

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

September 3, 2008

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I) **Opening Business**

- a. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m.
- b. Bob led the invocation.
- c. Brian L., Greg S., Ryan B., and Pat T. were absent.
- d. Grant entertained a motion to approve the April 30, 2008 executive summary.
The April 23, 2008 executive summary was approved at 6:06 p.m.

II) **Podium**

- a. Mirella Riley Re: World View Initiative
 - i. She introduces herself and gives a little background on herself. She says that she worked with Father Jenkins on program initiatives. This was an initiative started last year as a recommendation on cultural diversity. This initiative was spearheaded with DPAC. The purpose of the initiative is to promote diversity through art. They are trying to expand from movies to music and other types of art. They are looking for help with distributing the t-shirts. The logistics of the situation is to try to accommodate everybody. She says that anyone that did not get their right size can email her.
 - ii. She says that tomorrow they will have their first World View film of the semester. She goes on to tell what the film is about. She adds that this initiative is not just about race and ethnicity but also about class, religion, etc. She says that she wants more student input. She says that she has been working with MAC to get more consistent student feedback. She says that she wants individual feedback, and you can email her. She says that feedback is very important to them. She says that she will be passing out the schedule for this semester, and they are working on the schedule of films for next semester.
 - iii. She says that the reason that she brought the t-shirts was so that questions can be raised about it.
 - iv. They are trying to get concerts and get people to talk about pertinent issues.
 - v. Robyn asks what is the time and location tomorrow.
 - vi. Mirella answers the Browning Cinema, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

III) **Officer Reports**

- a. Mr. Bob Reish, Student Body President
 - i. Bob says that he and Grant will send out an article on how to be a good neighbor. He reiterates that we are leaders, so we should set good examples. He adds that the ticket exchange is going smoothly, and all information can be found online. If there are any questions can ask him after the meeting.
- b. Mr. Grant Schmidt, Student Body Vice President

- i. Grant and Bob have been talking about a political dialogue. He says that this is the best outlet to increase student voice. He adds that they have tried to set up mock elections with other groups. He says that they will probably have a week surrounding it, and it may take place a month before the election. He adds that they will also have events during that week. There can also be a student/faculty debate with students.
- c. Ms. Karen Koski, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. She says that Activities Night last night was last night and they got a lot of freshmen involved in student government. She says that she will be working with Sarah to have a Student Government 101 event to let freshmen come to get a first-hand look at student government. They can come and ask questions and meet the chairs afterwards.
 - ii. Programming board had their first meeting, and that went well.

IV) **Committee Reports**

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Grant says that they had their first meeting last night. They talked about revamping Majors' Night to make sure that people understand the majors. They also discussed the online syllabus database, and they will be meeting with registrar soon. They are also working on getting more updates on dart times, and how they are assigned. Lastly, they discussed the online TCE's of which they will be following up on. They meet on Sundays at 2 p.m.
- b. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Gus says that they had two big summer projects of which both were very successful. They will have their first meeting was Sunday at 5 p.m., but now they will be at 4 p.m. For this semester, they are planning a Fall Festival, and Taste of South Bend- instead of in the spring. They are also working on other events as well.
- c. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Lauren says that their first meeting is on Sunday at 6p.m., and she says that she will update after consulting with Bob.
- d. Committee on multicultural Affairs
 - i. Alyssa says that they met on Sunday at 3 p.m. They talked about dorm multicultural training and goals for the year.
- e. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Ian says that they have not had their first meeting. They plan to conduct a thorough review of the Constitution.
- f. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Joy says that they have not had their first meeting. They will be working on putting DVD rental up on a site.
- g. Committee on Social Concerns
 - i. Michelle says that will meet on Sunday at 4 p.m., and they will divide projects among the members. They will be talking about domer dollar donating, and double-sided printing.
- h. Committee on University Affairs

- i. Ashlee says that they will be meeting on Monday at 7 p.m., and will be talking about the logistics of the mock elections.
- i. Ad Hoc Committee On Student Outreach
 - i. Sarah says that they had their first meeting on Sunday. They discussed the Student Government 101 event that is to take place September 9, from 8:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. She also said that they will be working on a survey, and she asks each committee to come up with questions. She adds that they will be working on other projects after the survey.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Technology
 - i. Devin says that the transition to Google mail was really good, and they will be meeting with OIT to get people working on better wireless in dorm and better cell phone service. They will also be discussing printing in Jordan.

V) **GENERAL ORDERS**

- a. Synopsis of Google Mail Switch
 - i. Devin says that transition is an overwhelming success. He goes on to discuss the resolution. There have been no foreseen problems, and all that did occur was taken care of. He adds that it is a richly beneficial service. This is a huge opportunity for ND students to advance. He suggests that students should use the tools to further their experience here.
 - ii. Mike asks they will ever switch the popular site on school website from webmail to Google mail.
 - iii. Devin says that they will talk about it tomorrow when they meet.
 - iv. Catherine says that if you log in from Inside ND you have to log in again after clicking on the google icon. Devin says that he will also report this. Andrew says that it just started doing that last night.

VI) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Mike a lot of people have asked about the sprinklers and when they are set to come on. Grant says that they will check into it.
- b. Mike S. says that there have been skunks on campus. Grant says that they will check into it.
- c. Zach says that people in his dorm are concerned with events being cancelled. He says the Dillion pep rally was cancelled. Grant says that the cancellation of the Dillion pep rally was totally up to Dillion. He adds that no other events have been cancelled.
- d. Billy asks about the changes in Frosh -o process, and asks who was on the committee the President's office put together. Brian say that the committee was put together within the President's office and consisted of parents and students etc.
- e. Robin asks if the dorms can get a google calendar of all the events going on instead of posting posters. Devin says that he highly encourages this. He adds that they haven't switched over the dorms or clubs on the gmail accounts. They are talking to OIT about this. He says that this is something the everyone should do.

- f. Robin says that at last night she started the Lewis calendar. Sk if joint account or separate account.
- g. Gus asks can OIT talk to the dorm webmaster to get the calendar up and running.
- h. Stephanie says that Howard is having a drive to collect stuff for kids returning to school.
- i. Grant says that this is really good. We will have debates later. He asks that everyone please bring things from their dorms here.

VII) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Karen says that Columbia is coming on campus, and they are looking for a focus group. They are looking for input. They will be coming on September 11, from 11-12:30.
- b. Karen says that the board is for everyone, and urges people to have their picture taken.
- c. She adds that as hall council starts up again, everyone should take back to the dorms what is talked about here.
- d. Bob says that anything they anybody wants to talk about, please email himself or Grant. He adds that the Student Government office has new carpet and furniture changes. He encourages freshmen to come to Freshmen 101. He says that they will have pizza following, and will get the chance to meet the chairs.
- e. Michelle says that the Academic forum is 3 weeks from today, and wants everyone to keep promoting it.
- f. Julie says the Walsh having its signature event, Football 101. There will be football players there.
- g. Catherine says that next week Lyons will be hosting Cirque Du Lac.
- h. Kaitlyn says the next Wednesday Welsh Family will be having their Block Party.
- i. Devin says that Google coming to campus Wednesday, October 1st.
- j. Laura are they going to career fair.
- k. Grant asks how many people will be attending Career Fair next week. He says that they may cancel the meeting. He will email to let everyone know.

VIII) ADJOURNMENT

- a. Grant entertained a motion to adjourn. Katie motioned. Mike S. seconded.
The September 3, 2008 Student Senate meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary