

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
February 18, 2009
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I) **Opening Business**

- a. Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
- b. Austin led the invocation.
- c. Grant, Anastassia, Gus, Ryan H., and Andrew were absent.
- d. Ryan entertained a motion to approve the February 4, 2009 executive summary. *The February 4, 2009 executive summary was approved at 6:10 p.m.*

II) **Officer Reports**

- a. Mr. Bob Reish, Student Body President
 - i. Bob gave an update about the CCAC meeting. They discussed what the constituencies were doing to bridge the gap and that they focused this year on community building.
 - ii. John Affleck-Graves has chosen a new insurance company, Aetna, and Bob will give an update on changes in coverage next week.
 - iii. Bob and Grant met with the College Readership Program and there is the potential for writers from either the NYT or USA Today to come and give a presentation on campus.
 - iv. Bob will be meeting with Jeff Shoup about current services provided for off-campus students and will provide an update next meeting.
- b. Mr. Grant Schmidt, Student Body Vice President
 - i. He will be meeting with the sustainers of agenda.nd.edu to discuss organization/changes as part of his work on the CLC task force on Technology/Study Space in Dorms.
 - ii. Grant and Joy attended the SB mayor's State of the Union address and will give further updates next meeting.
- c. Ms. Karen Koski, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. The nomination forms for student and teacher awards will be available at next week's meeting. Further details will be provided.
 - ii. A student leadership presentation will be held this Sunday in LaFun.
- d. Ms. Kirsten Lewis
 - i. The student absence policy will be presented at the next faculty senate meeting.
 - ii. She will be coordinating with Ryan's committee to discuss CIFs.

III) **Committee Reports**

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. The second installment of the Last Lecture Series featuring Professor Carl Ackermann will be held on Tuesday, February 24 in CoMo.
 - ii. Meetings with Dr. Gunty regarding CIFs, the online syllabus database, exploration of putting lectures on iTunes U, and a brainstorm session are the next topics they will be focusing on.

- b. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Content for the off-campus website is finished and he will be meeting with Student Affairs to discuss a launch date.
 - ii. An off-campus transition fair, co- sponsored with Off-Campus Council, will be held on March 25th.
- c. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Sexual Assault Awareness Week will be held next week.
 - ii. The CSAP Student Forum will be held February 25 as part of series of weeklong events.
- d. Committee on multicultural Affairs
 - i. A meeting with the various groups performing for the International Showcase will be held next week.
 - ii. Alyssa met with MSPS to discuss possible changes to requirements for multi-cultural affairs commissioners.
- e. Committee on Oversight
 - i. There will be possible changes resulting from the past election cycle.
- f. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. They are planning Safe Spring Break Week events.
 - ii. In conjunction with Devin's committee, they are working on iTunes U.
- g. Committee on Social Concerns
 - i. Worker Appreciation Day will be March 26.
 - ii. Ice skating fundraiser for workers will be held March 27.
 - iii. April 7 is the tentative date for the Farmer's Market.
 - iv. GreenND and GSU will be helping out with a bike shop.
 - v. They are planning an event with NAMI to raise awareness about mental issues.
 - vi. Communiversity will be held on April 4th. A goal is to have 1000 different jobs available for volunteers.
- h. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Discount booklet sales are going well.
- i. Ad Hoc Committee On Student Outreach
 - i. The new survey will be available March 4.
 - ii. The second "What's the Deal" campaign will go out tomorrow.
 - iii. Event assessment, starting with the Last Lecture Series, will begin.
 - iv. Looking into ways to reach out to the South Bend community.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Technology
 - i. Met with OIT administrators to finalize plans for this semester and establish plans for the next academic affairs committee.
 - ii. Will be meeting with NDFS to discuss wireless connections in the dining halls.

IV) **GENERAL ORDERS**

- a. Resolution SS0809-22 Campus Technology Committee Amendment
 - i. It builds on the executive order passed by Bob at the beginning of the year to establish a standing committee on Campus Technology.

- ii. Devin highlights some of the accomplishments of the Committee, i.e. Google Bus, printers in Jordan and dorms, mobile help desk, etc. as well as current projects underway like ND Secure, cellular reception.
- iii. A resolution to strike the "P" before Resolution SS0809-22 was approved.
- iv. The resolution was approved with a vote of 24-0-0.

b. Update on \$5 Subway Footlongs

- i. Grant met with the administrator of the Facebook protest group.
- ii. Grant will be meeting with Dave Prentkowski, director of NDFS, and Jim LaBella, manager of the Huddle, to further discuss the issue, specifically to budget for the promotion.
- iii. Another part of the discussion is the quality of Subway's food and the extension of Burger King's operating hours.
- iv. Bob posed the question of if this is a topic Student Government should be addressing. Responses varied, but overall, the senators felt that it should be addressed.

c. Discussion Re: Library Renovations

- i. The discussion was tabled.

V) **NEW BUSINESS**

VI) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Keough's Iditaroo will still be taking place, pending a snowfall.
- b. Lewis House of Pancakes will be held in two weeks.
- c. Freshmen Flex Members will be sitting in on the next Senate meetings.
- d. In conjunction with Hero Days, a mass and discussion about Oscar Romero will be held this weekend.

VII) **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Ryan entertained a motion to adjourn. Robin motioned. Zach seconded. *The February 18, 2009 Student Senate meeting adjourned at 6: p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Parliamentarian

