

General Council Meeting

Via Email

23 April 2019

Summary of comments collated by Lauren Italiano

Invited to comment:

Monte Nathan (President)

Kirralee Coulter (Vice-President)

Mat Stasak (Treasurer)

Lauren Italiano (Secretary)

Kaitlin Thorpe (Academic Director)

Macy Gregson (Mature & Postgraduate Officer)

Eloise Ashton (Environment Officer)

Grace Cuddihy (International & Residences Officer)

Brodie Mack (Welfare Director)

Benji Rabeling (Equity & Access Officer)

Bree Macaulay (Sport & Health Officer)

Tessa Harris (Women's Officer)

Heather Urry (Assist Officer)

Olivia Trahair (Events Director)

Charlotte Lee (Deputy Events Officer)

Maneesh Kelly (Sponsorship Officer)

Amy Terzi (Media & Publicity Officer)

Thomas Desmond (Clubs Director)

Attending via proxy

Apology

Absent

Opening

Lauren sends the agenda out at 5.36pm on Monday 22 April 2019.

Agenda Items

1. President's Update

The update is as read.

Kirralee believes that the United States Consulate working party is a good idea and would like to be a part of the working party. Kaitlin notes that the Learning and Teaching committee has also discussed the issue of raising awareness about international scholarships, and believes a working relationship with the Consulate could help. Grace would also like to be involved in the working group as the international representative.

Kirralee is excited for the possibility of having administrative support in Semester 2 will help with the proposal. Grace is concerned about having administrative staff. She thinks it will separate us from the student body and also is concerned that it is one more person and one more role to manage.

Kaitlin notes in regards to the Memorandum of Understanding that student involvement in University governance is part of the Learning and Teaching Plan 2019-2020 which is to be passed at the next Academic Council.

Kaitlin also asks if a more detailed rundown could be provided to councillors in regards to SSAF.

Kirralee really likes the plans to have a cross-council executives meeting, and a cross-campus presidents' meeting.

Lauren suggests asking whether something could be organized with Rushmore for an event after the ball.

2. Vice-President's Update

The update is as read.

Kaitlin is concerned about the report of the blessing of Prindiville Hall. Her records show that it was only noted at one meeting, and that councillors were only asked in one Facebook post if they could attend. She notes that West End had an event on, which assisted them in having a high attendance. She would like to reiterate the councillors are students before councillors are all very busy, particularly in the final week before tuition-free week.

Kaitlin thinks the idea of a Notre Dame Enactus club is a good one. She asks if it is something the Notre Dame Business Society could help with? Grace also really likes the idea and asks what setting it up would involve. Monte thinks the idea will be really great for club culture and allow many more opportunities for students.

3. Treasurer's Update

The update is as read.

Kirralee requests updates on the financials, particularly for the month of April.

4. Academic Update

The update is as read.

Kirralee would like to see the "Know Your Rights" booklet in hardcopy, online and with the information disseminated as posters.

Kirralee suggests a similar approach to providing study tips as was followed by the 2018 Assist Officer. Amelia ran a Savvy Savings Tips campaign all through one marketing form, and the same format could be done here. The Study tips can be posted on social media when there is a spare slot. Lauren suggests having the study tips ready before a few weeks before exams begin.

Kirralee agrees that the mid year survey is not a priority if Kaitlin does not think it is necessary. The original idea from the Academic team on retreat was to gauge students' ideas for what the Academic portfolio could achieve in Semester 2. However Monte thinks that an Academic specific survey would be really useful and thinks that more surveys will gain more student engagement and feedback. He thinks a more general mid year survey would be better.

Kirralee notes generally that there were not enough papers from the Academic team. Although only the director is obliged to submit a paper, it is expected that other councillors will also submit papers containing the updates in their department.

She asks for the Environment Officer to provide an update on ND3, including the floor plan, revamp, kitchen and digital TV screens.

She asks for the International & Residences Officer to provide an update on initiatives discussed through the semester such as Travel Tips and the Australian academic style training guides (such as essay, reference and formatting guides).

She asks for the Mature & Postgraduate Officer to provide updates on the CAPA affiliation and what happens next, as well as the parents' room, coffee catch-ups, and write for your life initiative.

5. Equity & Access Update

The update is as read.

Kirrilee thinks that it would be easiest to make the purchases for the IDAHOT barbecue at Coles but leaves the choice to Benji. She is concerned about the expense of the activities, but believes that if Benji thinks they are necessary to improve the atmosphere on the day then Mad Cow would be a better option. She also asks for updates about the accessible microwave in ND3, the plans for Reconciliation Week, a written report on the success of the equity and access training, and the Gender Transition Guide.

Kaitlin asks if Benji has tried contacting Clive Walley in regards to the Indigenous artwork around campus and trying to recognise the artists.

6. Sport & Health Update

The update is as read.

Kirrilee asks if we could set dates for the Prindiville lunch sports as soon as possible and send through exam and marketing forms. She is really pleased to see the early plans for Sport & Health during Wellness Week Semester 2.

Kirrilee suggests creating a Facebook poll to organise a Founders Week committee.

7. Women's Officer Update

The update is as read.

Kirrilee likes the idea of just having a social media post for International Menstruation Day. She also likes the idea of having a free screening of the film on Mean Girls' Day.

Grace says that she normally fills the pads and tampons in the women's bathrooms when she notices they need filling and can keep doing this while Tessa is away. Lauren will also help on the days that she is in.

She suggests checking with the White Ribbon Day company as the 2018 Women's Officer had some concerns about its views last year. Otherwise she really likes the idea of doing something to mark the day.

She suggests doing some Instagram posts around Breast Cancer Awareness month as a possibility if there are too many other events on at the same time.

8. Assist Update

The update is as read.

Kirrilee suggests making a post asking for donations to the jacket swap rack. She also thinks washing the jackets is a really good idea.

9. Events Update

The update is as read. The motions will be passed via circular resolution.

There is general council approval for the motions.

Kirralee is very excited for the Yule Ball theme. She agrees that long tables would be great but probably not viable, and suggests doing short rectangular tables instead of round ones, to keep the Harry Potter atmosphere. She asks if Gary has any concerns about being able to do this within the event decoration budget.

10.Sponsorship Update

Kirralee asks what is the NDSA's presence in terms of marketing in the NDA store. If there is marketing, are those items available in the NDA store.

She agrees that Maneesh should approach Uni Bank in regards to Semester 2 Wellness Week, and thinks he should approach other businesses about sponsorship for Founders Cup and Assist initiatives.

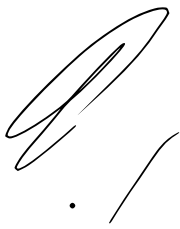
11.General Business

Monte notes that he is disappointed in the amount of papers which were received for this agenda, and does not think an email meeting is viable in future if there are similar gaps in the submissions. He asks councillors to talk one on one with the executive if they are concerned about their commitment levels and the commitment level required for the NDSA.

Kirralee asks for an update from the Welfare Director regarding the snack station for general student exams, Wellness Wednesdays in Semester 2, and the plans for Wellness Week in Semester 2.

Closing

Final councillor comments received at 10.14pm on Sunday 28 April 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'M' followed by a smaller 'N' and a period.

Montefiore Nathan

President

Notre Dame Student Association