

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Minutes

December 3, 2008

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I) **Opening Business**

- a. Grant called the meeting to order at *6:06 p.m.*
- b. Nicole led the invocation.
- c. Katie M., Anastassia F., Maggie H., Julie Z., and Lauren C. were absent.
- d. Grant entertained a motion to approve the November 19, 2008 executive summary. Nick motions the change the spelling of Carol to Carroll. Robin L. seconded. Michelle motions to change Committee on Social Life to Committee of Social concerns. Robin B. seconded. Jon Vu motions to change ar0ound to around in part b, section 1. Robin B. seconded. Robin B. motioned to approve minutes. Gus seconded. *The November 19, 2008 executive summary was approved at 6:09 p.m.*

II) **Podium**

- a. Alyssia Coates, Upward Bound Program Director
 - i. Grant introduces Alyssia Coates.
 - ii. She asks how many are aware of upward bound. She says that it is a precollege program here at the university. She adds that it has been a here for 42 years. She says that the program helps students at South Bend schools to get to college. She says that Notre Dame students help to tutor the kids. She states that they have had a 100% graduation rate, which they are lucky to have. They have a cohort of 9 students that are here at the university that was in the program previously.
 - iii. She says that she is here because she wants to express that the program is here on campus, and to promote the Fr. Ted Walk. She says that the program receives grant money funded by the government, and they get the same amount each year. She says that they have the walk to ensure that they have the funds available to provide the scholarships that they give out each year. They named the walk after Fr. Ted because he was the first to allow the program on campus, and because he helped the program as much as possible. The Walk will take place April 29, 2009. The cost is 10 dollars for one person and 30 dollars for a group. She says that last year they made 5000 dollars, and gave 500 to the students to go to college. She asks everyone to pass out the flyers to inform everyone of the run.

III) **Officer Reports**

- a. Mr. Bob Reish, Student Body President
 - i. He apologizes for not being at the last meeting.
 - ii. He and Grant have a meeting with a group of people from the athletic department to talk about Game Day for the University of Connecticut game that will be coming up.

- iii. He says that Bill Kirk came to CoR yesterday and talked about on and off campus safety policies and procedures. He will send out the minutes to that meeting.
- b. Mr. Grant Schmidt, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Grant says that in regards to Game Day, if have suggestions as to how he a Bob can promote this let them know. Bob stresses that this is a big game.
 - ii. Grant says that we will be selling discount booklets. He asks if they should be sold for 5 dollars, and make no profit, or sold for 10 dollars, and make a profit to purchase things for student government.
 - iii. Robin L. asks if we can sell at 5 then take it up. Grant says that he wants to keep it constant.
 - iv. Grant adds that they will be personalized. Everyone agrees to sell for 10.
 - v. He says that Erin, from HPC, wants him to pass out posters to promote a craft selling with crafts from Haiti.
- c. Ms. Karen Koski, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Karen says that the blood drive will be on Monday. She says that she was going to send out email to sign up for shift, but they have filled all but 10 spots so she sends a sheet around for everyone to sign up.
 - ii. She has posters to put up. She asks that everyone take 4 posters. She also has slips for you or your roommate if they want to sign up for shift.
 - iii. She says that you can sign up for an appointment online. They have 29 people signed up now.
- d. Ms. Kristen Lewis, Faculty Senate Liaison
 - i. Their subcommittee and Faculty Senate met yesterday. The resolution on absentees will maybe be voted on next semester.

IV) **Committee Reports**

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Ryan says that CFI are available and will be available through December 14th. He says let him know if anyone has any problems.
 - ii. He says that they had a meeting the Sunday before break and they discussed CIF's.
 - iii. He says that the study spaces that he previously mentioned are up and running. The Career Center will be open from 7 p.m. - 1a.m. He says that the will send out an email about this. He asks that people try them out and let him know how it goes.
 - iv. Catherine asks where one can sign up. Ryan says that it will be in the email that he sends out. He says that you can go online to sign up, and one can reserve a room up to seven days in advance.
- b. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Gus says that their big focus is off campus website. He hopes to have information for it by the end of the month. He and Nicole met with Bill Kirk to make sure that coordinate with them in this process.
 - ii. He says that they will meet with the media group next week.

