

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

September 19, 2007

Notre Dame Room, La Fortune

I) **Opening Business**

- a. Maris appointed Liz as temporary chair, and she called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Liz led the invocation.
- c. Rachel, Maria, George, Ninny, and Brenna were absent.
- d. Matt motioned, Guss seconded. *Minutes approved at 6:05pm.*

II) **Podium**

III) **Officer Reports**

- a. Liz announces that she and Maris met last week with Ann Firth in reference to the forum on immigration and would like to get students more involved in post forum events. Everyone right now is in agreement with the language used in the ordinance, and the permit portion of the ordinance. The public hearing portion of the ordinance is done, and now only the parking permit portion of the ordinance is in question. This parking permit stipulates events at which lawn parking will be permitted which right now is outlawed. If and when this is passed on Monday there will be no registration and students will not have to do anything differently.
- b. Sheena asserted that the website is now up. She has the meeting next week with the archivist along with Nancy.
- c. Professor Noble had nothing to report.

IV) **Committee Reports**

- a. Carol discussed a meeting she had today in reference to looking into the course packet price increase and switching to E-reserves. Says to expect a resolution in reference to such in the upcoming weeks. The committee also talked to first year studies peer advisors.
- b. Colin discussed the voter registration off campus that was successful. In contact with the legal aid clinic that happens every year for those students interested in moving off campus
- c. Mariana encourages the research of what her committee actually does by referring to the website.
- d. Karen, the social chair, a lot of planning is happening in reference to the MD golf outing that the class of 2008 is planning this Sunday. Progress is being made with the initiative that encourages ND Food services to purchase as many locally grown food products as possible.
- e. Callie has a resolution that is looking at the reduction in green house gas on campus. October 7th through the 12th, Student government will be hosting and energy conservation week.
- f. Ian discussed that in the coming weeks, the committee will be preparing for the October 3rd release of the new constitution.
- g. Ninny, was absent and had nothing to report.

- h. Patrick discusses sexual assault awareness week that will coincide with Loyal Daughters performances as well as various speakers.

V) **NEW BUSINESS**

a. SS0708-08 Carbon reduction Resolution

- i. This resolution was presented on behalf of the student body. It is pretty widely publicized that we were on the low end of energy conservation but as a whole have improved. This weekend will pilot a recycling program for this football weekend. The administrative support has not been as high as we would like, and it is important that we start somewhere so that the university can publicly say that they are concerned for environmental and climate change. 98% of students think that action should be taken to improve environmental climate change. Maris opens up the floor on any questions on content. Ian asks what are the current levels of green house emission. Philip responds by saying that we currently don't have a reliable way to measure these levels. Phil responds that Harvard has had a 6% reduction in the last few years, and thusly a 10%reduction for ND is a very feasible goal. Scott asked that this resolution is for a long-term commitment for carbon neutrality, and as such why the date 2015, shouldn't the 10% reduction take less than 7 years. Philip responds that it is only a starting point and want to establish a feasible goal as a first initial step. *Resolution SS0708-08 passed at 6:27pm with a vote of 24-0-0.*

b. SS0708-09 Constitutional Amendment

- i. Ian discussed that the committee on oversight entitled "Student Body President," would like to eliminate the mention of the president appointing the president to the SUB presidential division. Will essentially clean up the constitution. *Resolution SS0708-09 passed at 6:29pm with a vote of 24-0-0.*

VI) **Announcements**

- a. Erdina makes an announcement that she is looking for Multicultural commissioners or individuals of issues of diversity and are interested to seeing and welcoming new minority students.

VII) **Adjournment**

- a. Maris entertains a motion to adjourn. Andrew motioned. Steven seconded. *September 12, 2007 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Zaldana