

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

October 10, 2007

Notre Dame Room, La Fortune

I) **Opening Business**

- a. Maris called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- b. Bob led the invocation.
- c. Maria Stohler and Jim Lockwood were absent.
- d. Cory motioned, Jim seconded. *Minutes for October 3rd, 2007 approved at 6:06pm.*

II) **Podium**

III) **Officer Reports**

- a. Ms. Liz Brown, Student Body President
 - i. Sent the resolution about the sense of the senate to Mr. Scott Malcase the VP and chief investment officer. Had a meeting with Ann Firth about a possible luncheon during Assault Against Awareness week.
- b. Ms. Maris Braun, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Tuesday she met with Kevin James, who is the executive provost in reference to the issue of cheating. She and Liz also met in reference to the potential development that will take place in the East Race area.
- c. Ms. Sheen Plamootil, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. The Green Summit last week went very well, and would like to do another one after fall break, possible in November.
- d. Mr. Thomas Noble, Faculty Student Liaisons
 - i. Faculty senate finished review of the academic articles. He presented the with issues about the body Image conference and debate on immigration. The Undergraduate affairs committee meets tomorrow afternoon to develop agenda for the year.

IV) **Committee Reports**

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Carol and her committee submitted course packet survey and recollected about 33% today. She and Steven will be meeting with the committee of Arts and Letters about course packets. Will most likely have a resolution next week about the course packet issues. Had a meeting to set a date for major night, most likely late January or early February.
- b. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Colin and Denise met this morning with the staff and faculty in CSC to increase community based learning. Next week have the community legal seminar. Keenan/Student Government Great Pumpkin is well on it's way.
- c. Committee on Social Concerns

- i. Karen stated that there are 2 professors who have confirmed to speak at Greenfield's during international awareness week.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Brenna and her committee are currently planning for Sexual Assault Awareness Week. That will happen the week of November 12th.
- e. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Marianna is talking with OIT to get Lap Tops that can be checked out in Jordan. In addition she is working on getting blue lights in D6.
- f. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Callie reported tomorrow at 7pm in La Fortune the faculty student debate on Immigration will be taking place. The next debate will be on the role of religion in a candidate's platform campaign.
- g. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Ian said he and his committee has made a template to write down reports and thusly make the spring transition policy smoother.
- h. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
 - i. Ninny, said she and her committee are supporting MSPS study break after the Dooly Room debate.

V) **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Sense of the Senate Letter—Clocks in the Classroom
 - I. Carol said she and Ian have been working with Prof. Noble to come up with a template letter to pass this current resolution. The letter addresses the discrepancies between clocks in the classroom. O'Shag, Hayes-Healy and Fitz do not always have clocks in the classroom. Karen asked that for the resolution process how they would examine which rooms or classroom buildings would need the clocks. Carol said that research would have to be done, and meetings with the building managers. The faculty has been the missing piece in the past and as such all these steps must be taken. *The vote to send the resolution to faculty senate passed with a vote of 26-0-0 at 6:24 pm.*
- B. Global Studies Letter
 - I. Karen discussed that this letter is to arrange a formal proposal to make a Global Studies minor. The letter is supplementing the proposal to show that the student body supports it, and denotes our commitment to said minor. In addition would like to also send this issue to faculty senate. Victoria said that the letter is well written and that it is clear as to the goals that would like to be addressed. Karen explains that it takes the classes we already have and emphasizing their global implication in the their curriculums, and ordering them into the form of a major. Since they got the approval from Dean Green, that is where the support fell into place and they had no need to consult the Kellogg institute. Matt helped write the letter and has seen the research, and there has been an abundance

of student support especially after last year's academic forum. This minor essentially would supplement the peace studies major/minor. Sheena responds to a statement made by George, saying that the upside for this is to further address the needs and interests of the student body. This letter was requested by the faculty member who will be making the proposal and presentation. *Senate vote to send the letter to appropriate venues passed at a vote of 26-0-0 at 6:47pm.*

VI) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Marianna asked to collect dorm workout survey and passed out survey for renting out laptops in Jordan Hall.

VII) **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Maris entertains a motion to adjourn. Andrew motioned. Megan seconded. *October 10, 2007 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Zaldana
Student Body Secretary`

