

## NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

### Executive Summary

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

#### I. Opening Business

- a. Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Andrew led the invocation.
- c. Bridget, Conor, and Maria were absent; Nick was late.
- d. Andrew entertained a motion to approve the April 28, 2010 executive summary.
  - i. Yiting requested to change the spelling of her name in all three spots mentioned.
  - ii. Dan moved to approve the summary. Alex seconded. *The April 28, 2010 executive summary was approved at 6:08 p.m.*

#### II. Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Catherine Soler, Student Body President
  - i. Catherine reminded senators to be sure they are picking up posters.
- b. Mr. Andrew Bell, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Team ND went excellent and was great for those who went; if you did not go, be sure to get comfortable with the group.
- c. Mr. Nicholas Ruof, Chief of Staff
  - i. Nick had nothing to report.

#### III. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs [AJ McGauley]
  - i. The Forum is set for November 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Committee will be working on providing Student Government structure surrounding it.
  - ii. The Last Lecture Series will be held in the fall and spring and the Committee is beginning to plan for both.
- b. Committee on Campus Technology [Casey Cockerham]
  - i. Over the summer, a computer cluster was installed on the third floor of Jordan Hall for science majors.
  - ii. A new agenda.nd.edu site should be coming out soon; a test site will be given to Casey tomorrow to review.
  - iii. Casey is looking to improve the mobile app Notre Dame has and expand its use for students.
  - iv. The Committee is also working with LaFortune to get more power outlets installed in the Burger King Lounge area.
- c. Committee on Community Relations [Claire Sokas]
  - i. Claire welcomed everyone back.
  - ii. The Committee met Sunday and talked a lot about the tension between students and the community and programming surrounding this.

- iii. In addition to helping out with programming events of the beND campaign, the Committee is working on the Farmer's Market.
  - iv. The annual Community Picnic will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at the Robinson Center.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues [Mariah McGrogan and Timothy Castellini]
  - i. Last year's Committee was successful in helping to revise the sexual assault policy and more clearly define consent.
  - ii. The Committee is looking to expand its role with a new lecture series that will strive to create a better communication between genders.
  - iii. The main initiative at work right now is Body Image Week and the posters that will be made to promote it.
- e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Brigitte Githinji]
  - i. The biggest focus is the Diversity Workshop for Senators and Hall Government leaders in the Press Box, set for September 27, 2010 at 6pm.
    - 1. A new diversity website with new and clearer goals for diversity will be revealed by Student Affairs.
    - 2. The format will be more discussion based than lecture based.
    - 3. Before the workshop, there will be an info session on September 20, 2010 at 5pm in the Geddes Hall Coffee Shop.
    - 4. Andrew reminded everyone that this is mandatory for the senators.
  - ii. The goal is to make training more cohesive and more of a team event instead of everyone doing their individual thing.
  - iii. The Committee is looking into having a lecture series to show the importance of diversity outside of college as well.
  - iv. The Committee is going to continue working on the Diversity Certificate, a program that allows students to focus some of their courses on diversity while getting extra certification.
  - v. The overall goal this year is to make communication more cohesive between all groups on campus and have more collaboration.
- f. Committee on Oversight [Paige Becker]
  - i. The Committee did not meet yet but will begin working on projects soon.
  - ii. Next week, the election appeals process will be up for review.
- g. Committee on Residence Life [Matthew High]
  - i. The Committee met Sunday to talk about the move-in process; only one major issue was reported with Mod Quad; if there were any other issues, let Matt know.
  - ii. Matt will be meeting with the West Quad rectors on Thursday regarding getting lights on McGlinn Field.
  - iii. Matt will also be meeting with Food Services to talk about improvements.
  - iv. In the future, a resolution to thank ResLife for their work on duLac revisions will be presented.
- h. Committee on Social Concerns [Patrick McCormick]
  - i. Patrick welcomed everyone back to Senate.

- ii. The website [serve.nd.edu](http://serve.nd.edu) is on its way to be created to centralize all service opportunities on campus and in the community so people know where to go to check out opportunities that are available.
  - 1. An academic class has taken on the project along with the Committee as a way of creating the site for a class assignment.
  - 2. A resolution to support the site's creation has been drafted and will be on the agenda next week.
- iii. The Committee will continually work on the Hunger Project and with the CSC to push it as much as possible.
  - 1. A starting point will be working with the Indiana Food Bank to do a food drive in conjunction with Holy Cross College and St. Mary's.
- iv. The Committee will be helping out with the CSC's voter registration and education campaign, ND Votes 2010.
- v. In the future, Patrick would like to see a Disaster Relief Fund established with the Class Councils and Hall President's Council to establish a solid fund for disaster reliefs.
- vi. The major goal this year is to clarify the service opportunities on campus.
- i. Committee on University Affairs [Chase Riddle]
  - i. The Committee helped out Bridget to put together the student planner over the summer.
  - ii. The Committee is looking to get some ideas together for the renovations of the DeBartolo Lounge.
  - iii. Chase encouraged everyone to encourage students to use all of the TRANSPO bus routes, not just the Midnight Express.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Off Campus Concerns [Emily LeStrange]
  - i. The Committee decided to go with a discount program instead of getting Domer Dollars use off campus and will be working with St. Mary's College and Holy Cross College representatives to establish this.
  - ii. Emily wants everyone to spread the word that TRANSPO is back; also, be sure all posters are put up in the dorms.
    - 1. There has been about a 10 minute change in times for the routes; new times and maps will be available soon.
  - iii. The Committee is hoping to get C.L. Lindsey to come give a similar talk he gave few years ago on how to throw parties off campus.
  - iv. The Committee is also working on holding a Lease Open House with officials to learn about leasing policies and different housing options.
  - v. The [offcampus.nd.edu](http://offcampus.nd.edu) website is a great resource information for everything off campus, both for on and off campus students.

#### IV. General Orders

- a. Presentation of AJ McGauley for Academic Affairs Chair Confirmation
  - i. This was moved up before Committee Reports.
  - ii. Brigitte asked AJ what the topic of the Forum would be; AJ said the topic would be Global Marketplace and the Common Good.

- iii. Kevin asked who Robert the Bruce was, someone mentioned in AJ's confirmation letter as part of his long line of descendants.
- iv. Kevin motioned to approve AJ; Alex seconded; AJ was approved as the Chair by a voice vote at 6:13pm with no dissent. [applause]
- b. Discussion of beND Campaign
  - i. The Campaign is meant to unify all community relations and off campus efforts – programming, discount programs, events, collaboration, etc.
    - 1. It will focus on off campus safety, community engagement, and neighborhood relations.
  - ii. The idea is that we should be Notre Dame when we are on and off campus by putting forth a good effort to give a good impression where we give respect to receive respect.
  - iii. Catherine and Andrew asked for further ideas about the Campaign, not necessarily stories or a debate about whether police are bad or not.
  - iv. Kevin suggested putting forth voting registration efforts in the community, not just on campus, to show we are good overall citizens.
  - v. Erin said that most students just want to know what their rights are.
  - vi. Ryan also mentioned that most people just want to know where the sudden increase in crackdown and enforcement came from.
  - vii. John thought the Good Neighbor Guide was well done and put together with the exception of the off campus party section, which he suggested should be developed more.
    - 1. Emily added that in the Guide is now a pull-out flyer put in recently to fix this problem.
  - viii. Brigitte also wanted students to be informed about how to complain about legitimate issues that arise when dealing with law enforcement.
    - 1. Catherine offered Student Government's help and open ear for anyone to come tell stories and share experiences, not just to hear the story but to direct them to the right people.
  - ix. Matt also wanted information to be disseminated about how students should deal with situations after getting in trouble.
    - 1. Tegan added that students want to know how ResLife will handle discipline issues following situations.
  - x. Catherine reminded everyone that the fight for students' rights should continue, but breaking the law is breaking the law; if students were not doing illegal things, they would not be getting into trouble.

## V. New Business

- a. Swear-in of Joey Ricioli, St. Edward's Senator
  - i. Andrew swore in Joey in accordance with Section 6.7 of the Constitution. [applause]
- b. Further Explanation of Senate Meeting Policies
  - i. Ben explained that attendance is crucial for the Senate.

1. If a Senator is absent three (3) times, they will be warned and after four (4) times, they will possibly be impeached.
  - a. Three (3) tardies are equal to one (1) absence.
- ii. Be sure to read the entire letter to get more information.
- c. RecSports Changes
  - i. Jessica mentioned that the recent changes with girl's dorm football has prompted a lot of complaints.
    1. Football teams are now split into two teams and capped on numbers, which Jessica thought defeated the bonding purpose.
  - ii. Tegan also expressed concern about the football changes as well and making changes after much planning was already done.
  - iii. Elizabeth and Erinn said girls in Welsh Fam and Lyons expressed concerns at Hall Council as well.
  - iv. Chase said no changes were made for male football teams but changes might have been made attendance wise to equalize restrictions.
  - v. Matt mentioned that RecSports wants to go towards a 7-on-7 game from an 8-on-8 game and that people had expressed concern to RecSports about more people getting playing time.
- d. Security on Campus
  - i. Tierney mentioned that Pangborn girls expressed a lot of concern about security on campus in D-6 specifically with the recent break-ins.
  - ii. Michael Ryan mentioned his previous issues with this situation after a snow plow hit his car and Notre Dame refused to accept responsibility.

#### **VI. Announcements**

- a. Matt announced the Dillon Pep Rally at 6pm on South Quad and wanted everyone to bring their families even though Matt will not be dancing this year.
  - i. Andrew added that dorms should arrive by 5:45pm.
- b. Andrew talked about the new Student Government planners that were revealed at Student Activities Office; Senators should pick up a box for their dorm and distribute them at Hall Council meetings.
  - i. They will also be distributed Friday morning by DeBartolo; more help is needed to hand them out, regardless of how little time you can give.
- c. Be sure to pick up posters to hang about the Michigan game pep rally.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent. *The September 1, 2010 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kimberly  
Student Body Secretary

