

## NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

### Executive Summary

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

#### I. Opening Business

- a. Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- b. Claire led the invocation.
- c. Kristoff was absent; AJ, Catherine, Nick, Patrick, and Tim were late.
- d. Andrew entertained any motions to change the December 8, 2010 executive summary. *The December 8, 2010 executive summary was approved at 6:05 p.m.*

#### II. Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Catherine Soler, Student Body President
  - i. Catherine was not present.
- b. Mr. Andrew Bell, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Andrew welcomed everyone back and is excited for the new year.
- c. Mr. Nicholas Ruof, Chief of Staff
  - i. Nick was not present.

#### III. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs [AJ McGauley]
  - i. Majors Night will be in the Dining Hall this Thursday at 6:30pm.
    1. AJ thanked Marina for her hard work on planning this event.
  - ii. The Committee is looking into Mendoza's method of capping the amount of undergraduate majors for each department.
- b. Committee on Campus Technology [Casey Cockerham]
  - i. Over Christmas break, the printers in all of the dorms and around campus have been updated to eliminate problems with PDFs; drivers should be updated.
    1. Several people expressed printing problems with the new system, all of which Casey will send to OIT.
- c. Committee on Community Relations [Claire Sokas]
  - i. CommUniversity Day is set for April 17, the day after the Blue and Gold Game and Palm Sunday.
  - ii. The Committee is continuing to work on education efforts with South Bend.
  - iii. The Committee is also in the beginning planning stages for the Community Summit towards transition dates.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues [Mariah McGrogan and Timothy Castellini]
  - i. The first lecture with Professor McKenna will be on February 7 in McKenna Hall.

- ii. Sexual Assault Awareness Week is set for February 20 through February 27, including a self-defense class and other events that will need help from dorms and clubs.
- e. Committee on Multicultural Affairs [Brigitte Githinji]
  - i. Diversity Council is being expanded to include more representation of multicultural issues.
- f. Committee on Oversight [Paige Becker]
  - i. The usual projects are continuing for the Committee.
  - ii. An internal review of Student Government will begin this semester to see where appropriate changes need to be made.
- g. Committee on Residence Life [Matthew High]
  - i. Matt will be meeting with more people about getting the lights on McGlenn Fields.
- h. Committee on Social Concerns [Patrick McCormick]
  - i. Efforts on the Sudan issue have been continuing over break; Catholic Relief Services is hoping to continue efforts with Notre Dame to sustain attention on the region.
  - ii. Progress on serve.nd.edu is also continuing.
- i. Committee on University Affairs [Ellen Carroll]
  - i. Ellen is up for approval as the new chair of the University Affairs Committee.
- j. Ad Hoc Committee on Off Campus Concerns [Emily LeStrange]
  - i. Emily will be meeting with more representatives from South Bend to encourage more vendors to sign up for the discount program; decals have also been ordered for the businesses participating in order so they may advertise that they are part of the program.
  - ii. TRANSPO shirts have been ordered to continue promoting the late night route; new TRANSPO cards on thicker stock card paper have been ordered as well.

#### IV. General Orders

- a. Vote on Approving Ellen Carroll as Chair of the University Affairs Committee
  - i. Andrew mentioned that at the end of last semester, Chase and the administration decided that with Chase's time commitments, it would be best if he stepped down.
  - ii. Andrew directed everyone to the letter recommending her as the new Chair.
  - iii. Claire asked what the Committee will be working on this year.
    - 1. The Committee will be helping out with CommUniversity Day, working on getting a Redbox in LaFortune, and looking more into the structure of the College Readership Program.
  - iv. Brigitte asked what her favorite flavor of ice cream is.
    - 1. Ellen said Chocolate Fudge Brownie.

- v. Alex moved to approve Ellen; Jack seconded; Ellen was approved as the Chair by a hand vote of 29-0-0 at 6:20pm. [applause]
- b. Nomination and Vote on Approving 2 New CLC Members
  - i. To fill the two open spots on CLC , Andrew took nominations for new CLC members from Senate
    - 1. Alex nominated Tegan; John nominated Daniel; Pat nominated Kelsey.
    - 2. Daniel and Kelsey were elected by a vote.
- c. New Student Government Website
  - i. Andrew introduced the brand new Student Government website.
    - 1. The site is not live yet and needs a little work, but Frank has been working hard, along with Bridget, to update the site.
  - ii. The homepage is more interactive and includes more pictures, more media, and a news feed like a mini-blog.
  - iii. The website also connects to the Student Government calendar; Catherine suggested everyone also sending their events to this calendar so all student-related events can be in one place.
  - iv. Resolutions of the bodies are available for students.
  - v. Each group of Student Government has a page and that page is dependent on each organization's leaders.
  - vi. Important links and resources are available in hopes that students will use the website in the future to find out various information.
  - vii. If there are any issues or any changes that need to be made, e-mail fsoler@nd.edu.

**V. New Business**

- a. There was no new business.

**VI. Announcements**

- a. Patrick announced that the Service Fair is going on right now (Wednesday) in the CSC.
- b. Andrew announced that the Career Fair is next week, so please try to go before since Senate will still happen.
- c. Kevin announced that the Day of Man will take place soon, so please help out and donate change to raise money for the South Bend Center for the Homeless.
- d. Luke announced that tickets will be going on sale soon for the Keenan Revue.
- e. Catherine asked everyone to inform anyone who was interested about the new apartments on Notre Dame Avenue that there will be no leases given for next year.

**VII. Adjournment**

- a. Andrew entertained a motion to adjourn. Jack moved to adjourn. Michael Ryan seconded. *The January 26, 2011 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kimberly  
Student Body Secretary