

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

November 3, 2004

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Chairperson Karla Bell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- b. Brad Tucker led the invocation.
- c. Sujal Pandya and Sheldon Dutes were absent.
- d. Josh Pasquesi motioned to approve the minutes; Steph Pelligra seconded. *Without objection, the Executive Summary of October 27, 2004 was approved at 6:07 p.m.*
- e. Karla Bell struck item A from New Business. An explanation will be presented in the Committee report from Academic Affairs.

II. PODIUM

- a. Karl Wahoske, Basketball Ticket Distribution
 - i. Karl presented to the Senate that for the second year in a row, he did not receive basketball tickets. He feels that there needs to be some kind of change. Much of what has been said by James Leito Karl has agreed with, but these are important points, and they need to be reiterated.
 - ii. St. Mary's and Holy Cross students get tickets before Notre Dame Students. Karl understands that these colleges are part of the University system, but there are a limited number of tickets available, and these should be distributed to Notre Dame Students first. We pay tuition to Notre dame, and want to support *our* athletes and *our* school. (emphasis added) Karl believes that we can really cause change in this area, and more students will be able to attend games.
 - iii. Next, Karl thinks that six IDs per person is far too many and two to three would suffice. The timing of distribution is also a problem; the time needed to stand outside the ticket office is getting earlier and earlier. This change would also eliminate the "casual fan". The system as it stands promotes cutting in line, and Karl thinks this is something worth lobbying for.
 - iv. A centralized ticket exchange would also benefit students, but favor those who lived in the dorms. Off campus students would be at a disadvantage, or excluded all together. A central board for posting would work best, in Karl's opinion.
 - v. Filling in empty seats after tip off would stop the problem that the Athletic department uses as a reason for not giving out more students tickets. It also would also boost attendance and excitement surrounding the games if students knew that they could get in to a crucial game if they just waited a bit. He also asked the Senate to

promote exchanging their tickets if they have a game they will not attend.

- vi. Karla Bell noted that she contacted Jim Fraleigh and there is a new person in charge of the ticket situation. If there are any other comments at this time, she will open the floor for discussion. All comments and suggestions will be forwarded to the ticket office. Adam Istvan stated that if there was a centralized ticket exchange, it would take place in LaFortune as well as in the dorms, to make it accessible to all. Stephanie Pelligra cited changes that Welsh Family hall did to post tickets on the door of the mailroom and then online. This is a quick way that each dorm can fix part of the problem. Jordan Bongiovanni said that Dave McGowan already offered posting ticket exchanges on the Off Campus website and that Liz Cain will talk to HPC regarding in hall changes. She then thanked Karl for presenting. James Leito thanked Karl as well for his shared passion. He added to the list of ideas selling student season tickets before individual tickets go on sale, so that those who do not receive booklets can purchase tickets for individual games that are important to them. This might also prevent casual fans from purchasing booklets, and only want to attend a few games. Mike McGinley motioned to move this issue into the University Affairs committee; Liz Kozlow seconded. Without objection, Basketball Ticketing Issues was moved into committee at 6:19 p.m.
- vii. James Leito noted that he also spoke with Mike Brey and he intends to “put some heat” on the ticket office as well. Adam noted that the key was to get attendance high every game. Josh Pasquesi stated that it has been suggested that these loyal fans from Holy Cross and St. Mary’s should not be allowed tickets. This is a policy of exclusion, and Josh believes it is not good and would not pass by the University. He discourages any idea along this line.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Mr. Adam Istvan, Student Body President
 - i. Adam said that they worked through this basketball ticket issue in COR this week, and is considering adding a member from one of the diversity groups to the membership. The CLC meeting Monday for task force updates, which, he mentioned are run by Senators.
- b. Ms. Karla Bell, Student Body Vice-President
 - i. Karla has been in contact with Jean Firth to train the Senators to use the BAC cards. They will come to the meeting next week. Karla, Dave and Adam will meet with Bill Kirk to discuss the Off Campus Safety Seminar as well.
- c. Mr. Dave Baron, Chief Executive Assistant

- i. Dave has contacted Transpo department of South Bend. They want to increase student readership, and a late night service was considered. There is a liability to take, and they will discuss those options.
- ii. Also, Dave reminded the Senate of a project from last year of a student programming endowment of one million dollars (which would allocate 50,000 dollars a year to SUB). This proposal will go through Fr. Poorman to Lou Nanni and the office of development. He hopes this will stimulate donation for the endowment.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Committee on Academic Affairs

