

Notre Dame Student Senate

Executive Summary

January 21, 2004

McNeill Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Chairperson Emily Chin called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
- b. Paul Dockery led the invocation.
- c. Jana Lamplota, Jeremy Lao, Andrew Sandstrum, and Aaron Zielinski were absent.
- d. Meghan Hanzlik motioned to approve the minutes. Jack Laskowitz seconded. *The January 14, 2004 Executive Summary was approved at 6:10 p.m.*

II. PODIUM

- a. Kate Schlossner: Career Center Winter Fair
 - i. Kate presented the Career fair featuring many companies and service organizations coming to campus. She passed out fliers of the names that would be participating. They are having presentations on internships, and job opportunities. She encouraged the Senators to go and ask questions to see what the companies are doing. Here is a good chance to make connections. On the back of the sheet are resume and interview workshops being held by the career center. Each presentation is short and helpful.
 - ii. Acting as Academic Delegate, Kate Schlossner reported that the TCE committee is preparing to meet. Now they are compiling research. She plans to talk with Jack Laskowitz about the progress and the future of the TCE's to keep the Senate updated.
- b. V-Day Presentation: Laura Feeney and Kaitlyn Redfield
 - i. Laura Feeney reported that this group are starting petitions to get awareness on the national level about the prevention of violence and domestic violence against women. She asked the Senators to take the petitions back to their dorms, and get signatures. The deadline is the next Senate meeting. Kaitlyn Redfield also announced the CLOTHESLINE project. There will be a display of t-shirts with stories of women who have been sexually abused. There are fliers for Senators to take to their dorm. The date is January 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the CSC coffeehouse. Brian Agganis asked where these petitions are to be sent. Laura said they will research on an influential member of either the House or the Senate to present the petitions to.
- c. Student Body Presidential Election Update: Elliot Poindexter
 - i. Elliot stated that they petitions are out, and are due back Friday by 5 p.m. There are three tickets that have already submitted their petitions. Only one is currently approved. They are working on the system to have the elections online. Elliot will be back next week for the online test run. Class council campaigning begins February 2-13. The elections are February 23 and 26. The ticket will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They will follow the same campaign guidelines and rules. Elliot also announced that those interested in becoming president of judicial council should contact him, so that they can experience the Elections and witness the process for next year.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Ms. Emily Chin, Vice President
 - i. Emily reported that the CLC moved back into committees, and the composition/purpose of the CLC committee was reformed to address their goals.
- b. Mr. Patrick Corker, Chief of Staff
 - i. Patrick stated that the first meeting was held on Monday. There are new students in the office, and they look forward to the rest of the semester. The next 'Last Lecture' Series will take place on Wednesday—details to come.
- c. Mr. Andy Vitt, HPC Liaison
 - i. Andy said that they welcomed the new presidents who came back from abroad. Their goal this semester is to use all the allocated money. They have emailed the presidents with all the funds that have been given to them, and what they have not used. The executive cabinet hopes this will spark new events.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Jack Laskowitz enumerated the list that the committee has been working on. These include: the language requirement for business majors, a book list for classes to make it easier to purchase books outside of campus, the ability to print documents from the dorm to cluster printers, distance learning, a study abroad round trip ticket for those who go for a full year. Jack also mentioned that the Graduation suggestion committee finished up their work. Congrats to Claire Berezowitz for her work.
 - b. Committee on Diversity Affairs
 - i. Laura Feeney reported that they will be working on another multicultural fair for the spring. The group is helping the Gay/Straight Alliance to get club status. Laura stated that all diversity groups are going to try and create a more cohesive unit, as well. Their new table tents are regarding Homosexuality. They are looking for new ideas to reach students, and welcome any advertising suggestions.
 - c. Committee on Ethics
 - i. Molly Griffin noted that they have letters for those who have reached the maximum number of absences. They will meet to clarify the attendance policy and the official number. This is just a warning, Molly reiterated.
 - d. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Kaitlyn Redfield noted that the Gender Resource Center was presented to Fr. Poorman, and they received a positive response. She read the letter aloud. She is also working on getting rape kits for health services. Jordan Bongiovanni commended the Gender Issues committee on their hard work. Their progress in the CLC has been commended by the council.
 - e. Committee on Residence Life
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- i. Brin Anderson reported they are in communication for renovation for the first floor lounge. The Pass and Review is set up in Loftus. They are looking to address these issues and the rumors regarding the time of the event. They will further investigate this area.
 - ii. The group is also working on a Freshman definition book. Some dorms point out the terms and places that students know well. They are hoping it will appear in the scholastic or in the "Dog Book" and includes all the things they feel is necessary.
 - iii. Regarding the rugby issue, Brin said that they met with Bill Kirkland and are going to look for another avenue to get this to work. In addition, they will work on getting an Irish Video or Blockbuster store to bring in new movies.
 - f. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. JR Garcia reported that they are talking with OIT to get online survey out to students. They have also been working with the telecommunications department to get *ND on cell phones to dial NDSP.
 - g. Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty/Student Interaction
 - i. Lauren Williams said that they will have another student/faculty senate reception. They are looking for feedback on the Hall Fellows programs, so she asks the Senators to go to an event and look for suggestions. They will also investigate how the program can become permanent.

Dave Osburn motioned to invert the agenda, and move New Business above Old Business. Ryan Finlen seconded. *Without opposition, the agenda was inverted at 6:29 p.m.*

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. FMB Approval

- i. Emily Chin introduced Michael Marshall as the new assistant Student Union Treasurer, as submitted by Don Norton. Emily referred them to the letter submitted. Brin Anderson asked if he was the second replacement for this position. Michael said that he was. Brin asked his major, and it is Accounting. Jordan Bongiovanni motioned to suspend the rules. Meghan Hanzlik seconded. Jordan Bongiovanni motioned to approve. Jack Laskowitz seconded. *Without opposition, Michael Marshall was approved as Assistant Student Union Treasurer at 6:31 p.m.*

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Council of Representatives Update: Senator Claire Berezowitz

- i. Claire passed around the new diagram made for the model. She described the new cabinets created. Kaitlyn Redfield asked what the CPC was. It is the Campus Programming Council. Claire added that the names were not finalized. Laura Feeney asked when this will all be passed. Emily reported that April 1 is the unofficial deadline. For election reasons, the requirements for each ticket are being discussed.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Jack Laskowitz noted that Dillon was doing a fundraising project to grow mustaches for money. Their growth will benefit Testicular Cancer Research.
- b. Kaitly Redfield announced that ^{they} needed more help for V-Day work. Anyone interested should contact her. The CLOTHESLINE project is tomorrow.

- c. Dan Zenker stated teh ate Keenan Revue is next weekend. Tomorrow from 2-3 p.m. they will pass out ticets at the JACC gate 10.
- d. Emily Chin noted the Sunday meeting to plan for the semester. She hopes to discuss one pressing issue each week, so they sould keep alert to bring up an issue to the floor. Lauren Williams reminded them to bring in visitors to get an experienced viewpoint.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Dan Zenker motioned to adjourn. Laura Feeney seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. The mext Studnet Senate meeting will take place Wednesday, January 28, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Student Body Secretary