

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

DATE: 29 JANUARY 2014

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Nancy Joyce called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- b. JOE KELLY led the invocation.
- c. 3 were absent; 0 were late.
- d. Nancy Joyce entertained any motions to change the 6 NOVEMBER 2013 executive summary. *The 22 JANUARY 2014 executive summary was approved at 6:03 p.m.*

II. Officer Reports

- a. Mr. Alex Coccia, Student Body President
 - i. Thank you to everyone who came around to their dorms for the One is Too Many Campaign. There will be a report on this for next senate.
- b. Ms. Nancy Joyce, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Hopefully you all got the email about being on the Food Services Advisory Counsel. This is also available on the food services website. If you have any questions, email sklotter@nd.edu. Please let anyone who you think would be interested know about this opportunity.
- c. Mr. Juan Rangel, Chief of Staff
 - i. Nothing. Great job with minutes last week! 😊

III. General Orders

- a. Resolution SS1314-15
 - i. Presented by Michael Masi
 1. Basically, this amendment comes out of a few years of work of Judicial Council and working with SAO.
 2. Three years ago, elections were run through OIT. They made a switch to a google doc form two years ago, and we will be using a google doc again this year, it gives us more flexibility. He found out that the OIT system no longer exists, so we have no choice. He was trying to figure out the security of the data, and previously it was done through SAO. He thought that holding it accountable to just one student would be a good idea, so you can pinpoint who is responsible for verifying the votes in the constitution.
 3. This would be added to the Judicial Council President's position.
 4. Only one person would have access to the data, and they need to have the raw data in order to verify the votes and that they are valid.
 - ii. Conner Cole asked about the hall elections. In Keough, generally hall staff runs the elections.

1. Michael M. responded that he is working with rectors to oversee all elections, and has only heard negative feedback from 2. He would like all 29 dorms to be in the system.
 - iii. Casey Skevington asked if all 29 dorms would have to use the system if this passed?
 1. Michael M. said as the constitution is already, it is in the hands of Judicial Council. But, in history, it is in the hands of the halls. It probably will not change this. Hall constitutions sometimes conflict with our constitution. He would like to be clear, that this amendment would need to be passed by $\frac{3}{4}$ of senate because elections have started.
 - iv. Kyle McCaffery asked what the motivation of this? Have there been problems with invalid votes?
 1. Michael M. said no. He would like that it to be clear who is in charge of checking the votes in case there was a question to uphold the integrity and openness of the process.
 - v. Bob Pak is getting the idea that until there is a problem, it is just one guy going through the votes. How much leeway does he have to have a team to work with him?
 1. Michael M. is unsure. He currently is working closely with his SAO advisor so that it is just him going through the votes. In previous years it has been done by just one individual.
 - vi. Juan Rangel asked why the vice president is not included.
 1. Michael M. said that the VP of JC is in charge of allegations. This way, they are completely blind of how the results are going to prevent bias. This could switch the outcome of an election.
 - vii. Rohan Andresen asked what the two rectors concern is with it?
 1. Michael M. said that Sigfried Hall's concern is not about the process itself than the actual structure of the Student Union. Also, Morrissey has, which is unclear. He was willing to change his dates to comply with ours, but he has not articulated why he will not comply with this system.
 - viii. Joe K. motioned to vote, Maggie Armstrong seconded.
 1. The amendment passed.
- b. Resolution SS1314-16
 - i. This resolution was presented by Danny Colston.
 1. The constitution has been overhauled a few times before our term. The last time that this occurred, in 2009, there was a clause about having agendas and resolutions made available to senate three days in advance. This had a lot to do with the Tuesday Hall Council, in order for senators to bring them to their respective Hall Councils for feedback from, what Bob likes to call, your constituency. In this past administration, there have been some issues with this, and this is not fair to the senate or to Danny's

department. From a representative body's point of view, it is important to be able to look these over some time in advance and to not have these be made hodge-podge and at the last minute. This resolution re-establishes this. It will not be a 72 hour rule, because this would interfere with cabinet. 48 hours puts this at 6pm on Monday, giving adequate time to look over and bring to Hall Council. You have the time to think about it and get feedback. This gives us more time in cabinet, while still gives you all more time for feedback.

2. The first clause is how it stands now in the constitution, the email you get from Nancy.
 - a. It is not a hard and fast day and time, in case the senate time changes.
 - b. The second sub clause has to deal with emergencies, such as the Boston Marathon bombing. If we have a body wanted to provide a resolution to address it, this allows for resolutions to be put forward in a manner that allows for a show of support of a very important piece of information.
 - c. The third subclause is just sort of logistical business. He is sure everyone has read the constitution cover to cover, but if five of you decide that there is a reason for a senate meeting, 48 hours in advance there must be some sort of resolution and agenda.
- ii. Maggie Armstrong was curious about the word unanimously. This makes her a little unsure, and does not think that anything will get passed.
 1. Originally, Danny C. put down 2/3 vote for this. A 2/3 vote must take place, but a 2/3 vote must take place in order to vote on the resolution. The reason his department chose unanimous, would be like with the Soccer Team example. For the contentious issues, where there is not unanimous support, there must be some sort of contention there. If you are throwing something together in 48 hours where there is tension, there probably needs to be some sort of discussion.
- iii. Kyle M. motioned to vote, Rohan A. seconded.
 1. The resolution passed.

IV. New Business

- a. Michael M. would like to bring up, because of closures he could not go to the Hall Councils for the rules of the 2014 hall elections. The hall election commissioners must be identified by this upcoming Tuesday. If you have any concerns, let Judicial Council know.

V. Announcements

- a. Happy Birthday Dottie Schlueter! 😊
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- i. The senate sang Happy Birthday to Dottie! She is now 20.
- b. There are 86 days until the Fisher Regatta.
 - i. Build your boats!
- c. Junior Class Council is having Domeroo on Friday evening at the State Theatre. All juniors are encouraged to attend. You can buy tickets this week in LaFun. Please come!
- d. Maggie A. would like to remind everyone that the Air Force ROTC basketball tournament is this weekend! Please come out and watch. It is in Rolfe's and the JACC.
- e. Michael M. would like to let the senators know to please take the posters coming around about elections. Please vote!
- f. Stephen Scobee would like to announce that Fr. Sorin is turning 200 on February 6th and there will be a mass as well as a special dinner in the dining hall.
- g. The Keenan Revue is coming up! Become friends with someone in Keenan for tickets.
- h. Carolina Wilson announced that St. Patrick's County park is having innertubing.
 - i. Danny C. went and its awesome.
- i. Kyle M. announced that the Ms. ND pageant is this Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Carey Auditorium, all of the proceeds go to benefit the homeless shelter.
- j. Maggie A. announced that there is a meeting about Relay for Life in DBRT tonight, and secondly Latin Expressions tryouts are Thursday February 6th in the lafortune ballroom.
- k. Dottie S. announced that LHOP is almost here! February 7th 10pm-1am.
 - i. Be there or be square.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Without objection, *the 29 JANUARY 2013 Senate meeting adjourned at [TIME] p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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