

Senate Executive Summary
September 21, 2005
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Lizzi Shappell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- B. Brad Tucker led the invocation.
- C. Suj Pandaya was absent.
- D. Chris Garibaldi moved to approve the minutes; Rob Lindley seconded. *The minutes for the September 14, 2005 meeting of the Student Senate were approved at 6:04 p.m.*

II. PODIUM

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Mr. Dave Baron, Student Body President
 - i. Inauguration, inauguration, inauguration.
 - ii. At Monday's CoR meeting Ann Carol-Nash and Ann Puzzello came and talked about the new noisy house ordinance. There is really no warning for the students, and they are pro-actively going after students. It was a good, productive discussion, and they learned about the ordinance.
 - iii. Work on the BOT report is going on. They have been interviewing students, and local residents. They will be writing the report next week.
- B. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body Vice President
 - i. She, Dave and Ali Wishon have been asked to be on planning group for Men Against Violence.
 - ii. \$240,171 was raised for the Katrina Collection overall. Thank you for helping.
- C. Ms. Liz Kozlow, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Pick up constitution changes.
 - ii. The Catholic Think Tank will be based on issues not certain speakers. If you have an issue that would be good to have let Liz know.
 - iii. NDBay is up and running right now. Ticket share will be a little bit delayed because of server, but hopefully will be up by basketball season.
- D. Mr. Philippe Collon, Faculty Senate Liaison

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Chris Harris said that Majors Night is moving along and it is currently in its formations stage. Next week he will have a survey about insideND to collect information about it. He is meeting with Professor Collon about getting textbooks online earlier so that students have time to purchase them from other places besides the bookstore.
- B. Committee on Diversity Affairs

- i. Sarah Liu said that the binders for multicultural commissioners are done. They are working on International Education Week and revising the open letter to the communication department about the candle advertisement.
- C. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Ali Wishon said that the letters for funding are out, and they have \$3,000 in commitments so far. They are working with the counseling center about programming for Eating Disorders Awareness week which is November 7-11. They are researching getting a gynecologist with Feminist Voice and working with the Residence Life committee about getting more blue lights.
- D. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Mark Seiler said that he is setting up meetings with NDSP and the Facilities people about parking lot issues. The student center wish list should come out by late October. The idea about signature charities received well by HPC. He is also addressing the concern about direction of and timing of the sprinklers.
- E. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Matt Seiler is meeting with Josh Berlow about basketball ticketing. He will also be having a meeting with Circle K about transportation issues. The issues with the bookstore will have to be addressed through efollet operations. He met with Dan Skendzel about Fedex/Kinkos and the legal issues they are having.
- F. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Lizzi Shappell said that the committee is working on revising the constitution so that the committees can do programming
- G. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Nick Guzman said that the committee had discussed the BOT report and went to the CoR meeting. They are setting up a smaller committee focusing on the off-campus seminar.
- H. Committee on Minority Affairs
 - i. Rhea Boyd said that they have a deadline for the diversity requirement proposal in mid to late November. They were invited to give a presentation to the Social Concerns Committee of the Board of Trustees.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tennis Court Letter

- i. Rob Lindley moved to suspend the rules, Pat Knapp seconded. *A motion suspending the rules to allow for the presentation of the letter was passed at 6:22 p.m.*
- ii. Dave Baron asked that the letter be addressed to a person, Mike Danch. Jason Zgrabik asked if the Residence Life committee has also looked at more lighting on Stepan fields. Mark Seiler responded that he hadn't mentioned any more lighting for Stepan fields, but they are working on the sprinklers there. Carol Hendrickson said that she could mention it at the meeting. Mark Seiler suggested adding it to the letter. Carol Hendrickson explained that the outdoor tennis courts are the only free

- ones for recreational use. Often, tournaments and practice take up most of the free courts.
- iii. Chris Garibaldi moved to approve the letter, Dan Bowen seconded. The motion failed.
 - iv. Pat Knapp moved to go back into discussion; Brian Klein seconded. *A motion to go back to discussion passed at 6:28 p.m.*
 - v. Pat moved to add the sentence, "we also support additional lighting on the football fields at Reihle fields for practical and safety reasons" to be added before second to last sentence of third paragraph; Jason Zgrabik seconded. The motion was defeated
 - vi. Dan Bowen pointed out that the letter was directly meant for tennis courts, slipping in Reihle fields was random. Rob Lindley asked where you would consider putting courts in. Carol Hendrickson said that the area near McGlenn would be good because there is a lot of grass and they are making changes with the master plan for the whole university. Steve Tortorello thought that that may be adding on to the main issue, maybe adding discussion about new courts is distracting. Carol said that is why she split up the letter, but just wants to put the idea out there. Fred Thwaites moved to strike "Stepan" field from third paragraph and replace with "Reihle" Field; Rob seconded. *A motion replacing "Stepan" with "Reihle" in the third paragraph was passed at 6:35 p.m.*
 - vii. Christina Lee asked where the funding for the lights would come from. Carol said that she just wanted a letter of support rather than a plan. Brenna Doyle moved to strike "and want to learn a new sport" from the second paragraph; Lisa Rauh seconded. *A motion striking "and want to learn a new sport" from the second paragraph was passed at 6:38 p.m.*
 - viii. Lisa Rauh suggested that the issue be sent back to committee. Liz Brown moved to send the letter back to committee for revision and discussion; Chris Garibaldi seconded. *With a vote of 19 yays, 6 nays, and 2 abstentions, the motion passed at 6:39 p.m.*

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The floor was yielded to Meghan Fitzpatrick. She is a senior who works for the Biology Department. She came to talk about the possible building of a coal gasification plant in Michiana. People are concerned about it because of possible public health violations. South Bend is already part of "cancer alley", and this plant will emit bad, bad chemicals. She feels that we should make the community aware of this because it is our air and water too. You can visit the website www.michianaqualityoflife.org. They are going to vote at the County Council meeting at 7pm tomorrow. The final vote for county commissioners is next week. She urged senators to do whatever they could to help. Thank you for listening. Nick Guzman asked what the argument is for the factory. Meghan replied that it is a better process for using coal, but there is really only one other way. They have promised 70 jobs, but she is not sure if that will actual happen.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT