

Notre Dame Student Senate
Executive Summary
September 8, 2004
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Karla Bell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- b. Brad Tucker led the invocation.
- c. There were no members absent.
- d. Liz Loo motioned to approve the minutes; Stephanie Pelligra seconded. *The Executive Summary was approved at 6:40 p.m.*
- e. Jordan Bongiovanni motioned to invert item A of New Business to before Officer Reports. Beth Marchal seconded. *The agenda was so inverted.*

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SS0405-05: Amendment to change the name of CPC to SUB
 - i. Jimmy Flaherty of SUB introduced the amendment. He noted they debated the topic since last year. He wants to throw the politics aside to serve the undergraduates and decide what is best for student programming. If they change the name, they shift the focus. Instead of events, they will worry about a name and management. This is a hindrance to programming itself.
 - ii. In addition, there is a large sum of money involved--\$7, 595. This money could be used for other things, not the re-branding of the CPC name. Already, there is a huge investment in the SUB name. There was a vigorous publicity campaign and there are logo policies in place now. There are large successes in the programming from last year in An Tostal to Welcome Week to the Michigan state lottery tickets. They are moving well with their mission. Last year, the image was tarnished, and Jimmy wants to restore that image. The programming name change won't do that. Programming better for students will restore the image. There is already proof of what SUB can do.
 - iii. Adam Istvan urged the Senate to approve this amendment on behalf of the greater student focus. They time spent by student government officials working on themselves. They need to spend time on students. Over \$7000 is a lot of money, and \$2000 could possibly go back to other student groups through the FMB. The CPC debate is not helping the students. He again pressed them to pass the amendment. Sujal Pandya asked how long it would take to establish a new brand. Jimmy Flaherty alluded to the process. It would probably take a few weeks to get a plan, and then take about a semester to get the name into student vocabulary. Jordan Bongiovanni asked if Jimmy knew that the name was CPC over the summer, then why they not spent time to work through the change before coming back to campus. Jimmy said that he didn't

have time or money to work on this change. They wanted to work on the actual programming, and the executive board would rather create events before coming back to campus and worry about the name later. Stephanie Pelligra wondered what the original reasons that the name was changed. Jimmy mentioned that SUB did not accurately reflect what the organization does. But, he asked, do students really care? Karla Bell then moved the group into discussion.

- iv. James Leito spoke to the reasons the former COR changed the name. Student Union Board says nothing about programming. All organizations were looked at as an outside party would, and because the name confusion, reputation from last year, and other issues, they decided to change it. They wanted to erase those things, and have a new face on campus. James was under the impression that they would work on the change over the summer and the new executive board could get this changed. He also feels that \$7,500 was an overestimation of the cost. James is disappointed that they are still in debate over an issue that has been decided last year. The new campus body can be changed to whatever acronym that will work, but it needs to change. He is in favor of voting against this amendment.
- v. Adam Istvan stated that SUB was advised by himself and Student Activities to use the SUB name through the summer because the amendment has been coming ever since the approval of the constitution. Jimmy did not go against the constitution; rather, he was waiting for the pending amendment. There was some concern about outside groups identifying SUB as the programming organization. Jimmy Flaherty said that he receives way more solicitation than they give out. Millions of performers and their agents want to sell themselves to SUB. Vijay Ramanan focused the group, saying that they need get rid of side arguments. If an incorrect decision was made last year, it needs to be corrected now. Steve Cartwright motioned to PQ; Josh Pasquesi seconded. *With one objection, the amendment passed at 6:34 p.m.*

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Mr. Adam Istvan, Student Body President
 - i. Adam thanked the Senate for passing the amendment, and this week in COR they were talking about adding a member from the CSC student committee of VOICE to the membership.
- b. Ms. Karla Bell, Student Body Vice-President
 - i. Karla is working on getting the New York Times to campus, without the readership program. Liz Kozlow will chair the next meeting on the 15.

- c. Mr. Dave Baron, Chief Executive Officer
 - i. Dave noted that Student Government 101 had lots of attendants. With the passing of this amendment, he will be able to start the publicity campaign of the new constitution. He will seek approval of that next meeting. The Programming board will now include VOICE, Rec Sports, and Campus ministry representatives.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Vijay Ramanan said they are working on keeping Hesburgh library open through the night, at least for a few days a week. They will meet Tuesday to talk about DART times.
- b. Committee on Diversity Affairs
 - i. Nick Coleman stated that they are writing a non-discrimination clause to add to the constitution. They also have ideas for multi-cultural commissioners to be more part of dorm life.
- c. Committee on Gender Affairs
 - i. Lizzi Shappell noted their work on Sexual Assault Awareness week. In addition, they are trying to get 'Sex Signals' to perform on campus. Another event includes a brother/sister event where a moderator brings up hot topics and stimulates conversation. There will be a pop culture discussion for the Gender committee. The GRC is having its grand opening next week; there are posters to put out for next week. Every senator needs to put these around their respective dorm.
- d. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. James Leito outlined their concerns: why the copiers were taken out of the dorms, laundry and vending price increases, Napster-like subscription for campus and improving the ticket lottery for away games.
- e. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Katie Boyle stated they assigned each member issues to work on. Specifically they are looking at parietals punishments in comparisons to other similar universities, as well as the fining procedure in dorms. They will also look into the University Counseling Center and an increased bandwidth amount for students.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SS0405-06: Amendments regarding Senate Attendance
 - i. Liz Kozlow presented the amendment, noting the changes that were made in bold. James Leito moved to PQ; Julie Pearce

seconded. Erik Powers objected. Jeff Mullin motioned to move back into discussion; Erik Powers seconded. The group then moved into discussion. Erik thought that the policy should entail 3 absences. Neal Kumar agreed. Casey Stanton said that if you give the chair fair notice, or if you have a legitimate reason, then you are excused from the meeting. They are trying to regulate both types of absences, because repeated delinquency hurts the group. Ryan Brennan strongly noted that this was a volunteer position, and if you cannot attend the meetings, then you should not have made the commitment. There was much discussion about the language of part F. they need structure for the number of absences allowed. But, if there are extenuating circumstances, the ethics committee will understand. James motioned to move the amendment back into committee to clarify how many unexcused absences, excused absences, and when each were referred to the Ethics committee. *With a majority of the vote, the amendment was moved back into committee at 7:00 p.m.*

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Brian Coughlin noted that there would be a consulting firm on campus to look at licensed produces. They are asking for input from freshman and juniors to discuss. It will take place Friday at 11:00 a.m. for freshman and 3:00 p.m. for juniors.
- b. Brendan McHugh announced the Dillon Pep Rally Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- c. Casey Stanton noted the candlelight vigil on South Quad for the 1000 American Soldiers killed in Iraq. It will take place Thursday at 9:00 p.m.
- d. Steve Cartwright mentioned Blessed Union of Souls concert at St. Mary's
- e. Lizzi Shappell reminded everyone to pick up their GRC posters on the way out.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Liz Kozlow motioned to adjourn; Lizzi Shappell seconded. *The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.* The next meeting of the Student Senate will take place Wednesday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary