

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

November 15, 2006

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Bill Andrichik called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- B. Chris Labadie led the invocation.
- C. Mariana Montes, Kevin Gimber and Kevin Smith were absent.
- D. Oscar Garcia moved to approve the minutes. Luke Derheimer seconded.
The minutes from the November 8, 2006 Senate meeting were approved at 6:06 p.m.

II. PODIUM

- A. None.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body President
 - i. Liz said the University of Portland Student Government will be visiting this weekend. Father Poorman sits on the board at this university. Lizzi said student government officials will be meeting with Portland's student government on Friday. Lizzi said they are looking into parking issues in C Lot. This issue was also discussed in CoR yesterday. Spencer Feran is looking into it further. Katie Brann passed away this weekend. On December 4th, at 5:15 p.m., there will be a University-wide Mass held in the Sacred Heart Basilica in Katie's honor.
- B. Mr. Bill Andrichik, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Bill said the resolution passed last Wednesday was up for approval at CLC. He stated that the resolution clause addressing the College of Arts and Letters has nothing to do with CLC. Bill said they brought this resolution to CLC so that it could be given to Father Poorman. CLC had issues with the language regarding the UNDERC program in Montana. They wanted to include other states such as Wisconsin and Michigan. Therefore, the resolution was moved to a committee. They have created an ad hoc committee within CLC to address the resolution. It will be reintroduced in CLC after the committee has reviewed it. Liz and Destinee are on this ad hoc committee.
- C. Ms. Liz Brown, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Liz said she is working on initiatives within CLC. She met with Brian to streamline the application process for students applying to university committees. She is working with Jeff Shoup in ORLH to produce pamphlets that explain du lac policies. She is continuing to work on sexual assault issues. She met with Phil Johnson to get

NDSP's input for the pages on safety issues that will be inserted in the contemporary topics textbook.

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

- i. Philippe said faculty senate had a meeting last week. They addressed three main points questioning the new honor code. They discussed whether students should be required to take a test on the Academic Honor Code. This test would be yearly and is a response to the new honor code situations that arise. Philippe said a new online test would be much more interactive. There will be a meeting with the creators soon. The faculty senate also discussed issues regarding classroom safety, what responses professors should take if issues arise in the classroom and how they should respond to these situations. He said campus has procedures in place but professors are not always aware of these procedures.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Academic Affairs

- i. Jim said they hope to bring a resolution after break regarding clocks in the classroom as well as a 24 study hour report. Jim said if Inside ND goes down during registration, the Registrar can't do anything about it. They met with the Registrar recently. Additionally, if a student's dart time was on the first day this semester, it will be on the second day next semester.

B. Committee on Community Relations

- i. Josh said the legal seminar is tonight at 8 p.m. in Debartolo. It is an informative session. Emily Cooperstein will talk about the meeting with the Northeast Neighborhood Council held Monday night. Emily said they sat in and spoke briefly. Some of the council members expressed thanks and saw vast improvements in how respectful students have been. They are impressed with how quiet it has been during the weekends. They also gave suggestions such as a type of golden rule where students treat their neighborhood as they would at home. The council is open to relationships but they want students to take first steps as well. They suggested that student government coordinate with them the picnic at the beginning of the year taking place at the Robinson Center.

C. Committee on Social Concerns

- i. Sheena had senators write information down in order for Amnesty International members to come to their hall councils and talk about the fair trade initiative. Sheena also asked if anyone would sign the petition for the Darfur Crisis. They will send the petition to Senator Richard Lugar. The flag will go up at Lafortune. IEW events are still being held. Asian Allure is at the end of this week.

D. Committee on Gender Issues

- i. Ashley said her committee is brainstorming ideas for the eating disorders conference. Kevin and her will meet with the event

coordinator. They are finalizing budgets and putting together a faculty panel.

E. Committee on Residence Life

i. Pat said he has been in contact with the Assistant Director of ACE. His committee will be using Sheena's list so ACE members can go to each dorm as well.

F. Committee on University Affairs

i. Aly said they are focusing on finding speakers for Catholic Think Tank. They are still taking suggestions on topics.

G. Committee on Oversight

i. Chris said oversight met Monday to discuss constitutional issues. They may bring forth some initiatives after Thanksgiving.

H. Committee on Multicultural Affairs

i. Destinee said she has a couple meetings coming up. Her committee has also developed a working group to look at minority recruitment and retention.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. None.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Senate is cancelled 11/22/06 for Thanksgiving.

B. Lizzi wants student government representatives to start a focus group on what will be the new Stepan Center.

C. Lauren announced Baraka Bouts taking place tomorrow night.

D. Maris said she just signed a lease to live off campus and the legal seminar helped with this process a lot.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Luke Derherimer moved to adjourn. Brian Lan seconded. *The November 15, 2006 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Martinez
Student Body Secretary

