

Senate Executive Summary
April 20, 2004
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Lizzi Shappell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- B. Brian Tucker led the invocation
- C. Mariana Montes, Rhea Boyd, Sarah Liu, Mark Seiler and Ali Wishon were absent.
- D. Rob Lindley moved to approve the minutes; Steve Tortorello seconded. Dan Bowen opposed and corrected one word in the minutes. Rob Lindley moved to approve the minutes; Steve Tortorello seconded. *The Senate Executive Summary for April 13, 2005 was approved at 6:07 p.m.*

II. PODIUM

- A. Steve Miller enthusiastically introduced Student Body President Dave Baron, who then gave his State of the Student Union address. (A transcript of the speech is attached at the end of the minutes.)
- B. Katie Fox, President of The Shirt Project, came and spoke about the official unveiling of next year's Shirt. She asked all Senators to encourage their friends and constituents to come to the unveiling of the Shirt. All of the proceeds from the sale of the Shirt go completely to charity—half of which goes to Student Activities. It begins at 12 p.m. on Friday and will feature such campus celebrities as Charlie Weiss and Chuck Lennon. There will be a special student discount on Friday; the Shirt will be \$11 for students.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Mr. Dave Baron, Student Body President
 - i. Dave first began by thanking the Senators for their support for Monk Mass. There were over 3,000 people there.
 - ii. Dave mentioned that at this week's Council of Representatives meeting they heard pitches from NDBay and the Entrepreneurial Club on the possibility of an online used-book exchange. They will be having more meetings on the subject and, hopefully, a decision will be made at next week's meeting.
 - iii. Dave met with a group in South Bend who were concerned about the behavior and attitude of Notre Dame Students toward the rest of the community. Dave went to there to make sure our voice was heard and that we are hoping to improve relations, especially with the creation of the Community Relations Committee.
 - iv. Dave has also been hard at work on the Board of Trustees Report (BOT) which will be presented next Thursday and focuses on how to make Notre Dame a more welcoming environment for all.
- B. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body Vice-President
 - i. Lizzi met with people from the basketball office about tickets, which will be discussed later in the meeting.

- ii. She has also been working on getting to-go cups in the dining hall, but an investigation into the cost is necessary.
- C. Ms. Liz Kozlow, Chief Executive Assistant
- i. Liz began by clarifying that Steve Miller's email is smiller1@nd.edu, so you should update your directory if you want to send him any love emails.
 - ii. Liz will be sending out the BOT report soon and would like all Senators to encourage their friends to read it.
 - iii. There will be a meeting for all Senators after the meeting in the student government office.
 - iv. Steve Miller will be revamping the website and creating pages on the site for each of the committees.
- D. Mr. Philippe Colon, Faculty Senate Liaison
- i. Professor Colon asked for any suggestions for the Faculty Senate to discuss, because they are preparing the agenda for next year.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee on Academic Affairs
- i. Chris Harris told the Senate that his committee is looking into a career and majors night and a Catholic Think-tank.
 - ii. Coming soon is the much anticipated referendum for the Collegiate Readership Program. Chris asked that all Senators make sure to vote on the issue—ballots will be by email. Blake Jackson asked if the off-campus students will be voting. Chris assured him that they would. Mr. Colon asked if the faculty will be involved at all, because they will be benefiting as well. Chris explained that he had asked for money from different departments, but hadn't heard back from them.
- B. Committee on Diversity Affairs
- i. Sarah Liu was not at the meeting to present, so Lizzi did so instead. The committee had its first meeting to outline the plans for this upcoming year. They are hoping to create a religion awareness week in late September that would focus on resources for non-Catholic students.
 - ii. The committee will also be working on a GLBT week for both November and April. They will also be working with the St. Mary's College group that was just given official club status.
- C. Committee on Gender Issues
- i. Lizzi presented on behalf of Ali Wishon. Ali will be here over the summer to work on the Freshmen Sexual Assault Orientation program in order to improve it. The committee is also looking into switching Eating Disorders Week to the fall and Sexual Assault Week to the spring.
- D. Committee on Residence Life
- i. Lizzi presented for Mark Seiler. They met with people from the dining hall and discussed the possibility of to-go cups. Apparently there are many issues to consider; hot vs. cold cups, what size, the cost of the cups, where to put them, etc. Both Mark and Dave Baron will be in South Bend over the summer to work on this project.

- ii. They are also looking into being able to use Flex Points on vending machines. This will take awhile since they are just getting Domer Dollars on all of the machines.
 - iii. They also talked with the dining hall people about carrying over extra meals from week to week. There are many issues that still need to be worked out on this plan.
- E. Committee on University Affairs
- i. Matt Walsh apologized for the mix-up with the training time, which will now be in the fall.
 - ii. He will be talking about basketball tickets under New Business.
- F. Committee on Oversight
- i. Suj said that the first meeting for this committee will be this week. The first order of business will be looking at the constitution regarding the position of a Senate chaplain.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. There was no old business

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Copy Shop Location and Services

- i. Matt Walsh met with Terri Teeple from the Copy Shop. She has been asked to give a proposal about the Copy Shop and is worried about getting removed from LaFortune. She has asked for a letter of support from student government. Matt believes that this is a good idea because, 1) the prices are better there than at Kinko's, 2) it is very convenient because of its central location in LaFortune, 3) they are on the computer cluster networks, so you can directly send them what you want printed and 4) they have plenty of experience (20 years). They are looking for student input about how to improve. David Thaxton asked why the Copy Shop was getting kicked out of LaFortune. Matt didn't really know; all that she said was that they were asked to give a business proposal. Lizzi Shappell said that she believed that, at this time, the proposal and LaFortune location were two different issues. Rob Lindley asked if the proposed prices for the Copy Shop were lower than the current ones. Matt said that they were, but he wasn't sure by how much. The Copy Shop was giving Breen-Phillips a discount for a promise to exclusively use them, and they are willing to extend that deal to all of the dorms. Ben Gunty asked if the prices are definitely changing. Matt replied affirmatively. Christina Lee pointed out that most people don't know that the Copy Shop exists and wondered if course packet prices would go down if they were done somewhere else. Lizzi replied that course packet prices have more to do with copywrite issues. Pat Knapp asked if it would be possible to use your printing quota at the Copy Shop. Matt promised to look into it. Lizzi read three recommendations that Brenna Doyle had left: 1) use printing quota at the Copy Shop, 2) don't charge for mistakes, 3) be able to use your student account.

Jacques Nguyen relayed a suggestion from his dorm for a self-serve fax machine in the Copy Shop. Ben Gunty advised that the Copy Shop increase its advertising to let students know of their existence. Steve Tortorello asked if we had looked at alternatives. Matt replied that he hadn't, but plans to do so before giving a letter of support to the Copy Shop. Rob Lindley recommended looking into all other available options in order to do what is best for the student body. Dave Baron interjected that in his personal experience with the Copy Shop it has been cheaper than other places. Brian Klein asked what our deal with Xerox was. Brian Coughlin explained that it has a relationship with the departments. They used to buy copy machines from local vendors, but now Xerox gives them new machines and they pay per copy. Carol Hendrickson asked if it would be possible to use your print quota at the library as well. Lizzi promised to look into it. Pat Knapp asked about the possibility of copy machines in the dorms. Chris Harris said that they had tried it last year, but there was concern about the amount of usage there would actually be. Jim Grace asked when we needed to give a letter of support. Matt said that it would need to be before the end of the school year. Dave Baron added that copiers in the dorm are out of the question, but they are still working with OIT on getting printers in the dorms. Chris Harris added that they had looked into a printer/copier, but it would have been too expensive. Carol Hendrickson asked about the possibility of a scanner in the dorm. Dave said that the university had recently bought new printers, so it would be cheap to put the old printers in the dorms, that is why it is feasible. Rob Lindley asked about the installation of a new printer in LaFortune. Brian Coughlin said that there would be a new printer in the 24-hour computer cluster by this fall. Lisa Rauh asked if the Copy Shop would be open all of the time as well. Matt said that the copier in the computer cluster would be independent of the Copy Shop. He promised to come back with more information before the Senate has to make a decision.

B. Basketball Tickets

- i. Lizzi Shappell brought up the issue with Policy Board on Sunday and there was some very heated debate, so she wanted to get the Senate's input. The students' attendance numbers from this basketball season were a little less than last year. Therefore, there will not be an increase in the number of undergraduate tickets, which is at 2,100 right now—not including the band or student athletes. She believes that the Ticket Share program needs increased publicity to be effected. Josh Berlow, from the ticketing office, is giving student government the backside of the letter that goes out to advertise basketball tickets to all of the students for Ticket Share advertising. Ticket distribution will be run in the same manner, except that students will only be able to buy 4 booklets (down from 6). Ticket price is also increasing, possibly to \$60, but will still be one of the best deals in the nation for a university with such a strong basketball program. Lizzi pitched the idea of a late-arrival

deal to the ticketing office. The idea was that if you don't have a ticket, you can come and fill in empty seats partway through the game. There is a legal liability problem because of the waiver on the back of the ticket and there is the issue of how long you hold the seat open. The split ticket idea was also not received well because Coach Brey doesn't like the idea. She also talked about the possibility of reinstating Midnight Madness and working with the Leprechaun Legion to have a kick-off to the basketball season.

