

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- b. Alex led the invocation.
- c. AJ, Ben, Claire, and Conor were absent; Tierney and Tim were late.
- d. Andrew entertained any motions to change the December 1, 2010 executive summary. Erin moved to approve the summary. Alex seconded. *The December 1, 2010 executive summary was approved at 6:08 p.m.*

II. Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Catherine Soler, Student Body President
 - i. Catherine wished everyone a great Christmas and New Year.
- b. Mr. Andrew Bell, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Be sure to turn in your evaluations before the end of the meeting.
- c. Mr. Nicholas Ruof, Chief of Staff
 - i. Nick wished everyone a great break as well.
 - ii. Seeing as Matthew High's birthday is December 8, Nick requested that everyone sing Happy Birthday to him; this occurred in such a pleasant manner.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs [AJ McGauley]
 - i. AJ was not present.
- b. Committee on Campus Technology [Casey Cockerham]
 - i. The Committee will be looking into drafting a resolution to encourage OIT to implement a laundry monitoring system in the future.
- c. Committee on Community Relations [Claire Sokas]
 - i. Paige, filling in for Claire, mentioned that work for Communiversity Day has begun.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues [Mariah McGrogan and Timothy Castellini]
 - i. The Committee has begun planning Sexual Assault Awareness Week with a specific focus on dorm events.
- e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Brigitte Githinji]
 - i. Brigitte had nothing to report but wished everyone every different holiday.
- f. Committee on Oversight [Paige Becker]
 - i. A resolution is on the table to congratulate the Notre Dame Women's Soccer Team, namely the 2010 NCAA National Champions.

- g. Committee on Residence Life [Matthew High]
 - i. The Committee is still going through Whine Week feedback, particularly the complaints about the dining halls.
- h. Committee on Social Concerns [Patrick McCormick]
 - i. Patrick thanked everyone who helped out in any way and attended the Play for Peace Rally.
 - 1. There was significant media coverage and many media sources have linked the petition to their sites.
- i. Committee on University Affairs [Chase Riddle]
 - i. The Committee will begin working over break on the feasibility of a basketball ticket tradeoff program, similar to the football ticket tradeoff program.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Off Campus Concerns [Emily LeStrange]
 - i. Emily is continuing to work with St. Mary's College and Holy Cross College leaders on expanding the discount program.

IV. General Orders

- a. SS1011-10: Election Revisions to the Constitution [Oversight]

Introduction

- i. The resolution is to commend the newly crowned 2010 NCAA National Champions – the Notre Dame Women's Soccer Team.

General Questions

- i. There were no general questions.

Grammatical Changes

- i. Tierney requested to change 'their' to 'its' when referring to the team throughout the resolution.
 - a. Some expressed thought that 'their' would be in this case since it is referring to the members of the collective team.
 - b. The change was not made after being voted down by a hand vote of 6-12-11.

Debate/Discussion

- i. John moved to insert the Senior Student Manager, Aaron Guterrez, into the second Resolved clause; Dan seconded.
 - 1. Tegan thought it should go in a different clause since that specific Resolved clause deals specifically with those who exhibit leadership for the team.
 - 2. Yiting asked if only the senior manager would be mentioned; Andrew mentioned his name would be the only one added.
 - 3. Michael Ryan did not think it was fair to just include that one person when there were also many others that could be mentioned; he creatively thought this would be wack.
 - 4. Dan thought that this would not be as big a problem since the resolution specifically mentions captains and others.

5. It was brought up that you could make a general, broad statement to mention any and all that had a part in the team's success.
 - a. John thought you could make this broad change and keep the specific name mention.
 - b. Tegan suggested keeping the broad statement and particularly mentioning the Senior Manager.
6. Tommy asked why it would really matter; Andrew mentioned that the team will get a copy of the official resolution and a cover letter expressing congratulations and thanks.
7. Alex moved to end debate and vote on the amendment; Luke seconded; the amendment was voted down by a hand vote of 0-25-3.
 - i. Alex moved to bring the resolution to a vote; Luke seconded. By a vote of 20-3-6, debate was ended.

Voting

- i. By a hand vote of 29-0-0, the resolution passed at 6:35pm. [applause]
- b. Evaluation of Senate
 - i. Andrew asked everyone to fill out the evaluation for Senate to ensure that improvements can be made where necessary.

V. New Business

- a. There was no new business.

VI. Announcements

- a. Kaitlin announced that Howard Holiday will be tomorrow (Thursday) outside of LaFortune.
- b. Elizabeth announced the basketball game watch at Legends tonight.
- c. Brigitte announced the MSPS Study Break in LaFortune Ballroom tomorrow.
- d. Matt announced that dining halls, both North and South, will be open for studying spaces.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Andrew entertained a motion to adjourn. Luke moved to adjourn. Dan seconded. *The December 8, 2010 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kimberly
Student Body Secretary

