

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
April 8, 2009
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- i. Cynthia called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
- ii. Grant led the invocation.
- iii. Jeff Lakusta, Robyn Grant, Patrick Tighe, Bradley McDonald, Taylor Gagan, Tiffany Moy were absent.
- iv. Cynthia entertained a motion to approve the new April 8th, 2009 executive summary. Marc Anthony motioned. Daniel seconded. *The April 8th, 2009 executive summary was approved at 6:17 p.m.*

II. PODIUM

III. OFFICER REPORTS

i. Mr. Grant Schmidt, Student Body President

- i. Agenda.nd.edu
 1. Grant and Walker met with Jennifer in the Office of Information Technology.
- ii. Grant and Cynthia talked to one of the leasers in Eddy Street Commons.
 1. Some new venues include:
 - a. Irish Pub
 - b. Oyster House
 - c. Pizza Place called Hotbox
 2. All these places will be affordable for students.
 3. Grant plans on recommending a kick-off event for students to have a taste test, for example, and visit these areas.
 4. These should be available by the first home game.
 5. Gus intervened to mention that Foundry Apartments, located on Eddy Street Commons, will be available for lease, but students must be 21 or older.

ii. Ms. Cynthia Weber, Student Body Vice-President

- i. Cynthia discussed that in COR, they talked about the possible idea of having a campus-wide discussion to discuss the selection of President Obama as the commencement speaker and the implications for Notre Dame.
- ii. Cynthia mentioned that last week's minutes will be put in mailboxes so senators should check every Monday.

iii. Mr. Ryan Brellenthin, Chief Executive Assistant

- i. Ryan made sure everyone had binders and have been contacted by their respective committees.
- ii. Ryan also said he and Grant had a phone conversation with Megan Cox of USA Today for the Collegiate Readership Program
 1. There have been complaints of the lack of variety.

2. The way it works is that ND provides USA Today a budget number and USA Today manages the distribution and tracking of their newspapers.
 - a. This past Fall 2008 had been a really busy semester and USA Today maintained high consumption, but during Spring 2009, there had been an unanticipated sharp decrease in the distribution of papers to Notre Dame.
3. Ryan hopes to contact USA Today that in future instances, USA Today will inform the student body of their decreased distribution.
- iii. Rack for Recycling bins will be implemented so people can pick up a recycled paper than not having one at all.

iv. Ms. Kristin Lewis, Faculty Senate Liaison

- i. Ms. Lewis was absent.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

i. Committee on Academic Affairs [Austin Holler]

- a. Austin had his first meeting last Sunday
- b. Austin talked about various topics:
 - i.) Majors night
 - ii.) Library Renovations; Cynthia provided a good frame of reference.
 - iii.) Last Lecture and a possible new spin.
 - iv.) ISBN Database will be discussed in General Orders

ii. Committee on Campus Technology [Walker Anderson]

- a. Walker had his first meeting last Sunday
- b. Discussed some of the initiatives for the year:
 - i. Agenda.nd.edu
 - ii. InsideND Revisions
 - iii. iTunes U will be launched pretty soon.
 - iv. Also, mobile use and developing mobile.nd.edu; there is potential for this on campus.
 - v. Austin hopes to make ND a smartphone friendly campus.
 - vi. Austin has been working with registrar for online syllabus
 - vii. Austin has been working to increase computers in Lafun computer Cluster.
 - viii. Austin met with Paul Turner in order to confirm course registration usability tests and he will be meeting with OIT to get status updates.
 - ix. Austin is trying to get printers in every dorm.
 - x. Along with Grant, Walker talked to Fr. Poorman to hopefully revise Agenda.nd.edu and to provide more intuitive features (having SAO and university events + Google calendar). Hopefully these reasons will get the ball rolling on the initiative.

iii. Committee on Community Relations [Denise Baron]

a. Committee members discussed what the committee is pursuing this year. Marc Anthony discussed a 15 point plan. Several initiatives include:

- i. Transpo Bus schedule
- ii. Hopefully, the committee can work with Campus Taxis in order to promote the idea of having coupons to go in taxis so it is more user friendly and students don't get ripped off.
- iii. Chase talked about the importance of campus safety and off-campus buses; students can go off campus at night and avoid getting stuck at random locations.
- iv. Megan talked about Fall Festival where little kids can come for face painting and other fun-filled activities.
- v. Megan also talked about the Know Your Rights documents so students can get familiar with these laws (i.e. magnets)
- vi. Megan also talked about Zoning Issues so students can be educated about campus boundaries.
- vii. Megan also talked about the idea of a Drunk Bus for safety purposes.
- viii. Megan also talked about the Off Campus Website.
- ix. Chase intervened to mention possibly making Comuniversitry Day a yearlong event (more service opportunities and discussion) instead of a one-day event.

iv. Committee on Gender Issues [Patrick Tighe and Robyn Grant]

i. Patrick and Robyn were absent. Committee has not been assembled yet.

v. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Nika Giger]

- a. Nika had her first meeting on Monday.
- b. Introductions and brainstorming were the focus of the meeting.
- c. Committee talked about ideas for international students and improving their transition to campus life.
- d. Nika also talked about some type of diversity certification requirement.
- e. Also, Nika talked about possibly expanding Club Night and having students talk to different multicultural clubs.
- f. Barrera also mentioned they talked about early move in dates for international students so they could adjust to the time zones.
- g. Susan also talked about increasing dialogue among students both informal and formal.

vi. Committee on Oversight [Kevin Kimberly]

- a. Kevin met and the committee brainstormed for ideas and what the role of oversight committee should be.
- b. Kevin met with prior chair to discuss future initiatives.
- c. If anyone has questions about constitutional stuff, senators should speak to Kevin.

vii. Committee on Residence Life [Nick Ruof]

- a. Nick met this Sunday and talked about moving in and moving out and also about Grab N Go.
- b. Nick's word of the day: GRANDILOQUENT.
- viii. **Committee on Social Concerns** [Rachel Roseberry]
 - a. Met last week
 - b. Rachel worked with community Relations
 - c. Farmer's Market was a successful event and they sold down in the Dooley Room. Rachel hopes to continue this event possibly next fall.
 - d. In the committee meeting, they brainstormed ideas for future farmer's market meeting.
 - e. Global Water Initiative (GWI) was also talked about.
 - f. Off Campus Recycling was discussed.
 - g. Worker Appreciation Day was discussed.
 - h. Susan requested what the GWI is about
 - i. Rachel clarified that it's a campus wide effort to improve efforts to provide cleaner water in Africa.
 - ii. Cynthia interrupted that next week we will have more updates.
- ix. **Committee on University Affairs** [Jeff Lakusta]
 - a. Jeff was absent.
 - b. They met on Monday night and some of the ideas that were discussed were:
 - i. Andrew mentioned the group talked about Eddy Street Commons.
 - ii. Andrew also mentioned that they hope to work with SUB to bring in favorite speakers, i.e. they would like to host student alumni events and have young, instead of old, alumni to be the guest speakers.
 - iii. Andrew also mentioned the committee would like to advertise the DVD program more.
 - iv. Know your Rights was also discussed.
 - v. Christie mentioned that another idea for the DVD club was the possibility of having arcade space.
 - c. Cynthia mentioned that one of the ideas student government is hoping to discuss is the possibility of a stress-management rental room in St. Liams.

V. GENERAL ORDER

A. Nominations for Special Interest Positions

- a. Nick motioned to add Special Interest positions to General Orders. Susan seconded.
- b. Cynthia mentioned that senators are going submit all nominations at once. Everyone will submit four pieces of paper.
 - i. Delegate for Financial Board
 - 1. Chase nominated Zack Maxwell, senator of Siegfried. Zack accepted the nomination.
 - 2. Erika nominated Andrew. Andrew accepted the nomination.

- ii. Campus Life Council
 1. Christie nominated Elise Jordan for CLC.
 2. Erika H Nominated Claire Sokas for CLC.
 3. Nick nominated Ted Horn for CLC.
 4. Zack nominated Chase for CLC.
- iii. Council of Representatives
 1. CJ nominated Marc Anthony for COR.
 2. Susan nominated CJ Kelly for COR.
 3. Andrew nominated Chase for COR.
 4. Claire nominated Erika Hansen for COR
 5. Zack nominated Matt Hyde for COR.
- iv. Judicial Council
 1. Daniel nominated Susan Esquivel.
 2. Chase nominated Colin O'Brien grandiloquently. Colin accepted.

B. Discussion on CommUniversity Day

- a. Cynthia said that CommUniversity was awesome and it was a great idea to get community members on campus and students off campus working together. Cynthia asked for senators' inputs and discussion.
 - i. Mary said she went to the Zoo and all she did was clean up sticks (off campus) and said she felt that on-campus opportunities were much better and more interactive.
- b. Rachel and Gus requested feedback from people and general questions (if you attended, how can we do it better, if you didn't participate and why you didn't do it. and the effectiveness of the advertisements.
 - i. Susan was concerned about the timings because she had to be wake up earlier than others to attend the nursing homes; she felt in the future, she would like to have a better time frame provided by the coordinators.
 1. Gus responded that they will definitely iron out the schedule to let project coordinators know
 - ii. Rachel posed the question, "What message was sent to the community?" because Cynthia mentioned the tagline was not necessarily a service day but more about a partnership to better the community.
 - iii. Gus intervened and mentioned that the central focus should be on quality (working with community members out in the community) over quantity (just a ton of service opportunities).
 1. Marc Anthony wondered whether there was effective communication with community members.
 2. Grant mentioned that Gus and Grant met with the Robinson Center officials and was constantly in touch with them to make sure if they were all on board to get the word out in South Bend.
 - iv. Gus said conceptually speaking, there was a joint task force

between the Community Relations committee and the Social Concerns Committee and both committees were included in the process.

- v. Megan said on campus, it definitely sent the message, because she got the chance to interact with the parents of the kids; the kids had the greatest time and the parents were very appreciative
- vi. Gus responded that he hopes that other residence halls have service projects available and it would be an integral part for both community members and students to participate.
- c. Cynthia asked why people did and didn't go?
 - 1. Andrew said it was the last freshman retreat.
 - 2. Daniel said Alumni Hall went on a retreat.
 - 3. Megan said hopefully if the shirts were given out before the day, it would give that extra incentive.
 - 4. Christie said it started at 9AM (way too early).
 - Brian interrupted about the voting process and that the individual with the orange marker should take this process seriously!!!
 - BACK to CommUniveristy day:
- d. Kevin said he felt the focus was on the service and not so much on the partnership with the community.
- e. Nike said that East Side (where the Robinson Center is located) received more invitations for service opportunities and that the West Side was underrepresented.
- e. Andrew said that perhaps when people sign up, the shirts should be available in student government for people to come in and get the shirt and sign the waivers too instead of doing this at the breakfast.
 - 1. Colin disagreed. If this happened, people would sign up, get the T-shirt, and not show up so it takes away the incentive for showing up.

C. Discussion About Online Syllabus/Online ISBN Number Databases

1.) Motion to discuss the ISBN for a later date was entertained. The discussion was tabled to talk about it at a later meeting.

D. Results of the Nominations were released and Ryan should have the results.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Zack asked if there was any way to keep the prayer rally lunatic off-campus.
 - a.) Cynthia said she knows that he came to the prayer rally and he was peaceful and NDSP action was not needed. Cynthia does not view him as a threat.
 - b.) Grant said that we can bring in Bill Kirk or Phil Johnson to discuss security issues as to who is allowed on campus. There was a poll and people were interested for Mr. Kirk to come.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Daniel said that signups are available for Finish on the 50.
- ii. Gus said that from 8-9 today, the Old community Relations will be hosting the Off Campus Transition Affair and recommends everyone to go. Current Off-campus students + Law professor are coming to talk.
- iii. Claire said on April 25th, Prom on the Lawn will be hosted.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- i. Chase entertained a motion to adjourn. Marc Anthony motioned. *The April 8th, 2009 Student Senate meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary

