

SENATE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

April 5, 2006

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Bill Andrichik called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
- B. Bill Andrichik led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call was taken by having members introduce themselves. Bill asked for everyone to state their name, dorm and favorite grab-n-go item.
- D. Oath of Office
 - i. Senators took oath of office and were officially sworn in at 6:16 p.m.
- E. Approval of March 29, 2006 Executive Summary
 - i. Lindsay Meyer motioned to approve the minutes. Mariana Montes seconded.
Minutes were approved at 6:17 p.m.

II. PODIUM

- A. No one to speak.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body President
 - i. Lizzi talked about committees, in which the senators will be divided and members for each committee will be reviewed next week.
 - ii. The budget is due Friday and money is trying to be gathered for the initiatives.
 - iii. Lizzi would also like to work to establish a more consistent relationship with the Common Council.
 - iv. Lizzi will also be stating her first state of the union address before the end of the year and is looking forward to a good year.
- B. Bill Andrichik, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Bill will be overseeing the Academic Affairs, University Affairs, and the Oversight Committees.
 - ii. He said they will be working on grab-n-go.
 - iii. He also wants to work on student access to the alumni contact network on Go Irish through the career center.
- C. Liz Brown, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Liz described her main responsibilities which include managing the office and making sure everything runs smoothly.
 - ii. Liz will be overseeing the minority affairs and diversity affairs committee.
 - iii. She will be in charge of the initiative implementing student government on location.
- D. Philippe Collon, Faculty Senate Liaison
 - i. Philippe stated the faculty senate will not have meetings until May.
 - ii. He also said Father Jenkins' guidelines on academic freedom have been sent out today and everyone should take the time to read them.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Academic Affairs

- i. Past Chair, Chris Harris spoke of committee events that were held including majors night, extending library hours during midterms, working with academic commissioners from every dorm to sponsor dorm events, working on one credit business courses, and working on the college readership program, which will continue next year.
- ii. This year's chair, Jim Grace, said he would like to maintain programs such as the college readership program and majors night. He would also like to better student advising such as the alumni contact network. He wants to work on student-faculty relations and he hopes to get even better ideas from the members that will soon join this committee.

B. Committee on Community Relations

- i. Past Chair, Nick Guzman, said his committee has set the foundation for future projects that Josh will continue. They handled everything dealing with the ordinance passed last summer along with bringing out the positive aspects of the student body. They also worked on a legal seminar which took place last week that details the basic information students need to know when living off campus. Nick would also like to work with Josh on implementing transpo tours of South Bend during Frosh-O to give freshmen exposure to the South Bend community
- ii. This year's chair, Josh Pasquesi, hopes to continue bettering relationships with the South Bend Community. The committee will be working on a South Bend Internship Guide and a guide book which rates businesses, restaurants, etc. They will be working on a community summit between Notre Dame and St. Mary's to keep an open relationship along with hosting legal consultations and an off-campus fair for students.

C. Committee on Diversity Affairs

- i. Lizzi Shappell discussed last year's accomplishments. The committee worked on issues pertaining to international relations, religious beliefs, economic status, and racial differences. Lizzi said it also sponsored the Stand Against Hate Campaign. In the next week, this committee will be working with the minority affairs committee to better articulate issues relating to each.
- ii. Sheena Plamootil is next year's chair and said the committee's major issue will be articulating issues regarding religion, sexual orientation, and economic issues. The committee will work with relevant clubs to make sure their needs are met. She also said they will try to provide more financial help to students, work with CSC, and publicize the Ombudspersons.

D. Committee on Gender Issues

- i. Aly Wishon was the committee's chair last year. She said the committee worked on sexual assault and eating disorders awareness week. The committee also developed the mandatory frosh-o sexual assault program and the policy initiatives regarding women's issues. In addition, the committee worked with the University Affairs Committee, collaborated

with the Gender Relations Center and worked on the Men Against Violence Campaign.

- ii. Ashley Weiss is next year's chair. She said she intends to continue everything from last year. A male co-chair will soon be appointed to help. Her three main goals include networking with more groups on campus, incorporating males into the program by raising awareness to male orientated issues, and breaking down the awkwardness between male and female relations.

E. Committee on Residence Life

- i. Pat Knapp is this year's chair and spoke for Mark Seiler, last year's chair. Some accomplishments from last year include to go cups in both dining halls, working with students from Mendoza to administer the college town research project, and installing cable in every dorm, which is currently being implemented.
- ii. Pat said this year's goals include extending move-out day, getting more grab n go options, expanding the use of domer dollars on campus and helping the freshman orientation sexual assault awareness week.

F. Committee on University Affairs

- i. Matt Walsh was last year's chair and couldn't be here. Last year, the committee helped organize the discussions on academic freedom and worked on the living wage campaign. It also worked on implementing the transpo system and the Kinko's network in LaFortune.
- ii. Aly Baumgartner is this year's chair. She plans on reconnecting student-alumni relations before pep rallies along with continuing the Catholic Think Tank. She will also work on student representations for committees such as making the application process more formalized and will work on the carry forward fund with Lizzi.

