

**NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE**  
**Executive Summary**  
Wednesday, September 15, 2010  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

**I. Opening Business**

- a. Catherine called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- b. Catherine led the invocation.
- c. Andrew, Jack, Luke, Ryan, Tim, and Tommy were absent.
- d. Catherine entertained a motion to approve the September 8, 2010 executive summary.
  - i. Erinn requested to change the spelling of her name from Erin to Erinn in V.a.vi. Alex moved to approve the summary. Dan seconded. *The September 8, 2010 executive summary was approved at 6:04 p.m.*

**II. Officer Reports**

- a. Ms. Catherine Soler, Student Body President
  - i. Catherine attended the CCAC Meeting with community leaders to talk about off-campus issues; Student Government will continue working hard.
- b. Mr. Andrew Bell, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Andrew was not present.
- c. Mr. Nicholas Ruof, Chief of Staff
  - i. Nick attended the Northeast Neighborhood Council on Monday and will continue to represent off-campus students needs in the community.

**III. Committee Reports**

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs [AJ McGauley]
  - i. AJ met with a student representative from the Forum Committee; there is not much for Student Government to do in conjunction with the Forum because the Committee is doing so much already.
  - ii. AJ also met with representatives from CUSE and encouraged everyone to look into the research organization and get involved.
- b. Committee on Campus Technology [Casey Cockerham]
  - i. Casey and Andrew met with representatives to talk about the CIFs and improving the student feedback data; this is the next project.
- c. Committee on Community Relations [Claire Sokas]
  - i. The Robinson Community Learning Center Picnic is on Friday from 4:30-6:30pm; volunteers are needed and everyone should attend!
  - ii. The Farmer's Market is coming up soon; a gluten-free and vegan vendor will be there as well as the popular salsa vendor that has come before.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues [Mariah McGrogan and Timothy Castellini]
  - i. The Committee will be shooting photos for the Body Image and Eating Disorders Week posters on Thursday at the GRC; let Mariah know if you would like to be in the shoots in the future.

- ii. The CORE Council met with Mariah and Tim and proposed a similar idea on sexuality and the Church to Tim's lecture idea.
- e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Brigitte Githinji]
  - i. The information session for diversity is coming up next Monday at 5pm in Geddes Hall; this will be a panel discussion to hear what different offices do on campus to enhance diversity and the mission of diversity.
  - ii. The Press Box Dinner is set for September 27 at 6pm; everyone should be receiving an e-mail to respond for dinner preferences.
    - 1. Catherine reminded the senators that these are mandatory.
- f. Committee on Oversight [Paige Becker]
  - i. The Committee is just working on its usual projects.
  - ii. She also provided an excellent tip: Read the Constitution!
- g. Committee on Residence Life [Matthew High]
  - i. Matt met with the managers of South and North Dining Halls to talk about the positive changes that have been made.
  - ii. The Committee is thinking of a cool event, to be disclosed at a later date.
  - iii. Matt is working on a resolution to thank the Student Activities Office for the revisions to duLac and including Student Government in making them.
- h. Committee on Social Concerns [Patrick McCormick]
  - i. Patrick has been working with the construction team to set up a timeline for the creation of serve.nd.edu; the idea right now is to let the CSC take the lead on the construction of the site along with University officials.
    - 1. The Committee will continue working with the CSC to make sure the website covers everything it needs to.
  - ii. Patrick is working on building relationships with community leaders to figure out where best to send the resources and products of the Hunger Project.
  - iii. The Committee is also working with the CSC and politically affiliated groups on a voting campaign to get students to vote in the midterm elections.
  - iv. The President of Catholic Relief Services will be coming on September 23 at 7:15pm to talk about the economic situation and the Church's role.
- i. Committee on University Affairs [Chase Riddle]
  - i. The Committee met to address the security in the parking lots and the campus guard gates.
    - 1. Chase is looking to meet with the manager of the guard gates in order to get some clarification about getting on and off campus.
  - ii. Chase has begun meeting with designers to start talking about renovations to the DeBartolo Student Lounge.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Off Campus Concerns [Emily LeStrange]
  - i. The C.L. Lindsay talk is set for next Sunday, September 19 at 7pm in DeBartolo 141; the room holds 263 people; the talk will go for 45 minutes followed by a 30 minute question and answer session.

1. St. Mary's College Student Government is sponsoring the talk as well.
2. Be sure to encourage everyone to attend.
- ii. The discount program for off-campus places is well on its way to being completed; paperwork is the only thing holding it back.
- iii. The Committee is working on lease fair invitations to invite people to come talk to people looking to move off campus next year.
- iv. Emily is also going to start looking at redoing the Transpo bus cards with the new times and design.

#### IV. General Orders

- a. Discussion of Michigan Pep Rally
  - i. Catherine asked everyone to express any concerns and/or thoughts they had about the pep rally from last Friday.
  - ii. Alex expressed concern that some of the dorms were not there when the pep rally started.
  - iii. John wanted some clarification about the way a dorm was awarded the most spirited honor.
    1. Kevin said Siegfried won because they bombarded the crowd with lots of noise and spirit.
  - iv. Yiting thought that the Main Circle gathering was actually more exciting and fun than actually going to the pep rally itself.
  - v. Tierney liked that the pep rally was prompt and there were not any time issues like there had been in the past.
  - vi. Julie thought that this year's pep rally was infinitely better than last year's, especially for one that was at Irish Green, but she did say that there were some issues with the stage not being high enough for everyone to see still.
  - vii. Chase explicitly wanted the fact that two women's dorms had some issues about where they were at the pep rally to be mentioned for the notes.
  - viii. Mariah thought that the student walkover for the Purcell Pavilion could commence from Stonehenge to make it an easier walk for everyone.
- b. Discussion of beND Weekend
  - i. There are four (4) big events in relation to the ongoing beND campaign this upcoming weekend.
    1. On Friday at 5:30pm at the Robinson Center, the Northeast Neighborhood Welcome Back Picnic will be held.
    2. On Saturday at 2-4pm, the Eddy Street Common's Block Party will take place.
    3. On Sunday at 7pm in DeBartolo 133, C.L. Lindsay will be speaking on how to party effectively.
    4. On Monday at 8:30pm, the State of Arrests Forum will be held in the Carey Auditorium of the Library.



- ii. Catherine asked for questions students wanted answered.
  1. Emily – “What has really sparked the change from issuing citations to arresting people?”
  2. Claire – “What do you do if the cops show up at a party?”
  3. Mark – “What are your rights in terms of being breathalized?”

#### **V. New Business**

- a. ND-Army Ticket Sale
  - i. On Sunday, September 26 at 1pm, tickets for the game will go on sale at <http://lafortune.nd.edu/tickets>.
  - ii. Tickets will be \$45 each; each student can buy two tickets; tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis; and there are 600 available.
- b. Mark asked if it would be possible to have a game watch at a big venue like Purcell Pavilion where students could go.
  - i. Yiting mentioned that there was a Notre Dame alumnus who expressed interest in doing a 3-D game watch.

#### **VI. Announcements**

- a. Yiting announced Sophomore Class Council’s big DomeComing event with lots of events during the week of the Stanford game.
- b. Emily asked everyone to pick up posters for the C.L. Lindsay talk; Catherine also mentioned that posters for the beND events mentioned would be available soon.
- c. Tegan announced the game watch on North Quad; there will be games and food starting at 7pm and the game will follow.
- d. Erinn announced Lyons Hall’s Camp Out on the Quad that is raising funds to help fund nets to be sent to countries with malaria problems.
- e. Claire invited everyone to dinner at North after Senate.
- f. Hallie announced that Active Bystander Training will be coming up and asked everyone to pick up posters for their dorms.
- g. Hallie said that there is a peace poll in between Walsh and Sorin that will be rededicated on International Peace Day.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

- a. Catherine entertained a motion to adjourn. Alex moved to adjourn. Dan seconded. *The September 15, 2010 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kimberly  
Student Body Secretary