

# Notre Dame Student Senate

## Executive Summary

April 16, 2003

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

### I. Opening Business

- a. Chairman, Jeremy Lao, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- b. Chaplin, Mike Anderson, led the invocation.
- c. Claire Berezowitz, Lindsey Evans, Sujal Pandya, Dan Zenker, and Cheri Smith were absent.
- d. Aaron Zielinski motioned to approve the April 10, 2003 minutes. David Osburn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved at 6:07 p.m.

### II. Officer Reports

- a. Mr. Pat Hallahan, Student Body President
  - i. Pat Hallahan mentioned that on Monday, April 14, 2003 voted on the in hall dance resolution. The resolution failed with a tie of 8 to 8. It did, however, set a good tone for the fall. The resolution on extending parietal one hour on weekdays will come up in two weeks from Monday in the ND room. Everyone is encouraged to come.
- b. Mr. Jeremy Lao, Student Body Vice-President
  - i. Jeremy Lao mentioned that as everyone should know, the Senate chose committee chairs and these chairs will provide an update later in the meeting. He also had been getting outside information for the Oversight Committee, which he will share with them later.
- c. Ms. Emily Chin, Chief of Staff, Office of Student Body President
  - i. Jeremy Lao reported that Emily Chin is at a conference for her class and will be late.
- d. Mr. Wyatt Maxwell, Hall President's Council Liaison
  - i. Wyatt Maxwell mentioned that the Dillon Dude Auction will be coming up soon. The HPC is also working on brother/sisters dorm relations, pep rallies, and concession stands. He wishes everyone a Happy Easter.
- e. Lindsey Evans, St. Mary's Representative
  - i. Lindsey Evans could not be here but wanted Jeremy to mention that the BOG from Saint Mary's gave \$7,000 for the Show.

### III. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Committee, Ryan Finlen and Jack Laskowitz
  - i. Jack Laskowitz reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met last week. They looked at the transition reports and the only items they may hold off on are those already on their way. They also want to talk with the OIT to create a search field where students can search classes by time. They also think distant learning is a good idea and will present the Ad Hoc committee later in this meeting.
- b. Committee on Diversity, Lauren Williams and Laura Feeney
  - i. Laura Feeney reported that the committee had a meeting and discussed the projects done last year. They are also interested in getting more 1 credit diversity classes offered and improve the ones that are already here. They also want to organize another Multi-Cultural Seminar for Senators to attend.
- c. Committee on Gender Relations, Kaitlyn Redfield

- i. Kaity Redfield reported that the committee met for the first time yesterday. They reviewed the transition reports and have decided that they will continue hanging sexual assault posters in all the academic buildings. They are also interested in creating an off campus map to improve safety. They would also like to do a frosh-o program and concentrate on the date rap issue.
- d. Oversight Committee, Claire Berezowitz
  - i. Claire Beresowitz was not present so Aaron Zielinski reported on the committee's progress. He stated that before the end of the year the committee would like to present a resolution that Old Senate members pass the budget before April 1<sup>st</sup>, because New Senate members are not advised enough to make this decision.
- e. Residence Life Committee, Brin Anderson and Jana Lamplota
  - i. Brin Anderson mentioned that they had a Great first committee meeting. They discussed their expectations for the year. Before summer they hope to have something set up during frosh-o weekend to help freshmen set up ResNet, they also would like to introduce the new ticket proposal, and look into RecSports about the Irish Iron Classic put on by Dillon. Their second meeting will be the Tuesday after Easter at 7:00 p.m.
- f. University Affairs Committee, JR Garcia
  - i. JR Garcia reported that the committee met last week and reviewed the transition reports. They want to continue looking into the flex point/meal plan issue. They also looked at the mission statement and they agree with it. They are having another meeting this week to determine the specific ideas they would like to focus on. He will send an email to the committee members with more detailed information.
- g. Ethics Committee, Dave Osburn and Molly Griffin
  - i. Dave Osburn reported that they had their first and hopefully last meeting on Monday. Also, there were about six people missing from the Diversity Workshop. The committee will try to have those six people attend a workshop sometime next school year, hopefully in September. Also, instead of having a Snapple Fact they will be providing pictures of why the ethics committee should still meet all the time. If anyone has embarrassing or incriminating pictures of other Senators, please send them to an Ethic Committee member.

