

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

September 12, 2007

Notre Dame Room, La Fortune

- I) **Opening Business**
- a. Maris called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
 - b. Maris led the invocation.
 - c. Denise, Jim, and Anna were absent.
 - d. *Minutes approved at 6:04pm.*
- II) **Podium**
- III) **Officer Reports**
- a. Liz announces that CLC broke up into task forces Monday. These include campus environment, and community relations. Addresses the ticket discussion in CoR yesterday (9/11). Among other things issues about the student ticket exchange were addressed. Said she will be meeting with the ticket office in the coming weeks. There will be ma meeting on Sunday of the Common Cancel to pass a yet unspecified bill.
 - b. Maris said that Last Thursday she met with a group that represented the 3 college campuses to hash out community and environment improvement in the Corby's downtown area. She also said that she and Liz met with Father Poorman last week.
 - c. Sheena asserted that the website will be up and running hopefully by this weekend. Student Government 101 was a success earlier this week. Last week she went to a North East neighborhood center meeting, with some elderly individuals to discuss student involvement in keeping members of the community out of assisted living centers.
 - d. Professor Noble discussed that the faculty senate is continually working on revision of the academic articles. He also addressed a conversation he and Callie had in reference to an academic debate in the coming weeks or months. In reference to the course packet issue, he said that the answers being offered for copyright rules is not entirely everything. Due to the bookstore's mark-up, the course packets have increased substantially. Faculty members do not make a penny on the Course Packets and as such have their students' interests at heart and support them in an effort to decrease packet costs.
- IV) **Committee Reports**
- a. Carol discussed a meeting she had today in reference to a variety of issues. One of the bigger issues was the increased price of course packet. Due to the "sell for profit" nature of the packets, there is a different set of rules for copyright laws. This was due to the copy shops believing that the students would prefer to use their student accounts for the purchase of these packets, and "one stop shopping" at the bookstore. Her committee will continue looking into this issue. She addressed the headlining article in the Observer today and the nature of undergraduate research. Her committee is now looking into ways to meet Fr. Jenkin's goal of

increasing research opportunities for undergraduates. Next she said that her committee is beginning to look into 24-hour study places. In addition, they are looking into getting clocks in every classroom, which would be important for a variety of reasons most notably for test taking.

- b. Colin discussed a very successful block party that was held earlier this week to sponsor student and community relations. Coming up is the off campus legal seminar, this will be a chance to hear lawyers and students of the law school to talk about their rights as students.
- c. Mariana discussed a variety of events to her committee is working. Among other things they are working to get better work out facilities in every dorm, and free laundry in the residence halls. The committee on NDSP is looking to get reminders from NDSP if they get tickets on campus.
- d. Karen, the social chair, said there was a lot going on in her committee. She wants to pass a resolution in order not to forget the importance of staying up to date with organizations that are going to help achieve goals in Darfur. Her committee is trying to get a speaker, to discuss immigration issues.
- e. Brenna, discussed a meeting she had with Valerie Staples. Also she discusses the upcoming the Sexual assault awareness week that is on the horizon.
- f. Callie discusses her committee's work toward minimizing green house gas emissions at the university. She also discussed the upcoming faculty student debate in November. In addition to these her committee will be looking at the Ticket issues discussed at CoR this week.
- g. Ian discussed his committee's desire to reform the constitution.
- h. Ninny, with diversity committee, discussed and diversity awareness event that will take place in the upcoming week.

V) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Faculty Senate representative
 - i. Nominations:
 - 1. Denise Baron
 - a. Likes that this position sponsors dialogue between students and faculty.
 - 2. Matt Molloy
 - a. Thinks working with the faculty is very important, especially in creating a united front against some issues posed by the administration.
 - ii. The results showed that the winner was Matt Molloy.
- b. Additional questions
 - i. Getting the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off
 - 1. The calendar committee is submitting a resolution to be able to have that day off with a possible reduction in a study day.
- c. Announcements
 - i. Senators be sure to go to your committee meetings.

VI) **Adjournment**

- a. Maris entertains a motion to adjourn. George motioned. Andrew seconded.
September 12, 2007 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Zaldana

