

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

October 11, 2006

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Bill Andrichik called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- B. Chris Labadie led the invocation.
- C. Phillippe Colon, Chris Beesley, Jim Lockwood, Brian Corrigan, and Mariana Montes were absent.
- D. Drew Clary moved to approve the minutes. Brian Lan seconded. *The minutes from the October 4, 2006 Senate meeting were approved at 6:05 p.m.*

II. PODIUM

A. Lindsay Hero Re: South Bend Gulu Walk

- i. Lindsay Hero is the Gulu Walk coordinator. Lindsay then introduced the purpose for the walk. The walk aims at bringing awareness to the 50,000 children in northern Uganda who are forced to walk in order to avoid abduction by the Lord's Resistance Army. The Walk will be held October 22, 2006 and it will begin at 2 p.m. Registration is free but donations are welcome. The walk will end at the IUSB campus. Lindsay asked student senate to support their publicity efforts. She asked that senators forward the emails she will send them regarding the walk to their respective constituents and to encourage students to participate in the walk.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

A. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body President

- i. Last Thursday, Liz, Bill, Lizzi and three other students went to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. She said it went very well. They educated the Board on how students currently communicate via face book and other means. Lizzi said she is pleased at how their relationship with the Board is improving.

B. Mr. Bill Andrichik, Student Body Vice President

- i. Bill said the new computer arrived. They will be working on it over break. They hope to set up a system in which student leaders have their profiles on the computer. Bill said they are also looking at putting another computer in the office for student group use.

C. Ms. Liz Brown, Chief Executive Assistant

- i. Liz said nothing new. She is working on old agenda items.

D. Mr. Philippe Collon/Ms. Linda Sharpe, Faculty Senate Liaison

- i. Absent

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Academic Affairs

- i. Jim said last Friday he met with Nigel Butterwick in the library to ensure that the library is open 24 hours during midterms week. They also talked about the plan to relocate the computer cluster to the first floor. They are thinking of putting cubicles and new round table desks in place of the cluster. Laptops would be available for students to borrow as well. In addition, they are looking at study options that students use the most.
- B. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Josh said his committee has finalized plans for the legal seminar, which is to be held November 5. They will talk about the ordinance, signing leases, and other legal information that students living off campus should receive.
- C. Committee on Social Concerns
 - i. Sheena said her committee is working with ISSA on the 10,000 Villages sale. She will be asking students to help out in the near future.
- D. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Ashley said nothing new to report. They are finishing the details on the eating disorder's conference and they are planning the topic for each speaker to target.
- E. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Pat said he and Lizzi met with Greg Hakanen regarding the College Town project. They received good updates for the plans on the Northeast Neighborhood Development program. They will assist in doing more surveys. The surveys will focus on ND employees and residents of the South Bend community. Pat also met with Phil Johnson yesterday to talk about blue lights. They will further work on solutions regarding this issue.
- F. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Aly said her committee did not meet this week, but they had the second student alumni reception last Friday. They are going to be looking at ways to improve the next reception. They are also looking at scheduling debates between college democrats and republicans to be held sometime before elections.
- G. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Chris said his committee met Monday and talked about topics of concern. They also created a constitutional amendment that will be presented after break. The amendment concerns the petition requirements for class council officers.
- H. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
 - i. Destinee said her committee is putting the finishing touches on their Native American initiative. They are also planning events for the upcoming cultural month.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. None.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Bill reported the deadline for the shirt application. Richard Fox decided the deadline will be pushed back to this Friday. For further information, go to <http://theshirt.nd.edu>.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Brian Lan moved to adjourn. Oscar Garcia seconded. *The October 11, 2006 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Martinez
Student Body Secretary

