

Notre Dame Student Senate

Executive Summary

April 23, 2003

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- a. Chairman, Jeremy Lao, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- b. Chaplin, Mike Anderson, led the invocation.
- c. Lindsey Evans and JR Garcia were absent.
- d. Brin Anderson motioned to approve the April 16, 2003 minutes. Aaron Zielinski seconded the motion. The minutes were approved at 7:05 p.m.

II. Officer Reports

- a. Ms. Emily Chin, Chief of Staff, Office of Student Body President

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- i. Emily Chin was not at the meeting to report. Jeremy Lao spoke on her behalf. He stated that Emily wrote a letter addressing topics that will be presented to the Board of Trustees. These topics include postgraduate opportunities, campus life, and student involvement/input on the University level. Pat Hallahan added that if there are any questions, he or Amy Giest would be happy help. The letter will be considered in more detail later in the meeting.
- b. Mr. Wyatt Maxwell, HPC Liaison
 - i. Wyatt Maxwell was not at the meeting to report.
- c. Ms. Lindsey Evans, St. Mary's Liaison
 - i. Lindsey Evans was not at the meeting to report.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs, Ryan Finlen and Jack Laskowitz
 - i. Ryan Finlen reported that the committee met last night to review last year's projects and to consider projects for this year.
- b. Committee on Diversity, Lauren Williams and Laura Feeney
 - i. Laura Feeney reported that the committee met two nights ago. She also mentioned that she spoke with Dr. Moss.
- c. Ethics Committee, Dave Osburn and Molly Griffin
 - i. Dave Osburn reported that the committee will meet as necessary. In between those times, however, the committee members will stay in contact through email.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues, Kaitlyn Redfield
 - i. Kaity Redfield reported that the committee met yesterday. They discussed the policy and the issue of security guards being in the dorms. They have also made a goal to have the sexual assault posters up in the academic buildings by the end of the this year.
- e. Oversight Committee, Claire Berezowitz
 - i. Claire Beresowitz reported that the committee met last night. They are waiting to hear from the FMB about the budget.
- f. Residence Life Committee, Brin Anderson and Jana Lamplota
 - i. Brin Anderson mentioned that the committee met last night. She thanked all the members for their great ideas. They are still working with OIT to have something set up during frosh-o weekend to help freshmen with ResNet. They are also working on getting entertainment books that include coupons for restaurants, theaters, and other activities around South Bend. After the meeting

she would like to meet with all committee members to sign up for groups within the committee.

g. University Affairs Committee, JR Garcia

- i. Chuck Anthony stated that the committee met last week and will have the next meeting tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

IV. Podium

- i. No one spoke on open podium.

V. New Business

a. CLC Nominations, voting for the new members

- i. Jeremy Lao mentioned that since the last meeting there had been five CLC nominees: Aaron Zielinski, Jordan Bongiovanni, Jack Laskowitz, Lauren Williams, and Brian Agganis. He asked each to tell why they would like to serve as CLC representative. Aaron stated that he attended the CLC meeting two weeks ago and thinks that this position would be good for him and for CLC. He would really like to make a difference. Jordan mentioned that she believes it would be a good place to bring ideas together. She realized that at times it can be frustrating but she is up to the challenge. Lauren also attended the CLC meeting two weeks ago and wants to be part of it. She hopes she is given the opportunity to work with them. Brian stated that arguing with administration is like a hobby for him and we need a representative that is willing to do that. He also mentioned that the position sounds very enjoyable and he would love to be a member. Jack thanked the individual who had nominated him. He mentioned that he attended the CLC meeting about inhall dances, an issue which he supports. If he is elected he would make this one of his objectives as well as working towards making CLC work more as a team rather than an us vs. them attitude.
- ii. Jeremy Lao asked if there were any names missing from the nominee list. There were no names missing. He then added that of these five nominees, four will be elected (3 constant and 1 alternate). Peter Terilli counted the secret ballots. **Brian Agganis, Jordan Bongiovanni, and Aaron Zielinski were chosen as the constant CLC representatives and Lauren Williams was elected as the alternate. Congratulations!!**

b. Return to: Topics for BOT

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- i. Brin Anderson inquired what other topics were considered. Pat Hallahan answered disciplinary procedures – Reslife and interaction between faculty and students. David Osburn asked what postgraduate opportunities included. Pat stated it included issues such as help with obtaining jobs, working with the Career Center, postgraduate scholarships, and other ways to be better prepared when graduating.
- ii. Jack Laskowitz motioned to approve the topics. Tom Healy seconded the motion. There were no objections. **The topics were approved at 7:19 p.m.**

c. Approval of the Business Board manager for Irish Gardens

See letter for more details

- i. Jeremy Lao stated that he received a letter today requesting Senate's approval of Camilla Pollock as Head Manager of Irish Gardens.
- ii. Discussion: There was a motion to suspend the rules. The motion was seconded. Brin Anderson added that she knows Camilla. Camilla is involved in organizing dorm activities and Brin fully supports her as Head Manager.

- iii. Karsten Steinhäuser motioned to approve Camilla. Jack Laskowitz seconded the motion. There were no objections. **Camilla Pollock was therefore approved as Head Manager of Irish Gardens at 7:21 p.m. Congrats!**
- d. State of the Student Union Address, Mr. Pat Hallahan
See sheet for more details
 - i. Pat Hallahan presented the State of the Student Union Address, which takes place three times a year: in April, September, and January. He reminded everyone that in order to fulfill Notre Dame's strategic plan of becoming one of the best Universities in the world, students must take an active role in reaching their full potential. To pursue this goal academically, Student Government is working to have TCE's published so that the best professor for each students needs may be selected. Student Government is working to better social aspects and safety on and off campus by putting on more concerts and events and by placing a personal sense of responsibility on students for responsible alcohol use. Student Government also recognizes the need not only to better Notre Dame but also to better the world through service and through the Institute for Church Life Conference. Pat challenges student leaders to do something now and after graduation. We have the resources at our fingertips, now we need to put them to use.

VI. Announcements

- a. Jeremy Lao asked those interested in being part of the Ad Hoc Committee to please sign up.
- b. Jeremy Lao also reminded everyone that this is the last Senate meeting of this school year. Committee chairs, however, will have a meeting next week. He encouraged all members to keep the committee goals in mind as the focus on plans for next year.
- c. This Friday from 11 p.m. until 4 p.m. Standford is having a benefit bash at Rolfs. The proceeds will be given to an orphanage in Chile.
- d. Brin Anderson reminded Residence Life Committee members to meet with her after the meeting.
- e. Emily Chin mentioned that the service applications to receive extra funds from the Office of the President are due on May 1, 2003.
- f. Kaity Redfield stated that the event "Take Back the Night" is sponsored by SOS and will be held at IUSB at 7:00 p.m.
- g. Karsten Steinhäuser mentioned that Carroll Hall will be holding an event April 30, 2003 from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. There will be bands and the proceeds will be donated to Make a Wish Foundation.
- h. Laura Feeney informed everyone of Badin's Spring Breakdown Karaoke that will take place on South Quad. Participants may win up to a \$100 gift certificate.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Jack Laskowitz motioned to adjourn. Aaron Zielinski seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiara Nelson
Student Union Secretary



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