

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Alex led the invocation.
- c. Conor, Daniel, Kelsey, Mark, Michael Ryan, and Ryan were absent.
- d. Andrew entertained any motions to change the March 2, 2011 executive summary.
 - i. Tegan requested to change 'blank squares' to 'blank stares' under IV.a.ii.4.a.; this change was made without objection.
 - ii. Alex moved to approve the summary. Luke seconded. *The March 2, 2011 executive summary was approved at 6:07 p.m.*
- e. Andrew entertained any motions to change the March 3, 2011 executive summary.
 - i. Kaitlin requested to drop her name from the absentee list; Elizabeth requested to add her name to the absentee list. Both of these changes were made without objection.
 - ii. Alex moved to approve the summary. Luke seconded. *The March 3, 2011 executive summary was approved at 6:08 p.m.*

II. Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Catherine Soler, Student Body President
 - i. At the most recent CCAC meeting, South Bend officials announced that they will be looking at zoning issues and may have to kick out students that are signing leases that are not in accordance with the zoning issues; the issue is more with landlords signing leases to students that they should not.
- b. Mr. Andrew Bell, Student Body Vice President
 - i. There are two (2) meetings remaining; be sure to tell your newly elected senators to come to these remaining meetings and catch them up to the speed on what has been going on.
- c. Mr. Nicholas Ruof, Chief of Staff
 - i. Nick had nothing to report.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs [AJ McGauley]
 - i. The last Last Lecture is set for Thursday, March 24; Anre Venter will be speaking at 7pm in Washington Hall, similar to the setup for the previous lectures.

- b. Committee on Campus Technology [Casey Cockerham]
 - i. Food Services will more than likely be installing a laundry monitoring system online over summer.
- c. Committee on Community Relations [Claire Sokas]
 - i. Invitations for the Community Summit have been sent out and planning
 - ii. CommUniversity Day is still set for April 2, 2011; any questions that cannot be answered by yourself should be directed to Claire.
 - 1. Any dorm still interested in sponsoring an event should see Claire before the end of the week.
 - 2. Signups will begin after break.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues [Mariah McGrogan and Timothy Castellini]
 - i. Mariah and Tim had nothing to report.
- e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Brigitte Githinji]
 - i. The Diversity Council will be meeting on Thursday to approve the new Constitution to make it more efficient and serve like the Senate does.
 - ii. Brigitte will be meeting with officials to talk about making it easier for international students to move in, particularly helping them to possibly move in early.
- f. Committee on Oversight [Paige Becker]
 - i. The Committee is planning the transition workshop for the new senators.
- g. Committee on Residence Life [Matthew High]
 - i. Matt and Nick met with Brian Coughlin to talk about the split in the Office of Residential Life and Housing; the split will occur between the discipline side and residentiality side into two separate offices.
- h. Committee on Social Concerns [Patrick McCormick]
 - i. Patrick has been assisting in obtaining a grant from the CSC for the eND Hunger Campaign to expand the efforts even further into the South Bend area.
 - ii. Patrick and Andrew met with more CSC officials to see what the progress on 'serve.nd.edu' was; the set launch is next fall.
- i. Committee on University Affairs [Ellen Carroll]
 - i. The Committee is continuing to work on the proposal for putting lights on the pathway between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's; the proposal should be done shortly after break.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Off Campus Concerns [Emily LeStrange]
 - i. TRANSPO shirts are available in the Student Government.
 - ii. The March Madness Taste of South Bend event will be on March 30, 2011 from 12pm-3pm; more details will be forthcoming.

IV. General Orders

- a. Discussion of Senator Transition Workshop
 - i. Paige introduced the workshop as a way to bring senators into their role so they are more comfortable and engaged from April 1-on.

- ii. The workshop last year was the first time it was held in a while, though it was a sort of last minute thing since the amendment was passed late last term; Paige would like to expand it even further this year.
- iii. Tierney thought the procedures, particularly about moving and passing amendments/resolutions, could be emphasized more.
 - 1. Erinn suggested a better cheat sheet to use and refer back to during the meeting.
 - a. Andrew and Ben mentioned that there is a sheet that has all of this information, located in each binder that each senator has.
 - i. In regards to the binder, Erin and Tegan suggested a more feasible way to have the binders available, whether that be through keeping them in the Student Government Office or reducing the binder size.
- iv. Hallie suggested emphasizing the coordination and communication that should exist between hall councils and senators and giving concrete suggestions to maintain that communication.
- v. Julie thought the first few Senate meetings were not as fruitful as they could have been because the senators did not really know each other, so perhaps guiding this early might help.
- vi. AJ suggested stressing the senators' roles on the committees, in that they should be involved and not just attend.
- vii. Casey asked what the senators thought about their roles on the committees.
 - 1. Erin mentioned that Patrick got to know her one-on-one and it was not just another face asking her to do things; she suggested stressing the importance of building a relationship between senators and chairs.
 - 2. Leslie mentioned that Emily was very on top of her game and made everyone feel engaged and responsible.
 - 3. Erinn thought committee work is a huge part of Student Government and needs to be more focused on
 - a. Tegan agreed and thought senators should feel obligated to contribute in several ways, even outside of attending the committees.

V. New Business

- a. The Ongoing Debate between Knott and Zahm
 - i. Tom stood up and read a resolution in which Zahm declared war on Knott due to the "repeated acts of war" Knott has committed; the resolution also requested that all forces, specifically those of the military, be used in order to declare victory.

- ii. Alex, in defending Knott, responded to the resolution asking the Senate to censor Zahm Hall/Zahmerica for the supposed obnoxiousness displayed by the rebels of Zahm.
- iii. In conclusion, absolutely nothing, including voting, occurred.

VI. Announcements

- a. Yiting announced the Modern Stations of the Cross at 7pm in Sorin tonight (Wednesday).
- b. Yiting also announced that next weekend, there will be a sing-along show in the Washington Hall Lab.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Andrew entertained a motion to adjourn. Luke moved to adjourn. Alex seconded. *The March 9, 2011 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kimberly
Student Body Secretary