

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Andrew led the invocation.
- c. Conor, Hallie, Jack, Kelsey, Luke, and Pat were absent; Patrick was late.
- d. Andrew entertained any motions to change the January 26, 2011 executive summary. Erinn moved to approve the summary. Leslie seconded. *The January 26, 2011 executive summary was approved at 6:26 p.m.*

II. Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Catherine Soler, Student Body President
 - i. Catherine thanked everyone for working on the packets concerning safety on and off campus.
- b. Mr. Andrew Bell, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Please remember to pick up posters for your dorm; there was a large amount remaining in the office for the lecture talk earlier in the week.
- c. Mr. Nicholas Ruof, Chief of Staff
 - i. Catherine, Andrew, and Nick met with more police officials to talk about formalizing education about alcohol safety and will continue working on the issues.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs [AJ McGauley]
 - i. Majors Night went really well; in a word, it was awesome.
 1. The new location was met with positivity from almost everyone, including students and professors.
- b. Committee on Campus Technology [Casey Cockerham]
 - i. Posters promoting use of the new calendar system must be put up as soon as possible.
- c. Committee on Community Relations [Claire Sokas]
 - i. Education efforts with South Bend are ongoing.
 - ii. CommUniversity Day is officially set for April 2 so get ready for some good times; anyone and everyone is welcomed to help out.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues [Mariah McGrogan and Timothy Castellini]
 - i. Professor McKenna's lecture was well-attended and wildly successful; though longwinded, McKenna did get to the point.
 - ii. Sexual Assault Awareness Week is upcoming; there are several events that are set, all of which people are strongly encouraged to attend.
- e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Brigitte Githinji]
 - i. Reconstruction of the Diversity Council is still ongoing.

- ii. Brigitte is working with the Career Center to establish a lecture series about the idea of branding and presenting yourself.
- f. Committee on Oversight [Paige Becker]
 - i. There will be an info session for those wanting to run for Senator next year at 4pm this Friday the 11th in the Montgomery Auditorium.
 - ii. An amendment to the SUB article of the Constitution is on the agenda for later.
- g. Committee on Residence Life [Matthew High]
 - i. Matt will be meeting with the Director of Food Services to continue talking about Grab 'N Go, meal plans, and other food related issues.
- h. Committee on Social Concerns [Patrick McCormick]
 - i. The End Hunger follow-up is going on right now; any groups wanting to get involved in the ongoing campaign should see Pat to get connected with other groups that are helping.
- i. Committee on University Affairs [Ellen Carroll]
 - i. Ellen and Andrew met with College Readership officials; there may be a trial period upcoming to find out more about usage.
 - ii. The Committee is looking into getting a Red Box in LaFortune and trying to figure out the best and most efficient way to do this.
 - iii. Ellen will also be meeting with representatives helping out with the DeBartolo Student Lounge renovations to continue working on the project.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Off Campus Concerns [Emily LeStrange]
 - i. Andrew announced that it was Emily's 21st birthday and asked everyone to sing for her, which everyone did so beautifully.
 - ii. More information about the discount program was handed out to other vendors that have not signed up already; follow-up contact will be made soon.
 - iii. TRANSPO t-shirts were gone within 20 minutes, but continue to promote the route.

IV. General Orders

- a. Swearing-in of New Senator, Kristoff Inocentes
 - i. Andrew swore in Kristoff in accordance with Section 6.7 of the Constitution.
- b. SS1011-14: Amending Article VII of the Constitution [Oversight]
 - Introduction*
 - i. Paige introduced the amendment; Julie Sutton, the Student Union Board Director, came to the Oversight Committee to change mostly logistical things concerning the Article in order to bring together what was written in the Constitution and what had been practiced.

General Questions

- i. There were no general questions.

Grammatical Changes

- i. There were no grammatical changes.

Debate/Discussion

- i. Mostly everyone expressed support.
- ii. John thought it would be necessary to make what was going on the actual written words of the Constitution.

Voting

- ii. Alex moved to vote on the resolution; Dan seconded.
- iii. By a hand vote of 24-0-0, the resolution passed at 6:45pm. [applause]
- c. Overview of Board of Trustees Document
 - i. Catherine, Andrew, and Nick ran over the topics for the Board of Trustees report with the student representatives since the actual meeting was cancelled due to the snow day.
 - ii. Topics and themes included:
 1. Communication from the University in terms of the Student Tragedies
 2. Off-Campus Concerns and the new Off-Campus Ambassador Program
 3. Resources for Off-Campus Students

V. New Business (NOT ANNOUNCEMENTS)

- a. Judicial Council Update on Elections
 - i. Julie, the Liaison to the Judicial Council from Senate, read the press update concerning the first allegation made in the Student Body Elections.

VI. Announcements

- a. Patrick announced that petitions are available supporting the inclusion of all people into the Non-Discrimination Clause.
- b. Ellen announced the Badin Polar Bear Plunge this Saturday to raise money for a school in Nepal.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Andrew entertained a motion to adjourn. Jessica moved to adjourn. Daniel seconded. *The February 9, 2011 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kimberly
Student Body Secretary

