

## NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

### Executive Summary

DATE: 5 FEBRUARY 2014

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

#### I. Opening Business

- a. Nancy Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:00 *p.m.*
- b. KYLE McCAFFERY led the invocation.
- c. 2 were absent; 2 was late.
- d. Nancy Joyce entertained any motions to change the 29 JANUARY 2014 executive summary. *The 29 JANUARY 2014 executive summary was approved at 6:05 p.m.*

#### II. Officer Reports

- a. Mr. Alex Coccia, Student Body President
  - i. The One is Too Many had over 2800 signature, 1100 indicated that they would be interested in being involved in some greater capacity.
- b. Ms. Nancy Joyce, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Food Services Committee Applications are due on Friday
  - ii. Reach out to anyone in your dorm that you think would be interested in running for senator. Please also bring your new senators to senate.
  - iii. Also, for those of you who went to the career fair, you all loop dapper and we hope it went well for you ☺
- c. Mr. Juan Rangel, Chief of Staff
  - i. There is an organization doing a drive for extra umbrellas, and other things, please contact Juan.

#### III. General Orders

- a. Resolution SS1314-17 with Enclosures 1,2, and 3 from the Department of Academic Affairs presented by Matt Greene
  - i. Presentation
    1. Matt Greene explained that this resolution's idea came about because he studied abroad through another University in London. There was a very complicated process in order for them to get their credits. This seemed strange, especially considering that numerous students were involved in this program.
    2. Notre Dame is becoming more and more international, more and more people are studying abroad. Many people do not have room with electives to study abroad, such as engineering. They only have room for one elective. We know that many students offer great classes during the summer, and they should be able to take advantage of this.
  - ii. Enclosure one
    1. The lack of transparency is very low. Science, engineering, and arts and letters have vastly different policy, and architecture and engineering only have one person doing the approving.

2. We would like to standardize it as much as possible. We do not want to bring down the classes that are offered.

iii. Duke

1. Process and timeline that we think that we should go through.
2. Propose that the provost meets with students to create this database. As student government, we would be able to be involved in this.
3. The database will benefit students as well as faculty. It will also increase cultural competency of Notre Dame students.
  - a. This will also increase first year retention rate. If an engineer wants to drop because they want to take more electives, they may change their mind with the ability to study abroad to take electives.

iv. Questions

1. Maggie Armstrong asked if this would be a general transfer database? Or just study abroad?
    - a. This would be from just study abroad for now. However, it does make sense to request sylibi from other competitive American universities and easily expandable to that.
  2. Nancy Joyce is wondering how this would encompass all study abroad locations? Such as institutes with languages?
    - a. They will look at the past 4-10 years to see where they have been getting courses. This will be for very competitive universities, and to encourage students to go to these competitive schools abroad.
    - b. Nancy would like this to be double checked. Language departments do use these for credits. Also, if a class is not in the database, how would that work?
      - i. It would revert back to the other system, and if approved, added to the database.
  3. Olivia LaMagna asked what the procedure would be for the expiration date? Would there be a review every year?
    - a. Yes, there will be a review every year or every other year. They will speak with administrators to see what they think.
    - b. Olivia L. asked how receptive the administrators looked?
      - i. They have not yet presented it there yet, they would like the support of Student Government first. It depends by the department. Arts and Letters seems supportive, engineering not so much.
  4. Casey Skevington asked why the engineering department seemed skeptical?
    - a. They have not had too much interaction with them, the department was just hesitant.
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5. Nancy asked where the database would be housed?
  - a. The international studies department.
6. Toni Schreier motioned to vote, Stephen Scobee seconded.
  - a. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Maggie A. wanted to let everyone know that they had elections for CCC, and would like to introduce us to Peter Hall, the new vice President. Their president is currently abroad. He will be coming to meetings with Maggie for the remainder of February, and taking over in March.
  - i. Peter says that we look like a very smart group of people.
  - ii. Joe Kelly asked what is favorite Frisbee throw.
    1. His personal best is the forehand.
  - iii. Tom Rogers asked how he knew the new president, Jimmy?
    1. Through CCC. He will be working closely with him although he is in Toledo.
  - iv. Joe K. asked if this was Toledo, Ohio?
    1. Yes. He is studying abroad in Toledo, Ohio.

#### V. Announcements

- a. Toni S. announced that First Lecture is happening tomorrow. This is for new professors. This will be Martin Cramers in Como from 7:30-9. There will be refreshments. He is interested in corporate governance and finance. Please come by.
  - b. Michael Masi announced that today is election day. Tomorrow, class council petitions will be made available. He is still waiting for dorms to get names for hall election commissioner. If anyone has questions about hall elections for JC, please let him know. He welcomes all concerns.
  - c. Stephen S. announced to see your email for the time of the mass for Fr. Sorin's birthday, and there will be special French food in the dining halls.
  - d. Badin is having its polar plunge this Friday for the Hope Initiative.
  - e. The Kennan Revue is coming up. Please get tickets this Friday in the LaFun ballroom.
  - f. Dottie too, is excited, just like Peter. She knows and is roommates with Laura. The one and only Lewis hall of pancakes is this Friday. She personally will be wearing a chicken suit. And she will also be making eggs.
    - i. Danny asked if there will be bacon?
      1. Yes, lots and lots of bacon.
      2. Tom R. asked for the estimated time that the bacon and cinnamon rolls will be extinguished.
        - a. Come early. Eat lots. Be there at 10. Eat the whole time. Go to LHOP. Hop to LHOP.
  - g. Sarah Senseman announced that Food Services will be assisting with the next Town Hall on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please come and give feedback to Food Services. Local and sustainable vendors will be showcased. The student advisory
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- committee will be announced. There will be a poster, and you will be emailed with it. FREE FOOD. Eggs, waffles, chicken. Nancy thinks this sounds like LHOP.
- h. Nancy announced that next week, Jack Swarbrick is coming to senate. Be on time and come with questions. She might think about the Alma Mater policy. You are creative people, think of your own questions.
  - i. Michael Lindt announced that the regatta is 79 days away.

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. Without objection, *the 5 FEBRUARY 2014 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Student Union Secretary