

Senate Executive Summary  
April 13, 2005  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- A. At 7:02 p.m. Lizzi Shappell called the meeting to order.
- B. Brian Tucker led the invocation.
- C. Lizzi Shappell swore in the new senators, as outlined in the Constitution.
- D. Roll Call: Katie McHugh, Benjamin Gunty, Rhea Boyd, Chris Harris, Suj Pandya, and Philippe Colon were absent.
- E. Rob Lindley moved to approve the minutes, pending the changes noted; Dan Mannion seconded. *The Senate Executive Summary of April 6, 2005 was approved at 7:07 p.m.*

**II. PODIUM**

- A. Darryl Scott spoke about the scaffolding issue. He wanted to highlight the process that student government and the senior class went through in addressing the scaffolding issue. After getting many e-mails from seniors who were upset with the scaffolding, they first did research on the subject. It is critical to do research on issue that you are tackling—it will make you more respected. Darryl also recommended working with other levels in student government to get things done; you need to untie the entire student body if you want to change something. It is also important to get the Observer on your side. It is also important to remember to be courteous when speaking to the administration and the Observer, don't underestimate the importance of diplomacy. Darryl also proclaimed "the scaffolding has come down"—to paraphrase Ronald Regan. Don't ever give up on an issue.
- B. Item B was disregarded because no one was present to speak on the Heartland issue.

**III. OFFICER REPORTS**

**A. Mr. Dave Baron, Student Body President**

- i. Dave began by reminding the Senators of the mass for Fr. Malloy on Sunday April 17 at 9 pm at the JACC. It is important to have student support because Fr. Malloy will be presented with gifts from the student body. It will be followed by a reception in the Monogram Room with music and ice cream treats. Dave asked for volunteers to come and help set up at noon that Sunday.
- ii. Dave then talked about the conference that he and Lizzi Shappell attended called "Men Can Stop Rape". He wants to form a group on campus which would consist of mostly men. Dave learned how to communicate to guys about the issue and how to rally them for support. Let him know if you want to help out.
- iii. Dave explained that he did not prepare the State of the Student Union so that Darryl could have ample podium time.

- iv. Dave introduced Steve Cartwright as the temporary chair of the yet-to-be-formed Community Relations Committee. Steve described the new committee as one which will try and make partnerships with people in the community and build a bridge to bring about mutual benefits for all. He is currently working with the ad hoc committee of the Off-Campus Safety Fair to get people to come out and advertise. This will be a way for students to get a better orientation of the community that they are a party of. Steve is also working with representatives from the Department of Communications of South Bend, NDSP, Transpo, and Neighborhood Watch groups. He hopes to get students involved in playing a more permanent role in the neighborhood coalitions, as well as creating a South Bend Opportunities Guide to help students that are living off-campus. This is a new committee that is unprecedented, so see him if you are interested. He will definitely be a student Government Happy Hour.

**B. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body Vice President**

- i. Lizzi announced that she will have a meeting soon about basketball tickets, looking at what worked and what did not work last year.
- ii. Lizzi, Karla Bell and Ali Wishon will be meeting with Bill Kirk about the sexual assault information session for freshmen, and what can be done to fix it/make it better.
- iii. All senators have received a binder which contains a copy of the constitution and a simpler form of Robert's Rules. If you have any further questions on the rules, ask Lizzi.

**C. Ms. Liz Kozlow, Chief Executive Assistant**

- i. Liz expressed her hope that all of the senators got the directory with everybody's information.
- ii. Liz asked all Senators to get excited about Student Government Happy Hour which is Monday-Thursday from 5-6pm in the Student Government Office. There is drink (singular), cookies, and music.
- iii. Immediately after next week's Senate meeting there will be a reception for the senators in the Student Government Office. There will be drinks (plural), salsa and chips.

**D. Mr. Philippe Colon, Faculty Senate Liaison**

- i. Professor Colon was absent.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Academic Affairs Committee:**

- i. Chris Harris was not present, so no report was made.

**B. Diversity Committee:**

- i. Sarah Liu announced that her committee was working on ideas for the diversity retreat

**C. Gender Relations Committee:**



- i. Ali Wishon announced that the committee had its first meeting on Monday, which consisted of the six past members of the committee and they are excited to get the new Senators on the committee.
- ii. She has been in contact with Bill Kirk about the Frosh-O Sexual Assault Session.
- iii. Ali is also in contact with the athletic department about working in an eating disorder peer program through the contemporary topics classes.

**D. Residence Life Committee**

- i. Mark Seiler was not present, so Dave Baron presented his committee's progress.
- ii. They met with Gordon Wishon about printers in the dorms and are making positive progress. This year there were four printers in different dorms and this corresponded with a lower usage in the clusters. They are considering redistributing some of the printers into more dorms, but are concerned about the cost of upkeep.
- iii. Wireless internet connection in the 24-hour spaces is running into concerns about the cost and there is currently no plan in place for figuring out the wiring. If cable comes to the dorms, they would easily be able to put in wireless at the same time
- iv. The committee is working on establishing an online office hours database—they are working with the associate provost on that. The database would contain information about class descriptions, office locations and hours.
- v. They are also considering ways to raise awareness about computer safety.

**E. University Affairs Committee**

- i. Matt Walsh began by thanking Darrell for the wonderful progress made on the dome scaffolding issue.
- ii. Matt is doing research about the student body-administration relationship
- iii. Among the many projects that the committee is working on is basketball ticketing and just compensation of Notre Dame workers.

**F. Oversight Committee**

- i. Suj was not present, so no report was made.

**G. Ad Hoc Committee on Safety**

- i. There was no update for this committee.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Senator Elections for CLC, CoR, FMB, Judicial Council and Faculty Senate**

- i. Lizzi asked the Senators to stand up and introduce themselves if they are running for a position. All senators will then vote on a piece of paper; Dave Baron and Liz Kozlow will then tally the votes.
- ii. CLC Election
  - a. Three senators and one alternate will be elected and the off-campus senator automatically is on the committee. It meets every Monday at 3pm and consists of faculty, rectors and students.
  - b. David Thaxton, Jacques Nguyen, Erin Hankins, Christina Lee, Katie McHugh and Ben Gunty all ran for the position.

- c. After counting the votes, Liz Kozlow announced Jacques Nguyen, David Thaxton, and Katie McHugh as the new representatives, with Christina Lee as the alternate.
  - iii. CoR Election
    - a. CoR meets on Mondays at 6:15. It is made up of all the head positions of the Student Union. The committee serves as an advising board (“thinktank” if you will) for Dave Baron and approves the Student Union Budget.
    - b. Steve Tortorello, Jim Grace, Jason Zgrabik, Rob Lindley, Dan Bowen, and Brian Klein were candidates.
    - c. Rob Lindley, Dan Bowen, Jason Zgrabik, and Steve Tortorello were chosen as the representatives, with Brian Klein as the alternate.
  - iv. FMB Election
    - a. There are two representatives that sit on the financial management board. FMB oversees the budget for all groups within the Student Union
    - b. Andrew Beatty was the only candidate, therefore no vote was needed!
  - v. Judicial Council Election
    - a. There is one representative to the Judicial Council. The purpose of this council is to make sure that student elections run effectively and obey the rules. Most meetings take place in January and February.
    - b. The candidates were Fred Thwaites, Carol Hendrickson, and Pat Knapp.
    - c. Fred Thwaites was announced as the new Senate representative on the Judicial Council
  - vi. Faculty Senate Election
    - a. The representative on this council will meet once a month, possibly the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm.
    - b. Lindsay Meyer, Brenna Doyle, and Lisa Rauh were the candidates
    - c. Brenna was elected to be the Faculty Senate Representative
- B. SS0506-04 Resolution Honoring Father Edward “Monk” Malloy
  - i. Dave Baron presented the resolution by describing the many accomplishments of Father Malloy during his tenure as University President, as outlined in the resolution.
  - ii. Upon Matt Walsh’s recommendation, Pat Knapp made a motion to strike “African” from the fifth paragraph of the resolution; Rob Lindley seconded. *A motion to strike the word “African” from the fifth paragraph of the resolution was passed at 7:58 p.m.*
  - iii. Carol Hendrickson made a motion to approve the resolution; Christina Lee seconded. *Resolution SS0506-04 was passed at 7:59 p.m.*
- C. TeamND Retreat
  - i. Lizzi Shappell encouraged all Senators to attend the TeamND Retreat which will be held in mid-August.
  - ii. Dave Baron described how it is a great way for all to get to know each other...there is even a high ropes course for extra bonding. If you attend the retreat you cannot be a Frosh-O commissioner for your dorm, but you can be on the Frosh-O staff.

- iii. Lisa Rauh asked when people will be notified of their acceptance to the retreat. Brian Coughlin explained that if you are a Senator and you apply, you will be accepted. The link for the application is [www.nd.edu/~sao](http://www.nd.edu/~sao)

#### VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Jacques Nguyen announced Knott on the Knoll as an event on Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m. It will be a live concert with free food and admission. There will be raffles and a dunk tank. You can RSVP on the Facebook and then hang out with the charming gentlemen of Knott Hall
- B. Dan Bowen encouraged everyone to come out for the Dillon Dude Auction on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>. He will be up for auction for the first 30 minutes, so Senators don't have an excuse not to bid on him.
- C. Pat Knapp announced that there will be couches on the quad on Friday outside of Zahm.
- D. Lizzi Shappell asked Senators to come to the Badin Breakdown on South Quad on Thursday April 21
- E. Chris Garibaldi announced that Fisher Hall is having its annual Zoo on Friday and the Fisher Regatta on Saturday.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Lisa Rauh motioned to adjourn; Libby Hopp seconded. *The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.* The next meeting of the Student Senate will take place on April 20, 2005 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary