

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
April 4, 2007
Notre Dame Room, La Fortune

I) **Opening Business**

- a. Maris called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.
- b. Chris Labadie led the invocation.
- c. No one was absent.
- d. Swearing in of senators
- e. Maris moved to approve minutes. George motioned. Ian seconded.
Minutes approved 6:22pm.

II) **New Business**

- a. Maris entertained a motion to approve the committee reports. Ian motioned. Stevan seconded. *Approved at 6:44 pm.*
- b. **Moved to Item B Resolution Bestowing Emeritus Status on Elizabeth S. Shappell.**
 - i. Liz Brown introduced the resolution, saying that Lizzie was a great president. Voted unanimously in favor 26 to 0 to 0. *Resolution passes at 6:46pm.*
- c. **Resolution Bestowing Emeritus Status on Vice President William Robert Andrichik.**
 - i. Liz Brown introduces Bill and his accomplishments over the past year. He and Lizzie completed 94.9% of platform initiative. Once again a unanimous vote of 26 to 0 to 0. *Resolution passes at 6:47 pm.*
- d. **Resolution Bestowing Emeritus Status on Elizabeth Brown.**
 - i. Introduced by Maris, Liz did much work with Dulac abridged. Assisted in creation of first ever student union endowment fund, in addition to several other accomplishments as Chief Executive Assistant. Vote passed 26 to 0 to 0. *Resolution passed at 6:49p.m.*
- e. **Nomination for elected senate positions.**
 - i. Liz brown explained the committee break down for the senators. FMB Oversees student union funds, and meets every Tuesday at 6pm. Judicial deals with elections, peer advocacy, and commitment would mainly be during elections. CLC, meets every other Monday at 3pm beginning in August. As a member of CLC a senator would help advise Father Mark Poorman. In the past 2 years, the application process for student union committees was streamlined and will now have a task force that meets in the off weeks. CoR is an advisory body to the Student Body President. CoR meets every Tuesday at 5 and will start as soon as elected. The procedure happened by going around and taking nominations, and then next week will have senator say why they would be good for this position and then will vote. Steven and Nick nominated for FMB. For Judicial Rachel, George, and Tom. For CLC Gary, and

Scott, CoR, Jim, Robin, Ryan, Kelly, Anna, and Amber nominated. All nominees will be required to give 30 sec speech at the next meeting.

- f. **Approvals of Senate By Laws.** [Taken straight of constitution.]
 - i. Maris entertains a motion to approve. Tom, and Matt seconded.
Approved at 6:56 p.m.

III) **Officer Reports**

- a. Liz said that she was excited about the upcoming year, and looks forward to executing new plans. Introduced the following dates. Team ND August 22-24th, the Wednesday to Friday before classes start and all senators are encouraged to attend. Senators will be receiving email with link to register for TeamND. Next Wednesday Student activities will be holding a student leadership position, 7:30 at legends. Third date Sunday April 15th 1-3 in the afternoon, a get together/retreat in the Student activities office. Will be doing activities to get to know each other and brainstorm for the following year. Sexual assault awareness week is new week, and next Tuesday 7-9 Debartalo 141, there will be showing of loyal daughters, the DVD from the fall presentation. On Wednesday night at 7pm at the grotto will be "Take Back the Night" ending with reception in the La Fortune ballroom. Thursday rape defense class next Thursday the 12th in the Security building (Hanes Hall). Tomorrow Maris and Liz will be meeting with Fr Poorman.
- b. Maris said the same about the Poorman meeting. Encouraged senators to always voice point of view, as well as respect, to ensure the senates capability to get everything done.
- c. Sheena expanded on what Maris said, and encouraged attendance at Hall councils in order to get senate information back to dorm. She will be taking senators pictures at the end of senate for identification purposes.
- d. Philip had nothing to report. Faculty senate will end at the end of April, and the new would take place in may.

IV) **Committee Reports**

- a. Carol explained the events that academic affairs has accomplished for example the college readership program, majors night, and the library opening for 24 hours. In the upcoming weeks they will have 2 resolutions like new locations for college readership, as well as follow up events on the academic convocation. Wants to introduce new ideas such as a major's database. Wants to give an opportunity for students to take business courses even if not business majors.
- b. Maris discusses community relations, as chair. In the past has dealt with house ordinances, for example how to sign leases. Has worked to bring 4 colleges in South Bend together in order to discover new ways to improve relations.
- c. Sheena the outgoing social chair, touches upon the things done in the past. Fair trade, establishing fair trade, and non enfranchised food services. Karen then elaborates, branching off of the emigration forum. Stand against hate week, expanding the reach of financial aid, in reference to

high school ambassadors and as such wants to expand socio economic diversity on campus. Wants to bring about a multi faceted approach, and give students opportunity to give back to the community in order to tie together awareness and action. Co sponsoring Millennium development week April 22nd to the 27th. Passed around sign up sheet to sell T-shirts 110th-12th and 14th to the 19th of April.

- d. Liz brown talks about Gender issues. One the biggest thing they did was the 1st ever eating disorders conference. Sponsored more inquiry on campus about eating disorders. Gender issues also in the past has planned sexual assault awareness week, including sponsored speaker. Want to see how gender relations can be improved at frosh o.
- e. Mariana Montes talks about reslife. If anyone who has a complaint about anything on campus she listens to them and addresses them appropriately. Has come up with surveys to asses student needs, and printers in the dorms, to go cups 2 years ago. Has worked with grab and go, and reslife to come up with the new options that are currently in grab and go. Has worked with OIT to come up with wireless in the dorms.
- f. Kalie with University affairs has discussed missions. Catholic think tank speakers come in to discuss Catholicism in their lives. This year she wants to focus on student faculty debates, and will have faculty pair up with student and debate 2nd pair, debating important issues such as immigration.
- g. Chris Holland as outgoing oversight chair. Discusses committee responsibilities relating to election inconsistencies. Focus on a whole spectrum of issue but never plan events. Ian then elaborated saying that this year they want to find inconsistencies in the constitution and deal with whatever else comes up.
- h. Multi Affairs, represent under represented minorities on campus, about 1 in 5. The resolution to develop a university committee to see how well the university educates the students and prepares them in ways of diversity in the "real world". The Native American resolution was another big corner stone. Did a lot of event planning this year as well. Working on minority faculty recruitment, to recruit and retain minority faculty which they feel is every under represented. Nelso Lamanda will come and speak next week, passes out posters.

V) **Old Business**

- a. No old business.

VI) **Announcements**

- a. Liz brown would like to note the attendance policy in the by laws. For future reference if you are unable to be here for a senate meeting, please email Maris and give choices for vote for Resolutions.
- b. Maris asks for show of hand for those attending the college of arts and letters and business pin retrieval. 7:30 reception in addition. Will send email about next weeks senate meeting. Minutes and resolutions sent by email.
- c. Karen, announces the need for sign ups for t-shirt sales.

VII) **Adjournment**

- a. Maris entertains a motion to adjourn. Ian motioned. Guss seconded. *April 4, 2007 Senate meeting adjourned at 7pm.*