- iii. Gus says that they will be having the Winter Break Safety Forum next Tuesday at 8 p.m. He says that it will target off campus students, but everyone is welcome. He adds that there will be Chipotle. Grant asks that Gus clarify.
 - iv. Gus says that the target of the forum is to provide a way for students to ask NDSP and SBPD question relating to winter break safety. He says that this is different from the Town Hall Meeting that will take place next semester. At that meeting dialogue will be engaged.
 - v. Grant says that the forum will be just a question session.
 - vi. Bob says that the off campus list serve hopes to be up by them so that they will be able to aware of what is going on while at home. He adds that people can also sign up with a South Bend list serve to ensure that you are informed if something happens.
- c. Committee on Gender Issues
- i. Pat says that they moved back the distributing the shirt until next week. He asks that everyone wears the shirts to the next meeting. He says the reasoning is that they want the administrators to look at the Sexual Assault policy.
 - ii. He and Lauren met with Bill Kirk and Ann Firth to talk about this.
 - iii. He says that based on the students concerns they feel that we need to address this and make it clear. He wants to compose a committee to put a proposal together to propose to Fr. Poorman.
 - iv. He says that if one has read *The Observer*, Bob mentioned the differences in punishment between boys' and girls' dorms. Pat says that they have been trying to address this, but it is taking a long time.
 - v. Grant asks him to clarify. Pat says that in the guys' dorms they have drinking parties, and less strict rules, but in the girls' dorm this is not the case. He adds that the punishment is different in the dorms as well.
 - vi. He goes on to says that there is a booklet that the Alcohol and Drug Educational Department gives out, but only to girls when sent to a particular committee. He says that the booklet says things like a girl should not drink because a guy would not want her if she is drunk.
 - vii. He says that if anyone knows someone that has been in a situation that made them uncomfortable like this then let him know.
- d. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
- i. Alyssa says that they met the Sunday before break. They moved the MLK day celebration until January 25th because they didn't want to have it right after break. She adds that they are setting up for this.
 - ii. She says that they are working on setting up Heritage months for next semester.
 - iii. Catherine asks what kind of service will be there. Alyssa says that they will have different sites for people to go such as the Robinson's Center.
- e. Committee on Oversight
- i. Ian says that they will have the Club Coordination Resolution at the next meeting.

- f. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Joy says that they have been researching alcohol policies at other schools.
 - ii. She says that Bill Kirk was at CoR addressing some of these issues.
 - iii. Karen says that we asked a lot of questions at CoR. She says that Bill Kirk was open to talking about the Good Samaritan policy. He said that the role of Resident Life is to encourage the student to grow instead of being punished. He says that he does not feel that it is needed here because students would help their fellow man. He says that he would be careful because someone may not want to Resident Life because students may be afraid of getting in trouble. She asks if there are any questions.
 - iv. Ryan says that most students disagree.
 - v. Joy says that in *The Scholastic*, there was an article about drinking at Notre Dame, and she talked to the editor about this.
 - vi. She says that they worked on the Grab and Go and Golf Resolution.
 - vii. Gus asks if they are reviewing the procedure of Resident Life hearings. Joy says that she will look into it.
- g. Committee on Social Life
 - i. Michelle apologizes for missing last week.
 - ii. She says that they have been starting conversations with student concerned with campus labor issue. They talked about roles that student government should take in this.
 - iii. She announces that on next Monday there will be a World AIDS Day Symposium. She passed out posters to post. She says that it will be a panel, and there are three different professors speaking. They will look at AIDS from many different angles. She adds that there will be free Starbucks coupon and free Chick-Fil-A.
- h. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Ashlee says that tomorrow night is the lecture on economy in the Montgomery Room. It starts at 6:30 p.m., and should last an hour.
 - ii. Grant asks what they will be talking about. Ashlee says that they will talk about what is going on.
 - iii. Grant says that they will talk about how it affects the college students.
- i. Ad Hoc Committee On Student Outreach
 - i. Sarah says that they are working with Gus and Billy on the Winter Break Safety Forum.
 - ii. She says that they will continue the 'What's the Deal' series next semester.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Technology
 - i. Ryan H. says that they are introducing the resolution.
 - ii. Bob says that Sprint/Nextel called him back, but he has been playing phone tag with the representative.

