

## NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

### Executive Summary

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

#### I. Opening Business

- a. Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Alex led the invocation.
- c. Bridget, Kyle, Ryan, and Tim were absent; Jack and Michael Ferguson were late.
- d. Andrew entertained a motion to approve the April 14, 2010 executive summary. Julie moved to approve the summary. Alex seconded. *The April 14, 2010 executive summary was approved at 6:05 p.m.*

#### II. Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Catherine Soler, Student Body President
  - i. CoR met with Coach Kelly on Tuesday to discuss the upcoming season; the meeting was productive and showed that Coach Kelly is very excited to be an active member of Notre Dame.
  - ii. Catherine left to go continue helping with the Bald and Beautiful event.
- b. Mr. Andrew Bell, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Great meeting about pep rallies
  - ii. Working on getting a faculty liaison
- c. Mr. Nicholas Ruof, Chief of Staff
  - i. Nick and Matthew had a meeting about getting lights installed on McGlinn Fields so hopefully more progress will be made on this soon.
  - ii. Nick still needs a few of the senators' pictures and phone numbers; see him if you have not taken care of this.
  - iii. Listserv e-mail procedures will be changing soon going to be changed to once a week newsletter types
- d. Mr. Vijay Gupta, Faculty Senate Liaison
  - i. Professor Gupta was not present.

#### III. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs [Mick Mulhall]
  - i. The Committee is continuing to work on the rental textbook program and will continue throughout the summer.
- b. Committee on Campus Technology [Casey Cockerham]
  - i. Casey is continually working to establish Committee goals for the year.
  - ii. The Committee is still working on improving 'agenda.nd.edu' and course registration.
  - iii. The most recent push is to work with OIT to address ImproveND survey results on technology.
- c. Committee on Community Relations [Claire Sokas]
  - i. The Committee met on Sunday to work on goals for the year.

- ii. Claire will be working with the CSC to expand community-based learning this year; she will be meeting with CSC soon to discuss ideas.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues [Mariah McGrogan and Timothy Castellini]
  - i. The Committee is preparing for the Festival on the Quad next Wednesday and forming the agenda for the rest of the year.
    - 1. Mariah is looking for different ideas to take up like the blue light situation on campus and other relevant issues.
- e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Brigitte Githinji]
  - i. The Committee has been finalizing what they want to focus on:
    - 1. International Student Policies – move in/out procedures, issues during breaks like hours of restaurants, etc.
    - 2. Diversity Certificate – continuing to work on creating this
    - 3. International Showcase – expanding the event this year
    - 4. Diversity Council – expanding the Council and making it more accessible
- f. Committee on Oversight [Paige Becker]
  - i. An amendment is on the agenda for this meeting.
- g. Committee on Residence Life [Matthew High]
  - i. Matt will be meeting NDSP to address move in and move out procedures.
  - ii. Matt met with officials about installing lights on McGlenn Fields for both safety concerns and to ease crowds at Stepan Fields.
- h. Committee on Social Concerns [Patrick McCormick]
  - i. Patrick met with NDSP and OIT about holding a food drive as part of the Hunger Initiative; St. Mary's also expressed interest in partnering with the Committee in the fall to do a project.
  - ii. The Committee will be looking into establishing 'serve.nd.edu' that will bring together all of the service opportunities on campus into one outlet.
  - iii. Patrick attended the CSC all-staff meeting to set some goals for the year; the hope is that the CSC and Student Government communities can come together more and possibly work on leadership development.
- i. Committee on University Affairs [Chase Riddle]
  - i. The Committee met for the first time Thursday to get acquainted.
  - ii. The Committee discussed the issues of pep rallies and the intellectual environment at Notre Dame as well as smaller things like the sprinkler system.
  - iii. At the next meeting, the focus will be the College Readership program.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Off Campus Concerns [Emily LeStrange]
  - i. The Committee has reviewed the 'off.campus.nd.edu' site and evaluated its usefulness; there are some changes that need to be made and will hopefully be done soon.
  - ii. Emily developed subcommittees for the year and assigned members to each: Lease Fair, SBPD event, and TRANSPO promotion.
  - iii. The Committee is currently discussing the pros and cons of proceeding with establishing an off-campus Domer Dollars program.

#### IV. General Orders

##### a. SS1011-04 – Amendment to the Constitution [Oversight]

###### *Introduction*

- i. John introduced the amendment; Jess seconded.
- ii. Paige introduced the amendment as a means of clarifying how the freshman representative is selected to the Ethics Commission, stating that the way specified at the current time is impossible because the date is well before Freshman Class Officers are chosen.

###### *General Questions*

- i. Emily asked why the date was May 1<sup>st</sup> for commissioners to be chosen; Paige said that if they made it April 1<sup>st</sup> with the turnover date, there would be a month long period of having no Ethics Commission.
- ii. Matt asked why a hat was specified and if there was a particular hat to use; Paige said that this has always been the way and it can be any hat.

###### *Grammatical Changes*

- i. Andrew asked for any grammatical changes but there were none.

###### *Debate/Discussion*

- i. Jessica asked about why 'III.' was noted with Section 1.4 and Paige responded that Section 1.4 is the section that allows amendments.

###### *Voting*

- i. By a voice vote with no dissent, the resolution passed at 6:23pm.  
[applause]

##### b. Discussion of 2010 Football Season Pep Rallies

- i. Andrew announced the pep rally schedule for the year that was established in conjunction with the HPC chairs, representatives from the football team, the Athletic Department, and Game Day Operations.
  1. September 3 – Dillon Pep Rally on South Quad for the Purdue game
  2. September 10 – Pep rally on Irish Green for the Michigan game
  3. September 24 – Pep rally in Purcell Pavilion for the Stanford game
  4. Thursday, September 30 – Student only pep rally in Stepan Center for the Boston College away game
- ii. Andrew said that the pep rallies will center around getting to the point; dorms will meet at the South Quad flagpole and walk over for the Irish Green and Purcell Pavilion rallies with the leprechaun and band leading.
  1. The format will be shorter and the entire team will be there.
- iii. Andrew opened up the floor for any thoughts, comments, or suggestions.
- iv. Chase asked if there would be pep rallies for the rest of the games; Andrew said they did not want to commit to a pep rally venue or format that would not work or motivate students so they established this trial period and will meet later to establish the schedule for later games.
- v. Mark asked about having some special remembrance on September 11; Andrew will be sure that something is done on the day of the game.

- vi. Mariah asked if the band will still be playing at the pep rally; Andrew said that he is not completely sure but is pretty certain they will be.
- vii. Erin asked what the real differences are between this format and next year's format; Andrew responded that one of the main things is having a walkover to decrease the amount of standing around time as well as less videos and getting through things faster.
  1. Andrew mentioned that the team and Coach Kelly committed to attending every pep rally.
- viii. Chase asked if dorms will be hosting pep rallies again; he suggested that they could do this again and have them standing in the front and leading the way from South Quad with the band and leprechaun.
- ix. Brigitte suggested getting a few players to give a pump up talk at the flag pole before the walkover.
- x. Tegan also said it is important to get a good pre-pep rally atmosphere going at the Flag Pole with music, excitement, and rowdiness.
- xi. Emily asked about ideas to get off campus students to come to more of the pep rallies so they are truly representative of the entire student body.
- xii. Alex said it is important to emphasize that we are experimenting with these things and we need to encourage people to try out all of the options; Erin agreed and said that this would be especially important for the pep rally at Irish Green.
- xiii. Paige said that to increase the rowdiness, just put the dorms together in some confined space because the rivalries will come to life.
- xiv. Dan also emphasized that pep rallies are a time for dorm rivalry but also for coming together as a student body.
- xv. Mark suggested possibly establishing some annual spirit based dorm award based on pep rally attendance and participation; Jess added that girls in her dorm thought incentives to go would help like an award.
  1. Tegan suggested applying this to the Hall of the Year Award, either by adding a new award or making attendance at pep rallies and spirit count more for the overall award.
- xvi. Tommy added that getting the players pumped for the game at the pep rally is also important and necessary; it is better to see the players actually interested and not just there because they have to be.
- xvii. Claire discouraged focusing on incentives and thought that students should be excited enough about the game; Dan also suggested that incentives would defeat the purpose of pep rallies, as they should focus on tying the student body together.
- xviii. Mariah said advertising for the pep rallies and informing people of what will actually happen at the pep rallies, speaker wise especially, should be a huge focus for next year.
- xix. Alex suggested coordinating the mascots to lead the walkover and take a more prominent role so there could be a healthy balance of rivalry and togetherness; Dan liked this idea to promote unity.

1. Leslie worried about dorms that do not really have a mascot; Kelsey mentioned that those dorms could use their dorm flags.
- xx. Mick liked the idea of getting the players more excited, adding that if they have to be there, they might as well play a more active role.
- xxi. Andrew asked for any thoughts on the student only pep rally last year.
  1. Chase mentioned getting more toilet paper to throw.
  2. Andrew mentioned it was 'hot' in Stepan with lack of clarification on whether that referred to the temperature or not.
- xxii. Andrew asked the senators to continue letting him know about any other concerns or if other relevant things come up to better improve next year.

**V. New Business**

- a. There was no new business.

**VI. Announcements**

- a. Brigitte announced the International Showcase Banquet and suggested getting rector to buy sets of tickets for people from dorms to go together.
- b. Luke announced Keenan's Muddy Sunday Volleyball Tournament this Sunday.
- c. Ellen announced the Badin Breakdown this Friday on South Quad as an opportunity for everyone to show off their mad singing skills.
- d. Mariah announced the Festival on the Quad next Wednesday (April 28), the last day of classes. There will be different bands and lots of food and games. It should be three solid hours of peace and music.
- e. Patrick announced a screening of the movie *One Water* this Saturday at 6:30pm in the Browning Cinema as last event of the Global Water Initiative; Patrick has tickets and it is free, so see him if you would like to attend.
- f. Brigitte announced that the soccer teams will be playing the U-21 teams from Mexico this Friday.
- g. Andrew asked all of those who signed up to volunteer for the Symphony to see him after the meeting.
- h. Andrew announced that Brian was the head coach of Notre Dame's Water Polo team and wished them luck as they head off to Nationals.
- i. Andrew wants everyone to sign up for Team ND; if you are not going, please let him know.

**VII. Adjournment**

- a. Andrew entertained a motion to adjourn. Dan moved to adjourn. Luke seconded. *The April 21, 2010 Student Senate meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kimberly  
Student Body Secretary

