

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
January 29, 2009
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I) **Opening Business**

- a. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m.
- b. Grant led the invocation.
- c. Austin, Jon, and Dave were absent.
- d. Grant entertained a motion to approve the April 30, 2009 executive summary.
The January 21, 2009 executive summary was approved at 6:00 p.m.

II) **Officer Reports**

- a. Mr. Bob Reish, Student Body President
 - i. Bob says that he has to leave early to meet with C.L. Lindsey in preparation for tonight's presentation.
 - ii. He has talked to the President of Wash U and Northwestern about the Intercollegiate College. Both were very interested in attending.
 - iii. He will be speaking with representatives from Vanderbilt and Purdue as well.
 - iv. The conference will take place in April
 - v. Grant, Karen, and Bob have been preparing for the BOT report. The presentation is on February 5th.
- b. Mr. Grant Schmidt, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Grant said he will speak about the BOT report under General Orders.
- c. Ms. Karen Koski, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. She says there are a lot of programming events going on as well.
 - ii. She said that they are going to attach a schedule of events and have food the week before Valentine's Day to pass out to the student body.
- d. Ms. Kirsten Lewis
 - i. She met with Ryan's committee.
 - ii. One of the suggestions made said that faculty should put an official position on interview excused absences in the syllabus.
 - iii. Previous absences and
 - iv. She is going to write up a resolution to present to Faculty Senate on placing their policies in the syllabuses.
 - v. She said there is no official position on syllabuses.
 - vi. She said they would try to pass it through the deans and chairs who would then pass it on to the departments.
 - vii. She is open to recommendations or suggestions.
 - viii. Grant asks if there is a recommended way of constructing a syllabus.
 - ix. Kirsten said it is a new part of the online course objective initiative.
 - x. She said they discussed the possibility of adding a question to that form that covers interview absences.
 - xi. She said most faculty are not filling out that information yet.
 - xii. She met with Patrick about the sexual assault policy review.

- xiii. They have a break until March for the next Faculty Senate. They will see how the process unfolds until then.
- xiv. She says that her Dad was Student Body President in 1965.
- xv. She asks if current Student Government members will sign the birthday card with the name and dorm.

III) Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Ryan said he had a very productive meeting with Professor Lewis. Majors Night is tomorrow night. He asks if they could send out an e-mail to the dorms, specifically freshmen and sophomore. At their meeting they discussed ongoing and future projects. The online syllabus database is a big focus for the semester.
- b. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Gus says they are figuring out the dates for traditional events in the spring. He has a meeting on Friday with NDSP and SB Police for current prevention and safety matters for the off-campus website.
 - ii. Grant says they will break down the website in a future meeting.
- c. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Pat says they are trying to get more funding for the Health and Body Image Conference on February 26.
 - ii. He will continue to update with the sexual assault policy.
 - iii. Fr. Poorman invited Lauren and Pat to be on a committee with Bill Kirk, Ann Firth, and Heather Rakozy to devise a roadmap how they should evaluate the current policies about sexual assault.
- d. Committee on multicultural Affairs
 - i. Alyssa says MLK Day of Service will be held this weekend.
 - ii. They are working on the International Showcase and seeing what groups are interested in participating.
 - iii. They will be meeting with the dorms' multi-cultural commissioners.
 - iv. Grant asks her to expand on the MLK Day of Service.
 - v. They had problems securing the auditorium for Hesburgh Library.
- e. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Ian says that they met last Sunday and has nothing new to report.
- f. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Joy says that they are organizing the Grab & Go Survey Result. They had a problem due to some senators tallying and the others who just circled the top three.
 - ii. Ben suggests taking the top three from the tallies and converting them.
 - iii. For the DVD program, they decided to have the chairs work the hours.
 - iv. For iTunes U, Devin and Joy had a meeting with Paul Turner at OIT to put together three collections.
 - v. They are supposed to put together content and a core group of people from Campus Tech, WVFI, FTT, OIT, and other students to gather the material.

- vi. Joy says people should be able to tape events and add them to the website. They need qualified people.
- vii. Grant asks if everyone knows what iTunes U is.
- viii. Devin says to go into the iTunes Store and look for iTunes U to see selections from schools like Stanford.
- ix. Grant says it would ultimately want to have events like Bengal Bouts as well as lectures.
- g. Committee on Social Concerns
 - i. Michelle says that she has been speaking with the ice rink commissioner.
 - ii. They will try to have a Thursday event in the next few weeks.
 - iii. They had a discussion in their meeting about Worker Appreciation Day. She is open to suggestions and comments.
 - iv. Julie and Kaitlyn have been working on the Green Summit.
 - v. Michelle asks for volunteers to come to the Green Summit.
 - vi. Julie and Kaitlyn are going to go to the Farmer's Market this weekend.
- h. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Ashlee says she has the posters for the discount books. The books will start being sold on February 1 for \$10 at LaFortune Box Office.
 - ii. They will be available for everyone and start multiple marketing campaigns.
 - iii. At the end of February, there will be a panel discussion entitled "A Look at the Bush Legacy."
- i. Ad Hoc Committee On Student Outreach
 - i. Sarah says that questions for the survey are due February 4.
 - ii. Grant says this a great opportunity to ask people at Hall Governments what frustrates them and how they can promote different events.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Technology
 - i. Devin says he will speak briefly about IPPA. It is the in-dorm PA system.
 - ii. They need two representatives to listen 2-5 tests in a span of five hours on February 17th, from 5:30-6:00.

