

# NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

## Executive Summary

October 25, 2006

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

### I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Bill Andrichik called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- B. Chris Labadie led the invocation.
- C. Phillippe Collon, Callie Pogge, Chris Beesley, Karen Koski, and Mark Healy were absent.
- D. Luke Derheimer moved to approve the minutes. Lindsay Meyer seconded.  
*The minutes from the October 11, 2006 Senate meeting were approved at 6:05 p.m.*

### II. PODIUM

- A. None.

### III. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body President
  - i. Lizzi said her and Liz will be serving on the sexual assault advisory committee. They will give updates regarding the committee's work later. She also announced the senate meeting time may change for next week.
- B. Mr. Bill Andrichik, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Bill said they are currently working on scheduling a meeting time with the gentleman from Sweden. He also said there may be another change for the senate meeting, but as of now it is Thursday.
- C. Ms. Liz Brown, Chief Executive Assistant
  - i. Liz met with the director of SOS on Monday to talk about sexual assault on campus. She will be working with Bill Kurk and Lizzi on this topic. Next week she is meeting with the contemporary topics advisor. Her, Lizzi and Sheena will also schedule to meet with food services to talk about the fair trade resolution that was passed.
- D. Mr. Philippe Collon/Ms. Linda Sharpe, Faculty Senate Liaison
  - i. Absent

### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee on Academic Affairs
  - i. Jim's committee met yesterday. They are currently working on contacting the Deans for major's night and putting a questionnaire form together for the student advisors.
- B. Committee on Community Relations
  - i. Josh said they will talk to TC about what happened at the Common Council meeting. They are also continuing to work on the off campus seminar.
- C. Committee on Social Concerns

- i. Sheena said she plans to meet with the multicultural commissioners sometime next week. Her committee is continuing to work on the plans for international education week. She is also sending around a sign-up sheet to help work the 10,000 Village's sale.
- D. Committee on Gender Issues
  - i. Kevin said they met Monday and broke their committee up into four sub groups to work on the eating disorders seminar. Liz, Lizzi and Kevin met with Brian today to further discuss events. They are also meeting with more people this week and next week about the eating disorders seminar.
- E. Committee on Residence Life
  - i. Pat has brochures about the college town project. They will also look into Seigfried's printers. Pat plans on meeting with OIT next week.
- F. Committee on University Affairs
  - i. Aly said she had a meeting this morning with Mark Burdel about the upcoming alumni reception for the North Carolina game. She also said the Notre Dame media and entertainment group will be in town that weekend and hopefully they can come. In this case, they will plan on targeting FTT majors. Drew is working on the debate for elections which is tentatively for next Wednesday. They are also looking for female speakers for Catholic Think Tank.
- G. Committee on Oversight
  - i. Chris said his committee has been working on the constitutional amendment for today. In the future, they will look at eliminating the hyphens between vice president.
- H. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
  - i. Destinee met with provost about cultural controversy. Her committee will present a Native American resolution next week. November is also Native American Heritage month and they are working on events for this month.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposal of SS-0607-09: Oversight Committee Constitutional Amendment
  - i. Chris said this amendment proposes a major change which is to increase signature requirements for class officers. Brian Lan said this requirement is for petition purposes only. He said the original 100 signatures required equals 25 signatures per officer and this is a small amount of signatures needed to run for office. Additionally, it only represents 5% of students in the class. Now, it can be a 10% representation of the officers' constituents. He compared this representation to the student body elections. He said the student body elections require better representation. Drew Clary asked about the hyphen between vice president. Chris said it is about consistency in the current document and taking incremental steps to change the hyphens throughout. Luke moved to pq. Drew seconded.

20 yes. 3 no. No abstentions. Bill moved into voting. 18 yes. 4 no. 1 abstention. *The SS-0607-09 resolution passed at 6:17 p.m.*

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Sheena announced the Phox Fire event for tomorrow night at Holy Cross Hill.
- B. Mariana said this weekend is Lyons' Mara Fox Run. It is Saturday morning and sign ups are in the dining hall.
- C. Lindsey said Mcglinn is hosting a Meal of Nations event this weekend.
- D. Tyler said Dillon hall has a halloween dance.
- E. Lizzi announced that SUB tickets for Ben Folds go on sale tomorrow morning at 9 a.m at the LaFortune Box Office.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Oscar Garcia moved to adjourn. Lauren Cummings seconded. *The October 25, 2006 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Martinez  
Student Body Secretary

