

**Notre Dame Student Senate**  
Executive Summary  
March 3, 2004  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- a. Chairperson Emily Chin called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.
- b. Chaplain Brad Tucker led the invocation.
- c. Meghan Hanzlik was absent.
- d. David Osburn motioned to approve the minutes; Jack Laskowitz seconded. *The Executive summary from February 25 was approved at 6:13 p.m.*

**II. OFFICER REPORTS**

- a. Mr. Jeremy Lao, Student Body President
  - i. Jeremy stated that the CLC has created a social awareness task force. The other committees are working on RA training, future of residence life, composition. He highlighted Fr. Poorman's report. Brin Anderson asked why the task forces haven't been meeting. Jeremy said that some of their work was completed, and it is up to the chair to make meetings, so those chairs need to work on that.
  - ii. Emily Chin noted that the gender committee picked up the transportation issue, and now students can get reimbursed for scooters while they have temporary disabilities.
- b. Ms. Emily Chin, Student Body Vice-President
  - i. Emily stated that she would like the new Senators to be elected by March 19, 2004. There was some discussion about election times. Ideally, they need to be in by that date, and she hopes they will be brought to the next meeting. They will receive an email regarding nominations for awards. They will have descriptions and focus on student leadership.
- c. Mr. Patrick Corker, Chief of Staff
  - i. Patrick reported that Sex Signals performance was a success. When we return from spring break, they will hold alcohol awareness week. There will be a drunk driving simulator in LaFortune on Monday, a comedic speaker on Tuesday, a Legends event on Thursday, where they will raffle off a DVD player. Wednesday, they will pass out t-shirts in front of LaFortune.
  - ii. Sarah Bates presented the Pillars Spring Break Pledge. She asked the senators for their support. They sent out the core survey online and the results will go to chart campus drinking habits. The dorm with the most responses can win \$200. There are also drawings for individual students.
- d. Mr. Andy Vitt, HPC Liaison
  - i. Andy reported that they took nominations for co-Chairs of HPC. Elections need to take place soon. They should hold informational meetings for all positions available.
- e. Ms. Cheri Smith, Faculty Senate
  - i. Cheri noted that Nathan Hatch spoke at the last meeting. He mainly addressed faculty concerns. The Student affairs committee met with the academic council. They talked about the TCE issue, and they don't want to publish the results mainly because they are used for promotion and tenure.

She hopes they have a resolution for the meeting in April. She complimented the signs regarding the library.

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
  - i. Jack Laskowitz noted that they will have new table tents to present later. They also held a meeting with the study abroad department. Jana Lamplota reported that their idea was to give extra roundtrip tickets to students studying for the entire year abroad. They are not budgeted for this kind of expense. They have their priorities above ticketing. They are still looking for more ideas and suggestions.
- b. Committee on Diversity Affairs
  - i. Laura Feeney said that CLC passed their resolution on social awareness. They will talk with them to get the research started.
- c. Committee on Gender Issues
  - i. Kaity Redfield said that as of Monday, the GRC is now a reality. Heather Rokoczy has been hired to direct the program next year. They are also working on getting rape kits in Heath services.
- d. Committee on Residence Life
  - i. Brin Anderson stated that they will begin advertising for [ndsenate@nd.edu](mailto:ndsenate@nd.edu). The apartment guide is finished. They will hold a meeting about the pass and review, as well as finish up the Dog Book and Scholastic projects.
- e. Committee on University Affairs
  - i. JR Garcia mentioned that they are finishing projects now; \*ND and the survey are almost complete.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. COR update
  - i. Dan Zenker said that a resolution giving off campus four senators failed, and they debated this issue fully. Amy Chambers stated that the main issue was that different issues were pertinent to having more off campus senators. Dan resumed, saying that they also allowed the off campus president and vice president to run on the same ticket—as is on campus. They gave Best Buddies \$2000 for a speaker for disabilities week.
- b. Distance Learning Letters
  - i. Jack Laskowitz presented the letters that were revised. There were a few friendly amendments made. Dave Osburn motioned to approve the letters. Laura Feeney seconded. *Without opposition, the letters were approved at 6:37 p.m.*

### V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Academic Committee Table Tents
  - i. Aaron Zielinski presented the preview that tells students how to print from their PC in the dorm to a cluster and how to return books to the library at other locations. He confirms that the system is working.

### VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Drew Sandstrum said he would be sending the letters to troops tomorrow. He will be finding more units to send the letters as well.
- b. Laura Feeney just received a letter from Joe Dickmann for Senate to write a resolution that would create a Gay/Straight alliance club. She wants to gauge dorm support for this before writing anything.
- c. Emily Chin asked for transition reports to be written by the last steering meeting March 31.
- d. David Osburn announced the O'Neil Queen of ND pageant March 20.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Jana Lamplota motioned to adjourn. Michael Maus seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. The next meeting of the Notre Dame Student Senate will take place Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

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