

SENATE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

August 30, 2006

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Bill Andrichik called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- B. Chris Wilkinson led the invocation.
- C. Phillippe Colon was absent.
- D. Lindsey Meyer moved to approve the minutes. Luke Derheimer seconded.
The August 23rd Executive Summary was approved at 6:07 p.m.

II. PODIUM

- A. Phil Johnson, Associate director of NDSP
 - i. Phil said he understands the concern about safety off campus especially due to the recent two incidents which include the assault of the woman at TC and the robbery of the student who walked home. He wants to hear more of the specific concerns of students. He also doesn't think anything that's happened should keep anyone from enjoying various activities or opportunities that exist on or off campus. He said its NDSP's job is to keep a safe environment, but that their jurisdiction is on campus. They have the opportunity to help off campus agencies if they need assistance though. Therefore, they can't patrol off campus areas as well as on campus areas. Phil said they collaborate with student government as best they can including Safety Beat in order to remind students of crime and also services off campus such as where to store things. He mentioned things can be stored at NDSP at no cost. Phil said he wants to be a facilitator and work cooperatively with other agencies for students on and off campus. NDSP issues crime alerts such as email messages. They also have web resources with links to other agencies. They also offer a rape prevention program which shows how to avoid an assault and is a one hour workshop. This allows students to actually try things they teach as well because the officers will simulate an assault. This allows for experience and self confidence when being assaulted as well as letting one know what type of strategy works for the individual. Phil said he wants to hear specific concerns of students. He says the safe walk service is an underutilized resource on campus right now. He also mentioned that theft of unattended property is a major crime and all students should be watching for specific behavior and call NDSP if things don't seem right. He mentioned a robbery that occurred this summer when a young man's cell phone was taken. Fortunately, they were able to retrieve it because

- the young man alerted NDSP right away. Phil asked everyone to program NDSP's number in their cell phones.
- ii. Tyler Langdon said a lot of guards at the front gate are nasty when bringing groceries. Phil said NDSP values their relationship with students and invites students to hold them accountable. He said officers do have a specific job. He said when he was a student he was fined and not allowed to go on campus. They don't generally invite students to drive on campus because there is not enough parking on campus. He said with that, everyone needs to continue the Notre Dame ideals. He said they might say no but there is no reason for sarcasm or comments. He said all officers have supervisor on duty and if the gate officers aren't doing their duty, then ask to meet with the supervisor. Liz Brown said one area to be better patrolled is area immediately off campus because a lot of students walk home at night. Students do it even when it's not safe. The strip by TC is a popular route for students or on Notre Dame Avenue. Phil said we try to pay attention to those areas and from reports he sees, they do interact with students and encourage colleagues from other agencies to watch these areas as well. They don't have an omnipresent force but they certainly try to pay attention to those areas especially where students are most around there. He told students to look out for each other by not leaving someone behind. Make sure everyone has a safe way home. He will note to staff to keep an eye out on perimeter controls. Danny Smith said that on cable there will be extra channels and he asked if NDSP plans on posting announcements of suspicions. Phil said they are working on method to notify students as to what things are suspicious. He wants to know how best to connect with students. Greg said they should work with Comcast and do it like the weather channel does with warnings. Phil said there may be licensing agreements, but will check on it. Mariana asked if there is closer CCTV. He said they do have it but who spends time watching it. He said he wants to know who is looking at them to better evaluate video patrolling. They aren't certain that the output is warrant the energy and expense. They are also concerned about privacy. He would like to get additional CCTV along other roads though. Phil said his contact email is Johnson.30@nd.edu and if anyone wants officers to meet at Residence Halls, they can email NDSP for further questions or concerns.

III. Officer Reports

A. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body President

- i. On Monday, CLC met and highlighted three task forces that will be addressed at the next meeting and maybe an ad hoc committee for safety issues. Lizzi said CoR met yesterday and set an agenda brainstorming for ideas throughout the

year and they will focus on diversity issues relating to racist comments, etc. Her major initiative right now is working with Josh on organizing an eating disorders conference.

B. Mr. Bill Andrichik, Student Body Vice President

i. Within the last week, he has been working on finalizing the internet administrator for the student government website so they have their own software license for future administrations. He is also working with Aly on student-alumni receptions.

C. Ms. Liz Brow, Chief Executive Assistant

i. Last night was activities night and they received a lot of new faces. Next Tuesday night at 9:00 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre on the first floor will be a student government 101 which will serve as an information center for students. It will cover all aspects of student government. Brian Lan asked for the time. Liz said it will be at 9.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Academic Affairs

i. Jim Grace said his committee met yesterday and they had a lot of energy. He will email everyone about contact information regarding various projects. He talked to Chris and said everything has been good regarding the College Readership Program.

B. Committee on Community Relations

i. Josh Pasquesi said his committee will meet next week Monday at 9 p.m. They will start working on the legal consultation seminar and the community summit for leaders. They will start a newly annual off campus information center. He will be working with Lizzi to talk to the Common Council.

C. Committee on Social Concerns

i. Sheena said they had their first meeting last night and they updated each other on projects. They are working on an international education week in November. They are collaborating with various clubs including Campus Ministry. She will also be working with Destinee on training for the multicultural commissioners.

D. Committee on Gender Issues

i. Ashley said they met Monday and divided up tasks.

E. Committee on Resident Life

i. Pat said he has a flier he will be taking to HPC next week to address their hall counsels. It will be about cell phone coverage and cable issues. He said it's a neat little deal.

F. Committee on University Affairs

i. Aly said her committee will meet with Mark Burdel at Starbucks. They will be discussing locations and how to get students and alumni involved. They are working on getting people to work as tri

campus liaisons along with look into getting commencement speakers.

G. Committee on Oversight

- i. Chris Hollon said they are meeting after this meeting and want to have a format for progress reports for committees.

H. Committee on Multicultural Affairs

- i. Destinee said her committee met last night and touched on everything from academic resources for minority students. They will work on Native American student affairs and preparing for Hispanic heritage month September 15 to October 15.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Kevin Gimber as Co-Chair for Committee on Gender Issues

- i. Lizzi Shappell introduced Kevin Gimber. She mentioned her initiative to have a male and female chair on her platform for the Committee on gender relations. Kevin is a senior and a former resident of Zahm Hall. He is currently living off campus. Brian asked if he has a spiel about what he's going to do this year. Kevin said he's been acting as co chair for a little awhile and has already contacted all department heads that will be working on the eating disorders conference. Brian said in general what he is going to do. Kevin said he thinks they are on the brink from changing committee to be female related to gender related. He understands there are many issues on campus. He wants to make some strives for these issues and focus on both sides of the coin. Lindsey Meyer moved to approve. Chris Beasley seconded. *Kevin Gimber was approved as co-chair for the Committee on Gender Issues at 6:42 p.m.*

B. Nominations for Judicial Council Liaison and University Library Committee on Libraries

- i. Bill asked for self or other nominations for either position first for the judicial council nomination. Brian asked when meetings are. Chris Hollon said judicial council only does work around election time and is not a big time commitment. Brian Lan and Kevin Smith nominated himself.
- ii. Next, Bill asked for nominations for the Library Committee. Ashley Wright asked as to what time commitment it would be. Lizzi said once a month for breakfast they will meet. Jim Grace said that they meet at 7 in the morning. Oscar Garcia nominated himself. Ashley Wright nominated herself as well.
- iii. Bill told nominees to take a minute to introduce themselves. Brian said his name and said he feels like he can really help out and be of some assistance during elections. Kevin said he would like to be more involved in Senate and was happy he saw this opening.

- And glad that Patrick left. He also feels that he is an organized person. Bill asked for everyone to record their votes
- iv. Oscar Garcia said he is from Stanford and feels he is an engineering perspective and therefore, he can give the library a different perspective. He can also help them with people from the engineering field. Ashley said she's from Lewis and actually works in the Library. She is working in the Administration office this term. She feels she can give a practical perspective. Bill asked for everyone to vote.
 - v. Kevin Smith won for the Judicial Counsel Liaison position. Ashley Wright won the Library Committee position.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Lizzi reminded everyone to put up stall notes.
- B. Oscar wanted to make an announcement for the upcoming Morrissey event. George said Morrissey is having a Tomatina this Saturday and will set up Friday night. It will be a big arena and everyone can just throw stuff at each other. They might do it for charity and are figuring out what charity it's for. Everyone has to sign a waiver if something happens. Greg said it originated in Spain and it is a big tomato throwing festivity and occurs about same time as running of the bulls. It's about a week long festival they do in Spain.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Luke Derheimer moved to adjourn. Oscar Garcia seconded. *The August 30, 2004 meeting of Senate was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary

