

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.
- b. Chase led the invocation.
- c. Bridget, Casey, Conor, Erin, Jack, Kyle, Mariah, Marina, Matthew, and Tegan were absent.
- d. Andrew entertained a motion to approve the April 21, 2010 executive summary. Dan moved to approve the summary. Tom seconded. *The April 21, 2010 executive summary was approved at 6:26 p.m.*

II. Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Catherine Soler, Student Body President
 - i. Claire and Catherine went to the CCAC meeting with the community and the community seems very happy with the way students have been behaving this semester; Catherine hopes this can continue especially with the onset of end of the year parties.
- b. Mr. Andrew Bell, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Andrew thanked everyone for being at the meeting since it was last minute.
 - ii. Senators should be getting a call from Andrew this summer to check in and see how things are going; do not ignore the call unless you do not feel the need to talk to Andrew.
- c. Mr. Nicholas Ruof, Chief of Staff
 - i. Nick, Andrew, and Catherine met with officials about safety concerns on campus; Nick will report more about these concerns next year.
- 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 has been working really hard on getting the Rent-A-Text program rolling.
- b. Committee on Campus Technology [Casey Cockerham]
 - i. Casey was not present.
- c. Committee on Community Relations [Claire Sokas]
 - i. Claire also thought that the CCAC meeting went well.
 - ii. Claire will be here this summer and try to get working on things then, including looking into taxi reform.
 1. There is a possibility that there will be a Farmer's Market event this summer.

- d. Committee on Gender Issues [Mariah McGrogan and Timothy Castellini]
 - i. The Committee has been planning the Violence Prevention Festival going on during and after the meeting.
- e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Brigitte Githinji]
 - i. Brigitte's main concern is working with Diversity Council.
- f. Committee on Oversight [Paige Becker]
 - i. Paige had nothing to report.
- g. Committee on Residence Life [Matthew High]
 - i. Matt was not present.
- h. Committee on Social Concerns [Patrick McCormick]
 - i. Social Concerns will continue to work for justice like no others have.
- i. Committee on University Affairs [Chase Riddle]
 - i. Chase is still working with DeBartolo officials on bringing the College Readership bins to DeBartolo and renovating the DeBartolo lounge both environmentally and for students.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Off Campus Concerns [Emily LeStrange]
 - i. Emily will be meeting with Mike Chapel to continue working on the off campus Domer Dollars deal.

IV. General Orders

- a. Discussion of the Fall 2010 Rent-A-Text Program ~~(don-~~
 - i. Andrew announced that Follett will be bringing the Rent-A-Text program to the Notre Dame Bookstore as another option for students that will lower prices.
 1. You rent a book at the beginning of the year, pay however you would like, give them a credit card to be charged in case you do not bring the book back, and simply drop the book off at the end of the year.
 2. You also have the option of keeping the book and just paying the amount remaining for the full price.
 3. If the book is not returned at the end of the year, you will be charged fees though.
 - ii. Kevin asked how much writing or use of the book would be warranted; Andrew said that there is an extent to which you can damage the book in any way (highlight, write, etc.), but that it would be allowed to a point.
 - iii. Yting asked how much cheaper it would be to rent than to buy and sell back; Andrew responded saying that it all depends on how much the book you are selling is being bought back for and if the book is actually being bought back by the bookstore.
 - iv. John asked if there would ever be a case where you went in to buy a book and there were no more available to rent; Andrew said there would be a limited amount of textbooks that would be rentable.

1. John asked if there was a percentage of some texts that would be available; Andrew said this all depends on how many are slotted to be rented.
- v. Yting asked about what subjects would have the rentable books; Andrew said it really depends on which books professors actually specify to the bookstore that they will be used for a while (usually four years).
 1. Mick also mentioned that it depends on how much the publisher changes the book and if the professor then adopts the new published version as the class' textbook.
- vi. Ellen asked about renting books that have been used already but paying half the price of a new one; Andrew said that as it stands that you would pay half the price of a new book, but this could be adjusted over the years depending on how long the book stays in the rental program.

V. New Business

a. SS1011-05: Rector Fund Allocation

Introduction

- i. Luke moved to bring SS1011-05 to the floor concerning the Rector Fund; Dan seconded.
- ii. Andrew mentioned that this resolution would follow up on Father Poorman's wish to increase the Rector Fund to \$100,000 from \$60,000.

General Questions

- i. Jess asked about how more funds would be raised; Andrew said that the money that go towards this fund comes from The Shirt sales and more would be taken from that.

Grammatical Changes

- i. John requested to change Luke as the sponsor on the amendment; Erin seconded; this was changed by a voice vote without dissent.

Debate/Discussion

- i. Julie expressed her support for the increase because the need obviously seems to be there.
- ii. Kevin asked if this would spark a pattern; Catherine said there is no real way to predict that but the need is currently present.
- iii. Alex expressed a concern about what fund the money would be taken from; Andrew said that The Shirt Charity Fund would fill the need if 50% of the sales were not enough.

Voting

- i. By a voice vote with no dissent, the resolution passed at 6:38pm. [applause]

VI. Announcements

- a. Yting announced the Class of 2013 Mass right after Senate at 7:00pm in Alumni Hall.
- b. Chase announced that the Keenan Revue would be at Stepan Center next year.

c. Catherine asked everyone to register for Team ND, set for August 18-20.

VII. Adjournment

a. Andrew entertained a motion to adjourn. Dan moved to adjourn. Erin seconded. *The April 28, 2010 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kimberly
Student Body Secretary