.
 - ii. Michael Masi thinks that if you dial 911 on campus, it does not go to campus police. So, plug that into your phone.
- b. Casey S., prior to the crime alert email on recent violence in South Bend, would walk off campus frequently. She would like to be alerted sooner.
 - i. It could be because we were on fall break. It was unusual that it was a recap email, said Alex.
 - ii. Nancy said that we will look into this.
- c. Juan Jose D. thinks we are over-emailed from the University.
 - i. Unfortunately, as student senate, we may not be able to do much.
- d. Bob P. would like to address the choosing times of RA. This messes with off campus, and who to room with.

V. Announcements

- a. Erin K. announced that off campus council is holding a leasing fair. Please tell your sophomores and juniors. They will have information for the next two school years. Please take posters.
- b. Next week is Asian Allure. It will be in Washington Hall next Friday and Saturday.
- c. There is a Times Talk on the Government Shutdown sponsored by the Academic Affairs Committee.
- d. The Class of 2016 is hosting a bonfire tonight.
- e. PE is hosting pink week this week. Peggy Kelly is coming to talk in the McNeill week tonight.
- f. There will be a sophomore parent tailgate from 12-2 this Saturday.
- g. There is a freshman class council dance tomorrow, open to anyone, with free Chick Fil A.
- h. Alex C. would like all of the senators to take back the posters for No Shave November.
 - i. Ask Alex C. for the rules
- i. Nancy J. announced that she would love to see all of you at her family tailgate at the JACC lot
- j. The fisher regatta is in 177 days

VI. Adjournment

- a. Without objection, *the 30 OCTOBER 2013 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Student Union Secretary