V) **GENERAL ORDER**

- a. SS0809-18 Resolution Promoting the Implementation of Printers in each Residence Hall

- i. Grant gives floor to Ryan H.
 - ii. Ryan H. says that this is a resolution promoting printers in each dorm. He goes on to say that we have discussed the reasons for the printers, which are on the sheet. He says that the reason for this done as quickly as possible is because the contract with the printer company is almost up.
 - iii. Grant says that CLC passed this resolution, and if approved here it will be given to John Affleck Graves. He asks if there are any general questions.
 - iv. Grant moves into a debate on grammar.
 - v. Austin asks if the end should say 'be it resolved'. Grant points it out to him.
 - vi. Ben motions to replace 'they' with 'it' in the first line. Greg seconded.
 - vii. Grant moves to vote on this. It is approved with a vote of 25-0-0 at 6:47 p.m.
 - viii. Grant moves into a debate on content. There are no suggestions.
 - ix. Grant proceeds to voting. It is approved with a vote of 24-0-0 at 6:48 p.m.
- b. Discussion Re: Grab and Go/Golf Facilities Survey Results
- i. Grant gives the floor to Joy.
 - ii. Joy asks to pass in the survey if they had not already. She asks what the response was to golf. Ben says that in his dorm there was support.
 - iii. Kevin says that they would like lower prices, but still will not make them go out to play golf.
 - iv. Joy says that in regards to Grab and Go, it is hard to find a balance of promoting people to go. The head of food services does not want it to be better than the dining hall. Robyn G. says that the food at Grab and Go is not hot so people will not stop going to the dining hall.
 - v. Ryan B. says that people still want someplace to sit and eat.
 - vi. Joy many people said that it is not healthy but want to add things like Mac and Cheese.
 - vii. Austin says that it is healthy.
 - viii. Pat asks if they can have bread options.
 - ix. Robin B. says that there are no choices for vegans.
 - x. Kaitlyn says that the only healthy things the girls in her dorm said that they had were yogurt or fruit.
 - xi. Kevin suggests making smaller servings.
 - xii. Andrew asks why won't they let you swipe more than once if have extra meals left over for the meals. Joy says that they budget at the beginning of the year for the food that they will serve all year, and if the food is not eaten then they lose money.
 - xiii. Andrew adds that the seven points do not equal a meal.
 - xiv. Karen says that one reason that can't swipe for extra meals is because they have the same swipers upstairs.
 - xv. Bob says that Sarah's committee is working on that and will get a answer for that in the 'What's the Deal' series.

- xvi. Grant says that he and Joy met with someone to see why can't increase the points and he said that it is due to budgeting.
- xvii. Brain says that the point system came from a previous student committee a few years back. He says that there used to be three shelves and one would go in and pick something from each shelf, but then they changed to the point system. He says that the way that it works is that they bank on students using 9 meals a week.
- xviii. Ryan B. asks if we can get a statistic as to how many meals students eat. She adds that they should not bank on students not eating.
- xix. Robin B. says that the food in Jordan is better than the food in Grab and Go.
- xx. Andrew says that a lot of people feel that South's Grab and Go is better than North's and that is not fair.
- xxi. Ryan B. asks if it is possible to get a location not in the dining halls. Joy says no.
- xxii. Robin B. asks if they can switch the one in North to the other end because it is out of the way. Joy says that she will look into it.
- xxiii. Gus asks if they have surveys to see what students want. He asks how they come up with the choices. Joy says that they do.
- xxiv. Catherine suggests them adding Campbell's soup.
- xxv. Stephanie asks if they can they add cans of pop.
- xxvi. Austin suggests not having a kiddie bottle of water.
- xxvii. Pat asks what about not having paper bags. Michelle says that it will be taken care of by her committee.
- xxviii. Robin B. suggests having wheat pita bread.
- xxix. Grant asks if there is anyone that did not turn in their survey.

VI) NEW BUSINESS

VII) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Nick announces Carroll Christmas this Friday. They will have their first Latino Santa. Ashlee asks how long it will last. Nick says about 2 hours. He says that it starts at 7 p.m.
- b. Alyssa says that Voices of Faith will have their concert this Saturday at 6 p.m.
- c. Karen encourages everyone to sign up for blood drive shifts.
- d. Bob says if on you are CLC or CoR then please inform him if you will not be present.
- e. Kevin thanks everyone for coming out to the ND pageant.

VIII) ADJOURNMENT

- a. Grant entertained a motion to adjourn. Robin B. motioned. Kaitlyn seconded.
The December 3, 2008 Student Senate meeting adjourned at 7:07p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Student Body Secretary