

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

February 7, 2007

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. Kevin Gimber, Kushal Parikh and Brian Lan were absent.
- D. Swearing In of Matt Lodwich.
- E. Luke Derheimer moved to approve the minutes. Chris Beesley seconded.
The minutes from the January 31, 2007 Senate meeting were approved at 6:05 p.m.

II. PODIUM

- A. Amnesty International Re: Fair Trade Educational Initiatives
 - i. Gary Nijak introduced Amnesty International. He said he will be giving a follow up on the discussion at their first meeting. Gary said they met with Dean Woo of the College of Business. They are also working with graduate students to create a marketing campaign for next year. Over the summer, they will work to create a social justice type program. He also met with Dave Prentkowski. They talked about extending the fair trade concept to chocolate, a more popular commodity. They are looking into this idea. They discussed using the LCD screens in the dining hall to advertise. Amnesty International will be working with Food Services to distinguish different pots of coffee because it is hard to determine what pot is fair trade unless you know what you are looking for. On March 23, the movie Black Gold will be shown at DPAC as part of the Presidential Movie Series. The movie is primarily on the black trade coffee issue. Following the movies will be on campus discussions. On February 20, 21 and 22, there will be a fair trade information table at Lafortune. These tables will be primarily to answer questions. They have sent students out to dorms already and the responses from dorms have been good. They have been hanging up posters with times that Amnesty International meets. The meetings are open. After spring break, there will be a massive coffee cup on campus as another marketing idea.
- B. Liz Kozlow, Judicial Counsel President Anthony Dayrit, Judicial Counsel Vice President Re: Student Government Elections
 - i. Liz said the overall process has been smooth. They had a 48 hour turn around for petitions and they have had more office hours. They also updated their website. There are four tickets running: Brown-Braun, Smith-Weiss, Rivera-Kane, and Coggon-Padberg. Tonight is the annual election debate at 7:30 in the Main Lounge. They will have

general questions from the judicial counsel and the audience. There will be a meet and greet afterwards. Anthony said as of today, there have been no hearings for election violations. Voting will begin Monday at 8 a.m. This year, they will be having three voting stations in Debartolo, Lafortune, and Mendoza. They plan on ordering donuts, cookies and candy. Announcement of the results will be at 9 p.m. Greg asked if they considered doing stations in the dining hall. Liz said they thought about this, but it was easier to coordinate with the current three stations.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

A. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body President

- i. Lizzi said the Board of Trustees report went very well. They have received good feedback from the board. The final report will be given the first week of May. The senate approves the topic. In CoR, there has been discussion on how to use the Carry Forward Fund which collects all remaining funds at the end of the year. They are looking at ways to responsibly use this money. They hope to come up with a solution. In CLC, they passed two resolutions. One was a dollar resolution out of Danny's task force on Student Concerns.

B. Mr. Bill Andrichik, Student Body Vice President

- i. In CLC, the conduct awareness task force passed a resolution supporting a committee that will address the unique concerns regarding freshman disorientations. The resolution supports their analysis on these events. There are seven groups to be represented total in this committee. These groups will come up with a new program that addresses the four primary concerns. On Friday, they will be meeting with John Affleck Graves to give updates.

C. Ms. Liz Brown, Chief Executive Assistant

- i. Last Friday, Liz met with the sexual assault advisory committee. They secured the final funding for the sexual assault materials. Lizzi and her will be working on getting a logo together. They will also work on posters and magnets. There will be information cards with cab numbers and sexual assault information. Sexual assault awareness week is in March. She is meeting with Jeff Shoup on Friday to discuss the printing of the du lac pamphlets.

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

- i. Faculty Senate met last night. They are continuing to talk about the honor code. They have been looking at the freshman tutorial as well. Faculty feel like this should be revamped. There are also seven different academic honor codes on campus. They have identified four as of now. They will find out all codes on campus and try to recommend a unified honor system. Kelly met with Bill Johnson. They are trying to come up with safety procedures for the classroom. There is no definitive procedure for classroom safety. They will be

working with Notre Dame Security on this issue. At Bond Hall there will be a campus town symposium on Friday the 13 and Saturday the 14.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Academic Affairs

- i. Jim said they did not meet this week. He met with Maris, Kush, and Ted Brown because they have a meeting with the Deans tomorrow regarding Majors night.

B. Committee on Community Relations

- i. The community summit will be Friday March 2 starting at 10 a.m. They have already received responses from universities. TC has not changed ownership; they are just outsourcing management. There will be some changes to policy.

C. Committee on Social Concerns

- i. Sheena said they are working on creating a resolution regarding admission statements. In regards to ombudspersons, they are still compiling answers. Today, she received a letter from Joseph Biden regarding the Darfur letter.

D. Committee on Gender Issues

- i. Ashley said tomorrow night is the beginning of the eating disorders conference. Registration begins at 4 p.m. in McKenna. There will be a registration table throughout the entire event. Her committee is meeting tonight.

E. Committee on Residence Life

- i. Pat said they are still planning alcohol awareness week. Lindsay Meyer came up with a good t-shirt logo. They are finalizing details.

F. Committee on University Affairs

- i. Aly said they are still emailing people on Catholic Think Tank.

G. Committee on Oversight

- i. They met on Monday night to discuss last week's senate debates. Today, he met with Steve Friend and he will discuss this topic further under old business.

H. Committee on Multicultural Affairs

- i. Destinee announced that the Black History Month speaker is Rod Paige, the Former Secretary of Education. There will be a reception afterwards. She has posters for students to hang up. On Monday, she has a meeting with Jennifer to discuss recruitment.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second Proposal for Resolution SS-0607-12

- i. Chris introduced the revised resolution. The original resolution was brought before senate in December. It began with the concern that there was no speedy way to address resolutions. They are preemptively passing this to get around the three day rule. They struck the part that would include amendments. Amendments require more

deliberation. On line 21, they raised the majority that someone needs to bring forward a measure from a simple majority to a 2/3 majority which has been standard. Greg asked what the situation is with substitute amendments. Chris said the previous article defines all resolutions senate can pass. In this new resolution, it leaves out amendments. Analise asked if it would be possible to refer the resolution back to the committee. Chris said that is standard and can always occur. Greg moved to insert in line 19 “non-constitutional amendment” after order. Lizzi said to clarify, on page 19 items 2-4 the only three actions that are outlined are resolutions, orders, and letters. Chris said to clarify; there is a distinction between amending a resolution and presenting a new resolution. No second to insert “non-constitutional amendment “. Greg moved to strike resolution, letter or order and insert “any measure excluding constitutional amendments and hold...” No second. Motion to amend fails. Chris Beesley said he doesn’t see any need to amend the resolution further. It seems pretty clear. Drew Clary said the oversight committee has articulated senate concerns well. Brian said he understands Greg concerns, but the constitution makes it clear what senate can handle. Mariana moved to move into voting. Chris seconded. 26 plus one proxy vote yes. 0 opposed. 0 abstentions. *The resolution passes at 6:35 p.m.*

- B. Chris asked for feedback on the discussion regarding last week’s debate. He met with the heads of SUB and FMB. For the presidential division, there is a consensus to move the division from SUB to student government. Experience over the years has shown that there must be a limited programming budget for senate to put on events. The best way to do that would be to move the presidential division to the policy branch. FMB ensured that this change would not lower the budget. Next year, it would be a combined budget. Mark Healy asked if it is difficult to implement these events through SUB. Chris said student government controls the funds under this division but don’t have the account number. Changing this division would save an extra step. SUB doesn’t consider this their money. It just makes sense to move the division to make things easier. Lizzi said while constitutionally, it says that there should be collaboration between the division and SUB, in practice this hasn’t happened. It would just be an account number change. Chris asked if there was no checks and balances in the constitution. Chris said SUB does not have control over this section. In the beginning, the intent was to limit programming under policy. Bill said on page 27, this section is outlined and includes stipulations. Bill said there has been some oversight, but since the division does not actually exist, it is just an account number which is why SUB came forward to propose a change. Lizzi said the spirit behind this was to make a distinction between SUB and the office of the president. Lizzi said moving the section would make things clearer. Kerry asked if this was moved over,

would that eliminate the idea of a presidential division. Chris said they would make a division in the office of the president that would handle programming. It would eliminate SUB in the constitution.

- C. Chris said his committee discussed the \$5000 limit for FMB approval. The consensus was that they liked the model of a percentage with a base nominal amount. This would give larger organizations more leeway. SUB's events are often large and exceed the \$5000 limit. FMB wants to ensure that they will be kept informed as to what SUB decides. SUB said they have no problem in having a FMB representative coordinate with SUB over all events. Chris suggested a 10% or \$5000 limit which would move SUB's limit to \$20,000. Danny asked if FMB can interfere to approve events. Chris said this was not considered at the meeting. Jim said many groups do not have a large budget and thus this change would not need approval for a number of events. Maris said a small club would not have to go to FMB. All clubs can measure their budget under a number or percentage whichever is higher. Maris said the 10% with no oversight seems large. Brian Corrigan said class counsels would also fall under the percentage model. He said the hybrid model seems to make more sense. He said the suggested percent may be too high. Drew agreed with Brian. Chris Beesley suggested taking into consideration dorm events. Chris said a \$5000 rule and a 10% model would not apply to anyone whose budget was not over \$50,000. Danny said this percentage sounds appropriate to the events Patrick Vassel announced last week. Lizzi said signature dorm events over \$5000 are taken care of by HPC. Jim said it seems as more of a convenient change and may be superfluous. Greg said one concern from SUB was regarding the Show. FMB has been helpful with efficiency, but SUB will not overspend on events such as the Show, so it would be helpful to streamline the approval process. The rising cost of the entertainment industry is very high. Jim Grace said he has never been displeased with SUB programming and he is in favor of keeping the same process. Maris said an unnecessary step should be taken away and there is no need for bureaucracy. Luke asked how many times FMB has declined an approval. Lizzi said never. Luke said SUB then would not get chaotic. Brian said SUB does do a great job but we don't hear about what they don't get done. Drew said the most expensive events were also the most time sensitive. This change would be setting the bar above SUB's usual events. Chris agreed with eliminating bureaucracy. Jim Lockwood said just because FMB approves many things, there is oversight even when things are approved versus not. Chris said oversight is important. It is student's money and it is important to have an extra step in the process. The hybrid rule would not even cover the larger events. It would just lower the frequency that SUB would go to FMB.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. None.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Lizzi said tomorrow night at 9 p.m. will be ND Live featuring four different campus bands at Legends. The Africa Faith and Justice Network will be hosting this event.

B. Lizzi congratulated Chris Beesley for his performance in the Keenan Review.

C. Alex French said this weekend is the annual "Queer Film Festival". There are four films playing on Saturday at the DPAC.

D. Lauren announced that Sarah Van Mill is writing Loyal Daughters and is currently taking interviews.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Luke moved to adjourn. Chris seconded. *The February 7, 2007 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Martinez
Student Body Secretary