

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- b. Alex led the invocation.
- c. AJ, Kaitlin, Joey, and Tegan were absent.
- d. Andrew entertained any motions to change the February 9, 2011 executive summary. *The February 9, 2011 executive summary was approved at 6:07 p.m.*

II. Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Catherine Soler, Student Body President
 - i. Safety packets for all of the dorms are now available, so please hand these out; while there are not enough for every room, use your discretion to spread them around.
- b. Mr. Andrew Bell, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Only four (4) Senate meetings remain, but your job is not over; please be prepared to end strong.
- c. Mr. Nicholas Ruof, Chief of Staff
 - i. Nick had nothing to report.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs [AJ McGauley]
 - i. Nick, filling in for AJ, mentioned that Evan Bayh will be speaking tomorrow (Thursday) in the DPAC at 7pm.
- b. Committee on Campus Technology [Casey Cockerham]
 - i. There is confirmation that a color printer for LaFortune and a black and white printer for O'Shag
- c. Committee on Community Relations [Claire Sokas]
 - i. The Community Summit is tentatively set for April 22; this is a big event that brings together many different leaders in many different aspects of Notre Dame and South Bend to talk about big issues.
 - ii. CommUniversity Day is officially April 2; only two boy dorms have e-mailed about doing a project and several girl dorms have already done so.
 1. All dorms must do a project so get with your Hall Government to plan this.
 - iii. Tutoring in the community is still ongoing.
 - iv. There is a possibility that the Farmer's Market will be brought back in the spring; details will be forthcoming.

- d. Committee on Gender Issues [Mariah McGrogan and Timothy Castellini]
 - i. Mariah thanked everyone for their immense support and help with Sexual Assault Awareness Week activities and planning.
 - ii. There are more events going on throughout the week.
 1. Tonight (Wednesday) there will be a Mass in Dillon Hall at 10pm.
 2. On Thursday, there will be a Teal Out, so be sure to
 3. On Friday, the You Are Not Alone reception will be held in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune; all dorms are expected to make a square that will be part of the quilt being made at this event.
 4. On Saturday, there will be a self-defense class for all women.
- e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Brigitte Githinji]
 - i. The Committee is working on making the work of the Committee for future years more definitive.
- f. Committee on Oversight [Paige Becker]
 - i. Paige reminded everyone that after new senators are elected, be sure to reach out to them and let them know they should be attending all Senate meetings in March until the turnover date.
- g. Committee on Residence Life [Matthew High]
 - i. Matt met with the Director of Food Services to give input about meal plans; they are open to changing some details about how meal plans work.
- h. Committee on Social Concerns [Patrick McCormick]
 - i. An informational meeting was held with community members and leaders on the eND Hunger Campaign; there are still many opportunities to get involved in.
 - ii. If there are any freshmen that are looking to get involved with CommUniversity Day, Patrick is heading this side of things.
- i. Committee on University Affairs [Ellen Carroll]
 - i. Ellen met with some people working on the renovations for DeBartolo student lounge; the tentative work days are scheduled for the summer.
 - ii. The Committee is looking into getting more emergency and call boxes on the road from Notre Dame to Saint Mary's.
 - iii. A request has been submitted to get a Red Box unit in LaFortune with the help of Ryan Willerton.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Off Campus Concerns [Emily LeStrange]
 - i. Decals were sent out to some of the businesses participating in the discount program.
 - ii. The Committee is looking into getting more shirts to promote TRANSP0 and possibly establishing a mobile application on the TRANSP0 bus routes and stops.

IV. General Orders

- a. FMB Representative
 - i. A new Financial Management Board Representative needs to be elected.

- ii. The Board meets Tuesdays at 6pm; meetings usually lasted anywhere from 5 minutes to 30 minutes.
 - iii. Andrew solicited nominations for the position.
 - 1. Tierney nominated John.
 - iv. Since only one nomination was given, John was elected the Financial Management Board Representative. [applause]
- b. Pep Rally Discussion
- i. Andrew opened the floor for the final forum on pep rallies and the changes from
 - ii. Kevin mentioned that Brian Kelly has yet to visit his dorm or any of the dorms that won the spirit contests at pep rallies last fall; Catherine mentioned that Coach Kelly has been in contact with presidents to begin coordinating this before the end of the year.
 - iii. Marina mentioned that most people in her dorm thought that there was too much waiting around; Julie agreed that waiting around kind of killed the fun at times.
 - iv. Mark thought that some of the pep rallies were too alumni-oriented when they should be more oriented towards current students.
 - v. John thought that the student-led pep rally had a great turnout and was a great event and suggested having the same event on Friday for a game day weekend.
 - vi. Emily thought that the changes at Irish Green were great and brought in more students; she also thought Coach Kelly did a much better job than the past making pep rallies succinct and to the point.
 - vii. Ellen mentioned that many girls liked the pep rallies at the beginning of the year but over time they became sort of the same thing; many girls also thought that it might be better or good to return to the dorm-led pep rallies in the JACC.
 - viii. Kelsey mentioned that a lot of girls liked the walkover situation, even though it got rowdy at times.
 - ix. Kevin heard complaints about how the stage placement made it hard for the noise to resound through the crowd.
 - x. Matt suggested having a pep rally in Notre Dame Stadium, particularly at the end of the year and if the Irish are performing as they should.
 - xi. Andrew asked what would bring upperclassmen to pep rallies since pep rallies are particularly not well-attended by juniors and seniors.
 - 1. Ryan simply said that a better football team brings better attendance numbers.
 - 2. Kelsey said that good and unique guest speakers would help.
 - 3. Yiting mentioned free stuff; Ellen agreed and thought free food and free t-shirts would bring people.
 - xii. Ryan thought that the Pom Squad was good, but they just got old after a while.

- xiii. Yiting suggested organizing the walkovers to the pep rallies more, possibly by assigning dorms to specific areas to control the flow.

V. New Business

- a. Student Employment Reform
 - i. A big issue during campaign season was reforming the way student employment is done, particularly through Job Board.
 - ii. There are major issues with Job Board, in that jobs are rarely updated and the website is not as functional as it should be; at the same time, 40%+ students have a job, so this is a crucial issue for students.
 - iii. Catherine asked for suggestions in improving this issue and website.
 - 1. Michael Ryan suggested coordinating the job employment forms with the employers to ensure they are posting the jobs on the website.
 - 2. Brigitte suggested moving the Job Board website to the Current Students page on Notre Dame's website.
 - 3. Yiting suggested more accessibility in applying for jobs since most jobs only offer e-mail contact information instead of the ability to basically apply for the job on hand.

VI. Announcements

- a. Patrick announced the Contemplation in Action Retreat this Saturday from 9:30am-7pm.
- b. Yiting announced the Saint Mary's/Notre Dame Dance Marathon on March 5 at Saint Mary's; it only costs \$15 and can be paid through the Student Shop online.
 - i. The event goes on from 12pm-12am and there are lots of things to do.
- c. Tierney announced the Project Pink Fashion Show at Legends this Friday; this is part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week.
- d. Leslie announced the Farley Fiasco this Friday at the JACC from 7-10pm; there will be raffles, free food, and bobsledding.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Andrew entertained a motion to adjourn. Jessica moved to adjourn. John seconded. *The February 23, 2011 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kimberly
Student Body Secretary