

## Campus Life Council Meeting

Date: Monday, March 25th, 2024 | Time: 5:00pm | Location: Lafortune Champions of Diversity Room

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### I. Introductions

- A. Daniel Jung: We don't have one big topic for today, but I wanted to take the time to talk about what happened this year, what went well, what didn't go well. I want to put pen to paper and give feedback for the future Campus Life Council.

### II. Approval of Minutes

- A. The minutes are approved.

### III. Recap of the Year / CLC Topics

- A. Daniel Jung: I printed a little document with the key points from this semester. I can share this with you all after the meeting. There are two main areas. One, we talked about mental health in the Fall. Two, the sense of community at Notre Dame . I want to mention that this meeting will probably not go for an hour. We discussed the mental health barriers that exist for students and the current state of resources. We talked about prevention and the place of community as a buffer or something that works against mental health problems because community is a huge part of Notre Dame. We discussed a peer to peer mental health system and had Dr. Conway and Margaret Morgan come in to share data and talk about insights and post-Covid trends. What did you like about module? What didn't you like? What do you wish we could have talked about? We have an open floor. If there is nothing, that is ok too. Onto the sense of community at Notre Dame. This took a big focus in the Spring. We talked about transfer students and how they feel accepted in the community. Emily graciously presented some

Welcome Weekend stats. We talked about non-Catholic students, looking at the Inclusive Campus Survey. We realized that it is a good survey, but not representative of everything; It is just one data point in many. We talked about grad students and I met with the graduate Student Body President. He talked about a desire for community, but that it is so different with so many different grad programs and the fact that Notre Dame is clearly forward facing as an undergraduate institution, so it is harder. We talked about Res Life, which is the most prominent thing that comes to mind when talking about community at Notre Dame. Karen Kennedy shared her goals about Res Life, which were great, and Father Jerry came in and spoke on his general philosophy and shared that his strategic theme for the next academic year is belonging and community. We spent three to four meetings on this. Was that too much time? Just enough time? Going forward, do you think it is better to have one topic every meeting? What did you think about that sort of structure?

- B. Bridget Schippers: I appreciated the structure of beforehand coming up with someone to reach out to about a topic for them to share their expertise and then talk about for the rest of the meeting. For the entire year, if there was a specific thing that wanted to be worked towards for the entire year, that could have been helpful. The sub topics did not have a ton of direction for the year as a whole.
- C. Andrew Ryan: Maybe if there were subcommittees that met on the off weeks that can look into things more deeper and meet with people to get more relevant information.
- D. Daniel Jung: In the next point about feedback, there is a google form and I included a question about that. That happened in years past with sub committees that did their own work and came back to the meetings to share.

- E. Megan Moore: As a rector, I am against that because it is hard for us to add one more meeting. Every other week is totally doable, but every week is a lot. Looking at you all here, you are very involved. If your academic calendars are anything like my residents, you are in it right now. That's probably why this meeting is so low energy.
- F. Eric Styles: My first year in this role is when it shifted from weekly to biweekly. I don't know the details about why, but they decided that we didn't need to meet that often.
- G. Megan Moore: I don't know if goal setting is appropriate, but if there were goals we were working towards it could help with setting topics.
- H. Daniel Jung: That is a great point because goal setting is important when we think of this council has something where we come and talk. Without goals, it's hard for things to be concrete.
- I. Eric Styles: In my first year, there were sub committees and there were proposals. I always asked what the purpose of the council was? Do we have a clear sense of that and are we returning to that again and again? If there are deliverables that we are supposed to have? What are they? Or is this a sounding board? What is the role of the council? We need to buckle down on doing that one thing really well. I imagine that is difficult. In my first year, there was a desire to get changes. Last year, not so much. We struggled last year to get to meetings. This year, there are fewer tangibles, but more consistent conversations.
- J. Paul: Is there some report that gets put together at the end of the year?
- K. Daniel Jung: I don't think so. Maybe in years past, but I was not aware it was a thing.
- L. Paul McGlenn: It gets back to what is the purpose of the council? If there were some distinct outcome, who would it be transmitted to?

- M. Eric Styles: I would imagine the incoming Student Body President. Here's what we learned and what you could take to move forward.
- N. Paul McGlinn: We could bring people in and talk to them, but you already report to the BOT a couple times a year. That would be maybe the best place if there was a distinct outcome of this committee to have a report, but it may not be any different than a Student Government report.
- O. Emily Orsini: It would go to Fr Jerry, then he would reach out to other folks.
- P. Daniel Jung: Good idea.
- Q. Paul McGlinn: Even a record to give to the next year or even the two years Student Body President to share the things they talked about.
- R. danie: i can try formularting sorry of report and maybe attach meeting minutes to body of it
- S. Eric Styles: In reality, since the Student Body President changes every year, it means we are constantly starting over again.
- T. Paul McGlinn: We need institutional memory.
- U. Eric Styles: It would be helpful to say this is what the past four years do councils have talked about, rather than starting over every year. Some years we need to ask questions again, but not all questions.
- V. Daniel Jung: That is a good idea. I will make a draft report within the next week or two. I will send it to all of you, the incoming Student Body President, and Father Jerry. Is there any other advice, feedback, or things you would do differently or that the Chairperson should do differently?
- IV. CLC Feedback Form and Advice for Next Year



- A. Daniel Jung: The only other thing I have for you all is a quick feedback form on Google Forms. It is anonymous, so please be honest. The goal is to give this information to the incoming Student Body President to base what he does in this council next year, especially if some of you council members will be back next year. I will send it out right now. You can do it now or in private. It is a short Google Form that will take less than ten minutes.
- V. Final Remarks
- A. Daniel Jung: I want to thank you all so much for being on this council this year. You all care so much about ND and the direction it's going. I am grateful for the conversation and being able to get to know you all. Thank you for being part of this council.
- VI. Adjournment