

# NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

## Executive Summary

November 8, 2006

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

### I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Bill Andrichik called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- B. Chris Labadie led the invocation.
- C. Philippe Collon, Tyler Langdon, and Dan Fuss were absent.
- D. Bill swore in Victoria Perez who will be replacing Katie McArdle, the senator from Farley. *Victoria was sworn in at 6:08 p.m.*
- E. Chris Beesley moved to approve the minutes. Luke Derheimer seconded. *The minutes from the November 1, 2006 Senate meeting were approved at 6:09 p.m.*

### II. PODIUM

- A. None.

### III. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body President
  - i. Last Friday, Liz and Lizzi presented the recommendations from senate to the sexual assault advisory committee. Lizzi said there is a website to view the current progress and any information provided by the committee. Liz will continue to work with the gender relations center on this issue. Lizzi sent a letter endorsing Holy Cross student use of the Rockne athletic center to the Vice President of Student Affairs at Holy Cross. The Native American resolution will be sent to the College of Arts and Letters. Alex French passed around a card for senate to sign that will be given to Dan Fuss due to his family loss.
- B. Mr. Bill Andrichik, Student Body Vice President
  - i. The conduct awareness task force in CLC met this week. The members compiled all of the information they gathered regarding freshman disorientations. They created a survey that will be sent out to the hall staff list serve in every dorm with the purpose of alleviating the use of disorientations along with asking if any staff members were involved.
- C. Ms. Liz Brown, Chief Executive Assistant
  - i. Liz said she is continuing to work on sexual assault issues. She will be meeting with Phil Johnson next week. She is also continuing her work with the contemporary topics department.
- D. Mr. Philippe Collon/Ms. Linda Sharpe, Faculty Senate Liaison
  - i. Absent.

### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee on Academic Affairs
  - i. Jim had no report. They will meet next week.

- B. Committee on Community Relations
  - i. Josh said they are continuing their work from last week. They are still finalizing plans for the legal seminar. They are also looking for suggestions to improve the new community relations home page on the Notre Dame website.
- C. Committee on Social Concerns
  - i. Sheena announced that international education week is this week. Sheena is passing around posters to publicize events for this week. Her committee is also initiating a petition campaign for next week regarding the Darfur Crisis in Sudan. Sheena announced the 10,000 Village's sale that will be coming up soon. Greg asked Sheena if her committee plans to send the petition to Bill Frist. Sheena said they don't know which person they will be sending it to as of now, but it will be someone who is currently in the senate.
- D. Committee on Gender Issues
  - i. Ashley said they are finalizing plans for the eating-disorders conference. They are also putting together ideas for the website.
- E. Committee on Residence Life
  - i. Pat met with Dewitt A Latimer, the Assistant Provost for OIT. They talked about the current technology in the dorms. They consented that most problems have been resolved. They will keep in close touch and continue discussion in his committee regarding any malfunctions that may occur. Mariana said she had a meeting to discuss student and professor needs. Their main concerns will be putting printers in all the dorms. They will continue to monitor cable and wireless receptions. They will also work on establishing an ND lecture series that could be available online for students. Jim Lockwood said Siegfried was able to get printers, but they need to upload the software.
- F. Committee on University Affairs
  - i. Last week, the college democrat and republican debate took place. Aly said it went very well. They are thinking of having another one next semester. They also have a speaker for Catholic Think Tank and now, they are looking at dates.
- G. Committee on Oversight
  - i. Chris said his committee did not meet this week so there is no new update.
- H. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
  - i. Detsinee said MAC on location was held in Coleman Morse last night. On Monday, she will present the Native American Resolution to CLC. Her committee has also developed a working group that will begin to work on their next initiative.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. None

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. FMB Liaison Report

- i. Lindsay and Jim have been meeting with FMB weekly. They have been looking at the allocations for the spring semester. They have also finalized the plans for three speakers to attend the ND literary festival. They are in the process of approving the money for this event. Jim said they received a report for the shirt sale and the shirt sold very well this year. They also voted to have the technology fund for SUB be forwarded to the student government computer purchase.

### B. Review of Student-Alumni Receptions

- i. Aly asked senate members for their perceptions of the alumni receptions her committee held on campus. Maris said she was disappointed with the senate showing. She said senate members have a responsibility to go to these events. There are only benefits in attending. She said if we don't come as student leaders, then how will they expect anyone to come. She said they did a poor job. Callie said she went to the first two and the first one was good. The second one was at Coleman Morse and they ended up closing early due to the small showing. The location of the Eck was better. She also said having the FTT association there helped to draw more students. Aly asked if they should have it more major focused or regional focused in the future. Callie said major focused. Danny Smith asked about changing the time and maybe doing dinner instead because football Fridays are busy. He said it can be hard to attend with families in town, the pep rallies, and the students who perform in them. He said dinner would be better to sit and actually talk. Aly said they wanted to make it a little more casual so people could stop by for a short period of time. Ashley Wright said publicizing the event sooner could be better. She agreed with Callie in having major oriented associations present to draw more students. Greg said having it earlier would also be good because their hall council is Tuesday and it is often late notice when the event is announced. Maris asked if Aly could clarify regional versus major focused receptions. Aly said they could plan to target alumni associations in various regions versus targeting major oriented associations. Maris said she thought regional focused events are a good idea. Lizzi said they could purposely time the receptions at the same time as the Alumni Board meeting. She said they would like to see these events annually and build it with the Alumni Board. The alumni board is well connected and has many contacts. Chris Beesley said the timing for these events occur on football Fridays which are very busy, but since that is when alumni are here, it's a give and take situation. Chris suggested Thursday afternoons. Lindsay asked how well it was communicated to alumni. Aly said Mark Burdel was in charge of publicizing the receptions to the alumni. Aly said they hung up posters, put the event on their website, and sent emails to certain groups suggesting to come. Brian asked where the locations were. Aly said two were held in Coleman Morse and one at the Eck Center.

Brian Lan suggested having a barbeque where students can actually see the event taking place and stop by.

C. Update on Publicizing Student Government

- i. Jim asked about the progress on publicizing student government to students. Bill said the web designer, Ryan Ricketts, has been actively working on putting together student leader profiles as well as updating the website. There has been some software issues so there is a delay. Alex gathered information and said it seemed the general consensus was that most people didn't have a hard time finding out about student government events. They are looking at putting a brochure in the main building with student government members' emails. Jim said students have difficulty in locating the judicial members and he suggested giving students an incentive to make them more visible in the dorm. Lizzi said she will bring this topic to CoR next week and discuss it with the presidents of these organizations. Liz said progress hasn't been made for the student government 101 event because it is up to the next administration, but she will make sure they know about these suggestions. [Afrench1@nd.edu](mailto:Afrench1@nd.edu) is the contact person for student government communication with students if anyone has further suggestions.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Bill said senate will be cancelled the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
- B. Oscar Garcia announced the turning over a new leaf event hosted by Circle K, the Class of 2007, and RCLC. All volunteers get free breakfast and free lunch.
- C. Mariana said Alumni Hall and Lyons Hall purchased the rights to watch the game at Legends. There will be free food and drinks. The game is at 4 o'clock our time.
- D. Analise Lipari announced that Howard Hall is hosting a bonfire to be held at Holy Cross Hill. They will be serving hot chocolate.
- E. Sheena said the Phox Fire event is now this Thursday from 6-8 p.m.
- F. Brian Coughlin said student activities has been flooded with calls as to where the game watch will be for Saturday. He said student activities has nothing to do with campus cable, but they are looking at the possibility of renting a temporary satellite truck that will attach to the Stepan Center. There will be a 40 foot screen if this is possible.
- G. Lauren said November 16 is the Baraka Bouts which will be at the JACC. The money raised for this event will support the Holy Cross mission in Bangladesh.
- H. Alex reminded senators to sign Dan Fuss's card.
- I. Karen Koski announced the Walsh Hall Wild Week.
- J. Oscar Garcia announced O'Neill's ND Pageant.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Sheena moved to adjourn. Chris Beesley seconded. *The November 8, 2006 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Martinez  
Student Body Secretary

