

Notre Dame Student Senate
Executive Summary
September 22, 2004
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Chairperson Karla Bell called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
- b. Brad Tucker led the invocation.
- c. Dihan Fernando, Casey Stanton and Mike McGinley were absent.
- d. Jordan Bongiovanni moved to approve the minutes; James Leito seconded.
The Executive Summary of September 15 was approved at 6:09 p.m.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Ms. Karla Bell, Student Body Vice-President
 - i. Karla noted that they have met with Fr. Poorman, and are working on the Board of Trustees reports. They will present this to the Senate next week.
- b. Mr. Dave Baron, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Dave stated that the Freshman class council were elected. The constitution will be printed out shortly on loose-leaf pages so that ongoing changes can be made.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Committee on Diversity
 - i. Nick Coleman reported that they will present the non-discrimination clause, to be added to the constitution, tonight. They are also planning on the multi-cultural commissioner training for next Wednesday.
- b. Committee on Gender Affairs
 - i. Lizzi Shappell stated they are finalizing the 'Sex Signals' performance. They are also working on venues for the Sexual Assault Awareness week.
- c. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Katie Boyle noted their work on the Counseling Center awareness campaign and projects regarding a student to sit on the Board of Trustees. Many other schools have this, and Notre Dame should add a student to their board.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SS0405-06: Senate By-Laws
 - i. Liz Kozlow, chair of the Oversight Committee presented the amended by-laws, with clarifications made in committee. Jordan

Bongiovanni motioned to approve; Marie Vervaeke seconded.
Without opposition, SS0405-06 was approved at 6:14 p.m.

b. SS0405-07: Non-Discrimination Clause

- i. Nick Coleman presented the clause that was developed in the Diversity committee. Nick felt that the clause was necessary to ensure that all people could participate in the student union without regard to personal status. He wanted make sure they treated students fairly and justly. Dave Baron added that they put this together from other documents, including: a letter from the American Bishops and the Spirit of Inclusion in du Lac. Jeff Mullin called for a vote; Sujal Pandya seconded. With one opposition, the Senate moved into voting procedure. *Without opposition, SS0405-07 was approved at 6:19 p.m.*

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. *Sarah Bates* wanted to call attention to Brendan McHugh's work on getting Napster to campus, and that the Observer article was incorrect in stating that it was not an ongoing issue. Brendan will continue to investigate this project.
- b. *Sujal Pandya* announced the Fisher Roof Sit on South Quad on Saturday to raise money for Missing and Exploited Children's Fund.
- c. *Marie Vervaeke* noted the McGlinn Hall organ donation drive from 10-12 p.m. tonight.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Josh Pasquesi motioned to adjourn; Liz Kozlow seconded. The meeting was ended at 6:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Student Senate will take place Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary