

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

October 4, 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. Aly Baumgartner, Allison Steil, Kevin Gimber, and Lindsey Meyer were absent.
- D. Luke Derheimer moved to approve the minutes. Kevin Smith seconded. *The minutes were approved at 6:06 p.m.*

II. PODIUM

- A. None

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body President
 - i. Lizzi said tomorrow her, Bill and Liz and three other students will be going to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees for a student panel discussing social network among students. There will be a brief overview of facebook, cell phone usage and other new technologies.
- B. Mr. Bill Andrichik, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Bill said FMB approved funding for majority of the new MAC which will help design posters and student government website. The website designer has already started the design. Last Thursday, Lizzi and him represented the report from last year about perceived disconnect between student alumni gap. They were well received and a very good proportionate of people came to student alumni reception the next day.
- B. Ms. Liz Brown, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Destinee and Liz met with Phillip Johnson. They had good meeting regarding crime bulletin report sent out. Liz will be talking with Director of Contemporary Topics to make sure that some safety components are in there to better educate students. Liz also has posters to pass out regarding alumni reception.
- C. Mr. Philippe Collon/Ms. Linda Sharpe, Faculty Senate Liaison
 - i. Linda said they are meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Jim said his committee has big news. They are contacting Mike from JACC to reserve space for major's night. Next week from Sunday until following Saturday at 2:00 am, the library will be open 24 hours.
- B. Committee on Community Relations

- i. Josh said his committee met Monday. They will sit down and talk with Kramer regarding South Bend Police Department and sit down with Lizzi and talk to people of TC.
- C. Committee on Social Concerns
 - i. Sheena said Destinee and her ran the Multicultural Commissioner training and it went well. They are working on events to incorporate things regarding global health.
- D. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Ashley said her committee is letting universities know about eating disorders conference. They came out with basic outline.
- E. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Pat said they are waiting to have meetings next week regarding parking issues and the College Town.
- F. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. This Friday there will be the 2nd student alumni reception. They will be providing tickets to first 50 people that get there. Everyone should help spread the word to get positive turnout.
- G. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Chris said they will meet next Monday. There is no big news and minor amendments coming up.
- H. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
 - i. Destinee said training went well also. 21 dorms represented. They will have a make up session. This week she's meeting with the working group to discuss cultural affairs. They will meet for history month starting this week. She talked about meeting with Phil and how crime bulletins report race of suspects and various inconsistencies.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. None

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Proposal of Resolution SS-0607-08
 - i. Sheena introduced. She said they have members from Amnesty International to describe further information. Chris Morrissey and Gary Nijack thre from the a subcommittee on economic justice. They are addressing fair trade relating to forum this year. Gary introduced slides and described statistics. He described how kids were being removed from schools so they could help on the farm. Chris talked about inflated prices and the fair trade model. They want to ensure prices to producers are just. Chris talked about the Fair trade principles, which offers fair pricing to farmers. Gary described how fair trade pricing works. They are working to create direct relationship between producer and purchaser. Chris talked about deleterious factors of coffee production. Gary talked about how fair trade relates to the Catholic teachings. It allows us to be part of the common good. Fair trade helps the whole world and gives options to the poor. It also practices stewardship and gives us the opportunity to live out

- our faith. Chris talked about fair trade on campus. Fair trade coffee is a small porportion of the options in the dining halls. Gary stessed avoiding moral consequences of our actions.
- ii. Sheena read through Bishop's statement. The United Sates Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) supports the fair trade policy. The USCCB believes this is a program based on "respect and equity".
 - iii. Tyler Langdon asked what fair pricing per pound is without fair pricing. Chris said last time he checked it was at about 31 cents per pound from CRS website. It can go lower but typically doesn't go higher. Tyler asked about importers and exporters that are cut out and if these people are losing jobs due to this and if so, what is the justification. Gary said they would not necessarily lose their jobs. It is the second largest commodity after oil.
 - iv. Greg asked if Starbucks is fair Trade. Chris said this resolution does not address Starbucks but all the other food service operations and the Huddle. Lizzi said it would include these franchises.
 - v. Sheena said prices would increase by a cent or two. Chris said he was in contact of a fair trade company, Better Beans For Life, and they told him that there would be minimal difference involved. The numbers gained has never appeared in programs in other universities. Danny asked if Starbucks is only then limited to fair trade coffee. They said they were under the impression the resolution did not include Starbucks. Gary said it depends on the legal arrangements. Lizzi said she would recommend that this is clarified in the resolution if Starbucks, Burger King, and larger franchises should be left out. Sheena said their intention was to not include franchises. She proposed an Amendment to the Resolution excluding all Franchise Operations to last clause. Danny seconded. Greg said non franchise statement is hypocritical because we're trying to take a stand. He said it may be difficult but in this situation it may be good. Mariana said she did research and Starbucks is not certified to be completely fair trade. Starbucks can't guarantee it. Danny doesn't see it as hypocritical because small steps should be taken if this is an important issue. Chris moved to PQ, Luke seconded. 26 moved to enter voting on the amendment to the amendment and 1 abstention. 24 moved to amend the amendment. 2 opposed. No abstentions. *The resolution is amended at 6:42 p.m.*
 - vi. Maris asked if this is student government's suggestion and they can do what they want. Sheena said yes and it's our suggestion as a student body. Chris said this year Amnesty International will be focusing on this clause and they will be going to every dorm educating people about fair trade. They have been in contact to make sure this has support outside and inside. Drew Clary asked about the last clause regarding educated material and if this will be a concerted effort. Sheena said their goal is not just to have all students drinking fair trade on campus but that they will take what they learn with them and will actively take a position to buy fair trade. Lizzi asked if we are expecting food services to provide education

When I was a senator BC
 leaned over to me & said
 "I don't know what your plans are
 but whatever you do, get a parliamentarian"

I wish BC could
 advise me on the
 election bc he'd
 be hilarious

or who's educating. Sheena said Amnesty has taken it upon themselves to push this cause. They have a strong working relationship with CRS and they have materials to hand out. Greg said they would like to have a simple brochure and nothing major just an informational process. Chris asked about second clause where it says it would read better to cut second as. Sheena said it could be striked. Drew Clary said many students don't know what is fair tride. Drew said he would like to see a concerted effort to help get students aware and proposed amendment striking first Therefore it be Resolved clause. This would let the educational aspect be brought out first. No second. The motion fails. Chris Beesley said he understands where Drew is coming from, but since this move is a Catholic move it should remain as is. Jim asked if education front will be pushed even after it is settled. Gary said yes. Maris moved to PQ. Lauren Cummings seconded. 24 voted to move into resolution. 23 voted to pass resolution. 2 oppositions. No abstentions. *The resolution passed at 6:56 p.m.*

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Mariana announced facebook feed about Jim Grace being in a relationship.
- B. Bill reminded people to come to student alumni reception on Friday.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Chris Beesley moved to adjourn. Oscar Garcia seconded. *The October 4, 2006 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary