

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Minutes

October 29, 2008

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I) Opening Business

- a. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- b. Grant led the invocation. ^{present}
- c. Anastassia F., ~~Jon V.~~, Katie W., Austin H., Ryan B., and Pat T. were absent.
- d. Grant entertained a motion to approve the October, 2008 executive summary. Alyssa motions to change Hispanic month to Native American Month in her committee report. Robin L. seconded. Robin L. motions to change Brea to Brey in Bob's report. Ryan P. *The October 15, 2008 executive summary was approved at 6:10 p.m.*

II) Officer Reports

- a. Mr. Bob Reish, Student Body President
 - i. Bob says that he met with the marketing department and athletic department to talk about ways in which student government can support the teams. He says that they also talked about Breytopia and the Leprechaun ~~Leach~~. He says that they hope to incorporate student government in these activities.
 - ii. Bob says that Flex starts tomorrow. He adds that they have three of the committees set. He goes over the three committees and what they will be doing in these committees.
 - iii. He says that he met with the Ad Hoc committee that Father Jenkins put together for safety on campus during home football games. He says that he will be giving updates.
- b. Mr. Grant Schmidt, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Grant says he handed out the faculty address before break, and this handout is a summary of that. He says that he will email the actual report. He says that Senate will talk about it on November 12th.
 - ii. Grant says that he met with Jim Labella to discuss displaying the price in the Huddle in LaFortune. Labella said that the reason that the prices are not displayed is because prices are changes constantly and it would be hard work to keep up with this. Grant adds that people requested seeing a swiper in the Huddle to see the prices.
 - iii. Grant, Bob and Gus will be meeting with the taxi companies to talk about things that they are doing.
- c. Ms. Karen Koski, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Karen says that she met with the American Red Cross about the blood drive. As of now the date is December 8th from 8-3p.m. She adds that she hope to have help from Senate.
 - ii. She says that the next Programming Board meeting is next week at 6:30 p.m.

- iii. She says that she is also working with Portland to organize their trip here.
- iv. She adds that someone mentioned that a similar census was done that is similar to the survey out now, and she will look into the archives.
- d. Ms. Kristen Lewis, Faculty Senate Liaison
 - i. Kristen Lewis is not here.
 - ii. Grant introduces Carson, who is filing in for Brian.

III) Podium

- i. Grant introduces Rachel from the Office of Sustainability.
- ii. She says thanks to the student for pushing to do more about the environment. She adds that they have three full time staff, and four student internships.
- iii. She says that they have several focus areas such as water and design/construction. They are looking to see how much the University uses and they are making plans to see how to use less within the next five years.
- iv. She goes over the agendas that they are working on now- Bottom to Top and Top to Bottom.
- v. Rachel says that one of the latest things that they did was the competitions in the dorm to see which could use the less amount of energy.
- vi. She adds that for the last home game, they plan to coincide with NBC in their Green Week project. NBC has asked them to make the game green.
- vii. She goes over more of the things that they will be doing in the future.
- viii. She says that she wants to talk about how student government can help them out from academics-teaching environment- to residential life- for example the completion to reduce energy use.
- ix. She adds that they will be working on the Dorm Energy Audit in which they will see if the windows and thermostats work in the dorm.
- x. She encourages anyone that wants to help to go online and get her number and call.
- xi. Shawnika asks if the money that the seniors donated last year to the eco-fund went to their office. Rachel says yes.
- xii. Karen asks how they are working on the sprinkler system. Rachel says that if they have a leak then the sprinkler will shut off, or if it rain and there is enough moisture then the sprinklers will not come on.

IV) Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Ryan says that the enhanced class search is available tomorrow.
 - ii. He adds that Majors Night has begun to kick off, and they are in the first stages of planning.
 - iii. His committee will be readdressing the absentee policy for business students.
 - iv. He says that the Last Lecture, with the first speaker being McKenna, is set for November 12th.

- b. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Gus says Fall Festival is tomorrow, and he says that if anyone would like to help then let him know.
 - ii. He is also working on the reorganization for winter sports clinic and the off campus website.
- c. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Lauren says that they are working on Student Awareness Week which will be held November 17-21st.
- d. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
 - i. Alyssa says that Cultural Competency met yesterday.
 - ii. She adds that they are working on Native American month.
 - iii. She says that they have had some commitments for the international showcase.
- e. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Ian says that there is nothing new with his committee.
- f. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Joy says that today the email went out about ND DVD, and they had about 40 people to come in.
 - ii. She says that they are working on a Grab 'n go survey and a resolution for the online Rec Sports.
 - iii. Robin B. asks do you just have to pay 5 dollars for the whole year. Grant says yes. Robin B. asks what happens if you lose the DVD. Joy says that you will not get your 5 dollars back and you may have to pay a 15 dollar replacement fee.
- g. Committee on Social Life
 - i. Michelle says that she is working to help in coordinating the Office of Sustainability's Green Summit.
 - ii. She asks everyone to recycle one thing on the way out. She then gives the floor to Robin G. to talk about the farmers' market.
 - iii. Robin G. says that we have missed the boat because in the next few weeks they will only be selling radish and other small things. She says that only a third of the vendors were there. She adds that it will happen just not as soon as they had hoped.
 - iv. Grant asks what is next. She says that she is going back on a Saturday to see the vendors there. She is going to see if there is more interest, and if so then they can have it in November. If not, then they will have it in the spring.
- h. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Ashlee says that they pushed the debate until after the election. The topic is planned to be 'what the election means for the election'.
- i. Ad Hoc Committee On Student Outreach
 - i. Sarah says that the survey finally went out, and it is going really well. The survey closes on Friday. She will analyze the survey and talk to the committee chairs about their submitted questions.
 - ii. Bob asks how many have taken the survey. Sarah says about 2500.

- iii. Bob asks if people think that the incentives were the reason that people filled out the survey. Ryan P. says that when he mentioned the incentive to people they were eager to take it.
- iv. Kevin says that more people were more interested in Chipotle tickets.
- v. Lauren says that she heard that people were more interested in the iPod.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Technology
 - i. Devin says that he met with the Registrar's office and they want to get integrated with Google.
 - ii. He is working with CLC to get a resolution to get printers in every dorm.
 - iii. He says that the Mobile help desk will be available next week.
 - iv. He met with Steven Ambrosia to talk about printers in Jordan.

V) **GENERAL ORDER**

- a. Discussion Re: Printers in Residence Halls
 - i. Grant says that Devin will talk more about this. He asks Devin to give a synopsis.
 - ii. Devin says that there is a process of getting printers on campus. The process of renewal has to go through the people that OIT gets the printers from.
 - iii. He adds that OIT has a request for a proposal to get new printers, and there is a bid to provide service to ND. He says that if the bid is too low then OIT will have to cut back on some things and the printers may be the first to go.
 - iv. Grant asks which dorms have printers. He asks is there a need for those dorms that do not have printers.
 - v. Zach says that people complain to him about it all the time.
 - vi. Maggie says that it is talked about a lot in PE. She adds that even though there is a computer in the dorm next door, PW, most of the girls do not know how to connect their computer to that printer. She suggests maybe having a central computer to send to the print release. She asks how the printer in the dorm works. Grant says that it works like the printer in DeBartolo.
 - vii. Robin G. says that in Farley they are talking about buying a computer to release to print station.
 - viii. Grant says that the way that it works now is that OIT is responsible for the upkeep of the computers.
 - ix. Ian reiterates what Devin says-if they do not get enough bids then they will cut printers in the dorm. He wants to know if there is any way that they can communicate that this is really important, and that it should not be cut. Devin clarifies by saying that it is not necessarily the first thing that they will cut but it is a possibility. He adds that it has been stressed that the printers rare very important. He says that OIT realizes that it is important but they just have to work on the budget.
 - x. Catherine asks can have dorms share printers. Devin says that it is feasible but parietals would be a problem.

- xi. Ryan H. asks how long the contract is locked in for when signed. Devin says a significant amount of time. He adds that Jay from OIT has not given an exact time.
- xii. Mike says that the way that the printers are set up now is that they are favorably located. He asks if the old printers could be used elsewhere. Devin says that OIT does not own the printers, but they belong to the company in which the contract is written.
- xiii. Robin B. says that the contract is now for 4 years, but it depends on the company. She says that one thing that could be done is that big printers can be exchanged for more printers. She also says that they could get the printers but the computers would be taken from the library or some other place.
- xiv. Grant asks everyone if they think the cluster would be used less. Ashlee says that used both when she lived on campus.
- xv. Gus asks Devin to look into pharos printing in the dorm. Bob suggests getting the Mobile Help Desk to come out and look at the problem. Devin says that OIT is working on it. He says that he does not think that they can afford to work on it now.
- xvi. Sarah says that a printer in her dorm would be helpful.
- xvii. Nika asks if you have to reinstall your system to the printer each year. Ian says only if you restart your system.
- xviii. Julie asks how they got the Mac computers for the printers. Devin says that they were in storage.
- xix. Ian says that it is unacceptable that each dorm does not have a printer.
- xx. Grant asks if printers in the decrease the traffic in the clusters, should they get printers in each dorm.
- xxi. Ian asks why printers were put in some dorms if they did not have enough to put in all the dorms. Bob says that it was geographically done. Devin says that the people in OIT agree with Ian, but they do not control the budget.
- xxii. Ian says that regardless of if it causes less traffic in the cluster, he believes that they should still do it.
- xxiii. Kevin says that there is an overwhelming response for printers in all the dorms.
- xxiv. Zach in case proposal does not go through, can the university reimburse the dorms that go out and buy their own. Devin says that if a dorm buys their own computer then they will have to appoint someone to maintain or maintain it themselves.
- xxv. Ian asks how that works if the University employs OIT. Devin says that is just the way it is set up to work.
- xxvi. Karen says then maybe we can just ask if OIT will offer services.
- xxvii. Devin says that is will be a lot easier with the University support rather than OIT.
- xxviii. Megan asks if there have there been any changes to the contract before this contract. Carson says that there must have been printers add after the last contract.

- xxix. Grant says that he is getting from this that the printers are necessary. He asks how much would it decrease the traffic in the other venues if added.
- xxx. Robin B. says that if activity went down in the other venues, and they put printers in the dorm then they will take away from places like the library.
- xxxi. Catherine says that it will cut down on traffic in the morning but not during the day.
- b. Discussion Re: Study Space
 - i. Robin L. motioned to table this topic until next week. Ryan seconded.

VI) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Kevin asks where the whole Knott president issue is. Grant says that he is not hall president now, and Ian and his committee will be working on the resolution for this.
- b. Katie McCabe says girls in her dorm can't use Verizon at certain times during the day. Devin says that he will check on it.
- c. Devin says that if anyone is having problem connecting to ND secure then go on website and it walks you through.
- d. Ian asks if there is a deadline as to when nomad will not work anymore. Devin says that it is no time soon.

VII) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Additional handouts for Fr. Jenkins Faculty Address
 - i. Grant gave out the handouts.
- b. Ashlee says that they breakdown of the dorm in the Mock Election will be in the mailbox.
- c. Shawnika announces that Black Images is Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

VIII) ADJOURNMENT

- a. Grant entertained a motion to adjourn. Kevin motioned. Megan seconded.
The October 29, 2008 Student Senate meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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