

Senate Executive Summary  
April 27, 2005  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- A. Lizzi Shappell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- B. Brad Tucker led the invocation.
- C. Mark Seiler, Sarah Liu, Chris Harris, and David Thaxton were absent.
- D. Dan Mannion moved to approve the minutes; Libby Hopp seconded. *The minutes for the April 20, 2005 meeting of the Student Senate were approved at 6:07 p.m.*

**II. OFFICER REPORTS**

A. Mr. Dave Baron, Student Body President

- i. Dave began by mentioning the release of the latest Board of Trustees report on issues of equality. It contains eleven suggestions to improve issues of sexism and heterosexism.
- ii. On Monday, at the Council of Representatives, they discussed the two different options for an online used book exchange (NDBay and the Entrepreneurial Club). They decided to buy NDBay. Liz Kozlow and he went to the Financial Management Board for money to buy NDBay and it was approved. He will be going to General Consul to get a contract approved and will hopefully buy it over the summer.
- iii. Next fall will start off quickly with the events for <sup>Fahrner</sup> Farther Jenkins' inauguration. Dave will be at Notre Dame over the summer if slaving away, so let him know if you have any ideas.

B. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body Vice President

- i. Lizzi will be continuing to work with Josh Berlow from the basketball ticketing office over the summer.
- ii. She and Mark Seiler will work on the dining hall ideas, such as to-go cups, over the summer as well.
- iii. The Student Government office will be painted over the summer, so say goodbye to those lovely beige walls. It will be much more professional looking, and we will hopefully be hosting an open house for members of the administration.
- iv. Plans are already being worked on for the opening school mass, which will be on Tuesday, August 23.
- v. Lizzi, Dave Baron, Karla Bell, and Ali Wishon have been working on revising the sexual assault program for freshmen. Ali will be at Notre Dame all summer continuing to work on it.

C. Ms. Liz Kozlow, Chief Executive Assistant

- i. Liz will be working on the Catholic Thinktank Speakers series. It will be trying to get prominent speakers (both Catholic and non-Catholic) to campus. Give her any ideas for speakers. Have a great summer.

D. Mr. Philippe Colon, Faculty Liaison

- i. The Faculty Senate will be meeting next week and they are looking for suggestions for next year's agenda.

- ii. Rob Lindley motioned to invert item B under New Business before the Committee Reports; Jim Grace seconded. *A motion to invert item B under New Business was approved at 6:13 p.m.*

### III. NEW BUSINESS

#### B. SS0506-05 Change in the Student Union Constitution Regarding the Position of Chaplain

- i. Suj Pandya explained the change in the Constitution would open the role of Chaplain to others. Currently the position is only open to people from Old College or the Seminary and the change would be non-discriminatory and opened to all theologically minded student.
- ii. Ben Gunty asked that the wording of "theologically-minded" student be clarified. Suj explained that it would not be limited to people from the seminary or Old College but open to a theology major or someone very involved in the religious community of Notre Dame. The Council of Representatives will still be responsible for approving the appointment. Carol Hendrickson thought that it would be a good idea to clarify "theologically minded student." Lizzi Shappell asked if she had any suggestions to clarify. Carol responded that she was unsure of its meaning herself. Christina Lee explained that although a person might not be Catholic they could still be deemed worthy of the position and suggests that we get rid of the phrase. She suggested using "someone who is qualified." Brad Tucker added that the idea is to not just keep it Catholic, but someone who is spiritually devoted to their religion and concerned about the student body. Steve Tortorello moved to remove "theologically minded" and change it to "qualified". Brian Klein seconded it. Christina Lee believes that it is a step in the right direction, but there needs to be more specification. Carol Hendrickson suggested defining "qualified" because the definition may become confused in a few years from now. Dave Baron stated that he thought that "qualified" is adequate and not vague. It is meant to be a non-discriminatory clause. Brad Tucker supported Dave's statements and wanted to steer the definition away from theological implications. The chaplain doesn't have to be an actual priest, just someone who could represent the student body. Blake Jackson moved to previous question; Erin Hankins seconded. *SS0506-05 Creating a Change in the Student Union Constitution regarding the position of Chaplain was passed at 6:22 with "theologically minded" changed to "qualified".*

### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Academic Committee

- i. Chris Harris said that major nights are on the map for next September. He is also working on the College Readership Program for next year and there should be a referendum coming out via email.

#### B. Diversity Affairs Committee

- i. Lizzi Shappell said that the committee is working further on awareness weeks and they are starting to finalize ideas about specifics of each week. They are also trying to get information out to the incoming Freshmen about religious and diversity groups.

#### C. Gender Relations Committee

- i. Ali Wishon met with Marisha Fortner from Contemporary Topics and they now have free reign over textbooks for the class. The committee will be going through the options.
  - ii. She also met with someone from NDSP about the "Football to Finals" program. They are trying to establish a committee of people to work on that over the summer. They are limited to what they can do this year, but are also thinking about the next few years. Let her know if you want to work on this project.
  - iii. The committee is also working to familiarize itself with eating disorders and sexual assault issues.
  - iv. Dave Baron is starting a Men Can Stop Rape program at Notre Dame and is looking for help (preferably male!)
  - v. The floor was yielded to Rhea Boyd from Minority Affairs. The committee is not official yet but it will be devoted to proposing diversity requirements to different advisory bodies. Some ideas include a Martin Luther King Jr. celebration and a student initiative fund for an on or off-campus minority student.
- D. Residence Life Committee
- i. There was no update from Mark Seiler, but he will be in South Bend over the summer.
- E. University Affairs Committee
- i. Matt Walsh said that they would be discussing the Copy Shop issue later. They are having a Living Wage Campaign Meeting off campus and it is not sponsored by student government. They are hoping to have a living wage in place at Notre Dame by next year. He will be meeting with Georgetown people over the summer about getting speakers.
  - ii. He will be having a basketball tickets meeting later this week.
- F. Oversight Committee
- i. Suj Pandya thanked everyone for passing the previous amendment and noted that the Senate will have to approve the bylaws later.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. There was no old business

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Senate Bylaws

- i. Every year the Senate must approve new bylaws. They cover topics such as the attendance policy and are the same from the Constitution. Liz Brown moved to strike the repetition in item 1-C; Steve Tortorello seconded. *A motion to strike item 1-C from the Senate Bylaws was approved at 6:31 p.m.*
- ii. Christina Lee motioned to approve the Senate Bylaws; Lisa Rauh seconded. *The Senate Bylaws were approved at 6:31 p.m.*

### C. Letter to the Copy Shop

- i. There were two letters and Matt Walsh asked to start with the one to Mr. Skendzel. He is the director of infrastructure and is looking to consolidate the copy shops on campus, so he is requesting business propositions. Matt has gotten a student on the committee in order to make sure that the students' needs are met.

- ii. Andrew Beatty pointed out the repetition in the letter about location. He moved to strike “in a convenient location”; Fred Thwaites. Carol Hendrickson suggested “having a convenient location available to students”, Erin Hankins seconded. *A motion to amend the letter as noted above passed at 6:35 p.m.*
- iii. Jacques Nguyen moved to amend the last paragraph to read “efforts to include”; seconded by Brenna Doyle. *A motion to amend the last paragraph was passed at 6:35 p.m.* Rob Lindley moved to approve the letter; Lisa Rauh seconded. *A motion to approve the letter was passed at 6:36 p.m.*
- iv. Matt Walsh explained that the seconded letter came about from concern about the removal of the copy shop. He doesn’t want to give a letter of recommendation yet, but wants to give them a letter about why we like them. It covers how we are pleased with their services and want everyone to open these standards. Terri Teeple, the director of sales and marketing, spoke to the Senate. She thanked the students for their support and wants to make sure that we understand what they are doing for the students. Mike came to talk about technology integration. The Print Shop has been working on things for customer service and would like a letter recognizing what they do for the student body.
- v. Ali Wishon yielded the floor to Steve Cartwright. Steve asked why the Copyshop has come under fire and about their pricing policy. Ms. Teeple responded that they are not under University code (like the bookstore) and pay the University through rent and course packets. The prices are reasonably comparable to other prints shops and are market driven. They have not heard from Business Operations regarding why they are thinking about changing the location of the Copyshop. Steve then asked about the expansion of operating hours. Ms. Teeple responded that they are looking at a second shift, which would open the shop until 11 p.m. Matt Walsh asked about the possibility of other vendors being in LaFortune. Liz Kozlow asked if course packets could be paid through student accounts. Ms. Teeple said that ND Business Operations has turned them down on that idea. She did add that they accept Domer Dollars. Terri pointed out that they do fill a niche for ND students. They produce flip books for art students, work with the architecture students on projects, do business reports/resumes, etc. Their customer service and knowledge about projects are very valuable. Mike pointed out that they have been working with OIT to integrate the technology and be able to use the Copy Shop in conjunction with your printing quota. Ben Gunty motioned to approve the letter; Jacques Nguyen seconded. *The letter was unanimously approved at 6:55 p.m.*

D. Zahm House Resolution

- a. Patt Knapp moved to suspend the rules in order to introduce a new resolution; Steve Tortorello seconded. *A motion to suspend the rules was passed at 6:55 p.m.*
- b. Patt explained that the resolution would formally recognize Zahm Hall as “Zahm House”. He pointed out that this is not without precedent, citing Sorin College and Morrissey Manor as examples. He argued that it would be good for community if everyone calls it Zahm House.
- c. Ali Wishon yielded the floor to Steve Cartwright. Steve asked if Sorin and Morrissey were officially recognized. Pat pointed to Brian Klein’s binder (which reads “Morrissey Manor”) as an example. Carol Hendrickson asked how it would

be enforced. Pat explained that it isn't really enforceable, but is more of an honorary title. Suj Pandaya asked about Zahm's opinion of the name change. Pat said that everyone in Zahm is wild about it. Pat motioned to approve; Brian Klein seconded. A hand count was taken: 13 yeas, 7 abstentions, 7 nays. *The resolution does not pass.*

#### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Dan Bowen announced that his cellular phone number is listed incorrectly and is 850-293-9782.

B. Steve Tortorello moved to adjourn; Lindsay Meyer seconded. *The April 27, 2005 meeting of the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.* The next meeting will take place in the fall of 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alyce Baumgartner  
Student Body Secretary