

# NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

## Minutes

October 15, 2008

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

### I) **Opening Business**

- a. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- b. Bob led the invocation.
- c. Shawnika G., David W., Michael S., and Pat T. were absent.
- d. Grant entertained a motion to approve the October 7, 2008 executive summary. Robin motioned. Stephanie seconded. *The October 7, 2008 executive summary was approved at 6:04 p.m.*

### II) **Podium**

### III) **Officer Reports**

- a. Mr. Bob Reish, Student Body President
  - i. Bob met with Mike ~~Bray~~
  - ii. He says that he also went to the CCAC meeting on Thursday, which was the first meeting since April. He says that it was a compilation of a lot of groups around the area. He thought that it was very productive. He says that they talked about student parties and being a good neighbor. They also talked about student safety off campus and how to respond. Lastly, they talked about zoning issues and students living in single family units.
  - iii. He says that they want to set up a list serve for community members off campus in order to inform students about break ins when they are away.
- b. Mr. Grant Schmidt, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Grant says that Ryan will talk about last lecture. He says that he met with Coach Brey and they talked about Breytopia. He says that they also talked about having pep rallies for the basketball team. He proposed having about 300 students come into the JACC and run plays of ND and the opposing team. He adds that they will buy pizza.
  - ii. Grant says that Coach Brey is interested in doing the Last Lecture Series.
- c. Ms. Karen Koski, Chief Executive Assistant
  - i. Programming Board met on Monday. They talked about a Halloween party which would take place on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 12-4 p.m.
  - ii. She is also working on getting things together for the blood drive.
- d. Ms. Kristen Lewis, Faculty Senate Liaison
  - i. Professor Lewis says that they have an executive meeting coming up and if anyone has topics then let her know.

### IV) **Committee Reports**

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
  - i. Ryan says that the Last Lecture Series had its first offer accepted. Their first speaker will be James McKenna.

- ii. He says that due to scheduling the series has been moved to Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. He says that Dr. Gunty come to their meeting to discuss the online TCE's.
  - iv. He says that he had meeting with Harold Pace and a member of OIT, in which they are looking to take members from his and Gus' committees to work on registering.
  - v. He says that they will pick up excused absences resolution after fall break.
- b. Committee on Community Relations
- i. Gus says that they are working on the Fall Festival.
  - ii. He says that he contacted the registrar's office to get addresses of off campus students in order to get the off campus list serve up and running.
  - iii. He is also working on getting off campus website.
- c. Committee on Gender Issues
- i. Lauren says that for now they are focused on Sexual Assault Week. They have three major things planned, but they are working on the budget first.
- d. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
- i. Alyssa says that they met last Sunday. They talked about having an International Showcase. She says that they will be meeting with leaders of the cultural clubs to discuss this further.
  - ii. She says that they will be researching minority faculty.
  - iii. They are also working on ~~Hispanic~~ Hispanic Month next month.
- e. Committee on Oversight *Nahn Amizer*
- i. Ian says that they worked on the Amendment on the agenda for today.
- f. Committee on Residence Life
- i. Joy says that DVD rental program will be up and running after break.
  - ii. He committee will be working on a resolution for registering online for RecSports.
- g. Committee on Social Concerns
- i. Michelle says that they have a resolution under General Orders.
  - ii. She says that they are working on other initiatives as well.
- h. Committee on University Affairs
- i. Ashlee says that they will be pushing back the debate until after the election.
  - ii. She says that she will have the breakdown of the dorms for the mock election the Sunday after break.
- i. Ad Hoc Committee On Student Outreach
- i. Sarah says that they took a look at the survey, and they are planning on sending out the link to the survey when we get back. She asks if she should send out the link over break.
  - ii. Ryan H. asks can they send a reminder after fall break.
  - iii. Ashlee says that she is not really on the computer at home.

- iv. Lauren says that if they keep the link up when get back then that is fine.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Technology
  - i. Devin says that the LaFortune cluster is getting revamped over Christmas.
  - ii. He says that they formed a committee with Ryan's committee to head the TCE's.
  - iii. He says that today they met with Harold Page about off campus website.
  - iv. He says that he met with Steve to get the Jordan cluster ball rolling.

