

# NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

## Minutes

January 21, 2009

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

### I) **Opening Business**

- a. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- b. Robin B. led the invocation.
- c. Stephanie M., David W., and Ashlee W. were absent.
- d. Grant entertained a motion to approve the December 10, 2008 executive summary. Kevin motioned. Katie seconded. *The December 10, 2008 executive summary was approved at 6:09 p.m.*

### II) **Podium**

### III) **Officer Reports**

- a. Mr. Bob Reish, Student Body President
  - i. Bob welcomes everyone back.
  - ii. Bob starts off by saying that before the break, CLC passed two resolutions, both of which were sent to Fr. Poorman. He adds that Fr. Poorman gave a response to the two resolutions within two weeks. He adds that one of the resolutions, printers in every dorm, will take effect by next semester.
  - iii. The other resolution, student affairs involvement in new and transfer student orientation, called that a committee be formed. He added that this was also passed, and Brian Coughlin will chair the committee.
  - iv. He adds that in the coming weeks the graduate students will be talking about ticket exchange. He then goes on to say that they also want to get involved in the student government DVD rental. He adds that they also want to help with the bike clinic to be held on campus.
  - v. Bob then talks about the Intercollegiate Council, one of their initiatives when running for office. He says that he sent out emails to the schools in which interested in inviting, and he has gotten responses from a new school already. He adds that he will also send an email to Vanderbilt.
  - vi. He says that Billy and other students have been working to have a forum about what is lawful off campus. Bob says that he talked to Keri, from NDSP, who gave him information on a speaker. She suggested having C.L. Lindsey come to talk about what is allowed off campus. Bob sends around a poster about the event. He adds that it is mandatory for all the members to attend.
- b. Mr. Grant Schmidt, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Grant passes around the off campus discount booklets for all of the new faces of Senate to see.
- c. Ms. Karen Koski, Chief Executive Assistant
  - i. Karen says that Programming Board will meet tomorrow for first time this semester. She adds that she has taken a larger role in FLEX. She adds that she will be giving updates on what FLEX is doing. She says

- that now they are working on the Student Leader Services, helping with the Intercollegiate Council, and helping with the C.L. Lindsey.
- ii. She says that she will be working on the website. She adds that she hopes to have the Last Lecture Series up on the website in the upcoming weeks.
- iii. She states that she will be working on the Board of Trustees report.
- d. Ms. Kristen Lewis, Faculty Senate Liaison
  - i. Professor Lewis says that the faculty senate responded to the resolution on absences. She says that she conducted a survey and most of the members of the senate do not want to go through the policy aspect that would come with implementing this resolution, but they are open to excusing students for the purposes stated in the resolution. She adds that they will talk further about this at the meeting.
  - ii. She adds that they will also be looking at a resolution on support for revising the Gender Issues resolution. She suggests meeting with the chairs to discuss this.

#### IV) **Committee Reports**

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
  - i. Ryan B. welcomes everyone back.
  - ii. He says that they did not meet last Sunday.
  - iii. He, Katie and other members are working on Majors' Night, to be held on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in the Joyce Center from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. He passes out posters advertising this.
  - iv. He and Katie met with someone from the Joyce Center to put together the final details.
  - v. Ryan says that all majors will be represented, but they may not be listed.
- b. Committee on Community Relations
  - i. Gus says that they did meet on Sunday, and they went over the events that they will be doing for the rest of the term.
  - ii. He adds that they received the architecture form of the off campus website. He adds that they are progressing with this.
  - iii. He says that they will be working on community relations events and off campus discount cards with Sarah's committee.
- c. Committee on Gender Issues
  - i. Pat says that their first meeting will be on Sunday.
  - ii. He adds that they are finalizing the health and aid campaign. He states that Dove will be here for the event.
- d. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
  - i. Ally says that they did meet on Sunday. She says that they will be working on MLK day. It will be a day of service and writing letters to soldiers.
  - ii. She adds that they will be meeting with the Multicultural commissioners and the people that will be involved in the International showcase.
- e. Committee on Oversight

- i. Ian will be meeting on Sunday. They will be talking about upcoming initiatives.
- f. Committee on Residence Life
  - i. Joy says that they discussed the five subcommittees that they will be composing. They will be working on making the DVD rental more efficient, Grab and Go survey, and spring break safety. She says that they will be working on the Good Samaritan alcohol policy and a charity event.
- g. Committee on Social Concerns
  - i. Michelle met on Sunday, and they have a few things going on. She says that the bike clinic is one.
  - ii. She says that the Green Summit, a way to get everyone together to talk about sustainability, is coming up everyone. She goes on to give the website in which everyone can sign up in order to attend.
  - iii. She says that they talked about Worker's Appreciation Day and other things going on.
  - iv. She says that she got an email from a worker from the Center for the Homeless, and they are trying to work on a fund raiser. She asks what everyone thinks about having an ice skating night in Joyce Center, and giving the donations to the Center for the Homeless and other organizations.
  - v. Bob asks her about the Farmers' Market. Michelle says that she will be going next weekend.
- h. Committee on University Affairs
  - i. Julie says that they talked about the discount booklets.
- i. Ad Hoc Committee On Student Outreach
  - i. Sarah says that they are working on the 'What's the Deal' series.
  - ii. She says that they are also working on the off campus forum.
  - iii. She adds that the next question for the 'What's the Deal' series will be in regards to the commencement speaker.
  - iv. She says that they will look into how cold it has to be in order for the administration to cancel class.
  - v. She says that they will be having a survey for the discount card.
  - vi. She adds that the second round of the survey will be coming out soon.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Technology
  - i. Devin says that they are working on the printers in the dorm. He adds that there is also a printer in Jordan beside the café.
  - ii. He says that they will continue to work on what they left off with.
  - iii. He asks if there are still problems with the internet in the dining hall. Some people say yes.
  - iv. He says that OIT will be starting iTunesU this semester. He says that OIT be getting information from students.
  - v. Ryan C. asks if there is an update on Verizon. Devin says that they will look at it.

- vi. Andrew asks how long until nomad is gone forever. Devin does not know. Andrew says that the new system runs slow. Devin will talk to OIT about it.

V) **GENERAL ORDER**

- a. Selection of Representatives for Council of Representatives and Campus Life Council
  - i. Grant swears in the new senators- Joy, Jennifer, and Rachel.
  - ii. Grant asks Megan and Greg if they are good for FMB. They both say yes.
  - iii. Grant then goes on to say that we need one CoR alternate. Bob explains CoR and what their job is. Grant adds that they meet on Tuesdays at 5.
  - iv. Bob explains what CLC is, who it is composed of, and when they meet. He tells everyone what the subcommittees were this year.
  - v. Grant moves into nominations. Zach nominates Jon. Jon declines. Robin B. nominates Nick. He accepts. There are no objections; therefore he is the new CoR alternate.
  - vi. Grant says that we need two people for CLC. Grant moves into nominations. Jon nominates Zach. Zach declines. Robin B. nominates Nick. Nick declines. Austin H. nominates Ryan H. Ryan H. accepts. Mike nominates Ryan P. Ryan P. accepts. Gus nominates Joy. Joy declines. Nika nominates Robin B. Robin cannot fulfill the duty because she is on CoR. Ryan H. nominates Julie. Julie declines. Julie nominates Jennifer. Jennifer accepts. Grant asks if they would like to give a speech on why they should be on CLC.
  - vii. Ryan H. says that he is committed, willing, and work hard.
  - viii. Jennifer says that she is new and with that brings new insight.
  - ix. Ryan P. says that he is very involved. He quotes his campaign slogan from high school.
    - x. Grant moves into voting.
    - xi. The winners are Ryan P. and Jennifer.
    - xii. Grant asks if there are any current issues.
    - xiii. Zach asks if the documents from Resident Life follow you after you graduate. He adds that it does not seem right. Brian says that they do not do that. He says that they only give out information on you if it is requested.
  - xiv. Julie says that she has heard rumors about College Gameday. Grant says that you cannot camp out to get tickets until Friday. Julie asks who is in charge. Grant say that the athletic department. Bob says that he will find out and will send out an email. Julie asks if someone without a ticket come to the event. Grant says yes.
  - xv. Sarah asks about campus development, for example Ryan Hall being built way on West Quad. Bob says that the architect came last year and there is a website for it.
  - xvi. Karen says that it is important to go to hall council and bring information back.

- b. Updates on Off Campus Discount Booklets

**VI) NEW BUSINESS**

**VII) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Brian says that Fr. Poorman said that although he signed the resolution OIT is supplying the money. Devin says that next week there will be a resolution for this issue. It will be a formal thank you.
- b. Ben asks if any of the printers will be removed as originally stated. Grant says no.
- c. Greg asks if the Career Fair will be a problem. Grant asks who all is going.
- d. Devin says that the cylinders in the dorms will be used by OIT for safety issue. He says that they will ask of they are working.
- e. Nick asks who he should talk to about snow removal.

**VIII) ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Grant entertained a motion to adjourn. Zach motioned. John seconded. *The January 21, 2008 Student Senate meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Whitney Toole  
Student Body Secretary