- i. Vijay Ramanan first commented on the resolution regarding TCEs. The original idea was to put some heat on the administration about TCE publication. Then, they were to get the proposal approved by Senate and send it around other student groups so present solidarity. When he attended a meeting of Faculty Senate, Vijay decided not to continue on this route. The faculty was very warm to this idea that he proposed. Actually, it was the faculty who wanted to push class information out to students. Dr. Jacobs gave them a few months to work out their own proposal. Vijay said that he didn't want Senate to appear as a petulant child. He thinks that it will run its course and in time, there will be TCE reform.
- ii. Adam Istvan said that his office met for working out a schedule. He agrees with Vijay's assessment. At the next meeting on December 6, Adam would like a full report from students as well as one from faculty. Adam would like to see the student part done by November 17. He hopes to pass a resolution then. Sarah Ball hoped that they would not just sit back, but get started on pushing for these reforms. We can't just wait for them. James Leito asked if the resolution for November 17 would be different from the one that was supposed to be presented tonight. Adam said that the resolution for tonight was a force to the faculty. But on November 17 he hopes to approve a functional example for our side. James said that it was his understanding the Faculty Senate moved slowly. What was done for the TCEs that were different this time? Steph Pelligra stated that they moved the issue into Student affairs and Academic Life committees. She sits on both of those bodies. They were very on board about hits issue; Steph was happily surprised. Vijay said something about profound. "If you have a wound you need to apply pressure to it but not exacerbate it"; something like that. He will push his ideas through.

b. Committee on Diversity Affairs

- i. Nick Coleman stated that he met with homosexual awareness leaders for the GLBT week. They propose the first week in March for their activities. He is trying to get Margaret Cho to speak during that time. Theology on Tap has agreed to tailor their topics for those weeks toward homosexual issues. He will create a plan for the week and present it to Senate.
- c. Committee on Gender Affairs
 - i. Lizzi Shappell reported that they are finalizing plans for Sexual Assault Awareness week. They viewed the "Must Sex TV" film . She asked the Senators to push their hall governments because they need 100% participation. The committee is formulating questions and issues to discuss after. A member will be contacting each dorm, and Lizzi asked for their cooperation.
- d. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Sarah Bates noted that they need the dining hall surveys returned. If they do not have them, senators can turn them in next week. They want to have a good result. She is currently working on student discounts in the bookstore.
- e. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. Katie Boyle announced the anti-sweatshop task force resolution to come before Senate in the coming week. Dihan Fernando has begun research on adding a student to the Board of Trustees. They are also working on a Dump and Run charity project.
- f. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Liz Kozlow noted that they are looking into making some changes in Article 16 as well as working on transition procedures. They will be making binders for committee chairs to be passed down through the years. This will hopefully help future chairs.

V. **CLC UPDATE**

- a. Jordan Bongiovanni noted the work on the Social Concerns task force. They are focusing their efforts on research at this point with peer institution, colleges on the Princeton review and colleges with a similar identity.
- b. James Leito announced that the Vending/Landry task force is looking at prices around town and University financial data. They are also benchmarking with other universities. Everything should be included within a resolution before Christmas break.
- c. Alex French noted that the Security task force is speaking with Risk Management NDSP and the fire department to assess the issues. They hope to include a safety section in the freshman program: "From Football to Finals". They are also investigating the addition of a Security article in

the Observer to keep students aware of issues on campus. They are also looking into lighting and blue security call boxes.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Karla Bell stated that she will not be at Senate next week. She motioned to appoint Liz Kozlow to chair for the next meeting. Steph Pelligra seconded. James Leito indicated that Karla is unable to make motions. Therefore, Casey Stanton motioned to approve Liz Kozlow as chair of the next Senate meeting; Steph Pelligra seconded. *Without objection, Liz Kozlow was appointed temporary chair for the November 10, 2004 meeting at 6:45 p.m.*
- b. Alex French: OC Season premier party in the La Fortune Ballroom on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. hosted by O'Neill.
- c. Emmie Callund: Howard Hall Bonfire 9-11 p.m. on Holy Cross Hill
- d. Liz Kozlow: PW Wild Wild West party *with mechanical bull* 7-9
- e. Adam Istvan: Huddle Video had a record setting 173 rentals this weekend.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Mike McGinley motioned to adjourn; Steph Pelligra seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. The next meeting of the Student Senate will take place Wednesday November 10, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Smith
Student Body Secretary

Happy 22nd Birthday Karla