IV) **GENERAL ORDERS**

- a. Resolution SS0809-21 Commending OIT for Implementation of Printers in Each Residence Hall
 - i. Grant introduces the resolution and gives the floor to Devin.
 - ii. Devin said the negotiations with Xerox have been quite lengthy.
 - iii. Printers will be placed in all the dorms as well as additional printers will be installed in the clusters.
 - iv. He says it will commend OIT for working with Student Government to get the plan passed.
 - v. Grant opens the floor up to grammar and corrections.
 - vi. Ben moves to strike the letters PPP from the resolution. Gus seconds.
 - vii. Ryan moves to add Gordon Wishon's name in the second whereas clause. Ryan seconds.
 - viii. With a vote of 24-0-0, the change is approved.

- ix. Grant asks if there are any content changes.
 - x. Without any objections, Grant moves to voting.
 - xi. The resolution is passed with a vote of 24-0-0 at 6:36 PM.
 - xii.
- b. Discussion Re: Community Relations and Off Campus Safety
- i. Grant says they have written an executive summary for the BOT meeting.
 - ii. At their last meeting they spoke about game day policies and off-campus safety.
 - iii. The BOT asked them to address that in February as well as give a State of the Union.
 - iv. Grant asks for opinions on off-campus issues.
 - v. In the report, the tailgating issue is not addressed because that was covered by Fr. Jenkins's committee.
 - vi. He asks if off-campus safety is still a concern when students go off campus for various things.
 - vii. Cath says she thinks off-campus safety will always be an issue and that it should always be addressed.
 - viii. She says she thinks students are more aware of their rights and tonight's event is helpful.
 - ix. Michelle says she thinks the best thing that Student Government has done so far is laying the groundwork for future changes.
 - x. She says that although concrete things haven't been done, a better reach is accomplished through the off-campus website.
 - xi. Karen says that laying the groundwork to ensure bad things won't happen is hopefully reducing the issue for the future.
 - xii. Joy asks what the progress of the off-campus website is.
 - xiii. Gus says that after the Student Affairs website is up, the Off-Campus will look where their website will fit in.
 - xiv. Grant says that the focus is separate from specific stories, but more about the student body's pulse.
 - xv. Gus said students could give input.
 - xvi. Grant said it is an open forum and they are encouraging people to say how they could better the situations.
 - xvii. Michelle says it is beneficial and motivating for people to share individual stories.
 - xviii. Karen says they are moving to making information more readily accessible.
 - xix. Sarah says the general consensus about going off-campus is difficult because there is confusion about jurisdiction in the Turtle Creek and Clover Ridge area.
 - xx. Grant says that NDSP and Keri Kei Shibata have done a great job organizing safety prevention events.
 - xxi. He asks if since more dialogue is occurring, are students aware of being more safety conscious.

- xxii. Pat says that after speaking with Keri Kei, a major focus is promoting awareness about safety initiatives with the help of Student Government.
- xxiii. Gus asks the senators what the number one concern is when they go off campus.
- xxiv. Ryan H. says police and the threat of getting arrested. He says as long as people drink, that will be the number one concern.
- xxv. Zach says that a lot of people have expressed interest in tonight's event.
- xxvi. He said he has never heard people say they will not go off-campus because they do not feel safe.
- xxvii. Robin says some people hesitate to stay out late because of the cab companies wait time.
- xxviii. Grant says that since everyone in the room is on campus, they haven't experienced the block parties yet.
- xxix. He says one of the things he wants to work on the rest of the semester is building the relationship between Notre Dame and South Bend.
- xxx. Grant says that small businesses are excited to work with Notre Dame students and wants to establish a relationship with them.
- xxxi. Robin asked when the guard gates when up.
- xxxii. Grant said he will find out.
- xxxiii. He asks Brian and he said they were present in the early 1990s.
- xxxiv. Grant says that is a separate issue than how they interact with South Bend residents.
- xxxv. Robin says it is difficult to get on and off campus, even with groceries.
- xxxvi. Ryan asks if they have spoken with Phil Johnson about their policies, specifically about searches.
- xxxvii. Grant says that safety and security as well as parking and traffic issues contribute to the policies.
- xxxviii. Grant says they will find out more about the issue.
- xxxix. Ryan H. says the BOT should know that we want the BOT to support the student body, as opposed to perceived support for South Bend Police over the students.
 - xl. Devin asks about the resolution for the taxi cabs and companies.
 - xli. Gus says there is a lot of work being done, it is a complex process.
 - xl.ii. Grant said they have talked to a lot of cab drivers about a card swipe policy or a pre-paid card system.
 - xl.iii. He says it will take a long time due to getting all of the legitimate taxi companies on board with the plans.
 - xl.ii. Robin asks about the bus issue.
 - xl.v. Grant says that Notre Dame is not centrally located and a problem in establishing a route.
 - xl.vi. Joy asks if it is Student Government's responsibility to put on different events about student rights each year.

- xlvii. Karen wants to say that BOT has been very supportive of Student Government. She says they really value this time to present in front of them.
- xlviii. Grant says if there are any issues, please e-mail or speak with him.

V) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Gus said that Keenan Revue is next week. They sell of quickly.
- b. Siegfried Day of Man is coming up soon. Donations go to the South Bend Center for the Homeless.
- c. Kaitlyn says the Welsh Fam DanceFest is next weekend and encourages people to attend.
- d. Katie W. said McGlinn's Casino Night is next weekend as well and proceeds go to charity, hosted in SDH.

VI) ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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