

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
October 17, 2007
Notre Dame Room, La Fortune

- I) **Opening Business**
 - a. Maris called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
 - b. Maris led the invocation
 - c. Liz, Brenna, Rachel, Colin and Jim Lockwood were absent.
 - d. *Minutes for October 10, 2007 approved.*
- II) **Podium**
- III) **Officer Reports**
 - a. Ms. Liz Brown, Student Body President
 - i. Was absent and had nothing to report.
 - 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 are collecting the course packets surveys and thinking of some possible resolutions. Had a meeting to set a date for major night, most likely late January or early February.
 - b. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Colin was absent but today 7:30 pm, in Montgomery room is the Off-Campus legal aide seminar.
 - c. Committee on Social Concerns
 - i. Karen and her committee are talking and brainstorming about getting food services to buy food from local vendors and locally grown produce.
 - d. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Patrick and the committee have been discussing Sexual Assault Awareness Week. It will be taking place between November 10th-13th. On the 11th will be sending out petitions in mass asking to pray victims against sexual assault. Monday will be close line project that will have a lot of statistic in reference to rape in South Bend. Tuesday working on details, but want to have luncheon for

student leaders. Wednesday will be the candlelight vigil down at the Grotto.

- e. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Marianna is looking to get free laundry nights
- f. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Callie the student faculty debate had a good showing and went well. It will be on the role of religion in a candidate's platform. Tuesday November 13th, 7pm in Dooly Room. Trying to also set up a convenient way to get transportation off campus, since they are no longer to wait Main Circle.
- g. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Ian said that the committee has another constitutional amendment under new business as new business.
- h. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
 - i. Ninny, said she and her committee down with the minority faculty letter. Is working on the Native American exhibit, specifically how they are living in modern day America.

V) **NEW BUSINESS**

A. SS0708-15 Constitutional Amendment

- I. Resolution has to do with the increase in the amount of money allocated to the Rector Fund which is being raised to \$60,000 dollars. *Resolution SS0708-15 Constitutional Amendment passes with a vote of 27-0-0 at 6:27 pm.*

B. Course Packet Survey Results

- I. 272 students responded to this survey, and all students were represented. Received 83 comments. The breakdown of response rate is fairly equal. One stop shopping appeared to be a benefit but not a necessity. The majority of people are either supportive or somewhat supportive to simply accessing E-reserves over course packets (~74%). Overall conclusions, Course packets prices were way to high. In addition, students prefer lower priced than one-stop shopping.

c. SS0708-16 Course Packet Resolution

- i. This resolution essentially sums up all the information provided in the presentation. This resolution has nothing to do with e-reserves just the course packets. In order to not get them to have any mark-up in the course packets would be slightly unfair to [bookstore]. Sheena reminds that this is a recommendation to the bookstore, not that the bookstore has to do anything about it. George compliments the committee on this work, expressing great satisfaction on behalf of the students. Brian gave a point of information that most of the course packets were produced by either outside companies and our own copy shops.
- ii. Jim Murphy brought up the point that copyright laws may be in place for longer than just one year. Bant responded with the fact

that copyright laws were always there, it was the extra copying charge that increased price

- iii. Baron asked who made the decision. Carol replied that director of bookstore, assistant vice president for auxiliary services, etc were in charge of making this change. Baron asked who needs to be convinced? Are we in contact with them? Carol replied that the arts and letters committee is who is in charge of some of the decision making process. Also giving the resolution to other integral people within administration will help.
- iv. Robin asked how much the copyright fee was. Bant said that it varied widely by letter. Robin responded with the concern that students may not know that and would not realize that the price increase. Bant said that the professors were not notified that the prices would be higher so they could not change the course material. Carol adds that if professors knew earlier, it would help to reduce prices of copyright materials.
- v. Prof. Noble remarked that there's a committee on Faculty Senate is looking at this issue. He thinks that students and faculty have same concern, but the faculty did not know about it before the students did. Also included that articles that are more popular cost more money as per fair use laws. Copy centers had reasonable expense and materials. Bookstores went to a profit system that increased copyright fees. He suggests that we go to general counsel to see if this would be able to go back to the way it was. eReserves would have to go back to the old system. He questioned how much students would have to pay for printing. Carol answered that if eReserves were switched to, the library has the budget to eat the cost.
 1. Prof Noble asked whether revenue was neutral for students so that he could bring that back to faculty senate. Faculty members don't know what cost would be associated with eReserves. The library has the budget to pay for the switch over to eReserves. Green campus would suggest that we should make that switch.
- vi. George wanted to say that the resolution is just a recommendation but he was hoping to move to vote
- vii. Nick McCollum said that library has lots of copyrights already.
- viii. Bant said that copyrights cannot be transferred to course packets.
- ix. George moved to vote, Ian seconded. Resolution SS0708-16 Constitutional Amendment passes with a vote of 26-0-0 at 6:57 pm.

VI) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Ninny offered early shirt sales.

VII) **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Maris entertains a motion to adjourn. Ian motioned. Ryan seconded.
October 17, 2007 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Zaldana, Student Union Secretary

