

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
Wednesday, September 22, 2010
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Catherine called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- b. Catherine led the invocation.
- c. Andrew, ~~Leslie~~, Ryan, and Yiting were absent; Chase and Luke were late.
- d. Catherine entertained a motion to approve the September 15, 2010 executive summary. Alex moved to approve the summary. Ellen seconded. *The September 15, 2010 executive summary was approved at 6:02 p.m.*

II. Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Catherine Soler, Student Body President
 - i. Catherine thanked everyone for coming to the first workshop on diversity; it was a good start to the training.
 - ii. Catherine also appreciated everyone who came to the beND events; though they were well-attended, she wishes more people would have come and was confused that more people did not given the relevance of the topic right now.
- b. Mr. Andrew Bell, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Andrew was not present.
- c. Mr. Nicholas Ruof, Chief of Staff
 - i. Catherine, Andrew, and Nick met with the night shift captain of the SBPD, who expressed that he has noticed significant changes in student attitudes and interaction with the police.
 - ii. CLC is creating a task force to focus on alcohol; the members plan to look at peer institutions to see how they deal with local police and have taken care of past problems.

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III. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs [AJ McGauley]
 - i. The first Forum event was last night (Tuesday) and was highly successful.
 - ii. AJ will be meeting with CUSE to help get the organization out into the dorms more.
 - iii. There have been nearly 300 responses for the Rent-A-Text survey recently sent out; it will stay opened until Friday so encourage more people to respond.
 - iv. Planning for the Last Lecture Series is on its way; the Committee identified professors and has contacted some to get dates and locations set soon.
 1. The Committee is planning to have two talks this semester.

- b. Committee on Campus Technology [Casey Cockerham]
 - i. The new campus wide calendar is live as of today (Wednesday); this has been an ongoing project and is a marked improvement from the previous interface.
 - 1. The site name has switched to calendar.nd.edu.
 - ii. Casey is continuing to work with the Registrar's Office to improve CIF feedback for the future.
- c. Committee on Community Relations [Claire Sokas]
 - i. Claire appreciated everyone attending the beND events.
 - ii. The Farmer's Market event is set for October 7; Claire will be asking for volunteers in the future so keep the date open.
 - iii. The Committee has also been talking about how to better utilize beND for bigger things and to possibly make it more of a coalition.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues [Mariah McGrogan and Timothy Castellini]
 - i. Photo shoots for the Body Image and Eating Disorders Week were done recently and the posters are being worked on currently; they should be distributed next week, as the actual week will begin October 4.
 - ii. Mariah finished up the CSAP posters, which will be distributed directly to the rectors in each dorm.
 - iii. Tim has finally equalized the magazine disparity in the Student Government Office that has been haunting the organization for years.
- e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Brigitte Githinji]
 - i. The Diversity Dinner is still set for next Monday, September 27 from 6-8pm in the Press Box; another e-mail will be sent about meal preferences and diversity topic interest.
- f. Committee on Oversight [Paige Becker]
 - i. The three usual projects for the year are well on their way:
 - 1. The Archives will be worked on but took a setback as there have been problems getting previous work done on organizing the room.
 - 2. Constitutional revision has been ongoing; representatives from SUB and Judicial Council have been working with Paige to ensure that what is written in the Constitution is what is being practiced.
 - 3. The Constitutional summary is also well on its way.
 - ii. The Disaster Relief Fund idea, similar to the current Shirt Charity Fund, is being worked on to be available in the case of a national or international disaster; the point is to create consistency among disaster responses.
 - 1. Paige and Patrick met with Sarah, the Student Union Treasurer, to start working out some way to establish the fund and get actual funds to start.
- g. Committee on Residence Life [Matthew High]
 - i. Matt mentioned that the resolution on the agenda tonight should be tabled.

- h. Committee on Social Concerns [Patrick McCormick]
 - i. After doing much research, the process of full registration was seemingly more complicated than anticipated, so Student Government has decided on a three tier program to fulfill this promise; this campaign was launched on Tuesday with the Pizza, Pop, Politics event that was well-attended.
 - 1. 1st tier – Encouraging all students, regardless of state residency, to learn about the local issues that matter most.
 - 2. 2nd tier – Encouraging Indiana residents to register as they will not run into any future problems since they are already Indiana residents.
 - 3. 3rd tier – Encouraging out of state students to register in Indiana but to also become aware of the legal proceedings they must take in the future to alleviate any potential problems that might come from registering in a different state than their normal residency.
- i. Committee on University Affairs [Chase Riddle]
 - i. Chase is still waiting to meet with the designer for the DeBartolo Lounge.
 - ii. NDSP got back in touch with Chase and a meeting is set to talk about the gate guards and safety on campus.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Off Campus Concerns [Emily LeStrange]
 - i. Papers for the discount program have been submitted to the General Council; more businesses and student interest have been expressed since the announcement.
 - ii. Invitations for the Lease Fair will be out soon; this event is meant to be an open house for leasing agencies and housing complexes to educate students about the unique qualities of different area places.

IV. General Orders

- a. SS1011-07: Commending the Office of Student Affairs for Positive Revisions to duLac
Postponement
 - i. Catherine entertained a motion to postpone the resolution; Dan moved; Michael Ryan seconded.
 - ii. The resolution was postponed by a 27-0-0 vote.

V. New Business

- a. There was no new business.

VI. Announcements

- a. Catherine asked everyone to encourage students to attend the pep rally this Friday in the Purcell Pavilion at 6pm; the plan should follow the past pep rally and stick to the time constraints.
 - i. There will be a return of the thunder sticks!

- b. The student led pep rally will be next Thursday, September 30 at 8pm in Stepan Center; all senators will need to help since it is led by Student Government.
- c. Sixteen (16) student leaders from Arizona State will be visiting the weekend of the Pittsburgh game for an immersion type trip to learn about how to engage students more, especially in athletic events; if anyone is interested in hosting them for a class, overnight stay, or other things, please let Catherine know.
- d. Chase announced that for the last two home games, he and some of his friends plan to take a dive in the Reflecting Pool at about 8:30am in their swimming suits to cheer on the Irish; he highly encourages everyone to attend with him.

VII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent. *The September 22, 2010 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kimberly
Student Body Secretary

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with our chatter
and laughter...