

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE  
Executive Summary  
April 15, 2009  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

**I. INVOCATION**

- i. Cynthia called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- ii. Robyn Grant, Adam Twardzik, Daniel Sokas, Taylor Ruby Gagan were absent.
- iii. Cynthia entertained a motion to approve the April 15th, 2009 executive summary. The following changes were approved:
  - i. Under Campus Technology, items 5,6,7,8,9: Austin to Walker name change
  - ii. Under General Orders, the name, "Hyde" should be changed to "High"
  - iii. Bradley motioned to approve the minutes. *The April 15th, 2009 executive summary was approved at 6:10 p.m.*

**II. PODIUM**

**III. OFFICER REPORTS**

- i. **Mr. Grant Schmidt, Student Body President**
  - i. Contact with Class of 2013 discussed in COR
    1. COR concluded that freshmen should be contacted about student gov't over the summer.
  - ii. COR also discussed the idea about having a seminar dealing with future developments at Notre Dame.
    1. COR agreed that because of finals, this seminar will most likely be pushed back to Fall 2009.
  - iii. Grant and Cynthia brought up the campus security issue during Commencement.
    1. Grant talked to Mr. Kirk and Mr. Kirk responded that NDSP and ND have had continuous meetings with regard to security and everything should be fine.
- i. **Ms. Cynthia Weber, Student Body Vice-President**
  - i. Cynthia introduced Matt Barlow, who works for The Shirt 2009
    1. Matt said that festivities will begin at 4:45PM this Friday.
    2. Lou Holtz will speak
    3. Indiana State Department will be there
    4. Live performances by ND student groups
    5. Students can buy The Shirt at a discount for \$11
- ii. **Mr. Ryan Brellenthin, Chief Executive Assistant**
  - i. Ryan brought the issue of the Collegiate Leadership Program to the table and spoke about two major issues:
    1. Counter to the lower distribution numbers

- a. Ryan talked to USA today and introduced the idea of recycling racks to throw used newspapers in both SDH and NDH.
- 2. Chicago Tribune will be jumping up with a 250% increase and recommended senators to talk with dorm mates to gauge interest in the Chicago Tribune in order to gain a consensus for next week's meeting.

**iii. Ms. Kristin Lewis, Faculty Senate Liaison**

- i. Kristin was absent.

**IV. Committee Reports**

**i. Committee on Academic Affairs [ Austin Hollander ]**

- a. Austin did not have a meeting a last week.
- b. Tomorrow night, Austin mentioned there will be a focus group to talk about renovations in Hesburgh Library.

**ii. Committee on Campus Technology [ Walker Anderson ]**

- a. Walker did not meet last week.
- b. Walker has been working on the Off-Campus housing review database
  - i. Has been designing the forms and databases.
- c. Today, Walker ran several course registration usability tests and has observed 12 rising sophomores in order to identify the pinpoints of the system.
- d. Austin plans to discuss the Agenda.nd.edu issue today.

**iii. Committee on Community Relations [ Denise Baron ]**

- a. Chase talked about the freshmen bus tour and whether it should be during Frosh-O.
- b. Marc Anthony talked about the website on off-campus properties
- c. Chase mentioned they talked about Community Summit.
- d. Chase mentioned they talked about rising projects and work opportunities.

**iv. Committee on Gender Issues [ Patrick Tighe ]**

- a. Patrick mentioned that this week is Stand Against Hate week so tonight at 7-9PM, there will be a film screening, *Prayers for Bobby*
- b. Patrick added that tomorrow at noon, there will be a t-shirt distribution for Stand Against Hate week
- c. On Friday, there will be a Day of Silence and silent procession at 3PM.
- d. Patrick mentioned there was an update on the Sexual Assault policy and mentioned that the steering committee is currently working on putting up a final proposal that should be ready by next Friday.

**v. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [ Nika Giger ]**

- a. Nika's committee will meet this upcoming Monday.

**vi. Committee on Oversight [ Kevin Kimberly ]**

- a. Kevin's committee will meet this upcoming Sunday.

**vii. Committee on Residence Life [ Nick Ruof ]**

- a. Nick mentioned that this Sunday, they will meet in basement of Debartolo.
- b. Word of the Day: outré

**viii. Committee on Social Concerns [ Rachel Roseberry ]**

- a. Rachel hopes to form subcommittees for the group in the upcoming meeting.
- ix. **Committee on University Affairs [ Jeff Lakusta ]**
  - a. Jeff hopes to break committee members out into subgroups tonight.

## V. GENERAL ORDER

### A. Resolution SS0910-04 Promoting the Reevaluation of the Current Online University Events Calendar

- i. Walker discussed that some people of OIT expressed the need for the revision of agenda.nd.edu but nobody has reasoned to do this in the past.
  - 1. Walker read through the agenda and highlighted the major reasons:
    - 1. Accessibility
    - 2. Readability
    - 3. Adding SAO Calendar to have a centralized calendar
  - 2. Earlier today, CLC passed this document, which will go to Fr. Poorman.
  - 3. Brian mentioned that anything that used to be added to agenda was open for student events only. All student events that are open for students do go up on the student life tab.
  - 4. Questions for Walker:
    - a. Nick brought up the change in date from April 11th to April 15th
      - i. Elise motioned to change the date and motion was passed.
    - b. Chase motioned to add a comma after the first "Whereas" and the motion was passed.
    - c. Jeff motioned that on the last line, there should be a comma between "online" and "centralized." Chase motioned and motion was passed.
    - d. Regarding the date of release, Walker stated that OIT needs to create new systems over the upcoming year.
    - e. Bradley asked whether if students can use a GMail calendar that Notre Dame students can also utilize.
      - i. Walker responded that he plans on looking into this.
    - f. Erika asked for clarification with the last clause
      - i. Walker mentioned that perhaps if a particular band is coming to Notre Dame, for example, they can get a taste of student life.
    - g. Susan questioned what events would be open to the public:
      - i. Walker added that he plans on looking into the open calendar vs. a closed calendar with regard to what events will be open to the South Bend community.
    - h. With regarding to subscribing, Walker responded to Nika's question by stating that students can subscribe to various club calendars.
  - 5. Barrera motioned to end debate and to vote on the resolution.
  - 6. Weber entertained the motion to pass the SS0910-04 resolution.



- i. All senators voted to approve the resolution.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Grant asked whether the student body needs an email about the Last Lecture Series being posted on the web.
  - a. Nick suggested that perhaps each senator to send it to the members on the Listerv for each dorm.
- ii. Cynthia took a poll of whether there should be an email sent by senators to each dorm vs. campus-wide email:
  - a. Majority agreed that senators should send the email out via Listerv.
- iii. TeamND is a leadership retreat before school and everyone is recommended to come.
  - a. All participants arrive on Wednesday.
  - b. Cynthia will look into moving-in issues.
- iv. Andrew had a question about the alternatives with regard to the newspaper issue:
  - a.) Ryan said that if student gov't scraps Chicago Tribune, student gov't can:
    - i. Subscribe for South Bend Tribune
    - ii. Have another regional newspaper
    - iii. Take the money and redistribute towards other papers.

## VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Ryan wants everyone's photos for the senate photo board.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

- i. Cynthia entertained a motion to adjourn. Kristie motioned. CJ seconded.  
*The April 15th, 2009 Student Senate meeting adjourned at 6: 58 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary