

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

August 29, 2007

Notre Dame Room, La Fortune

I) **Opening Business**

- a. Maris called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- b. maris led the invocation.
- c. Erdina absent.

II) **Podium**

- a. Mike Davy—Notre Dame Food services
  - i. Discusses that students that live on campus and have a meals plan will have the option of buying 5, \$5 guest meals throughout the year. This is on a trial period. He passes out flyers advertising this trial. Has preloaded a bank of meals for every student with the meal plan and, can be activated by computer. Can use domer dollars, flex points, /or cash to pay for these meals. Limitations have arisen in that they will exclude the “special meals” in the dining hall such as thanks giving and specified football dinners. A question poses if students can use these meals on themselves. Mike responded that if the student so chose it would probably be feasible; however, he wishes not to advertise that. James asks if there has been a precedent in another university as to how this has worked in the past. He addresses survey results, bases on student needs and previous similar programs at other universities, and peers across the country. A question posed addresses when we will know if such meals will translate over to football weekends. Mike responded, saying that within the first 2 games he will better know based on need and demand. Clarifying he says that the “football weekends” include Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of a football weekend. Further clarifying, he states that this feature is only available to on campus students, not off campus, and goes into effect as of the beginning of this year. Liz thanks Mike and the rest of food services for their collaboration and help in making one of their initial platform ideas more feasible.
- b. Liz Brown
  - i. Liz wishes to draw attention to the South bend common Council Ordinance. She further explains the ordinance and stated that on Monday the ordinance decided to push back the 3 public hearing to September 15<sup>th</sup>. They have changed the original ordinance in that only a notification rather than and actual permit is needed for individuals in “board houses” who wish to throw a party with 25 or more guests. She asserts that this ordinance has greatly opened the eyes of Notre Dame students who are by no means free from many of the same behavior that is greatly advocated against by the university and more specifically residence life and housing.

Reminds students to be mindful of actions and demonstrate respect toward their neighbors and others residents of South Bend. She promises that she will continue to work her hardest to bring the voice of the students to the council, but needs the help of the student body if any change can feasible happen.

III) **Officer Reports**

- a. Liz announces that after a collaboration with food services and vending there will be Domer Dollars in both the stadium and JACC as of now. She also announces that she has a meeting with the mayor and other common council members such as Father Poorman in reference to the ordinance. The first COR meeting will take place next week. Reminded the students of the leaders banquet hosted by Father Poorman. In reference to a question posed during announcements, clarifies that the ordinance does not effect the students living on campus. She announces that she needs some individuals to serve on a university committee on libraries. Her second announcement is in reference to the parking appeals committee, which also works towards the quality of streets around campus. This committee meets maybe once or twice a semester, and the library committee meets once a month.
- b. Maris discussed the events that the community relations committee held on Monday. The frosh-o bus tour went well, and helped first year students become acclimated with South Bend, with a reception in front of the Morris Center. Thanks Denise and Kyle for all their help. Asks the senate to keep an eye out for committee emails.
- c. Sheena discussed her work to get the website up and running, and her work on the upcoming activity fair.
- d. Professor noble introduces himself as the faculty lesson. Discusses that the faculty senate is focusing on the academic articles, which govern the faculty. These articles are examined every 10 years. Asserts that if there is anything we would like the faculty to know or talk about to not hesitate to talk to him.

IV) **Committee Reports**

- a. Carol discussed the incomplete listserve. Said that her committee will look into the high prices of the course packets, with the hope to decrease the price. Due to the increased price of USA Today they have cut a few days out of the College readership Program, such as the Fridays before breaks.
- b. Colin once again addresses programming successes such as the off campus fair. He also emphasized that out ability to negotiate for the ordinance is heavily based on student behavior.
- c. Maris discusses community relations, and moving the off campus fair to in front of the bookstore. Discussed website and the things they would like to do with the website and taste of south bend.
- d. Karen, the social chair, said that open of their main focuses is to meet with class councils in reference to the Millennium development initiative and the informative aspect and understanding in order to better get fundraising capabilities. She is also keeping in touch with high school ambassadors,

and continues to research the education available to students of different religion. She will be attending from hence forth with the social concerns commissioners.

- e. Patrick and Brenna, of the gender issues committee, reminds that from September 11<sup>TH</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> will be information week.
- f. Mariana Montes also addresses her incomplete listserv. Has divided her committee into subcommittees who will be working toward improved food and nutrition in the dining halls. Her meetings will be Monday at 7pm.
- g. Kalie reminds the Senate that her first academic debate will be October 15ht. her committee is also working with Rock the Vote which will be there main focus this fall.
- h. Ian expresses his concern for the grammatical and spelling mistakes in the constitutions and hopes to reform the constitution that will hopefully clarify and improve the constitution.
- i. Mac, with diversity committee. Over the summer she surveyed over 20 schools in reference to cultural diversity and Martin Luther King Day. Plan to report on the survey soon. Meetings will be Tuesday's at 9.

V) **Adjournment**

- a. Maris entertains a motion to adjourn. Ian motioned. Rachel seconded.  
*April 25, 2007 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Zaldana

