

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

March 18, 2009

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I) **Opening Business**

- a. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- b. Grant led the invocation.
- c. Jennifer, Mike, and Ashlee were absent.
- d. Grant entertained a motion to approve the March 4, 2009 executive summary. *The March 4, 2009 executive summary was approved at 6:08 p.m.*
- e. Oklahoma University Student Association representatives were introduced as visitors at the meeting.

II) **Podium**

- a. Mr. Paul Turner, Manager of Academic Technology Services
- i. Mr. Turner gave an introduction of the itunesU project. He was approached by Student Government leaders and through a series of presentations of the idea, the CIO signed off on the approval with Apple.
- ii. They hope to post both student and academic content. But, they need the content before the launch. Mr. Turner and his staff have prepared an interface that he showed to the Senate. It is modeled after Emory University's itunesU. Currently, the categories for media include: athletics, faith and service, research, student life, campus and community, and alumni and friends.
- iii. Current methods for posting media include nd.edu homepage, youtube, television, and und.com. OIT is working to expand this to include ND video channel, itunesU, and podcasting.
- iv. ItunesU will have both public and private components, so you can log in to see additional content with your netID. There are 300+ itunesU sites available to the public. Eventually itunesU will be personalized and will know a student's courses and therefore what media to post, like Concourse.
- v. Ryan B. asked about academic content and whether or not it is solely based on faculty's choice. Mr. Turner responded that part of the process is getting easy-to-use technology in every lecture room so that professors can begin recording more lectures.
- vi. Lauren asked about student content approval. Joy responded that it is a hurdle that her committee is working on.
- vii. NDTV is on board with the idea and is willing to lend some equipment and content. OIT also has a few cameras to rent out.
- viii. Mr. Turner also mentioned legal caveats with copyrighted music material.

III) **Officer Reports**

- a. Mr. Bob Reish, Student Body President
 - i. Bob reported that he has been working on the Intercollegiate Symposium, preparing to host the student government representatives from 4 schools the weekend of March 27 and 28.
 - ii. Bob is also preparing for the Wednesday, March 25 CCAC meeting which Notre Dame is hosting on campus at 3pm that day.
- b. Mr. Grant Schmidt, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Grant said he has been working with his CLC task force on improving the agenda.nd.edu campus events calendar. He hopes to make it more user-friendly and a new default

- reference for students looking to see what is going on around campus. They are benchmarking off of other schools calendaring sites and hope to improve the search feature.
- c. Ms. Karen Koski, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Karen reported that she has been working with FLEX on Student Legal Services and the Intercollegiate Symposium with Bob. She will give an update on these two projects at the next Senate meeting.
 - ii. Programming Board's last meeting of the term will be Thursday, March 19 at 5:30pm. They will be going over Post-April 1 Event and Expenditure forms that have been turned in by class councils and the Senate committees.
 - iii. Karen has also been working with her CLC task force on Medical Amnesty Policy Review, with the next step of bringing ORLH on board in a larger capacity and formulating a recommendation based on the task force's findings.
 - d. Ms. Kristen Lewis, Faculty Senate Liaison
 - i. Professor Lewis reported that the next meeting of Faculty Senate is the first week of April and they plan to review the resolution on student absences following up with Student Senate's request of earlier this term. Ryan B. has been furnished with a copy of this resolution, which encourages faculty to specify types of absences and specific procedures regarding interview absences in their syllabi. The recommendation addresses deans and chairs of all colleges, not just the Mendoza College of Business.
 - ii. She also introduced a new topic of discussion in Faculty Senate: the relationship between students and faculty in the classroom. Concerns originated with cell phone usage and expanded to be more general. She said that Faculty Senate plans to host a forum discussion of both students and faculty to explore this issue further.

IV) **Committee Reports**

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Ryan has a meeting with the registrar for the online syllabus database, which will be modeled after Mendoza's current database. He has touched base with the business school and hopes to partner with their technology.
- b. Committee on Campus Technology
 - i. Devin reported that his committee will need to work with the ND Web Group to work on media distribution and a new video channel.
 - ii. The Current Students page on the nd.edu site is being revised.
 - iii. Devin is continuing to work with Ryan on course registration redesign.
 - iv. Devin is also working on the agenda.nd.edu project with Grant and CLC.
- c. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Gus reported that the Community Summit is March 27 at ND Downtown venue. It is an event for student leaders and community members to talk about relations between South Bend and Notre Dame and taking tangible steps to improve them.
 - ii. The Community Relations committee is working with Michelle to plan CommUniversity Service Day, which will be April 4.
 - iii. The Off Campus Transition Fair is being cosponsored by Community Relations and the Off Campus Council and is now scheduled for April 8, 8-9pm, in the Lafortune ballroom.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Lauren reported that the CSAP subcommittee recommendations are due April 11. They will summarize review of ND's sexual assault policy.

- ii. The Gender Issues committee is cosponsoring Stand Against Hate Week, which will be April 13-17. It will conclude with the Day of Silence on April 17.
 - e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
 - i. Ally reported that she met with Dr. Moss regarding the effectiveness of the freshman contemporary topics diversity workshop.
 - ii. She is continuing to coordinate the International Showcase and plans to meet again with club leaders on March 22.
 - f. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Ian reported that he and the committee are working to ensure a smooth transition.
 - g. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Joy said that she is continuing to work on iTunesU with Devin and NDTV has expressed interest in filming a weekly news reel publicizing campus events.
 - h. Committee on Social Concerns
 - i. Michelle passed out posters promoting the NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) postcard campaign.
 - ii. Ice Skating for the Catholic Worker will be Saturday, March 21 from 1-4pm in the JACC. It will be \$3 which will go entirely to charity. There will also be a corresponding educational effort for economic awareness.
 - iii. The Farmer's Market is still in the works, and CommUniversity day is on the horizon. Residence Halls are also planning service events for CommUniversity.
 - i. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Ashlee was absent. Grant reported that she has been working on representing student voice in the South Shore Train rescheduling.
 - j. Ad Hoc Committee On Student Outreach
 - i. The Student Survey will remain open until Friday. Sarah reported the survey has received good participation rates.
- V) **General Orders**
- a. Discussion Re: Future of LaFortune Arcade
 - i. Grant said that this was one of his and Bob's platform ideas, and they have done significant research. There are many problems with the space and items to take into consideration. For example, the room floods because there is a problem with the foundation of the building in that area. Repairs are currently on the docket of the 2-year plan, but whatever is installed in the room should be removable. Food venues cannot go into the space because there is no alternative loading area for supplies. Also, the space is small and currently brings in some revenue to LaFortune.
 - ii. Some suggestions for the room's use have been some sort of service accessible 24 hours, since it is in the basement which is a 24-hour space. One idea was a stress-relief room like they have in Health Services with special lights and massage chairs.
 - iii. Regardless of the limitations, Grant said there is a creative solution and Ryan Willerton has been supportive. With the new administration there will be a task force dedicated to determining a suitable replacement for the arcade that will serve a wider student audience.
 - b. South Shore Train Changes
 - i. Grant explained that NICTD plans to cut the number of South Short Train departures and arrivals by 3 and 2 respectively on the weekends. To community members, this seems to raise problems, but Grant asks if Senators feel as though students would feel resisting the change is a fight-worthy cause.

- ii. The general consensus is that since it is only affecting the weekends for a temporary period in order to provide efficiency, it would probably not be a problem to students. When the changes are implemented, Senators felt an e-mail to students notifying them of the change was appropriate.
- c. Discussion Re: iTunesU Planning
 - i. Discussion, question, and answer were done immediately following Mr. Turner's presentation on iTunesU.
- d. College Symposium Update and Potential Questions
 - i. Bob announced the six topics to be discussed in symposium breakout sessions. They are: student participation and apathy toward Student Government, campus programming, communication, advertising, and student-leader interaction, community relations, technology issues.
 - ii. Additional suggestions were: alcohol policy, sexual assault and GLBTQ resources.
- e. Advertising for Off Campus Discount Booklets
 - i. Senators provided suggestions like marketing the booklets at the off-campus transition fair, in the JACC parking lot, and to graduate and summer students.
- f. Discussion Re: DeBartolo Hall Food Venue
 - i. Grant asked if Senators felt a food venue with pre-packaged food similar to the café in Jordan Hall of Science would be an appreciated and utilized addition to DeBartolo.
 - ii. The two locations in consideration are the study space with the windows in the back of the building, or the basement. He asked if students would be bothered by noise if it was put near the study space, and a Senator responded. She reported that her experience in the Jordan café, also near study space, noise was not a problem since the students studying there are using the café as well.

VI) **New Business** (At this juncture of the meeting, the Senate failed to meet quorum.)

VII) **Announcements**

- a. The Duncan Highlander games will be Saturday, March 28 at noon on South quad.
- b. Latin Expressions is at the Century Center at 7pm on Friday, March 27.
- c. The BCAC fashion show is also coming up.
- d. The SAO Student Leadership Award nominations are due by Thursday, March 19, and the Michael J Palumbo nominations are due Friday the 20th to Judicial Council. The Irish Clover and Frank O'Malley nominations are due Tuesday, March 24. Karen urged Senators to take the time to recognize a fellow leader or member of the ND community.

VIII) **Adjournment**

- a. Grant accepted a motion to adjourn. Austin motioned. Jon seconded. The March 18, 2009 meeting of the Student Senate adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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