

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
January 23, 2008
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I) **Opening Business**

- a. Maris called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Stephen led the invocation.
- c. Mariana, Patrick, Prof. Noble, Rachel, Jim H., Ezinne, and Maria were absent.
- d. Maris entertained the motion to approve the January 16th minutes. Victoria motioned, and Tara seconded. *The January 16, 2008 minutes were approved at 6:07 p.m.*

II) **Podium**

- a. Chef Miller, Notre Dame Food Services – Locally Grown Produce
 - i. Chef Miller spoke about the relationship between ourselves, food, and local resources in lecture titled “Understanding Suitable Dining Options.” Chef Miller spoke of many aspects of using locally grown and their benefits, such as the impact of what we do to our planet and how the community should approach sustainable food practices in positive way, combine morality with pleasure. He stated that we are off to a great start, especially from the awareness campaign from the Senate subcommittee, but we must continue and expand, mostly through collaboration and understanding between students, staff, and faculty about developing local sources, identifying what we can afford, and developing seasonally menus. Victoria asked if we buy any other items locally, e.g. meat. Chef Miller responded not meat, but lots of dairy locally. George asked if there is any way for students to voice opinion about a change. Mike responded that there are ways in each dining hall that are taking seriously, online comment cards, and online surveys.
- b. Ms. Liz Brown – Final State of the Student Union
 - i. Liz spoke about what has been going on plus what is still to come in the next two months. She spoke of the “Handle it as it comes attitude” of the Senate, such as with the ordinance w/South Bend. She noted the Notre Dame Forum on Immigration and success of the Student/Faculty debates. In the next couple months, Sheena is planning a student forum on immigration, done by and for students with student panelists and an outside moderator. Liz also spoke about another main issue not seen coming into office being about energy/environment, with a huge student surge and response, leading to next year’s forum focusing on these issues. Also, a lot of initiatives didn’t expect, e.g. Green Summit next week and participating in Recycle Mania. She stated that they wanted to work on bridging gap between students being on campus and moving off-campus, through the off-campus information seminar in March with

the highlight being the distribution of Good Neighbor Guide to educate students about what is expected of them when moving off campus. Also noted how the Senate handled the course packet issue, responding to student issue. Also in the Athletic facilities report, saw a gap in 5/10 year plan with sub-par facilities in dorms, pushing for new funding to improve student life in dorms with recreational activities. Liz ended by stating how proud she is of way we worked this year to best improve student body and encouraged Senate to work hardest, seek out student input/voice, identify what is missing, and find what your passionate about for last two months.

III) Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Maris Braun, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Maris, on Monday, had a public affairs meeting about how to approach next year's forum in a different way, focusing on grabbing students' attention early in March/April and continue through summer, so when we all come back already buzz about forum. Also, Green Summit is on Monday and Maris will be hosting with Colleen Kelly, so please bring great ideas and realistic goals. Liz, Maris, and Sheena have begun 2nd Trustees report.
- b. Ms. Sheena Plamoottil, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Sheena, on Friday, met with website people for inthebend.com which has info. about area, restaurants, movie theaters etc. Green Summit will be discussion-based, really excited about, first time it has been done. She is starting to work on the student forum, looking for moderators and finalizing budget. She expressed thanks to Student Activities, who contributed lots of money to Green Summit.
- c. Ms. Liz Brown, Student Body President
 - i. Liz added about Trustees report. Finalizing contract with Good Neighbor guide, received funding and all set to go.
- d. Mr. Thomas Noble, Faculty Senate Liaison
 - i. Couldn't attend but: January 30th is next session with faculty senate and clocks in classroom resolution should be on floor in February.

IV) Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Carol has posters for majors night, which is February 7th from 6-8. Committee's biggest event of year, and host. There will be a resolution coming soon about academic advising. Parker Ladwig from library is coming next week to talk about e-reserves. Also the printer resolution and future collaboration with OIT.
- b. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Colin said they are making lots of progress on senior event in South Bend. Also working on off-campus transition seminar and 2nd annual community summit.
- c. Committee on Social Concerns

- i. Karen distributed posters going along with Chef Miller's presentation. Stand Against Hate week something working on right now. Also, university is hosting millennium development symposium, so working on creating a pre-symposium event about what symposium is about and why should feel compel to attend and will be at end of February.
 - d. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Brenna said everything is going well for health/body event. Email bdoyle@nd.edu if dorm has gender relations rep. whom she can contact and if dorm meets regularly as hall council, just so she has an idea if info can travel through hall council.
 - e. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Mariana was meeting w/contact on iTunesU and she is presenting on Friday to larger committee on technology. Also, if any other issues arising besides wireless in dorms, shoot her an email
 - f. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Callie introduced Recycling Mania which starts next week and is a 10-week program to encourage recycling. Kick-off is from 7-1pm Sunday in Dooley room.
 - g. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Ian had nothing new to report.
 - h. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
 - i. Ninny said that MLK day of community service has had a large response with only a few spots left.

V) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Student Senate Resolution SS0708-21 "On the Table"

VI) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Student Senate Resolution SS0708-23
 - i. Carol introduced resolution which is in response to printer issue with e-reserves and not enough printers and congestion in DeBart. Have found a very feasible option. Ryan described how resolution came about with the committee wanting to do something to alleviate the congestion/printing problems. Essentially puts 2 new printers and accompany print release stations in DeBart. Really as cost-efficient as need. Ryan also brought up raising awareness about printing wireless from own personal computers to any university printer and also possibly printers in all dorms, in which costs will be examined. Carol noted that was something ResLife was working on and before not possible, now maybe real possibility. Ryan added about future collaboration with OIT and Senate and really wants to continue and formalize communications between the two. Maris entertained any questions about content or grammar. Jim L. asked about if used personal computer to wireless print, do you have to use print release station. Ryan responded that it will cut down time in lab, with people only going to print station. Erdina asked about printers on different floors. Ryan responded

that he brought it up, something thinking about in future. Sheena asked if brought up any questions/problems about new congestion at new printers. Ryan responded that shouldn't be a problem but soon will put physical decoy to see if it will be a problem. Ryan added that it is something that can happen very quickly and can be implemented right after spring break. Maris moved into general debate. Maris moved to voting. Resolution SS0708-23 passed at 7:10 p.m. with a vote of 24-0-0.

- b. Student Senate Resolution SS0708-24
 - i. Scott introduced resolution to honor rector of Alumni Hall, Father George. He briefly described resolution, citing Father George's commitment and devotion to Notre Dame. Maris moved into any questions about content or grammar. Maris moved into general debate. Maris moved into voting. Resolution SS0708-24 passed at 7:18 p.m. with a vote of 25-0-0.
- c. Need new CoR rep and CLC rep.
 - i. Liz explained what to do from Constitution. George was alternate for CoR, and is now voting member. Need new alternate for CoR and new representative for CLC. Nominees for CoR: Erdina by Robin. Maris entertained motion for unanimous consent. Robin motioned, Tara seconded. Vote: unanimous. Erdina new alternate for CoR. Nominees for CLC: Stephan by Robin. Tara by Gus. Stephan withdrew nomination. Maris entertained motion for unanimous consent. Robin motioned, Gus seconded. Vote: unanimous. Tara new rep. for CLC. Maris moved to close the meeting, Stephen motioned, Gus seconded. Meeting closed.
- d. Representative for Executive Election Committee
 - i. Ashley Weiss stated that George was one of the representatives for the Executive Election Committee and Ethics Committee as liaison and non-voting member. George resigned due to conflict of interest. Maris entertained nomination of oneself or someone else. Nominees: Kelly Dunbar by George (withdrawn). Jim L. Ryan. Robin. Vote: Jim L. Jim L. representative on Executive Election Committee.

VII) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Carol brought up about Catholic character and faculty – start talking to people about it for next meeting and start getting some ideas flowing/getting more informed about the subject. Erdina asked Carol to clarify. Carol said she would prepare a summary paragraph.
- b. Sheena has found out people haven't been going to committee meetings. If don't go, will be called out at senate meetings.
- c. Liz reiterated: bring up Catholic character and faculty in hall councils, attend committee meetings, and sexual assault awareness posters distributed to rectors

VIII) ADJOURNMENT

- a. Maris entertained a motion to adjourn. Ian moved to adjourn. Gus seconded. *The January 23, 2008 Senate meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary

