

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

December 5, 2007

Notre Dame Room, La Fortune

I) **Opening Business**

- a. Maris called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
- b. Bob led the invocation.
- c. George, and Jim Murphy were absent. Ezinne had an excused absence.
- d. Maris entertained the motion to approve the November 27<sup>th</sup> minutes. Stephen motioned, and Meghan seconded. *The November 27, 2007 minutes were approved at 6:08pm.*

II) **Podium**

- a. Gary Nijak—CSC's Social Action Network
  - i. With a new, implemented system it will be available to email in events and have them put on a calendar. Will want someone else representing club rather than the officers in order to get more involvement. Ninny asked if there is a listserv that will announce when this organization is meeting. Gary would rather have a central visual location because email tends to be highly ineffective.

III) **Officer Reports**

- a. Ms. Liz Brown, Student Body President
  - i. Liz said that on Friday there was a meeting with Jenny Monahan in order to talk about publishing the Good neighbor Guide. The Sexual Assault Awareness posters will be here by the end of the meeting. Yesterday in CoR discussed the elections that will be happening in early February. Wished to remind that there is no campaigning on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of La fortune.
- b. Ms. Maris Braun, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Last Wednesday had a meeting to determine how we can continue to the discussions surrounding the academic forum throughout the year. The University of Fairs and Social Concerns committee might be the best outlets to address this issue. She and Sheena will be working with some business operations in order to create a formal discussion and dialogue about sustainability (energy and environmentally) here at Notre Dame.
- c. Ms. Sheen Plamootil, Chief Executive Assistant
  - i. Changed the date for the Green Summit on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Mr. Thomas Noble, Faculty Student Liaisons
  - i. No new business to report.

IV) **Committee Reports**

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
  - i. Carol and her committee have been able to determine feasibility of more printers in DB. Final date and time for Majors night in February 7<sup>th</sup>. In terms of academic advising are the committee is

compiling a list of recommendations to pass along to the academic advisors.

- b. Committee on Community Relations
  - i. Colin and his committee have worked through the logistical issues for the taste of South Bend.
- c. Committee on Social Concerns
  - i. Karen said today is the Darfur fast donation collection. There will be committee members from 8:30-12:30 on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of La Fortune. In some dorms there are tables set up as well. Once again she discussed the recommendation to food services to buy more locally owned products.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues
  - i. Brenna said there are good updates with the Health and Body image conference in March. A lot more to come after break.
- e. Committee on Residence Life
  - i. Mariana, said that Alcohol Awareness Week is the Week before spring break. Erdina said that in the past not a whole lot has been done for this event but she is hoping to change that.
- f. Committee on University Affairs
  - i. Callie is hoping to continue with the battery disposal p0roposed by one of the students in the dorm.
- g. Committee on Oversight
  - i. Ian extended his thanks for support of his legislation in revamping the constitution.
- h. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
  - i. Ninny said that the next big event will take place January 26<sup>th</sup> that will be day of community service in honor of MLK day. The day will consist of many community service events then a reception in the Hesburgh Auditorium in which Father Hesburgh will speak.

V) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Student Senate Resolution SS0708-21
  - i. Ian asked for unanimous consent to lay this issue on the table indefinitely due to the absence of 3 senators. Tom seconded the motion. *The proposition to lay the resolution in the table indefinitely passes with a vote of 19-1-5.*

VI) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Committee on Residence Life Report on Workout Facilities and Student Senate Resolution SS0708-22
  - i. Marianna said that emails were sent to rectors and email surveys have shown that the workout facilities are sub par. The funding comes from the dorm improvement funds, which often times is to small. Liz clarified said that if this is past then it will go to Campus Life Council and will have to pass there as well. Marianna clarified that this resolution is a suggestion for improvement and after they become aware of this issue we can problem solve. *The resolution passes with a vote of 25-0-0.*

VII) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

VIII) **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Maris entertains a motion to adjourn. Robin motioned. Kelly seconded.  
*The December 5, 2007 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Zaldana  
Student Body Secretary`

