

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

Executive Summary

November 17, 2004

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Chairperson Karla Bell called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
- b. Dave Baron led the invocation.
- c. Brad Tucker was absent.
- d. Patricia Thomas moved to approve the minutes; Julie Pearce seconded. The

Executive Summary of November 10 was approved at 6:11 p.m.

II. PODIUM

- a. Meghan Hanzlik, Letter Regarding Solidarity in Africa

- i. Meghan presented the letter to Senate, explaining that Emily Chin and Laura Feeny began this project last year when they visited Africa on the Call to Solidarity trip. They would like to bring the problems of Africa to campus, including: an awareness of AIDS affecting the African community and home. Their plan is to send Bono to campus not just for a concert, but also to bring awareness through the Data organization. He does want to come back to ND, so if we show enough student interest, he will feel compelled to come. This letter should be distributed through the dorms and sent to Bono. There were some questions and complications regarding the logistics of this project. Meghan felt that the more letters that were sent would have a greater impact. It was concluded that it would be up to the Senators and the particular dorms to take actions that they felt were appropriate.

Lizzi Shappell motioned to invert the agenda and move all business to now. Sheldon Dutes seconded. *The agenda was inverted at 6:22 p.m.*

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SS0405-12 TCE

- i. Jeremy Lao presented the resolution as the outline for posting a syllabus and requirements for a course on a website. Vijay Ramanan stated how they arrived at some of these procedures. Steve Cartwright asked if the Faculty had seen this. Jeremy Staley said that they are aware of this, but Senate is first to receive it. Jordan Bongiovanni asked what they were going to do next. Jeremy Lao said that they are looking for student support. Then, it will be worked on in the provost office. They need collaboration from Faculty. Dr. Jacob agreed to help with this. Once the Faculty buys in, the administration will get the plan started. Jeremy Staley noted that they all wanted to see something "on paper" that the students and faculty could support. Vijay noted that is why there are components that require collaboration of students and faculty. He then said that they will meet tomorrow at 2 p.m. but they want something concrete by the end of January. Students will be very key players in developing the official process. James Leito asked PQ to approve; Jordan Bongiovanni seconded. *Without opposition, the resolution was passed at 6:31 p.m.*

- b. SS0405-13: Bookstore Discount

i. Sarah Bates presented this resolution from the Residence life committee. Erik Powers asked if this would have any impact on Bookstore revenues, so that the University would be against this proposal. Sarah said that there is no indication of that. They have tried to work with the Bookstore, but they have been very unreceptive. James Leito pointed out that the University does not own the bookstore in whole. Maybe students do not buy things there because the prices are so high. If the prices were lower, it would increase student interest and volume, and this will offset the discount. Casey Stanton asked PQ; Julie Pearce seconded. *Without opposition, the resolution passed at 6:35 p.m.*

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

a. Ms. Karla Bell

i. Karla said that she and Mike McGinley met with Josh Burlowe regarding the ticketing issue. They had a proposal for ticket tip-off. But there are other problems this year. They can limit ticket booklets per person to four and will leave the distribution early morning Tuesday or Thursday. She is writing a ticket share paragraph to be included for advertisement to go to the games.

b. Mr. Dave Baron

i. Dave is currently correcting a typo in the constitution. He asked the Senators to promote ticket share advertised in dorms. That is the only way to get more tickets into students' hands.

c. Mr. Adam Istvan

i. Adam noted that Transpo is interested in increasing student ridership, and increase routes every day.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Committee on Academic Affairs

i. Vijay Ramanan said that he is working to get the student readership program on campus.

b. Committee on Diversity Affairs

i. Nick Coleman said they are discussing their weeks. They hope to present an outline for the weeks to Senate. They are also talking about a diversity workshop for Senators and meeting with Irish Outlaw.

c. Committee on Gender Affairs

i. Lizzi Shappell stated that Sexual Assault Awareness week is going well. Must Sex TV is presented in 12 places tonight and Sex Signals is 9 p.m. Thursday.

d. Committee on Residence Life

i. Patricia Thomas thanked the Senators for completing the surveys. 561 students said they wanted the Flex 10 option, and they will take this to the Food Services.

e. Committee on University Affairs

i. Katie Boyle noted their work with Basketball tickets; talking to Brian Abrams fore more fair trade food; and a dorm position to connect to the counseling center.

f. Committee on Oversight

i. Liz Kozlow said that they have two resolution for the next meeting. A correction for CLC and binders for transition.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. SS0405-10: Election Changes

There were so many disagreements regarding the “right” to abstain. Brin Anderson suggested that they vote upon this when they have more information. James Leito motioned to kick this to oversight committee. Lizzi Shappell seconded. *Without opposition, this resolution was sent to Oversight Committee at 7:06 p.m.*

VII. ADJOURNMENT

i. James Leito motioned to adjourn; Alex French seconded. *The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.* The next meeting will take place Wednesday December 1, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary

