

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- b. Chase led the invocation.
- c. AJ, Catherine, Claire, Michael Ryan, and Ryan were absent.
- d. Andrew entertained a motion to approve the September 1, 2010 executive summary.
 - i. Dan requested a minor change to the word excellent (to excellently) under Andrew's Officer Report in II.b.i. Luke moved to approve the summary. Kevin seconded. *The September 1, 2010 executive summary was approved at 6:07 p.m.*

II. Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Catherine Soler, Student Body President
 - i. Catherine was not present.
- b. Mr. Andrew Bell, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Andrew encouraged everyone to continue going to Hall Government and engaging constituents about things on the agenda and the random other things people mention or complain about; Student Government can make a difference with the small stuff.
- c. Mr. Nicholas Ruof, Chief of Staff
 - i. Nick thought everyone dressed up looked nice but did not comment on everyone else.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs [AJ McGauley]
 - i. AJ was not present.
 - ii. Andrew did update that AJ is still working on coordinating events surrounding the Academic Forum.
- b. Committee on Campus Technology [Casey Cockerham]
 - i. The new agenda site is going to be coming out soon and looks really nice, complete with a free food section.
 - ii. Casey is still working on the mobile site ND provides and is still working on getting updated applications on the site.
 - iii. Casey met with the new CIO, who is very excited to work with the students; his biggest concern right now is improving cell phone service on campus.
- c. Committee on Community Relations [Claire Sokas]
 - i. Claire was not present.

- ii. Patrick did update that the Farmer's Market is set for October 7 from 3:00-5:30pm.
- iii. The Robinson Center Community Picnic is also set for September 17 from 5:00-7:00pm; volunteers are needed and a Google Doc will be going around.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues [Mariah McGrogan and Timothy Castellini]
 - i. Mariah and Tim are working on responding to some of the recent buzz about the sexual assaults that occurred recently; they wrote a letter to the Observer that will hopefully provide some insight.
 - ii. The Committee is still working on Body Image posters and is looking for people to take photos for the pictures.
 - iii. The Committee is also working on getting more blue lights on campus and is continuing to work on the Lecture Series.
- e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Brigitte Githinji]
 - i. Brigitte met with Dean Crawford to talk about the Diversity Certificate and continue to push the creation of it.
 - ii. Brigitte is thinking about having two lectures in the spring that will focus on the importance of diversity and inclusion in the workplace.
- f. Committee on Oversight [Paige Becker]
 - i. Paige put a plug in for the awesome Student Government 101 video on the Student Government website; it is a good tool, especially for freshmen, to learn about how Student Government is setup.
 - ii. The Committee has started work on the three main projects this year – Constitutional Revision, Strategic Plan, and the Archives.
 - iii. The next thing the Committee will put out is a review of electoral regulations.
- g. Committee on Residence Life [Matthew High]
 - i. Matt talked with RecSports about the women's flag football regulation changes and has any information that anyone needs.
 - ii. Matt also met with Food Services about improvements and the new Quarter Dog prices; he mentioned that there is an idea to do a throwback night once a week or so where the price would be a quarter.
 - iii. Matt is still working with Nick on getting the McGlinn Field lights in place.
- h. Committee on Social Concerns [Patrick McCormick]
 - i. A resolution is on the agenda concerning the creation of serve.nd.edu.
- i. Committee on University Affairs [Chase Riddle]
 - i. Chase will be meeting soon with an interior designer to start work on the DeBartolo student lounge renovation; he is hoping to have a plan set for next week.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Off Campus Concerns [Emily LeStrange]
 - i. C.L. Lindsey is booked for Sunday, September 19 at 7pm at a TBA location to talk about how to throw smart parties.
 - ii. Emily asked everyone to take a guide for the TRANSPO times to put in a central location so it could stay there all year.

IV. General Orders

a. SS1011-06: Creation of serve.nd.edu

Introduction

- i. Luke moved to bring SS1011-06 to the floor concerning the creation of the serve.nd.edu website; Dan seconded.
- ii. Patrick mentioned that this resolution is the first step in fulfilling the idea that service can be a more collaborative and comprehensive thing across campus.

General Questions

- i. There were no general questions

Grammatical Changes

- i. There were no grammatical changes.

Debate/Discussion

- i. Jessica thought that creating the site would be a great idea.
- ii. Elizabeth said people in Welsh Family also agreed the site could be a good use and would like it if it took some kind of Google Calendar form.
- iii. Ellen said people in Badin also really liked the idea of the site as a way to keep everyone informed about dates and times.
- iv. Kevin asked if there would be a direct link from www.nd.edu to the serve.nd.edu website to make sure it was being advertised sufficiently.
 1. Patrick said he was not sure about the advertising aspect yet but would like to see that become a way to advertise the new site.
- v. Yiting asked about what service opportunities would be included – dorm specific, campus specific, off-campus specific, etc.
 1. Patrick said he wanted to work with the service clubs on campus to figure out how to best use the site, but he envisions it as a way to incorporate service opportunities both on and off campus to continue to bridge the gap between Notre Dame and the community.
- vi. Luke asked if the site would also be a way for students to create service opportunities and advertise ones that are not already on there.
 1. Patrick thought this would be a good idea and said that he would be working on making the site very interactive while still keeping some consistency to the website.
- vii. Tegan did like the idea of the site, but she worried that activity for the site would die off as the year progressed, defeating the ultimate purpose.
 1. Patrick thought this would be a good focus for the year in order to make sure the site is continually updated and useful.
- viii. Marina also suggested making sure that dates, times, locations, etc. would stay consistent across all sites and sources
- ix. Julie asked who would be responsible for updating the site.
 1. Patrick mentioned that this would be part of the process of creating the site.

Voting

- i. By a voice vote with no dissent, the resolution passed at 6:29pm.
[applause]

V. New Business

a. Alumni-Student Relations

- i. Andrew said that the Alumni Association has asked him and Catherine to speak to them about student-alumni relations and asked for suggestions and thoughts about this relationship.
- ii. Brigitte felt that the only time that alumni and students come into contact with each other is when they need something or the students need something and thought there could be more longstanding relations.
- iii. John mentioned that alumni are extremely helpful with SSLP students and always go above and beyond to offer assistance.
- iv. Tegan mentioned that her alumni club does a great job keeping in contact with people and students from the area, but suggested that it is probably different across cities and clubs.
- v. Kevin said that even being from Chicago, which has such a huge alumni base, he rarely hears from his alumni club.
- vi. Erin also mentioned that her SSLP was enhanced by the alumni club in that area and thought that overall, alumni really care about the students and strive to make their experience better.
- vii. Mark found it interesting that he lives in Long Island, New York but has never been contacted by an alumni club.

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VI. Announcements

- a. Elizabeth mentioned the Welsh Fam Block Party, complete with a bounce castle and real goldfish, on Thursday at 5pm on South Quad.
- b. Andrew reminded everyone of the pep rally on Friday, beginning with a walkover at 6pm from South Quad.

VII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent. *The September 8, 2010 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kimberly
Student Body Secretary