

Senate Executive Summary  
September 7, 2005  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- A. Lizzi Shappell called the meeting to order 6:04 p.m.
- B. Rhea Boyd led the invocation.
- C. Jacques Nguyen, Brad Tucker and Philippe Colon were absent.
- D. Chris Garibaldi moved to approve the minutes; Lindsey Meyer seconded. *The minutes for the August 31., 2005 meeting of the Student Senate were approved at 6:07 p.m.*

**II. PODIUM**

- A. Class of 2006, Walk to Cure Diabetes
  - i. Officers from the Class of 2006 came to talk about the Walk to Cure Diabetes. The walk is taking place in South Bend on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. Ben spoke about the cause that the walk benefits. He is a diabetic himself and this cause is personally important to him. This charity is the number one contributor to diabetes research in the country. Treatment of diabetes has advanced dramatically in the last decade. The walk is the number one fundraiser for the charity, and last year it raised \$75 million. Every year there are Notre Dame Students who participate, but it is very unorganized. You can go to [jdrf.org](http://jdrf.org) to register and sign up under the Notre Dame team. They encouraged senators to talk to their constituents and encourage participation. All hall presidents should be receiving a stack of shoes to purchase for \$1 a piece, all proceeds go to the charity. If you have any questions, email [bzerante@nd.edu](mailto:bzerante@nd.edu).

**III. OFFICER REPORTS**

- A. Mr. Dave Baron, Student Body President
  - i. Dave brought up Father Poorman's visit at the last meeting, and any questions regarding the issues he brought up can be directed to Dave.
- B. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body Vice President
  - i. Lizzi talked about the Hurricane Katrina collection. Student Government is sponsoring a table in LaFortune that will be staffed from noon to midnight every day. There are still open spots on the sign up sheet to fill. Lizzi thanked all of those that had helped thus far.
  - ii. Lizzi then yielded the floor to Aly Baumgartner who urged senators to speak to constituents in their dorms about volunteering for the Katrina Stadium Collection on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Ms. Liz Kozlow, Chief Executive Assistant
  - i. Liz reminded people to pick up stall notes on their way out of the meeting.
- D. Mr. Philippe Collon, Faculty Senate Liaison
  - i. Professor Collon was absent. Brenna Doyle sat in on the Student Affairs committee on the Faculty Senate and they talked about the agenda for the year, there is nothing too specific so far.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### A. Committee on Academic Affairs

- i. Chris Harris announced that next week they will be passing out a sheet to take back to hall government to gather information about insideND. He is also trying to get a list of all dorm academic commissioners. He met with Ann Firth to talk about ways to breach gap between faculty and students. If anyone is interested in this issue, please talk to him. Next week there will be a meeting about extending library hours on major study nights.

##### B. Committee on Diversity Affairs

- i. Sarah Liu said that on Wednesday, September 28 from 5:45-8:15 p.m. there will be training for diversity commissioners held in CoMo. The committee is working on International Education Week.
- ii. There will be a 10,000 Village sale the week of November 14<sup>th</sup> in the Dooley Room of LaFortune.
- iii. They have contacted the Observer about possibly doing an article on the class and race aspect of the hurricane.

##### C. Committee on Gender Issues

- i. Ali Wishon was contacted by the Observer about a series of articles on gender relations on campus, look for the article on Friday. The committee members broke into subcommittees and discussed projects for the year at the last meeting.

##### D. Committee on Residence Life

- i. Mark Seiler spoke about the possibility of getting lights on the tennis courts at the Eck Tennis Center. Ben Gunty is going to get an update on the technology improvements, especially on printers in the dorms.
- ii. He will be working with Ali Wishon on the safety of the D6 parking lot. They will also be looking at how to improve drainage in D6...no more swimming in the parking lot. .

##### E. Committee on University Affairs

- i. Matt Walsh said the committee is looking into the Living Wage Campaign and what Student Government's role will be. They are looking at the possibility of reinstating rugby as a club or sport.

##### F. Oversight Committee

- i. Suj spoke about four plans of the committee: 1) incorporating NDBay into the Constitution, 2) changing the name of the Gender Relations Committee, 3) amending the Constitution to permit programming for awareness weeks, and 4) adding the Minority Affairs and Community Relations Committee into the Constitution.

##### G. Committee on Community Relations

- i. Nick Guzman spoke about the possibility of a seminar or information session for those students planning to move off campus. It would include lawyers who would talk about leases and landlords.
- ii. Members of his committee will also start attending neighborhood coalition meetings.

##### H. Minority Affairs Committee

- i. The committee has made a list of initiatives, the most important one right now being the diversity requirement. She asked all senators to find out who their multicultural commissioners are and to talk to her if they need ideas for activities.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Advisor Committee on Academic and Student Life
  - i. Each candidate spoke about why he or she wanted to be on the committee. The nominees were Liz Brown, Katie McHugh, Ben Gunty, and Pat Knapp.
  - ii. Patrick Knapp won the election.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Majors Night Letter
  - i. Chris Harris spoke about wanting official approval of the idea of a comprehensive majors night. There are not too many details in the letter right now, because there will be changes. Carol Hendrickson and Rob Lindley worked on it. Jim Grace moved to approve, Andrew Beatty seconded. *A letter regarding a Majors Night was approved at 6:37 p.m.*
- B. Basketball Ticketing Letter
  - i. Matt Walsh helped write the letter over the summer. They are setting up with a meeting with Josh Berlo. The goal is to improve ticket sharing, and to eventually increase the number of student basketball tickets. They are trying to arrange Midnight Madness on the first night of basketball practice. The committee is planning on researching how many games the average student ticket holder goes to, in order to get a better idea of what plan would suit the student body. Pat Knapp moved to approve the letter, Lindsay Meyer seconded. *A letter regarding basketball ticketing was approved at 6:40 p.m.*
- C. BOT Report Topic Approval
  - i. Dave Baron announced that the Board of Directors convenes three times a year and we present a report to them. We need to get topic approved by Senate before work on it begins. This summer, there were many incidences where community relations have been brought to surface and it has increased in importance with the recent ordinance. He will be working with the CLC VOICE advisory committee. Approval will take place at the next meeting so that Senators have time to think about the topic.

## VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Brenna Doyle is helping to compile a list of activities that students are volunteering for that involve younger kids for LeadND. Contact [bdoyle@nd.edu](mailto:bdoyle@nd.edu) if you know of any.
- B. Dan Bowen reminded everyone that the Dillon Pep Rally will be in eight short days starting at 7:30 or 8 p.m.
- C. Lisa Rauh announced that there will be a September 11 prayer service at 2 p.m. sponsored by Sophomore Class Council.



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September 7, 2005

Dear Mr. Berlo,

On behalf of the Notre Dame Student Body and Student Government, the Student Senate has written this letter in regard to basketball ticket options for students. Our intention is to give you an idea of how we stand on the ticket issue, and to let you know that we have been working diligently, and will continue to work diligently, in order to improve student ticketing for both men's and women's home games.

We feel as though two of the most central issues surrounding basketball ticketing for students are: first, increasing student attendance; and second, finding ways for more students to obtain tickets. We hope to work with you and with others in the Department of Athletics to develop ideas and strategies to boost student attendance at home basketball games. We believe that our ideas, along with your insight, will help us to accomplish this goal. In addition, we would like to consider ways that would allow more students to purchase basketball tickets. There are now many ideas on the table, and we would like to work with you and your office in order to find the best and most equitable solution.

In order to accomplish these two broad goals, we are working on several smaller strategies and tactics. One of our top priorities is to improve the student ticket exchange. Although it was not very successful last year, we believe the ticket exchange has great promise, and with some modification, it could become one of the key factors in boosting student attendance at home games.

Another one of our top priorities is arranging for a "Midnight Madness" event to be held at the opening of the men's practice season. We strongly believe that such an event would get a favorable response from both the Student Body and from the local community. In addition, such an event would work to both pump-up students for the upcoming season, and to increase home attendance figures.

With the hope of obtaining fresh new ideas for student ticketing options, we spent a great deal of time this summer researching other schools and finding out exactly how their ticket distribution programs work. With the help of your office, we would also like to do research into how many home games the average student season ticket holder attends. Once this information is ascertained, we will be able to make informed and well-researched recommendations to your office on how basketball ticketing can be improved for students.

In order to increase efficiency and communication between Student Government and the Department of Athletics, we have formed a sub-committee on basketball issues within the Committee on University Affairs in Student Government. Hence, please direct your reply to this letter to Matthew Walsh, Chairperson of the Committee on University Affairs, who will be coordinating the sub-committee.