

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE  
Executive Summary  
September 23, 2009  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- i. Cynthia called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- ii. Brad led the invocation.
- iii. Erika, Patrick, Denise, and Ted were absent.
- iv. Cynthia entertained a motion to approve the new September 23rd, 2009 executive summary. Corrections: Ashley was present. Marc Anthony motioned first. CJ seconded. *The September 23rd, 2009 executive summary was approved at 6:08 p.m.*

**II. PODIUM**

**III. OFFICER REPORTS**

- i. **Mr. Grant Schmidt, Student Body President**
  - a. Grant strongly advocates for implementing benches near Main Circle
    1. The architect is trying to look out for donations for the benches
  - b. Grant mentioned that the Career Center is opening up their interview rooms for study spaces from Sunday-Wednesdays from 8pm-1am
- ii. **Ms. Cynthia Weber, Student Body Vice-President**
  - a. Chipotle after Senate tonight
  - b. Cynthia mentioned that because of the addition of the Wall of Ideas, Elle updates them so the goal is for student gov't to read them each week
- iii. **Mr. Ryan Brellenthin, Chief Executive Assistant**
  - a. Programming board did not meet this week
  - b. Ryan did meet with one of the assistant provosts, Dennis Jacobs, to discuss the CIFs. Ryan's goal was to increase student responses and he hopes to discuss this in general orders sometime soon.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- i. **Committee on Academic Affairs [Austin Holler]**
  - a. Austin along with other senate members met with Brian to discuss iTunesU
  - b. In the future, Austin hopes to meet with library representatives with regard to the deficiency in volumes and how ND can improve their rankings
  - c. In economics, there are two branches, econometrics and policy matters. The economics department is planning on dissolving the policy matters side. Austin hopes to learn more about what consequences such decision could present for ND in the future.
    1. Jeff asked whether this is permanent to which Grant responded that student input can still be provided.
    2. Martha asked whether it has always been the case that students focused on a particular track while neglecting the other.

Brian is writing a lot ...

- a. Cynthia responded that the committee dealing with this issue seems to be more interested with the more classical and theoretical issues.
- b. Grant mentioned the econometrics side is more quantitative and the other side, policy matters, deals with more social justice issues and health matters. Since most schools have an econometrics focus only, this is perhaps why ND wishes to eliminate the policy matters portion of economics.

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

- a. Walker mentioned he also met with Brian (along with Austin) to discuss a vetting process on how to upload files for iTunes U. On the private side (lectures, student-produced media), Walker mentioned that this will perhaps take some time in the coming months
- b. Walker also discussed with OIT regarding the LaFortune Cluster redesign.
  - 1. Why? Lack of machines and the lighting component.
- c. Walker also met with web group to discuss personal student pages. Basically this could be a "link farm" and portal for other links.
- d. Yesterday at COR, Walker also talked about the off campus housing evaluation form on the student government website.
  - 1. The purpose of this webpage is for students planning on moving offcampus, they can view past reviews (similar to viewing NDToday for professors) with regard to these properties.
  - 2. Working in conjunction with Northwestern, they created a mock-up of the form for students to fill out.
  - 3. Cynthia added that this is in the works and that it should benefit students tremendously.
- e. CJ asked how iTunes U will be different from Concourse and Webfile:
  - 1. Walker responded that it would be slightly broader
    - i. For example, lectures, music, student-files
    - ii. Also, video will be the key addition- something Blackboard doesn't support.

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

- a. Ryan read Denise's notes.
- b. Robinson Center Picnic this Friday (live music, balloon animal artist, free food, and neighbors)
- c. Art event this Saturday; Denise plans on sending out emails this weekend
- d. The Fall Festival is in the planning stages.
- e. Denise's committee is still working on the Off-campus safety meeting.

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

- a. Patrick and Robyn mentioned last week, they had a photo shoot for the body image campaign that they plan on presenting to the GRC

1. Launch is planned for early October.
2. It will be over a football game weekend.

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

- a. Nika mentioned that the International Showcase has been postponed.
- b. Nika hopes that after regrouping with the committee, she plans on scheduling a more appropriate time.
- c. Training for diversity commissioners will be next Monday at 6PM in Lafortune Ballroom.

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

- a. Kevin is still busy with his projects.

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

- a. Nick met with Brian as well to look into iTunes U
- b. Nick also brought about the issue of stadium lights in McGlinn Fields
- c. Word of the Day: EldriTch

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

- a. Rachel mentioned that the Global Water Initiative is creating posters and she hopes to hand them out to senators to put them up in their dorms.
- b. T-Shirt giveaway in the Dooley Room from 12-1; From 5-7, there will be 3 acoustic performers on North Quad; There will be tables set up with information about the project and there will also be little buttons as a pledge to be part of the program; the final event will include a lecture by a professor entitled "Can We Drink It?" in the Gettys Auditorium (basement of the new CSC building)
- c. Date: Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>
- d. Rachel also mentioned that the Farmer's Market will be on October 8<sup>th</sup> hopefully from 3:00-5:30 at Fieldhouse Mall.

**ix. Committee on University Affairs [Jeff Lakusta]**

- a. Jeff mentioned that his committee has involved the UABA. Jeff hopes to recognize winners at each senate meeting.
- b. Jeff is still working on Transpo and the Alumni Lecture series.

**V. GENERAL ORDER**

**i. Senate Resolution SS0910-05; Honoring Coach O'Leary**

- a. Kevin mentioned that the purpose of the resolution is to recognize an individual's contributions and dedication to the Notre Dame community.
- b. Coach O'Leary was an integral part for the establishment of the intramurals program, Bengal Bouts, and recreational Sports in general.
- c. Coach O'Leary passed away this summer due to cancer.

- d. Brian added that Brian was a great Notre Dame man and emphasized what a tremendous impact that Coach O'Leary has had on the ND community.
- e. Motion to amend the change the time sequence in the resolution:
  - i. Brian motioned first.
  - ii. Resolution has been amended .
- f. The motion to honor this resolution for Coach O'Leary was passed.

**ii. Eddy Street Commons Update**

- a. Cynthia and Grant met with the realty group and sent out the email with regard to updates on Eddy Street Commons
- b. Grant wanted the senators and the student body to know that they are looking for retail suggestions.
  - 1. For example, several people suggested the idea of a beauty shop that sells popular make-up brands.
  - 2. Bridget also mentioned the suggestions for clothing outfitters
- c. Grant mentioned that it's important for students to have such input.
- d. All the updates should be available within the email that Grant sent out.
- e. Nika asked whether Eddy Street Commons would accept Domer Dollars.
  - 1. Grant mentioned that such an idea is still up in air potentially because there is an approval process to open Domer Dollars not just for Eddy Street Commons for all off campus venues
  - 2. There are transaction and networking fees as well.
- f. Nika also asked why there were protesters on Eddy Street Commons:
  - 1. Cynthia said that some of the retailers are not using union contractors.
- g. Marc Anthony emphasized that Eddy Street is awesome and really nice!

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- i. None

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- i.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- i. Cynthia entertained a motion to adjourn. Taylor motioned. Daniel seconded. *The September 23rd, 2009 Student Senate meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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