

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- b. Claire led the invocation.
- c. Conor, Mariah, and Tommy were absent; Mick was late.
- d. Andrew entertained a motion to approve the April 7, 2010 executive summary. Erin moved to approve the summary. Erinn seconded. *The April 7, 2010 executive summary was approved at 6:19 p.m.*

II. Podium

- a. Mr. Chris Gigante, President of the Shirt Project
 - i. Chris introduced himself as the President of the Shirt Project.
 - ii. The Shirt Project is the largest fundraiser on campus for student clubs and organizations and Student Government overall.
 - iii. Chris feels that this year's Shirt will be something that the Student Body will really like this year, both in style and in its ability to unite students.
 - iv. Samples were looked at two weeks ago and printing has begun.
 - v. Proceeds from the Shirt sales go to the Shirt Charity Fund, a fund established to help students who have extreme medical costs as well as other activities and organizations on campus.
 - vi. The Unveiling Ceremony is next Friday, April 10, 2010.
 1. Chris passed out information about the Unveiling Ceremony.
 2. Coach Brian Kelly will be speaking at the Unveiling Ceremony and will play a role in pushing the sales of the Shirt.
 - a. Coach Kelly also approved of the Shirt.

III. Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Catherine Soler, Student Body President
 - i. Catherine met with representatives from the ImproveND survey and had them present at CoR Tuesday; she suggested people look at the results when they come out as there are many relevant and interesting things.
- b. Mr. Andrew Bell, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Andrew also commented on the importance of the ImproveND results and what this could mean for the student body.
- c. Mr. Nicholas Ruof, Chief of Staff
 - i. Nick still needs pictures and phone numbers of all of the senators.
- d. Mr. Vijay Gupta, Faculty Senate Liaison
 - i. Professor Gupta was not present.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs [Mick Mulhall]
 - i. The Committee met for the first time at Legends on Tuesday to talk about their plan of attack for the year.
 - ii. Mick is looking to break down the Committee into different work groups and get started with the term's initiatives.
- b. Committee on Campus Technology [Casey Cockerham]
 - i. Casey spoke with OIT representatives about the revamping of 'agenda.nd.edu' and it is well on its way to being finished this summer.
 - ii. The Committee will also be working on expanding iTunesU for Notre Dame to get more content on the site.
- c. Committee on Community Relations [Claire Sokas]
 - i. The Committee met on Sunday for the first time and will first look into planning the Eddy Street Commons Block Party and Freshman Bus Tour.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues [Mariah McGrogan and Timothy Castellini]
 - i. This week is Stand Against Hate Week, which is huge for the Committee.
 - 1. There will be a free t-shirt giveaway on Fieldhouse Mall Thursday.
 - 2. Friday is the Day of Silence that represents the silence gay people feel they must attend to on campus.
 - ii. The Committee will meet tomorrow, and will get started on the major weeks that occur in the fall (i.e. Body Image Awareness Week) and reviewing the Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention's website.
- e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Brigitte Githinji]
 - i. The Committee met for the first time on Monday.
 - ii. Committee members wanted this year to have the focus of collaboration among more groups on campus.
 - iii. An interesting thing some members brought up was the desire to open up more food places on campus during breaks, as international students usually stay on campus during breaks.
 - iv. The Committee will also look at finding more relevant ways to promote diversity and issues surrounding them (diversity in the world, international countries, diversity in the workplace).
- f. Committee on Oversight [Paige Becker]
 - i. The Committee met for the first time Sunday and discussed the different projects for the year.
 - ii. Paige will be dividing the Committee into different workgroups.
 - iii. Next week, an amendment should be on the table concerning logistical things about the Student Union Ethics Commission.
- g. Committee on Residence Life [Matthew High]
 - i. The Committee met for the first time Sunday.
 - ii. The two big initiatives on the table are working to get emergency contact numbers on the back of ID cards and working with NDSP to work on the move-in process.
 - iii. The Committee is also working on getting lights placed on McGlinn Fields.

- h. Committee on Social Concerns [Patrick McCormick]
 - i. The Committee met for the first time on Sunday.
 - ii. Patrick met with the director of CSC seminars to work on connecting them more holistically to the greater campus and student body.
 - iii. Andrew and Patrick will continue meeting with CSC officials to establish communication among Student Government and the Center.
 - 1. Patrick also met with the Student Advisory Board of the CSC.
 - iv. The final event for the Global Water Initiative will be a screening of the movie *One Water*, followed by a panel discussion Saturday the 24th at 6:30pm in the Browning Cinema.
 - v. Patrick also thanked everyone for coming out to CommUniversity Day.
- i. Committee on University Affairs [Chase Riddle]
 - i. The Committee will meet for the first time Thursday.
 - ii. Chase met with the head of DeBartolo, Sheila, to discuss transferring the College Readership newspaper receptacles to DeBartolo.
 - iii. Things the Committee will be working on in the near future is revamping the DVD Rental Program and improving the intellectual environment.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Off Campus Concerns [Emily LeStrange]
 - i. The Committee had a great first meeting and went over the initiatives.
 - ii. Things the Committee will take up in April is continuing to expand the off campus website, continuing to promote TRANSPO, and developing an off campus meal plan.

V. General Orders

- a. Discussion of CommUniversity Day 2010
 - i. Erin thought it was well-organized, especially the Kids Festival project she volunteered to do.
 - ii. Casey thought the timing might have been a little uncoordinated due to the discrepancies between other events on campus.
 - iii. Michael Ryan suggested maybe splitting up the day into two days because of conflicts with meetings and other prior engagements.
 - iv. Ellen suggested Student Government or the project coordinators take more of a role in getting people to the off campus places to do service.
 - v. Hallie said there was mixed feedback given at Hall Council; some Walsh girls were upset that some projects did not carry over from last year.
 - vi. Andrew asked about the picnic at the end of the day and most senators thought that there was too much conflict with the Roots concert and other events with halls and on campus.
 - vii. Chase thought the idea of a weekend long event bringing the community and campus together would be a good one.
 - viii. Yting and Mick expressed their opinion that unless you were in a social circle or club that dealt directly with Student Government, the advertisement was not as good as it could have been.

1. Ben suggested getting the rectors involved in advertising the event and getting students to sign up.
 2. Bridget reminded the senators that their job is to break the problem of information staying inside Student Government's circle.
- ix. Paige commended Patrick and Claire as well Denise and Martha for an excellent job planning the day. [applause]
- b. Nominations and Elections for Senate Liaison Positions
- i. Financial Management Board
 1. Nominations
 - a. Julie nominated Tierney; Michael Ferguson nominated Mark.
 2. Voting and Results
 - a. Seeing as there were only two nominations for two positions, voting was not necessary.
 - b. Mark and Tierney were approved with unanimous consent.
 - ii. Campus Life Council
 1. Nominations
 - a. Matt nominated John; Kevin nominated Alex; and Kelsey nominated Michael Ryan.
 2. Voting and Results
 - a. Seeing as there were only three nominations for three positions, voting was not necessary.
 - b. Alex, John, and Michael Ryan were approved with unanimous consent.
 - c. Conor is automatically on the Campus Life Council being the Off Campus Senator.
 - iii. Council of Representatives
 1. Nominations
 - a. Luke nominated Dan; Michael Ryan nominated Hallie; Mark nominated Michael Ferguson; Pat nominated Kelsey; Tegan nominated Erin; Erin nominated Tegan; Jack nominated himself.
 2. Voting and Results
 - a. The four main representatives will be Dan, Erin, Jack, and Michael Ferguson and Hallie will be the alternate.
 - iv. Judicial Council (Executive Election Committee)
 1. Nominations
 - a. Tierney nominated Julie.
 2. Voting and Results
 - a. Seeing as there were only one nomination for one position, voting was not necessary.
 - b. Julie was approved with unanimous consent.

VI. New Business

- a. Andrew asked for 6-8 people to volunteer at the South Bend Symphony Orchestra next Sunday, April 25, 2010 from 1pm to 3pm in the Purcell Pavilion; volunteers will be selling t-shirts for Haiti.
 - i. Elizabeth, Ellen, Erinn, Hallie, John, Kevin, Leslie, Michael Ferguson, and Tierney volunteered to help.

VII. Announcements

- a. Brigitte announced the Voices of Faith concert at 4pm on Saturday in the Keenan-Stanford Chapel and the Project Fresh Show at 8pm on Saturday in Stepan Center.
- b. Pat announced the Stanford Hall Benefit Bash on North Quad Friday.
- c. Luke announced Keenan's Muddy Sunday Volleyball Tournament Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the volleyball courts by the lakes.
- d. Yting announced the Spring Fling for the Class of 2013 from 10am-1pm on Saturday; they will be serving Chick-fil-A.
- e. Jessica announced PW's Project Paint this weekend on Fieldhouse Mall.
- f. Michael Ryan announced Recess, sponsored by O'Neill Hall and Lyons Hall, from 3-6pm this Friday on South Quad; there will be free food and bouncy games.
- g. Dan announced the Fisher Regatta at 1pm this Saturday on Saint Mary's Lake.
- h. Erinn announced that next week is Earth Week.
- i. Matt announced the Dillon Dude Auction in the Courtyard between Dillon and South Dining Hall from 5-7pm.
- j. Catherine passed out posters for the Bald and the Beautiful event to be held next week from April 21 through April 23.
- k. Mariah sent in a few announcements before the meeting:
 - i. Yesterday was the panel, Homosexuality Under the Dome, and it was a success hearing alumni stories; see Mariah if you'd like to see the speeches.
 - ii. There will be a free t-shirt giveaway this Thursday, April 15 from 11:30am-1pm on Fieldhouse Mall; be sure to wear the shirts Friday.
 - iii. This Friday will be the Day of Silence with a banner walk and a prayer service, starting at the steps of the Main Building at 3pm.
 - iv. Any men looking to be FIRE Starter should see or e-mail Mariah.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Andrew entertained a motion to adjourn. Alex motioned. Michael Ferguson seconded. *The April 14, 2010 Student Senate meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kimberly
Student Body Secretary

