

Notre Dame Student Senate

Executive Summary

September 1, 2004

McNeill Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Karla Bell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- b. Brad Tucker led the invocation.
- c. There were no members absent.
- d. Jordan Bongiovanni motioned to approve the minutes; Josh Pasquesi seconded. *Without objection the Executive Summary from April 28 was approved at 6:04 p.m.*

II. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Mr. Adam Istvan, Student Body President
 - i. DVD rental is in full swing now. Their goal is 100 rentals per week, and then the operation will be self sustaining. The resolution last year for Fair Trade coffee has come through. The Huddle will switch soon, and Waddicks, Starbucks and the Dining Halls all have the option. If students choose the Fair Trade, the University will stop buying the other coffee. Senators need to pass the word around because this coffee is higher quality and is attached to an important social issue.
- b. Ms. Karla Bell, Student Body Vice-President
 - i. Karla noted that the Senate will not be voting on the proposed resolution today because of a communication error. The resolution will come up next week. The SUB manager and the executive board were prepared to present, and will return next week.
- c. Mr. Dave Baron, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Dave noted that they will meet September 8 at 9 p.m. for those interested in getting involved in student government. He has fliers to pass around the dorms promoting "Student Government 101". A campaign to publicize the changes in the constitution will be coming soon.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Vijay Ramanan outlines his plan for the committee: 1) organize a majors night (like activities night) to set up tables to ask questions; 2) he is encouraging dorms to do the same thing within the dorm too; 3) create a book with course registration booklets about different majors and make available about getting an advisor.

the Clarks. They are also working with the executive boards to take in and define duties.

- c. JR Garcia stated that he is working on reforming the club updates to ensure money is spent within the CCC guidelines and better watch what the clubs are doing. They are also trying to consolidate some of the clubs (there are 200 in total and allocation is a long process). Maybe they could streamline some of the clubs and work on collaboration.
- d. Mike McGinley is part of the Rock the Vote Campus team, and they are working on a debate to campus between Richard Lowry from the National review and David Corn from The Nation. It will play in McKenna Hall on September 22. They are still looking for co-sponsorship. Also, the RTV people are going to hold panel discussions with faculty members on election issues. Schedules will be available soon. The College Dems and Repubs will debate September 8 at Feildhouse mall.
- e. Brin Anderson said that she is organizing the Judicial council and still looking to fill some positions. They are trying to inform students that anyone going to ResLife can get a peer advocate. She also needs members to sit on case review board that reviews appeals in ResLife. Brin is also creating the Ethics Committee and organizing its rules. The freshman election is coming up soon as well.
- f. Liz Cain noted they are working together among the dorms for more events that are open to more people. They want to promote collaboration and not competition. She thinks that the one president plan is working out well.
- g. Jason Laws stated they are building and planning the Soph-O in coming weeks. They are going on dorm visits to communicate better with the class and get ideas. They will also plan a retreat for leaders and connect with one another. Steve Miller noted the class' abroad challenge this year. They want to keep the unity for those abroad in the spring. Before and after people come back to campus they will welcome/send off these students with a mass, dinner and event.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Brin Anderson motioned to end the meeting. Darrell Scott seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. The next meeting of the Council of Representatives will take place Monday, September 6, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Foster Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Smith
Student Body Secretary