

SENATE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

April 26, 2006

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Lizzi Shappell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- B. Chris led the invocation.
- C. Bill Andrichik, Philippe Collon, Kerry O'Connor, Patrick Brown, and Jim Lockwood were absent.
- D. Luke Derheimer moved to approve the April 19th Executive Summary. Sheena Plamootil seconded. *The minutes from the April 26, 2006 meeting of the Student Senate were approved at 6:07 p.m.*

II. PODIUM

- A. Ms. Marybeth Welch, Re: United Way and the Old 2 Gold Yard Sale
 - i. Ms. Welch said she will be working with Ryan in student activities on the 2nd annual campus yard sale which will be held on May 22 in the concourse of the stadium. She explained that the sale has two primary purposes. The first is to allow easy and an environmentally safe way to get rid of items that have been used such as fridgerators to shoes and also to donate non-perishable food items to the Indiana food bank. Last year, the Indiana funding committee sent 4000 local committee members to the sale. Ms. Welch talked to HPC last night and gave fliers to members to put up in the dorms. The rectors also have detailed information to provide the students with. The sale will also be put in the student government stall notes. Anyone with questions can email mwelch3@nd.edu or old2gold@nd.edu. The sale is May 22, but items will begin to be collected next week
- B. Mr. Chris Harris Re: College Readership
 - i. Chris has met where the appropriate funds are located. The college readership program was a four week process completed between January and February of 2005. In the spring of 2005, the NYT and College Tribune were distributed on campus free of charge. Thereafter was a large demand for newspapers on campus locations. Over the summer, a committee worked on a plan to fund a full time college readership program. They worked with USA Today. The program is looking to be located at two locations such as the north and south dining halls. It could change to be put in LaFortune and there may be wire racks placed in the dorms so other people can enjoy the newspapers as well. The launch date for the program is August 24th and Chris hopes things will run smoothly after working on the program for two years. Chris also says this has been a big accomplishment for student government. He passed around pictures of storage racks for newspapers. They

will have a swipe card mechanism. At the official launch date, there will be t-shirts with the program on them and they will be brought to the students by student government. An important goal is to create excitement for August 24th. Chris says we really want to push this and it's something that students want and are excited about. This will increase student propensity to stay aware of current affairs. Chris' responsibility is to manage distribution among students and to make sure the launch is successful. There will also be t-shirts for student government to wear. Chris encourages everyone to talk to freshman about this and other students. Since this is a student government initiative, this is the time to put in the effort to bring about awareness among the student body.

C. Ms. Lizzi Shappell Re: State of the Student Union

- i. Lizzi informed the senate that part of her constitutional duty is to address the Senate as to what are important issues that challenge the student body and what can be improved with the help of Student Government. Lizzi did an overview of this year's challenges such as the ordinance for off campus housing, hurricane Katrina, and especially the debate over academic freedom. Then, Lizzi described the actions taken to deal with each issue by student government. In response to the ordinance, student government produced an off campus fair for students planning and living off campus. Student government also visited the Common Council to put forward student concerns as well as arranging a seminar that offers legal advice about living off campus. In response to Hurricane Katrina, a stadium wide collection was taken and donated to the victims. In response to academic freedom, campus wide debates were held to discuss the issues at hand and how to further deal with them on campus. Lizzi also listed some main concerns to be addressed the following semester such as Eating disorders and concerns on campus. Many students are unaware of the somewhat large epidemic that obstructs the lives of many women. On campus, there are numerous academic pressures and high expectations that inflict students on a daily bases. As a resolution, many individuals begin to hurt themselves. Lizzi would like to bring about awareness to this major and horrible situation. She plans on hosting events for students to talk about the issues and also campus wide awareness activities

III. OFFICER REPORTS

A. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body President

- i. Lizzi discussed the Board of Tustee's report and asked if anyone was interested.

B. Mr. Bill Andrichik, Student Body Vice President

- i. Bill talked about the grab-n-go surveys and said they would be coming soon and to check email for the notice.
- C. Ms. Liz Brown, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Lizzi said that any representatives on CoR who have not received binders should pick them up on the main table in the office. Everyone should've gotten attachments from Bill with the committee assignments as well. Liz also discussed the initial meeting for the online book exchange which would possibly be through inside ND.
- D. Mr. Philippe Collon, Faculty Senate Liaison
 - i. There are no new updates.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. This committee picked projects for the year. They will continue to host a majors' night and work on student alumni relations and other various projects from the previous year.
- B. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. This committee met yesterday and they are moving forward on preparing for the off campus fair and will send out letters to vendors now that it has been approved. There will be a meeting with various representatives from the Mayor's office. They are also working on transpo tours.
- C. Committee on Social Concerns
 - i. This committee met with Dr. Shave and she gave ideas about next year. The committee also split up responsibilities for next year and clubs to work with. They will research how well financial aide works at the University as well.
- D. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. The committee mentioned that tonight is Take Back the Night at the Grotto. They have also been working hard on creating an eating disorders' conference. Their goal is to research speakers for the next meeting.
- E. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. This committee will be having their first full committee meeting next Tuesday at 8pm. and will begin talking then.
- F. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. This committee is still working on writing letters and finding addresses for Catholic Think Tank. They will be talking with members of the alumni senate this weekend and will also talk to the rugby club.
- G. Committee on Oversight
 - i. There is no new news.
- H. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
 - i. Tomorrow at 4:30 MAC is hosting an unveiling of a photo of Father Hesburgh and Martin Luther King. They also met with the Provost

Committee on Multicultural Affairs. The committee will also be coming up with ideas for next year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- i. None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Senate Bylaws

- i. The bylaws' include information about how attendance is recorded. Section 1.C. explains how absentees are recorded and how many each senator is allowed. Bill and Cat should be emailed to approve excused absences. Mariana moved to approve the Senate Bylaws. Drew Clary seconded. *The Senate Bylaws were approved at 6:36 p.m.*

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. There will be no Senate meeting next week. This will be the last meeting for the semester.
- B. Kevin Smith announced an event to be sponsored by Knott. Mariana Montes announced there would be a quarter dog contest tonight. Drew Clary announced that the ragada will start at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's lake. Welsch Family is also sponsoring a 5K mile.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- i. Danny Smith moved to adjourn the April 26 Senate meeting. Luke Derheimer seconded. *The April 26, 2006 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary