

## NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary  
September 27, 2006  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

MORAL

### I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Bill Andrichik called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- B. Chris Labadie led the invocation.
- C. Jim Grace, Destinee Delemos, Ashley Wright, Brian Lan, Kushal Parikh and Mark Healy were absent.
- D. Luke Derheimer moved to approve the minutes. Kevin Smith seconded. *The minutes were approved at 6:07 p.m.*

### II. PODIUM

- A. None

### III. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body President
  - i. Bill, Josh, Liz Kozlow, Crystal Hardy, and Lizzi returned from a meeting with a subcommittee in the Common Council. They talked about the Ordinance. She said the meeting went well. They expressed concerns over eviction after the first offense. Council was receptive in working with landlords to avoid eviction. They will continue this conversation and will meet with Common Council. Tomorrow her and Bill will meet to discuss Board of Trustees report with alumni.
- B. Mr. Bill Andrichik, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Bill said they were able to have a good discussion over what ways they are working as student government and as students to fix the problems between students and faculty. Earlier today, Lizzi and he had a discussion with Dr. Burish. He was energetic about improving student faculty relations. They talked about having some sort of regular talk, etc. to involve student and faculty discussion. He met with Jim to discuss a new report regarding the conditions of the desks in various academic buildings. He also mentioned first student alumni reception this Friday at 3:30 p.m.
- C. Ms. Liz Brown, Chief Executive Assistant
  - i. Liz met with Bill last Thursday. They will be working on initiatives regarding sexual assault. Liz asked for volunteers. Tomorrow, she and Destinee will be meeting with Bill Johnson, assistant Director from NDSP. They will talk about the crime alerts sent out and ensure there is a protocol for notifying crimes.
- D. Mr. Philippe Collon/Ms. Linda Sharpe, Faculty Senate Liaison
  - i. Nothing to report. They did have the first meeting of Appeals Committee. He stressed importance of having student representatives at meetings. They have decided they will have next meeting this Monday at 8:30 p.m. They have more than 60 appeals pending.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee on Academic Affairs
  - i. Jim Grace Absent.
- B. Committee on Community Relations
  - i. Josh said he was also happy with meeting today. They will look into a landlord response system to a noise violation. They are looking to expand with SBPD. They are also going to expand crime alert system.
- C. Committee on Social Concerns
  - i. Sheena said they are working on incorporating themes discussed from global forum into international week. They're scheduling a meeting with the Office of General Counsel about duLac.
- D. Committee on Gender Issues
  - i. They finalized title for Conference. They are also finalizing list of events.
- E. Committee on Residence Life
  - i. Pat said her and Mariana are meeting with Phil Johnson about parking. They sent the Tech report to CLC too.
- F. Committee on University Affairs
  - i. Their first student alumni reception is this Friday at 5:30 p.m. They will be raffling off Purdue tickets. There will be free food. There is also another one next Friday.
- G. Committee on Oversight
  - i. They had a meeting Monday night with new members. They are honored to have Parliamentarian. They also finalized transition calendar.
- H. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
  - i. Destinee Absent.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Student Government PR
  - i. Jim said he was contacted by various students interested in getting involved in Student Government. He had troubles contacting members to help get freshman involved. He said we should make sure students can access information in joining student government. Chris Beesley asked if anyone had taken a survey of freshman who got involved in committees. This may help further discussion. Alex French said they had 6 freshman added. He will bring this up with them and put this on their to do list. Alex says judicial council reps have always been a problem in communicating with students. He says he knows some dorms are better at this than others. Maris said as a freshman last year getting involved was easy, but she had trouble finding out how to run for senate. She said if it wasn't for her committee, the process would have been very confusing. She says there should be better communication in the weeks before the election. Alex suggested implementing an informal meeting a couple weeks before elections to advertise student government positions. Analise sent out a list serve asking about accessibility to student government. The freshman that replied said a meeting should be held to explain positions of

student government. Upperclassmen said student government should be publicized. Liz Brown said there was a meeting in the beginning of the year, Student Government 101. They had 35 freshman applicants. Danny Smith said not all dorms have a serious hall council. Therefore, it can be harder to get information throughout the dorm. Pat said keep in mind that student government is one of our activities and other students have different activities. Therefore, it is can be difficult to publicize and keep people involved. Jim Lockwood asked how often website updated. Lizzi said problems right now are that they had to purchase software necessary to update because their webmaster went abroad. They said software should be helpful for future administrations. They also have to wait and buy a computer which can use the software. She said this should be taken care of soon. Karen Koski talked about brochure given out last year. She asked if they still have those. Liz Brown said yes and it was distributed at Activities Night. Chris Beesley said they could be put in Undergraduate Admissions Office. Mariana said a lot of the problem is that a lot of people go to activities night and sign up for everything and get emails but erase them and say they never heard about anything. Bill said any future concerns can be emailed to them and Alex, Director of Communications.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. None

#### **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Aly said to make sure posters for alumni reception are up by today.
- B. Mary Popit said Welsh Family block party is tomorrow from 8 to 12. There is Free food and games. They are asking for donations as well to raise money for women's education.
- C. Liz Brown encouraged everyone to come with a friend or two to the student alumni reception on Friday. Lindsay meyer asked what are we supposed to do by interacting with alumni. Aly said it will be very casual and it's just connecting with alumni. They will want to know what's going on on campus and talk about their college days. Liz said it's a good opportunity to network as well.
- D. Mariana invited everyone to South Quad to watch Grey's Anatomy in front of Morrissey.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Luke moved to adjourn. Callie Poggie seconded. *The September 27, 2006 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Martinez  
Student Body Secretary