V) **GENERAL ORDER**

- a. Resolution SS0809-12 Domer Dollar Donations
  - i. Grant directs everyone's attention to the resolution.
  - ii. Michelle says that it is a resolution that will allow students to be able to use Domer Dollars to donate.
  - iii. Grant moves to questions regarding grammar. There are no corrections.
  - iv. Grant moves to content clarification. There are no corrections.
  - v. Megan asks did they find out how much the swipers will cost.
  - vi. Michelle says 3500 dollars, but they will get money from technology fund. She says that they will also see if Food Services will be updating theirs and if they would donate them for this purpose.
  - vii. Grant moves to vote. The resolution was approved with a vote of 26-1-0 at 6:20 p.m.
- b. Resolution SS0809-13 Commending OIT for Transition
  - i. Grant gives the floor to Devin.
  - ii. Devin says that this is a resolution thanking OIT for going through Google transition.
  - iii. Grant asks for questions, grammatical errors, and correction to content. There are no corrections.
  - iv. Grant opens up to debate.
  - v. Robin L. asks if this is necessary. Devin tells her that it was a long process and that he feels that they deserve a formal thank you.
  - vi. Grant says that it is a formal way to thank them for their work.
  - vii. Ryan H. says that it should be treated as a thank you letter.
  - viii. Ryan B. thinks that it is nice because this is the first year that they have been working with student government.
  - ix. Karen clarifies that they have worked with us in the past. Ryan corrects himself and says formally.
  - x. Ian says that he thinks that it is called for because they did a lot of work.
  - xi. Mike asks can the resolution state that it is a way to bridge the gap and say thanks for working with student government formally.
  - xii. Zach motions to vote.
  - xiii. Grant moves to vote. The resolution was approved with a vote of 26-1-0 at 6:25 p.m.

- c. Resolution SS0809-14 Annual Awards Act Amendment
  - i. Grant gives floor to Ian.
  - ii. Ian says that the resolution was in review of the Michael J. Award. It is mention under two articles, so they wanted to consolidate into one place.
  - iii. Grant asks for questions, clarifications, and grammatical errors. There are no corrections.
  - iv. Grant processes to voting. The resolution was approved with a vote of 27-0-0 at 6:27 p.m.
- d. Distribution of the Faculty Address 2008 given by Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C.
  - i. Grant asks Karen to pass them out. He says that John Jenkins called him and Bob in office to discuss this. The address was about diversity and female hiring. He says that in three weeks, November 12<sup>th</sup>, we are going to discuss this. They want to go back to John Jenkins and give him Senate feedback.
  - ii. He says that this is important for us.

#### VI) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Greg Salter says that in *Observer* they talked about Matt Barloh is the President of Knott hall and President of the shirt. He had to step down because both are numerated position. He says that it is a blow to the hall. The rector thinks that he is the best thing to happen to dorm. They are looking at the Constitution, subsection C part 3. He says that it is a good rule. He adds that although it is an enumerated position, and they think that it should be in their hand to allow him to keep doing his job.
- b. He drafted a resolution and will it give to Ian, and to his understanding with a 2/3th vote then Matt can continue to be president of both.
- c. Bob clarifies that he is not Knott hall president now since he accepted the position.
- d. Zach who made him step down. Grant says that he was approved by Cor and according to the constitution he cannot hold two enumerated positions.
- e. Mike asks about the resolution and about when was it passed.
- f. Ian says that his committee updated the language of the articles. He says that they have always been enumerated positions.
- g. Ryan H. says that he expresses support of Greg and his resolution.
- h. Grant says they will address it when it is brought to Senate.
- i. Ryan H. asks has there been progress with the skunks. Grant says that he will check on it.
- j. Katie W. says that her friends have had problem with the wireless switch. She asks Devin and his committee to look into this.
- k. Nick says this place is not a very handicap friendly place. He asks that they look at seeing how much it will cost to get automatic doors around campus.
- l. Karen tells Katie to tell her friends to call the OIT help desk in the mean time.
- m. Ashlee asks the chairs to see her after the meeting.

#### VII) ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### VIII) ADJOURNMENT

- a. Grant entertained a motion to adjourn. Austin motioned. Ryan P. seconded.  
*The October 15, 2008 Student Senate meeting adjourned at 6: 38 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Toole  
Student Body Secretary

