

# NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

## Executive Summary

October 27, 2004

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

### I. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Chairperson Karla Bell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Chaplain Brad Tucker led the invocation.
- c. Beth Marchal, Agus Galmarini, Casey Stanton, Adam Istvan and Vijay Ramanan were absent.
- d. Liz Kozlow motioned to approve the minutes; Neal Kumar seconded. *Without objection, the Executive Summary of October 13, 2004 was approved at 6:06 p.m.*

### II. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Ms. Karla Bell, Student Body Vice-President
  - i. Karla reminded the senators to keep writing resolutions. She encouraged them to bring up new topics for the committees to continue to work on.
- b. Mr. Dave Baron, Chief Executive Officer
  - i. Dave noted that he responded to student interest list, and is busy assigning new members to committees as well as creating a communication committee. Dave is waiting for the website to be published before beginning the publicity campaign. It hopefully will start next week.

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Committee on Diversity Affairs
  - i. Nick Coleman said that they are discussing ideas for Diversity Awareness and GOBT weeks. This includes Theology on Tap coordinating their issue that week accordingly, and possibly a movie shown in the PAC.
- b. Committee on Gender Affairs
  - i. Lizzi Shappell noted that they secured the PAC for "Sex Signals". She asked the Senators to ask their hall presidents to work with committee members to get "Must Sex TV" event in the dorms. It requires 100% brother/sister dorm participation. There was some discussion as to the content of the presentation. Erik Powers described the video segment that he put together, and the issues that would be explored. The clips are an illustration of how television reiterates stereotypes that lead to sexual assault and dangerous relationships. They also include questions that will foster debate.

- c. Committee on Residence Life
  - i. Sarah Bates reported that they are exploring student discounts at the Bookstore. The laundry/vending work is continuing. Tonight, Sarah has a survey for the Senators to ask 25 people in the dorm to fill out the form, and turn in next week. The survey covers dining hall preferences as well as the Flex 10 option.
- d. Committee on University Affairs
  - i. Katie Boyle stated that they are beginning the project to add a student to the Board of Trustees.
  - ii. James Leito brought up an issue that he recognized: enforcement of alcohol policy at tailgating. He said that he noticed that the NDSP are only targeting Notre Dame Students. He feels that they are not trying to fix the problems, but punish ND students. From his experience, no other students are being punished in the same way. Mike McGinley motioned to continue this discussion. Sheldon Dutes seconded. The discussion was so continued.
  - iii. Some senators expressed their personal experiences, and there was a question of the enforcement of alcohol policy at football games. Therefore, Jordan Bongiovanni motioned to add this issue to the University Affairs committee. Sheldon Dutes seconded. *The Enforcement of NDSP at football games was added to the University Affairs committee agenda at 6:19 p.m.*

#### IV. CLC UPDATE

- a. Social Concerns Committee
  - i. Jordan Bongiovanni reported that they are trying to get a gauge of diversity on campus, including student perception. The group is also looking into a mandatory class that could help this perception.
- b. Laundry and Vending
  - i. James Leito noted that he has established a timetable, and has put together the information that he was given. They will meet with Dave Brikowski and hope to make progress within the next three weeks.
- c. Security
  - i. Alex French said that they are working to promote awareness: the kinds of services that NDSP can provide. They will look into lighting situations around TC and the Lakes. Also, the group is investigating the Blue light emergency phones for campus.

#### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Alex French: O'Neill's Miss ND Pageant on Saturday from 7-9 in Washington Hall
- b. Lizzi Shappell: GRC this week—"Girls Night Out" Wednesday 8 p.m. in the COMO lounge. "Culture Shock" Thursday 8 p.m. room 103 DeBartolo. "HAND" performance and discussion after.

**VI. ADJOURNEMENT**

- a. Mike McGinley motioned to adjourn; Sheldon Dutes seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m. The next meeting of the Notre Dame Student Senate will take place Wednesday, November 3, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary

