

Notre Dame Student Senate
Executive Summary
October 29, 2003
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Chairperson Jeremy Lao called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Chuck Anthony led the invocation.
- c. Mike Anderson, Sujal Pandya and Cheri Smith were absent.
- d. Amy Chambers motioned to approve the October 15 Executive Summary. Karsten Steinhäuser seconded. The minutes were subsequently approved.
- e. David Osburn motioned to invert the agenda and take item B, Petition RE: Pass and Review from New Business to be handled immediately. Jack Laskowitz seconded. The agenda was inverted.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Petition RE: Pass and Review, Residence Life Committee
 - i. Jana Lamplota presented the petition to allow the Pass and Review ceremony to be held outside. Kevin Connly came to explain the ceremony. He is the Tri-Military commander this year. They have the responsibility for the Presidential Pass and Review. The ceremony is as follows:
 1. Opening Remarks, including history of event.
 2. Sound Aganents Call
 3. Visiting Band plays
 4. Invocation
 5. Tri-Military staff and Unit Commander awards
 6. Address by Fr. Malloy
 7. Pass in front to stage for Review and SaluteJana noted that they would like to move the ceremony outdoors. There has been a long tradition of this, but has recently been moved into Loftus. IN the past few years, it has been moved in for weather, but also in fear of protestors. There is large student support for the ceremony outside. The petition will go to Bill Kirk to move outside again. Kevin explained they would appreciate the exposure and recognition for their hard work. Jana said that each dorm has a petition to give to each Senator. Kaity Redfield asked what the position of PSA and Amnesty. Jana said they will protest anyway. They even might lie down in front of troops during their pass. This might give the protestors more publicity, so they want it outside. There is also a letter inside petition to explain further. Brin Anderson moved to require each Senator to bring to dorms. Jana seconded. Jeremy Lao moved the motion to the floor. Becca Saunders asked if they could have two weeks to turn in. Jana wanted this to be quick because they have a short time frame to grant the petition for outdoor location. She asked that Senators go around explaining to people in the entire dorm. They want as many signatures as possible to present a unified student opinion. Jeremy asked for a good faith effort to get these signed. There was no opposition to this petition brought to dorms. Kevin ended by inviting all Senators to the Presidential Pass and Review in late Spring.

III. PODIUM

- a. Dave Brenner, "The Shirt"
 - i. Dave encouraged the Senate to keep morale over the football team up. He would like to keep the intensity of student support as high as it once was. As leaders, the Senate should work to get kids out there to support the team.

Thursday, the “We are ND” sign will be available to sign and fight against Florida State this weekend.

- ii. The Shirt is looking for a replacement President. Dave is asking the Senators to get involved in this business process. If they know of anyone who is interested to participate in this duty, they should apply to Dave’s office. Dave said available in the Student Activities office and are due November 7.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Pat Hallahan, Student Body President
 - i. Pat asked if there were any questions regarding the Board of Trustees Report. There was some clarification about Observer report facts. Pat stated that the discussion was long, but at the end of the meeting they came together, and evaluated as a good discussion. Brin Anderson asked if the Observer was too negative? Pat said that if one watched the report, it seemed the bad, but they felt it was a good step.
- b. Emily Chin, Chief of Staff
 - i. The Office’s University Affairs and Alumni Relations group are working with Lou Nanni for a project to nominate outstanding students and share their stories with Alumni and prospective students. She asked for the Senators support in this action.
- c. Andy Vitt, HPC Liaison
 - i. Andy said that much of the discussion revolved around the rest of the football season. Chuck Lennon spoke regarding a new unity around and in support of the team. They will create a banner: “WE ARE ND” and have students sign words of encouragement. They will bring this to practice, pep rally, bookstore and in the locker room. The sign will be at 5:00 p.m. in front of each dining hall.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Ryan Finlen reported that the graduation committee has been formed and is having the date compiled from surveys and will sort through this within the next few weeks. They will have some suggestions soon.
- b. Committee on Diversity Affairs
 - i. Laura Feeney said that the table tents are coming pending approval by the University. “Blak Images” Performance will be held from 8:00-10:00 p.m. in Washington Hall.
- c. Committee on Ethics
 - i. Molly Griffin stated that they will be reviewing attendance issues.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Kaity Redfield reported that she met with Dr. Moss and are creating a plant to work with Women’s Rescue Center. Asked Senators to mention this program in the Hall Council. They have a proposal why the University needs it and why we don’t have it. Their goal is to have a proposal to CLC by the end of the month.
- e. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Claire Berezowitz noted that since the duties have changed, they will discuss their new direction.
- f. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. Brin Anderson stated that they worked on the Pass and Review petition, had a meeting about JACC renovations and student seating. The students will be in a different spot in the new JACC, but this will come within 3-13 years.

- ii. The Golden Domes project is in the works. And they are working to reinstate the Rugby team.
- g. Ad Hoc Committee on Student and Faculty Interaction
 - i. Lauren Williams thanked the Senators for coming to the Desert function before break. They are finalizing the Hall Fellows Program currently.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Jeremy Lao took names to become a representative on the Council of Representatives.
 - 1. Drew Sandstrum
 - 2. Ryan Finlen
 - 3. Jordon Bongiovanni
 - 4. Dan Zenker
 - 5. Claire Berezowitz
 - 6. Amy Chambers

Jeremy gave each person a minute to make a speech explaining their interest. After these speeches were made, each Senator wrote down four names to become the representatives. These were tallied. The representatives are *Claire Berezowitz, Amy Chambers, Dan Zenker and Drew Sandstrum.*

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Brin Anderson said November 4, 2003; there will be a speaker on Date Rape in the Hesburgh Auditorium at 9:00 p.m.
- b. Ryan Finlen reported that 8:00 p.m. Friday night will be the Sorin Talent Show.
- c. Drew Sandstrum said that the Zahm service project "There are Children Here" to play with inner-city children is looking for help. They meet at the Zahm mailboxes everyday at 3:00 p.m.
- d. Dan Zenker announced that the Keenan Great Pumpkin would be held Tomorrow night to take kids around each dorm.
- e. Becca Saunders announced the Gospel According to Bono at 10:00 p.m. in Colman-Morse Center.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Brin Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Laura Feeney seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. The next Student Senate meeting will take place Wednesday, November 5, 2003 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Smith
Student Body Secretary

Congratulations to those nominated to serve on the Council of Representatives!