#### IV. Podium

- i. No one spoke on open podium.

#### V. New Business

- a. Election of Senate Representatives on FMB
  - i. Jeremy Lao provided an overview of the responsibilities of FMB. Last week the FMB allocated a \$600,000 budget to clubs and organizations. The FMB meets once a week and is usually an open meeting. They also approve the shirt project and any group that spends over \$5,000 must first get the transaction approved by the FMB.
  - ii. Jeremy Lao also mentioned two members from Senate must sit on the FMB. Becca Saunders and Meghan Hanzlik were the only two Senators interested in the position. There were no objections. **Becca Saunders and Meghan Hanzlik were therefore approved as the new FMB representatives at 6:17 p.m.**
- b. Election of Senate Representatives on ACASL
  - i. Pat Hallahan informed members that the ACASL stands for the Advisory Committee for Academic Social Life. It is co-chaired by Fr. Poorman and Dr.



Hatch-the University Provost and directly under Fr. Malloy, and has two rectors and some students including 1 individual from Senate. The committee meets twice a semester and focuses on areas in the University where academics and social life comes together. For example, this year the committee focused on the First Year of Studies and Freshman Orientation. Patty Rose inquired what the representative does. Pat Hallahan said that the meeting is like an open discussion where the representative can give input. The representative then reports back to the Senate. Bryan Coughlin added that that the representative, along with the other students, represents the views of all 8,000 students in the University. There is one HPC representative, one Senate member, and 1 or 2 appointed students.

- ii. Laura Feeney, Patty Rose, Jordan Bongiovanni, Molly Griffin, and Ryan Finlen were interested in the position. Each student provided input on why they would like to serve as representative. Patty said that this sounds like a very important committee where things can get accomplished. Students have a voice and she is willing to represent the student and voice their opinions. Laura believes that she will be a good representative of the students' voice and is not afraid to voice the student opinion. She is hopeful that the committee will be productive and that she can help get things done. Molly declined. Ryan is very interested in the Academic side of the University and wants to understand this area and work to improve it. He is already working with the FYS through the OoP and would like to do more. Jordan thinks that this position calls for a person that can voice ideas. She would love to be this person and would like to be more involved in issues that affect the University.
- iii. Voting was done by secret ballots. Ryan Finlen and Jordan Bongiovanni received the top two percent of votes. One person must receive 50% plus 1 to gain the position. There was a revote by secret ballot and **Ryan Finlen was elected as the ACASL representative.**
- c. CLC nominations-Vote next week
  - i. Jeremy informed the Senate that the CLC was the group that met on Monday to discuss the in hall dance resolution. It is comprised of rectors, faculty, 1 administration, senators, SUB Manager, someone from the Diversity Council, and an HPC representative. It is a powerful committee that makes the Rec recommendations to Fr. Poorman. They also send other resolutions not student related to other offices on the campus. Voting will take place next week. Senate needs 4 representatives- 1 which will be Amy Chambers (Off Campus Representative) and 3 others. Of these 3 others, 2 will be constant representatives and 1 will be an alternative. In order to serve, the person must nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else before the next meeting.
  - ii. JR Garcia asked how often the committee meets. Jeremy answered once every 2 weeks. Kaity Redfield was the alternative representative the past term and worked with communication and leadership. The communication division created the Under the Dome Calendar, and revamped frosh-o. She also mentioned that the representative usually does not vote as the main body but does get a lot of things accomplished.
- d. BOT Topic Approval-Letter from Libby Bishop  
*Read letter for further details*
  - i. Jeremy Lao informed members that the Senate must approve the topic that will be talked on at the BOT Report. There is a report in the Fall, the Winter, and the Spring. Libby Bishop will be giving the BOT Report this Spring. She cannot be here tonight but she wrote a letter in regards to her proposal.

