

Senate Executive Summary  
November 16, 2005  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- A. Lizzi Shappell called the meeting to order 6:06 p.m.
- B. Brad Tucker led the invocation.
- C. Steve Tortorello, Jim Grace and Chris Garibaldi were absent.
- D. Mariana Montes moved to approve the minutes; Brian Klein seconded. *The minutes from the November 9, 2005 meeting of the Student Senate were approved at 6:08 p.m.*

**II. PODIUM**

- A. Ashley Lucchese, Dance Company of Notre Dame
  - i. Ashley introduced herself as the President of the Dance Company. She came to speak about the restricted access to the DPAC for student performances. Student groups can only use the DPAC if it is sponsored by a department. They have contacted John Haynes, the director of the DPAC, and received a shocking response. Apparently, it must be an academic performance and must pay a fee for your performance. Clubs with an amateur status can't put on events. They are very picky about what kind of performances go on. The Dance Company is very upset that they are not able to take advantage of the facility. They have been performing at Washington Hall, but it doesn't have the stage size for their troupe. She asks that some student groups be allowed to perform.
  - ii. Philippe Collon asked for a copy of their statement for Faculty Senate.
- B. Chris DeStephano, World AIDS Day
  - i. Chris asked that everyone put up posters that he is handing out. He did a summer service project with AIDS patients. He was moved by the conditions and the patients. There isn't much attention given to global health issues at Notre Dame. There is a stigma with AIDS and they want to do an awareness week. They are going to do information sessions and will be doing panels on the pandemic of AIDS across Africa. They will look at Catholic teaching on this and will have a speaker from CRS and personal responsibility. This will connect with the G8 Summit from this summer. He asked for the Senate's support. He is hoping that they can do more next semester as well and it will become an annual thing. World AIDS Day is an internationally recognized campaign and many other universities hold events as well.

**III. OFFICER REPORTS**

- A. Mr. Dave Baron, Student Body President
  - i. Dave Baron said that at CoR they discussed changes to the Student Union Fiscal Policy. This is a good time to do this with the fee raise proposals. They are looking at the possibility of the Student Union Treasurer reporting monthly on the budget, clarifying accounts that

groups can apply to, giving more student treasurers access to funds, and looking at the Carry-Forward account.

- ii. We will be hosting a delegation from the University of Portland. We will be taking them to the pep rally, meetings, etc.

B. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body Vice President

- i. Lizzi Shappell is still looking into the pep rally situation. They will be waiting to meet until after the last one.

C. Ms. Liz Kozlow, Chief Executive Assistant

- i. Liz Kozlow said that she still has Happy Hour posters to be picked up.
- ii. Stall notes are in the back, please pick them up.
- iii. They will be having a Catholic Think Tank meeting on Tuesday at 7:30, they need help with advertising. One of the speakers will be Judge William Pryor and he will be speaking on Catholicism and role of religion in the judiciary.
- iv. She is looking for two volunteers for dorm visits for the Portland people. Rob Lindley and Christina Lee volunteered.

D. Mr. Philippe Colon, Faculty Senate Liaison

- i. Philippe Colon. Nothing new to report.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Academic Affairs

- i. Chris Harris said that there is a collaboration meeting for colleges involved in Majors Night.
- ii. There will be a library meeting later this week on Thursday.

B. Committee on Diversity Affairs

- i. Sarah Liu said that International Education Week is going on. The 10,000 Villages sale has made \$3000 so far.
- ii. Posters are up in O'Shaughnessy. There is a presentation at 7 p.m. in CoMo for students that have done international service projects. This is a good way for them to share their experience.

C. Committee on Gender Issues

- i. Ali Wishon said that her committee is moving forward with research on gynecologist proposals. She has a meeting with the Director of Health Services on Monday.
- ii. They will start working on Sexual Assault Awareness Week soon.

D. Committee on Residence Life

- i. Mark Seiler said that the campus beautification subcommittee has started compiling pictures of ugly spots on campus.
- ii. Signature charities should be up on the website soon.

E. Committee on University Affairs

- i. Matt Walsh said that they will be working with the dance company on the DPAC issue.
- ii. Matt said that he went to the SMC Board of Governance about the Living Wage Campaign and getting them involved.
- iii. They talked about GLBTQ stuff and decided that the standing committee isn't adequate and will be having more meetings soon.

- iv. Transpo advertising should be out after Thanksgiving.
  - v. He will be talking to someone from DeBartolo about more bulletin boards in DeBartolo.
  - vi. He is working with OIT and Mike King about the ticket share program.
- F. Committee on Oversight
- i. Suj Pandaya mentioned that the amendment coming up tonight.
- G. Committee on Community Relations
- i. Nick Guzman said that they have a timeline for projects.
  - ii. He met with Peter Quaranto about the near northeast coalition and want to make a permanent link between the Community Relations Committee and this body.
- H. Committee on Minority Affairs
- i. Rhea Boyd said that a representative from the Diversity Council of Notre Dame to talk about collaborating on Black History Month.
  - ii. They will also coordinate with the MLK Jr committee.
  - iii. March 31<sup>st</sup> is Caesar Chavez and they are looking for speakers.
  - iv. They will be bringing a resolution to Senate later. They are asking for an endorsement in principle that all ND student should be exposed to a cultural component during education and the creation of a body to look into that. They feel the need to look into that because there are issues with getting information and policy at ND. People talk about diversity being important here and they want to incorporate it into the academics. [rboyd1@nd.ed](mailto:rboyd1@nd.ed) E-mail her with suggestions.
  - v. She is meeting with Fr. Jenkins tomorrow; let her know if you have any comments to pass along.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. SS0506-13 Pocket Veto Amendment

- i. Fred Thwaites said this would eliminate the pocket veto of the President. If the President doesn't sign it after two weeks, a 5/6 majority will pass it. The amendment requires that the President returns the resolution to the Senate and explain his or her objections. This will help the Senate be more efficient. Hopefully, Dave will sign it and not pocket veto it.
- ii. Christina Lee moved to vote; Drew Beatty seconded. *The Senate moved into a vote at 6:32 p.m.*
- iii. *Resolution SS0506-13 passed at 6:33 p.m.*

### B. SS0506-14 Zahm House Resolution

- i. Pat Knapp introduced this as saying that this only affects student recognition.
- ii. Dan Bowen had three points to make: First, Zahm is trying to leave us with the impression of a fraternity and this is against Notre Dame culture. Secondly, as a general rule, you can not give yourself a nickname.<sup>1</sup> Thirdly, Notre Dame has a good tradition and this is fairly

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<sup>1</sup> Seinfeld.

sexist because it will be three boy's dorms with non-hall names and no girls' dorms.

- iii. Liz Kozlow asked if this is supported by dorm and what he wants to see from this. Pat Knapp said that it is supported and he just wants student approval.
- iv. Dan Bowen pointed out that the Facebook group has fewer members than the population of Zahm and they are not all Zahm residents.
- v. Drew Beatty asked how you get recognition. Pat Knapp said that it would be on everyone's honor.
- vi. Dave Baron said that Zahm is one of the most unique dorms and that it fosters dorm community. We have shown that we are getting things done even though this is a goof resolution.
- vii. Matt Walsh said that the "House" term came from a graduate of '05. Matt also pointed out that Zahm is the best dorm. Nobody else has done anything like this from another dorm.
- viii. Dan Bowen asked if he supports them taking on fraternal face. Dave Baron pointed out that Alumni Hall has already done that. Rob Lindley said that Morrissey Manor and Sorin College have storied histories along with their names.
- ix. Drew Beatty asked why the term house was chosen. Alumni has the letters up for "dogs" and the university hates it.
- x. Pat Knapp said that Zahm House has been a tradition. It is not hurting anyone else. Matt Walsh said that Zahm was referred to as Zahm House in the Notre Dame Magazine. Pat Knapp moved to vote; Libby Hopp seconded.
- xi. *With a vote of 14 yeses, 11 no 's, and 2 abstentions, Resolution SS0506-14 did not pass.*

C. SS0506-15 Election Procedure Amendment

- i. James Leito said that this is more of a cosmetic thing. Article XVII, Section I, #5 would be amended. This would move the filing date from Wednesday to Friday. Getting 700 signatures is hard, and earlier still makes it easier to get approved, but this gives them more time. On Saturday and Sunday it is hard to get approved.
- ii. *Rob Lindley moved to approve; Drew Beatty seconded. Resolution SS0506-15 passed at 6:44 p.m.*

D. SS0506-16 Judicial Council Procedure Amendment

- i. James Leito said that there are two changes to Article XVIII, Section V, 1b. They are changing "21" to "14" and keeping 27. Peter VanLoon said that this past year the Judicial Council was made up of one person from each dorm. It convenes for any allegations of misdoings during the elections. All of the allegations requiring a hearing did not get quorum 50% of the time. This happens during busy part of the year and this is a waste of time for the people involved. Any violation that was brought up wasn't really looked into. Changing quorum to simple majority will help this. Secondly in Section V, 1g they are changing "36" to "72" hours. This gives them three days to look into it, which is much more

reasonable. James said that the gist of these amendments is to look into serious violations of elections more carefully. They are trying to put some things into place that will make it easier to call meetings.

- ii. Liz Kozlow asked how many allegations there were last year. Peter replied that there were four.
- iii. Drew Beatty moved to approve; Mariana Montes seconded. *Resolution SS0506-16 passed at 6:50 p.m.*
- iv. James Leito added that they are looking into technology issues with online voting and might be coming back to discuss that.

#### **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Christina Lee said that they are still taking donations for the Women's Boxing Power Hour.
- B. Matt Walsh encouraged everyone to come to stadium to see Zahm vs. Keenan in the inter-hall football championship game.
- C. Jason Zgrabik said that everyone should come to the stadium to see Keenan win its second stadium championship.
- D. PE's Silent Night Silent Auction is on November 30 at Legends.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Brian Klein moved to adjourn; Christina Lee seconded. *The November 16, 2005 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.* The next meeting will take place on November 30, 2005 in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary