

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

DATE: 12 FEBRUARY 2014

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Nancy Joyce called the meeting to order at *p.m.*
- b. MARISEL WILBEUR led the invocation.
- c. 4 were absent; 1 were late.
- d. Nancy Joyce entertained any motions to change the 6 NOVEMBER 2013 executive summary. *The 5 FEBRUARY 2014 executive summary was approved at 6:03 p.m.*

II. Officer Reports

- a. Mr. Alex Coccia, Student Body President
 - i. First we would like to welcome Lauren Vidal and Matt Devine, who were just elected Vice President and President of the Student Body
 - ii. For those of you who helped out with OISM, there will be a video follow up
 1. If you want to be involved, look for an email
- b. Ms. Nancy Joyce, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Is passing around posters for Financial Literacy week, cosponsored by senior class council and student government
 1. We are also partnering with MSPS to bring a speaker in March
 - ii. Thank you to everyone who came to the food services open house
 1. Announced the members of the student food advisory council
- c. Mr. Juan Rangel, Chief of Staff
 - i. None

III. General Orders

- a. Jack Swarbrick, Director of Athletics
 - i. He lived in Howard Hall, they converted it right after he left.
 - ii. Thank you to the senate for the opportunity to be here. We have been a great resource in terms of opinion and information, and to understand the pulse of campus. Alex has been a great intermediary for them, and he appreciates it. The students are our second primary customer, the first are the student athletes. All the students are key for the success of athletics, and he appreciates the support. He is here to answer any questions about any topic. He is happy to engage any topic.
 - iii. Questions
 1. Kyle McCaffery was wondering about the rumors about the stadium renovations interfering with graduations. Will that mean that graduations wont be able to happen there, or the construction will be going on during it?
 - a. Just the latter. There may be a few things, like the finish to the Sunburst Marathon. All things like games and use

of the press box for events will go on. The major thing that will happen are effects on parking. There will be a construction site for 36 months. Michigan and Stanford have figured this out.

2. Toni Shreier would like to know about the decision process about the football players not singing the alma mater?
 - a. This happened within a full year, and we had the fortune to not losing at home for a long time so it was not evident for everyone. Also, there were a few guys on the team that had not been through a loss yet. The discussion was prompted after an away game, and it was an unhappy experience. They had to think about what their approach was. Is it on the home only? Only on wins? He understands the angst about it. His own view was that this will be intellectually honest. There will be the question posed again this spring. The leaders may come up with a different decision. What was unique in this debate was no one cared what the other teams did.
3. Kyle M. would like him to speak more on the negative experience at the away game.
 - a. Unfriendly hand gestures, foul language, things being thrown. It seemed inconsistent to the words of the alma mater. When we posed the question, they came to a different conclusion about where to draw the line.
4. Maggie Armstrong was at the national championship, and she understands that it is their decision, but are we letting one bad decision effect this?
 - a. No, it had been growing, and we had talked about it. There was one especially bad time that led the discussion. Some of the student athletes were voting with their feet a little bit. He was prepared to support any conclusion they reached, like he supports the women's basketball team not to do the alma mater.
5. Tom Rogers asked if the student athletes decided about the alma mater, not the administration?
 - a. Yes, it is up to the athletes as long as it is appropriate.
6. Maggie A. described that she is the CCC president. One thing that is constantly brought to her attention is student club's access to Adidas apparel. There was only one vendor off campus. It will probably change with Under Armor. They are very hard to set up a meeting with, and they had a ton of issues getting things done. She is wondering if there are better vendors to go through for clubs.

- a. This would have been an Adidas decision, not us. The vendor companies would have nothing to do with them. He doesn't have enough information about what Under Armor's process is. He will look into this in order to understand it. Their partnership with Under Armor is greater than Adidas's was, so it creates some opportunities that he hopes we can all benefit. He would like Under Armor can win the Shirt Project bid.
7. Are there any club sports that are being looked at for varsity sports?
 - a. There are none in consideration. There are two issues for him. Are we doing everything we can for the existing sports? And we are still not, like for women's crew. Their facility is awful. He would like to make sure resources go to that before they expand. The other part is to make sure that all title nine obligations are met. He can guarantee that it would not be a male sport moved to varsity from club.
8. Kyle M. asked how the basketball team's takeover of Rolfe's will affect student usage?
 - a. The new facility must be in place first. There may be some summer months where they are using it first. The new project will have a better space, the way rec sport's demand is today. The facility will change with student's needs today. In addition for having functional space, it will be a cooler space to be in. You can look over campus while working out. This is a huge project. One of the benefits of the large buildings, this will give us a lot of great campus vistas. For all the great things about this campus, there is not a lot of hospitality space. There are not a lot of spaces that can be used for events. So, whether it is a small concert or a dance, we want to be able to create space for these things.
9. Cristin Pacifico would like to know what his most memorable moment he has had in athletics.
 - a. The most memorable moments he has had tend to be individual. Even through tough loss, there have been some great achievements by athletes. And even with great wins like in Dallas this year with football, he was in the locker room with two guys with broken legs which was hard for him. What he is most proud of are the times where he felt he was of great service to the university. The two times he feels are Declan Sullivan and the Manti situation. Those are the times he is most proud of.

10. Conor Montijo asked about a possible video board in the stadium. Who will be involved in this process?

- a. There will be many people involved, because we are trying to anticipate the future. He was struck by NBC preparing for the Olympics, four years ago no one had these technologies. He knows with certainty that we have to provide more data and access to video. This doesn't answer the question of how it is done. Is it a reality of that our successor students will want to access data on a handheld device? Or a communal access? It was interesting for him to be at the London Olympics, and he talked to NBC about this. He was at a track and field event, the 1500 and a heat involving Usain Bolt. The place was electric. No one clapped, everyone was holding up their phone to video. They roared, but they did not clap. NBC had to think through their sound technology, because this core sound was missing. Will everyone be looking at handheld devices instead of the video board? They are looking at the anticipated demand, and what will be most effective. He tends toward video board solutions. At the end of the day the decision is his. OIT and marketing and the university at large will be involved.

11. Maggie A. asked about turf.

- a. He has nothing to say about this, but the decision will be happening very soon. The moment commencement is over, they will get to work. Whatever they pursue, they have to rip it all out, because they can't grow grass in there anymore. They will have a major project either way. There are a few things impacting him, can he get a grass field to root in that amount of time? He is trying to get a handle on this. He also wants to expand the use of the place. He is thinking about the impacts of expanded use. Does he need to use synthetic for this? Also, student athlete safety are a part of this.

12. Stephen Scobee asked if the turf happened, would the endzone still be lines?

- a. Maybe. IN the department, they say that if you've done it twice at ND, it's a tradition. So, he has to be careful finding what is a tradition, and what is not. It is a balance. He was looking at a video of a game of when he was there, and if you asked him what was in the endzone, he would say stripes. There is an attachment to this striping. One of the value to the Shamrock Series is we can change the endzone.

- 13.** Maggie A. asked about basketball job security for coaching staff. Can we expect the coaches to stay? Football tends to turn over fast.
- a.** He says he can only think about two times when the turnover for football was a little fast. Basketball coaches are pretty secure. The challenges in post season really showed how hard they have worked. They have performed at a high level. What we will never have is great depth, our margin is smaller. We had some key losses, which changed the dynamic. There is no harder sport to deal with is youth basketball. To find young men who can succeed at ND, it is hard to find for basketball. If we could have played with our starting lineup, we could have done better, but that happens.
- 14.** Peter Hall asked how Under Armor will provide specialized equipment for certain sports?
- a.** He has talked to schools that use them with many sports, like Northwestern and BC. There are sports that they cant provide for, especially shoes that the student athletes need, we can wear something else. He wants to be good partners, so he will push the teams to use them to see if they work. He was watching Northwestern fence, and they wore nike shoes.
- 15.** Conor M. asked if we have talked about an outdoor hockey game?
- a.** It is likely. It impacts the turf question a little bit. Either way we do this with the turf, we will probably heat the field. One of the benefits with this if the playoffs expand, it will be on on campus sites, so our field will be more playable the first week of December?
- 16.** Who is the team to watch for next season?
- a.** Women's lacrosse is poised to take it to the next level, as well as softball. He said all of them, let the record show.
- 17.** Nancy Joyce asked if the cross roads project will increase the cost of student tickets.
- a.** No, we are focused on the opposite actually. The pricing of student tickets is set on the price of regular ticket. We are going to move away from this, and look at what is the right price for the ticket. It will not be more than it was today.
- 18.** Maggie A. asked about the independence of football. If we are forced to join a conference, could we be in a conference with academically similar schools?
- a.** Probably not. We spent a lot of time talking about that during this conference upheaval. We had a small window where we had a shot, but with the television networks

no. With the television channels, you are leaving or joining an equity stake. Schools carry that asset, and it changes the dynamic of the conferences. The only way this would happen if the NCAA model breaks fundamentally and you end up with two conferences. There are forces at play right now, and there have been discussions at Northwestern.

19. Peter H. asked about football scholarships?

- a. There is a question about are they an employee? There are only 300 out of 740 to have full scholarships here. Are the Hesburgh YUSko scholars employees? Anything that makes certain students fundamentally different is not a good thing. This is a perspective we reject.

20. Rohan Andresen asked if he could describe the new facilities?

- a. It will be much larger than Rolfes. There will be more space for yoga and aerobics.
- b. Will it be open to staff and students?
 - i. He is unsure.

IV. New Business

- a. There was no new business.

V. Announcements

- a. Academic affairs will be having Ackerman giving a Last Lecture on Tuesday from 7-8 in como. There will also be night at the snite this Thursday from 7-10pm. Also, there will be a NY Times journalist giving a keynote address at 7pm in the library.
- b. Bob Pak announced that Bengal Bouts is starting this Monday. Please buy tickets from Bob Pak, tickets are \$20.
- c. Class Council elections are next week.
- d. The Keenan review is a week and a day away.
- e. Love your body week is next week.
- f. Please encourage people to go to the financial literacy workshops.
- g. Cristin P. is starting a new club, she will have more information next week. Each week, there will be someone covering a topic that is going on in the news. Please let her know if you know of anyone who would be interested. They want to reach out to people outside of the business school.
- h. Dottie would like to thank everyone for coming to LHOP. The next one is in a year. Make a general google calendar for the event and come.
- i. Michael Lindt announced that we have 72 days until Fisher Regatta.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Without objection, *the 12 FEBRUARY 2013 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Student Union Secretary