- ii. Brin Anderson asked there was any information on what the other topics were going to be. Jeremy said that this is the bulk of the report: LaFortune Improvement and Student Leadership. Wyatt Maxwell asked if the topic or content could be regulated. Jeremy said that the Senate can change the topic but she is giving a report in two weeks and is making progress with these issues. Brian Agganis voiced the concern that if Libby gives an update on in hall dances will this reflect her view and not necessarily the students view. He asked if it was possible to see what she writes before she says it. Jeremy said that this is different from the last BOT Report because it is not her stance, but just how the issue has progressed. It is more fact than opinion. Pat Hallahan said that he believes these are good topics. He also reminded everyone to keep in mind that the update is 2 weeks away and the faster the topic is approved the better. He also mentioned that next week he will be presenting 3 ideas that he would like to cover in the fall report. Bryan Coughlin also added that the report the Board asked for on in hall dances is on statistical information such as how many dances, how many were outside, how many were off-campus, how much money was spent and then a list of issues and problems that are compiled through the rectors, dance commissioners, catering, etc. He also mentioned that the Senate can ask for something from Libby but she does not have to give any information. Jeremy said that he will ask Libby to come next week. David Osburn asked if it was customary not to ask the BOT for things in the report and why do speakers just report numbers. Jeremy replied that if there is an issue that cannot be resolved going through judicial means then it can be taken to the BOT. Bryan Coughlin added that they did ask for something in the winter report and this report is more of a follow up of what they asked for in the winter. Wyatt Maxwell asked if it was possible to request items with the report. Bryan Coughlin said it is up to those presenting the issues. Ryan Finlen asked if the topic is approved and she comes next week, can it then be changed. Jeremy answered that the Senate could make suggestions but that this would still be the topic. Jack Laskowitz moved to approve the minutes. Christie Bolsen seconded the motion. There were no objections. **The topic for the BOT Report was approved at 6:34 p.m.**
- e. SUB Nomination Approvals  
*See sheet for further details*
- i. Charlie Ebersol introduced 3 people to be approved. Rob Tenniswood had already been approved but wants to move him from Director of Creativity to Director of Publicity. Rob currently puts in 11 hours a day and is probably over qualified for the position. Charlie also introduced Jimmy Flaherty as Ideas and Issues Programmer and Jelani McEwen-Torrence as Multicultural Programmer. All three candidates have been personally interviewed and are the best candidates for the positions.
- ii. Jordan Bongiovanni moved to approve the minutes. Jack Laskowitz seconded the motion. There were no objections. **The SUB Nominations were approved at 6:35 p.m.**
- f. Ad Hoc committee sign-ups –Ryan Finlen
- i. Ryan Finlen reported that the Academic Affairs Committee looked at the transition reports and wants to re-establish the Ad Hoc Committee on faculty and student connections. One of the main events is the Hall Fellows where faculty members are paired with dorms to stimulate intellectual discussions over dinner. It increases and improves student/faculty relations. Next week there will be a list to sign up.

- ii. Jana Lamplota asked if the Ad Hoc Committee is the same as the other committees that meet once or twice a week. Ryan replied that Senate can create any committees that they feel are necessary, so yes it would function as a normal committee. It may not need to meet every week, but that would be left up to the committee chairs. Jeremy said to let him or Ryan know if you would like to be involved.

#### VI. Announcements

- a. Jeremy Lao wished everyone a happy Easter. Also, on Monday at 9:00 p.m there will be a steering committee meeting. If you cannot make it let him know.
- b. Becca Saunders mentioned that McGlinn was supposed to have a movie watch on McGlinn field but it is going to rain. They will watch "The Birds" at 7:00 p.m. tonight in the McGlinn 24 hour space. There will be lots of food.
- c. David Osburn reminded everyone to send him or Molly Griffin pictures.
- d. Jeremy reminded everyone to limit the use of the ListServe. If anything needs to be sent out, send it to him and he will send it out.

#### VI. Adjournment

- a. Ryan Finlen motioned to adjourn. Jack Laskowitz seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 6:40 p.m. The next Student Senate meeting will take place Wednesday, April 23, 2003 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tiara Nelson  
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