- ii. Lizzi then opened the floor to discussion. Dan Bowen mentioned the incentives programs that other schools have. It is a point system that rewards you for going to games, and you can get priority for next season's tickets if you frequently attend games. Andrew Beatty said that kind of a program had worked for some school's football program. It is similar to the one that Dan described, but upperclassmen automatically start off with a higher number of points. Steve Tortorello thought this was a feasible idea because students only use one entrance at the JACC, so it would be easy to use a scanner to monitor personal attendance. David Thaxton asked for clarification on Ticket Share. Dave Baron explained that the big change from last year was that you could swap tickets with your friends. Ticket Share was a way to coordinate swaps within the dorms. A large poster was put up in all of the dorms with a 'give' and a 'take' column for each specific game. It was a moderate success and completely free, because otherwise it would be scalping. David Thaxton said that split tickets and Ticket Share could be a good combination to the ticket problem. Blake Jackson asked if the split tickets were the new plan. Lizzi said that the ticketing office was not receptive to it at all. Blake mentioned that he had had a very traumatizing experience down in Arizona and believes that split ticketing sucks. Ben Gunty believed that split tickets wouldn't help the students because some students still won't go to the smaller games and if the coach is against it, it is probably not a good idea. The Ticket Share program is a good idea, but they need to find a way to make it more efficient and stable. Dave Baron addressed Blake's concern, stating that only some of the tickets would be split and it would increase the number of students that could buy tickets. Dave strongly dislikes the fact that some students can't buy tickets. Right now it is very difficult to get individual tickets, and this would be a way for busy students to attend some games. There should be another option that is more than an all or nothing. Christina Calfee suggested that the ticket share be increased to include a LaFortune sign, perhaps the ticket office, to make it more likely that students would find seats. Brian Klein asked for the overall attendance numbers, but Lizzi only had the students' numbers. Brian asked if there was any reason to reserve tickets for non-students. Lizzi believed that it was a business move and that they are trying to increase the number of season ticket holders. Suj asked if an online ticket share program would be feasible soon. Dave thought that it was a good idea

and might possibly work with an online book exchange sight. Andrew wondered if we could push for more student tickets again next year if the numbers went up, because this year's home schedule wasn't that great. Lizzi thought that we should do that. Andrew then asked why the ticket prices were going up. Lizzi wasn't exactly sure, but reemphasized the fact that all ticket prices are increasing, not just the students'. Blake concurred with the president's notion to have a certain number of split tickets for those students that are in a predicament. David Thaxton supported Dave's idea about split tickets, because it is a compromise between all or nothing. Also, if those students that are motivated enough to go to all games will get in line early to get tickets. He also mentioned that the students' seats were not that great and that might be a deterrent to attendance. Lizzi mentioned that they are planning to renovate the JACC in the next couple of years and Coach Brey is pushing for a 'Duke style' seating where students surround the court. Matt added that the Leprechaun Legion has met on the issue as well. He also enquired as to the number of seats that were reserved for Holy Cross and St. Mary's students. Lizzi said that about 300 seats are reserved for them and their overall attendance percentage is higher than ND students—but they aren't getting an increase in ticket numbers either. Matt then asked if it would be possible to increase the number of tickets for ND kids for the big games. Rob agreed with split tickets and wondered what the main opposition to it was. Lizzi said that ticketing office is very against it and Coach Brey also does not like it. Rob suggested that it could be a combination of split ticketing and regular ticketing. He also thinks that Coach Brey would have a hard time telling the difference because everyone wears the same shirt. Steve added that if the last tickets that are sold are the split tickets, it wouldn't be an issue for the die-hard fans. He also asked about the possibility of split tickets for Holy Cross and St. Mary's student and possibly including them in the Ticket Share program. Jim made a motion to limit debate to three more minutes, Jacques seconded. *A resolution limiting debate to three more minutes was passed at 7:12 p.m.* Lisa asked if it was possible to keep the extra tickets in LaFortune to make it more convenient. Lizzi thought that it was a good idea and promised to suggest it. Dan Bowen opposed split tickets, because he was near the end of the line this year and would have been upset at getting only half of the tickets; he wondered if it would be possible for someone to purchase two sets of split tickets. Liz Brown pointed out that if students only have half of the tickets they might be more likely to use them and that people buying split tickets would know what they are getting into. Fred Thwaites thought that Ticket Share was a good idea, but that because there is no incentive to give tickets away, so this can be limiting. Is there anyway to provide an incentive without running into the scalping issue? Rob asked if Midnight Madness would be open to all students regardless of tickets. Lizzi responded that it would be the first night of practice and

would be before ticket distribution. Rob pointed out that this could also increase interest in tickets. The discussion was closed at 7:15 p.m. Lizzi promised to take all of the suggestions to the University Affairs Committee.

C. Letter to Father Poorman

- i. Dave Baron presented the letter, saying that it was based off of the idea to improve communication between the Student Senate and the Office of Student Affairs. The letter asks Father Poorman to give a speech to the Senate and then attend a reception in the newly painted Student Government Office. Pat Knapp motioned to approve the letter; Lindsay Meyer seconded. *The letter to Fr. Poorman was approved at 7:17 p.m.*

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Rob Lindley announced that Keough would be holding Aussie Fest on Friday at 4:30 p.m. with a free barbeque, sand volleyball, etc. (pending snow)
- B. Brian Klein said that declared that Morrissey Unplugged would be Friday after class with bands and food.
- C. Lizzi announced Badin Breakdown on Thursday at 5 p.m. with lots of free pizza.
- D. Steve Tortorello announced that he would be performing with H.A.N.D. in the library tomorrow.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Christina Lee motioned to adjourn; Chris Garibaldi seconded. *The April 20, 2005 meeting of the Notre Dame Student Senate was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.* The next meeting will be on April 27, 2005 at 6 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

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