G. Oversight Committee

- i. Last year's chair, Sug, said the committee's two main responsibilities included amending the constitution and watching out for people doing illegal things. The committee had an election reform to read the election section of the constitution better as well as forming new transition rules, changing the name of gender relations to gender issues, and protecting the constitution to make sure it wasn't amended too much. He also wants to continue to reduce student apathy.
- ii. Chris Hollon is this year's chair. He wants to work on making the constitution more efficient and easier to understand along with clearing up consistencies in it.

H. Ad Hoc Committee on Minority Affairs

- i. Destinee Delemos is this year's chair. Her goals include incorporating cultural diversity by promoting the Black History Month Celebration, making MAC a permanent committee, writing a native letter articulating the concerns of Native Americans at Notre Dame, and getting the photo of Martin Luther King with Father Hesburgh enlarged for display. This weekend, the committee will be hosting focus groups for the multicultural groups on campus to draft initiatives for next year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. No old Business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Nominations for Senate Committee Chairs

- i. Bill Andrichik opened the floor for questions to the Chairs.
- ii. Drew Clary asked chairs if they are in charge of when the committee meets and how often. Jim Grace responded and said committees would meet once a week, most likely in the evening, and chairs will talk with remembers regarding times.
- iii. Oscar Garcia asked chairs what stands out as something you really want to pursue this year. Jim Grace said he would like to pursue majors night and work on the Go Irish Alumni Network.
- iv. Maris Braun asked the diversity and MAC committees when they will delineate between the two. Liz Brown said they are currently working on it and aiming to reach a consensus to bring forth an amendment by next week.
- v. Drew Clary motioned for approve. Danny Smith seconded. *Committee chairs approved at 6:49 p.m.*

B. Approval of Emeritus Status for Dave Baron

- i. Lizzi Shappell introduced Dave Baron. She said he has been a great person to work with and has many intentions for improving Notre Dame.
- ii. Oscar Garcia motioned to approve. Chris Harris seconded. *Emeritus Status for Dave Baron approved at 6:51 p.m.*

C. Approval of Emeritus Status for Lizzi Shappell

- i. Bill Andrichik introduced Lizzi. She has been a member of a very successful administration with Dave. She has shown great effort and Bill decided to run with her for this year's administration due to it. Lizzi took the lead during CoR and was very well articulated in describing what needed to be done with the Ordinance. Lizzi also tried to get a large student response on academic freedom.
- ii. Bill opened the floor for questions and a motion.
- iii. Ashley Weiss motioned to approve. Jim Lockwood seconded. *Motion to bestow Emeritus Status on Lizzi Shappell was approved at 6:53 p.m.*

D. Approval of Emeritus Status for Liz Kozlow

- i. Lizzi Shappell introduced Liz Kozlow. Liz is a junior from Pasquerilla West and is originally from Texas. She worked very well on the Catholic Think Tank as well as managing the office.
- ii. Mariana motioned to insert Emeritus in front of Be It Resolved under Student Senate Resolution SS0607-03. Lindsay Meyer seconded. *Motion to insert the word, Emeritus in Student Resolution SS0607-03 was approved at 6:45 p.m.*
- iii. Brian Lan motioned to approve resolution. Danny Smith seconded. *Motion to bestow Emeritus Status on Liz Kozlow was approved at 6:55 p.m.*

E. Introduction/Nominations for Elected Senate Liaison Positions

- i. Bill announced that nominations and self nominations would be announced and voting to approve nominations will be held next week.
- ii. Volunteers to serve on the Financial Management Board overseeing and managing budgets include Lindsay Meyer, Dan Fuss, and Jim Lockwood.
- iii. Volunteers for the 4 Senate positions on CLC include Mariana Montes, Luke Derheimer, Danny Smith, and Tyler Langdon.
- iv. Volunteers for the 4 Senator positions and 1 alternate position on CoR include Brian Corgan, Brian Lan, Mark Healy, Sheena Plamootil, Kerry O'Connor, Maris Braun, and Katie McArdle
- v. Volunteers for the Executive Committee non-voting member position include Brian Lan, Patrick Brown, and Ashley Wright.
- vi. Volunteers for the Student Representative on the Faculty Senate include Emily Cooperstein, Analise Lipari, Chris Beesley, and Drew Clary.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Bill Andrichik asked Senators to pick up stall notes and make sure they are up in every dorm.
- ii. Lizzi Shappell announced a meeting at 5:30 p.m. before the next Senate Meeting on Wednesday to discuss Robert's Rules.
- iii. Bill asked Senators to make sure they get their picture taken after the meeting.
- iv. Liz Brown announced Senators should attend hall council in order to report back to their respective dorm and talk about what was discussed in Senate.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Mariana Montes motioned to adjourn. Chris Hollon seconded. *Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Martinez
Student Body Secretary

