

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Minutes

October 8, 2008

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I) **Opening Business**

- a. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Grant led the invocation.
- c. Austin Holler, David Wilbur, and Pat Tighe were absent.
- d. Grant entertained a motion to approve the October 1, 2008 executive summary. *The October 1, 2008 executive summary was approved at 6:06 p.m.*

II) **Podium**

- a. Grant introduces Kristen Lewis as the Senate Faculty Liaison.

III) **Officer Reports**

- a. Mr. Bob Reish, Student Body President
 - i. Bob says that he has two things. The first is that He and Grant met with the Board of Trustees. He says that they told them about the initiatives that they have accomplished and the initiatives that they have planned. He says that they also talked about the relationship that students have with NDSP. He adds that they will be looking more into this matter. He says that they will meet again in February to talk more on this topic.
 - ii. He says that he met with the SAC committee on student athletes, and he adds that he will be meeting next week to address the issues of the athletes.
- b. Mr. Grant Schmidt, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Grant says that the Mock Election went well.
 - ii. He and Bob met with Fr. Jenkins yesterday. He says that Fr. Jenkins reached out to them for help. He says that when Fr. Jenkins gave his report to the faculty he talked about diversity. Grant says that Fr. Jenkins wants their feedback on how this topic. He says that next week he will have a copy of the report that different committees worked on. He adds that three weeks after he gives Senate the report it will be discussed in the meeting. He says that they really want feedback on this.
 - iii. He and Bob had a meeting with coach Brea, and they asked about Breatopia. He says that they want to increase support for the basketball team. They also talked about the Last Lecture Series and the possibility of him speaking there.
 - iv. He says that he will be meeting with Ann Firth to discuss student study spaces.
- c. Ms. Karen Koski, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. She says that this week they will begin to work on the Blood Drive in December.

- ii. She says that at the Programming Board meeting on October 13th they will be talking about the events for Halloween.
- iii. She is also working with Bob and Blair Carlin on the FLEX program.
- d. Ms. Kristen Lewis, Senate Faculty Liaison
 - i. Kristen says that they will be talking about the resolution on agenda for today.
 - ii. She adds that they will be working on printers in Jordan Hall.

IV) **Committee Reports**

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Ryan says had that they had a meeting on Sunday.
 - ii. They solidified the date for the Last Lecture Series- Wednesday, November 29th.
 - iii. They talked about excused absence that Senate will be looking at on the agenda. He says that they will be getting more information on this.
 - iv. He says that we will be having a discussion on registration.
- b. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Gus says thanks for discussion last week, and that he took all of the information back to the committee.
 - ii. He says that he had a meeting with Jenny from Student Affairs to discuss off-campus website.
 - iii. He says that they are starting work on the community based learning.
 - iv. He announces that Fall Festival will be on October 30th.
- c. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Lauren says that they are busy with lots of project.
 - ii. She says that they met with Gender Reps on Sunday, and they will be having a make-up meeting for people that did not make it to the meeting.
 - iii. They decided on what to do for Sexual Assault Week in November. She adds that they finalized the budget on this.
- d. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
 - i. Ally says that they discussed the possibility of international showcase include acts from all cultural groups.
 - ii. They will be discussing the issue of minority faculty in the coming week.
 - iii. She says that they had a meet with Iris Outlaw to see how to get everyone involved in Multicultural activities.
- e. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Ian says that they approved the amendment to the Constitution which is on the agenda. He will discuss it there.
- f. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Joy says that they discussed the DVD launch program.
 - ii. She says that they met with Rec Sport and they are in agreement to allow registration online. Rec Sport will write a proposal to OIT, and her committee will work on a resolution.
 - iii. She adds that the lights at McGlinn field are off because they are close to the dorm and they don't want the lights to disturb anyone.

- g. Committee on Social Concerns
 - i. Michelle says that they will be working with Senior Legacy on the Social Action Fund.
 - ii. Her committee has been discussing the Global issue course.
 - iii. She says that there will be a Domer Dollar resolution next week.
- h. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Ashlee says that yesterday was the Mock Election. There was overwhelming success. She thanks everyone for their help. She says that it was a 50/50 split between the genders.
 - ii. She asks if they should put together the stats, and maybe have a political science professor look over the results.
 - iii. Robin B. asks can they get the results published in the Observer.
 - iv. Ryan H. suggests giving the senator the results of their dorm.
 - v. Ian says that he likes the idea of having a political science professor break down the results.
 - vi. Ashlee says if anyone has anymore suggestion to talk to her after the meeting.
 - vii. She announces the Student-Faculty debate after fall break on the economy. The date will be October 28th.
- i. Ad Hoc Committee On Student Outreach
 - i. Sarah says that they hope to get survey approved by tomorrow. She says that they may need the Senators to pick up posters and post them. She says please let your dorm know about it.
 - ii. She says that if anyone in the dorm is interested in making posters let her know.
 - iii. She announces that after fall break they will be having the What's the Deal series.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Technology
 - i. Devin says that today they met with OIT's Denise at the help desk. They discussed putting together a mobile help desk. They will have a trial run the first week of November. They are looking to do it two times in DeBartolo and in LaFortune.
 - ii. He adds that OIT is moving to secure the wireless network next year
 - iii. He says that they set up a meeting with Harold Pace to redesign the course registration website. One idea is to make it a shopping cart type thing.
 - iv. He says that he met with Keough's rector to talk about calendaring. He adds that if there is anything that anyone needs help with then just let him know.

V) **GENERAL ORDER**

- a. Resolution SS0809-11 Amendment to CoR Collaboration Fund Process
 - i. Grant directs everyone's attention to the resolution. Ian says that this amendment was developed out of a discussion of CoR. The problem with process as it is now is that neither of the co-sponsors has to be present at the meeting, so if the committee has question they have no

- one to ask. The amendment requires that one of the co-sponsors will be present.
- ii. Grant opens up to discussion. Pat K. asks was it the general consensus of CoR. Grant says yes.
 - iii. Ryan moves to insert the following sentence before the current sentence, "The Club Coordination Council President shall give the cosponsors one week's notice before he or she presents their appeal to the Council of Representatives." Robin L. seconds. The amendment was approved at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Discussion Regarding Excused Absences for Interviews
- i. Ryan says that he would like to move the discussion to the next meeting when they have done more work. Gus motions. Ryan seconds.

VI) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Grant says that ACAL is a committee that advises on how to better integrate students into campus life. He says that in the past they worked on students attending graduate school. Grant says that Fr. Poorman wants him to elect a Senator to attend these meetings. He takes nomination for someone to be on the committee. Gus nominates Ryan. Ryan accepts the nomination. Ryan is approved as the nominee.
- b. Ryan says that a few weeks ago the Assistant Registrar in charge of registration. She talked about possibly moving the registration time to outside of class time. The registration time would be before or after classes. Ryan clarifies that registration would be 6-8 a.m. or later that night.
- c. Ian says that maybe he does not have a status quo.
- d. Ryan says that the registration would not take place from 8 a.m. – noon. He says that they alternate the registration time each semester. He says that everyone goes on the first or last day based on their ID number. They block out classes from 8-noon so that you can't register at the time you have class. He says that according to whatever time you have available, they will assign you a time. He says that this is the status quo as it is. He asks should the registration time be moved before or after classes.
- e. Devin says that one of the reasons that they have it the way it is so that students can call the registrar if they have problems while registering. He says that if they change it then registering for the class will be pushed to the next business day, and one may lose their advantage over other people that may be registering for classes that morning.
- f. Maggie says that it is a good idea to have it outside of class time. She adds that she doesn't know if it would be better to have it in the morning or night, but maybe the morning.
- g. Robin L. asks if they will be condensing to two hour time slot. Ryan says that was just hypothetical times.
- h. Megan says that they should keep it the way it is because people have stuff going on all day that can't be scheduled around.
- i. Nika thinks that the evening could be a little bit better. She says that one would still have the advantage over people that start the next morning. She adds that some people may not be available in the morning.

- j. Robin B. thinks that it should be in the morning before all the classes. She says that the night would not work because of other obligations.
- k. Ryan H. says that they will get a lot of angry people if they do it a 6 a.m. He suggests keeping it late or at night.
- l. Kevin says that the people that register the next day are held up because they can't see classes taken because people that registered the night before may have run into a problem while registering.
- m. Devin says that if they provided support at night then it would not be an issue.
- n. Robin L. states that they schedule around class but not meeting. She thinks that they should keep like it is.
- o. Julie says that the way that it is now avoids conflict.
- p. Michelle makes the comment that this is only one day out of the semester.

VII) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Nicole says that she is working with CLC, and has been talking to NDSP. They are willing to make presentation to each dorm to make sure that everyone is aware of all the opportunities they offer.
- b. Sarah she says that they will be sending out the link to the survey on Sunday or Monday and it will be open all week.
- c. Nika asks if the hall staff is interested in the NDSP presentation what is the next step. Nicole tells her the procedure.
- d. Ryan P. announces that this Saturday will be Keough's Chariot Race. They also will have the Vomitorium eating contest at the race. He urges everyone to go back to their dorm and let them know. He adds that they will have Papa John's at the event.
- e. Catherine announces that Lyons is hosting the Mara Fox run. She says that tonight in Lyons parking lot they will have an event for drunk driving.
- f. Julie announces the Mr. ND pageant tonight.
- g. Bob says that CCAC will be meeting tomorrow for the first time. He says that the CCAC brings groups together to bring about changes.
- h. He announces that they will have two block parties coming up this weekend. Bob says that they have two block parties coming up this weekend.
- i. He says that the FLEX program will start up after fall break.
- j. Devin says that they are currently writing a letter to Sprint to improve service on campus.

VIII) ADJOURNMENT

- a. Grant entertained a motion to adjourn. Ryan motioned. Robin B. seconded.
The October 8, 2008 Student Senate meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Toole
Student Body Secretary

