

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
January 16, 2008
Notre Dame Room, La Fortune

- I) **Opening Business**
- a. Maris called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
 - b. Maris led the invocation.
 - c. There were no absences.
 - d. Maris entertained the motion to approve the December 5th minutes.
Stephen motioned, and Meghan seconded. *The December 5, 2008 minutes were approved at 6:08pm.*
- II) **Podium**
- III) **Officer Reports**
- a. Ms. Liz Brown, Student Body President
 - i. Liz said that next week is her last state of the student union address. Work has continued on the Good Neighbor guide.
 - b. Ms. Maris Braun, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Today she and Sheena had met with individuals to talk about the Green Summit because it is in 2 weeks on a Monday.
 - c. Ms. Sheen Plamootil, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Welcomed everyone back and reasserted what Maris had said.
 - d. Mr. Thomas Noble, Faculty Student Liaisons
 - i. Discussed catholic character in faculty during the faculty Senate meeting, and aside from that had no new business to report.
- IV) **Committee Reports**
- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Carol said majors night is February 7th, Thursday at 8pm. Dean Preacher said that in addition to information about majors, wanted to add some information on service. Expressed her approval of the new Arts and Letters course packets which are now at Decio.
 - b. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Colin discussed the break-ins that occurred over Christmas break and as such wanted to look into security measures. City and county police are still looking into the situation.
 - c. Committee on Social Concerns
 - i. Karen said that next week her committee will have informative posters to educate the student body on locally grown foods in conjunction with food services. Is looking to work with Core Council to help in Stand Against Hate Week. The Michiana social forum, which is an exchange of ideas in the community regarding social justice on Saturday January 26th, St. Joe Public Library.
 - d. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Brenna said the Health and Body Image conference will be in March.
 - e. Committee on Residence Life

- i. Mariana, said that Alcohol Awareness Week is the Week before spring break. Was in contact with PILLARS and want to have a poster competition. Likelihood for getting iTunes U will increase with student support.
 - f. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Callie has lots of initiatives that are starting up. She changed her meeting time to 7.
 - g. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Ian will be working on transition, specifically transition binders.
 - h. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
 - i. Ninny said that the next big event will take place January 26th that will be day of community service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. day. The day will consist of many community service events then a reception in the Hesburgh Auditorium in which Father Hesburgh will speak There will be a letter writing campaign from 12-4 in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. On Monday the 21st there will be a mass in honor of Martin Luther King..
- V) **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Student Senate Resolution SS0708-21 Tabled
- VI) **NEW BUSINESS**
- VII) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- VIII) **ADJOURNMENT**
 - a. Maris entertains a motion to adjourn. Tom motioned. Matt seconded. *The January 16, 2008 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Zaldana
Student Body Secretary `