

**Notre Dame Student Senate**  
Executive Summary  
September 29, 2004  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- a. Chairperson Karla Bell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- b. Brad Tucker led the invocation.
- c. Steve Cartwright, Dihan Fernando, Stephanie Pelligra, Katie Boyle and Nick Coleman were absent.
- d. Liz Kozlow motioned to approve the minutes; Brendan McHugh seconded. *The Executive Summary from September 22, 2004 was approved at 6:05 p.m.*

**II. OFFICER REPORTS**

- a. Mr. Adam Istvan, Student Body President
  - i. Adam noted that tonight they would finish the Board of Trustees report, and present their concerns regarding Off Campus safety. It will include the ND Safe Bus initiative. Risk Management has noted few concerns, but generally has approved the idea. Next Thursday they will present, and ask the Board to make safety of a priority. Since 57% of the senior class lives off campus, this is a major concern for the University.
- b. Mr. Dave Baron, Chief Executive Assistant
  - i. Dave apologized that there was not constitution, as of yet. They have been working on the Board of Trustees report, and pursuing security as a university problem. Some other issues: 1) Seminar for off-campus students; 2) requiring off-campus council members to sit on neighborhood groups in South Bend; 3) NDSP make off-campus security an additional priority. They would like to see NDSP give the same protection to students that have to adhere to duLac, even while residing off-campus. This would include the creation of a comprehensive plan for aiding students.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Committee on Diversity Affairs
  - i. Julie Pearce reported that Nick Coleman and Steve Cartwright were running the training for multi-cultural commissioners tonight.
- b. Committee on Gender Affairs
  - i. Lizzi Shappell stated that they are in the final stages of planning for the Sexual Assault Awareness week. They will work with HPC for a brother/sister dorm event and are looking into training nurses to use rape kits.

- c. Committee on Residence Life
  - i. Sarah Bates noted their work with OIT and the copy machines. In the future, they might get printers/copiers. Brendan McHugh gave a report on the Napster program. Brendan stated that the Observer article was incorrect. Napster offers two options to Universities and there is one option that ND is looking into. It includes a student signing up with Napster online and verifies using their ND email account. Then, that student would pay \$20 for the entire academic year. They would be able to use the service through a University connection. This does not depend on the number of people who sign up. He would like to make this a student government initiative.
- d. Committee on Oversight
  - i. Liz Kozlow said they are looking into the Judicial Council and freshman class election concerns.

#### IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. BOT Report Topic
  - i. Karla Bell asked for approval of the topic, because they would have to send this to the members today. *Without opposition, the topic was approved at 6:16 p.m.*

#### V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Dave Baron brought up an Observer Viewpoint that outlined some parking concerns for students. Sarah Bates noted that she will have a meeting Friday to discuss the issue of using student parking for outside events.
- b. Jordan Bongiovanni reported the Council of Representatives will have a Constitutional Revue meeting, in lieu of an investigation, in November.
- c. Erik Powers announced the Sorin Talent show Friday at 8:00 p.m.

#### VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Jordan Bongiovanni motioned to end the meeting. Chris Harris seconded. *The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.* The next meeting of the Notre Dame Student Senate will take place on Wednesday October 6, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Smith  
Student Body Secretary