

**Notre Dame Student Senate**  
Executive Summary  
March 31, 2004  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- a. Chairperson Emily Chin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Chaplain Brad Tucker led the invocation.
- c. There were no members absent.
- d. Michael Maus motioned to approve the minutes; Karsten Steinhäuser seconded. *The Executive Summary from March 24, 2004 was approved at 6:06 p.m.*

**II. PODIUM**

a. Jana Lamplota: Pass, In Review

i. Jana addressed the Senate regarding the Presidential Pass In Review ceremony. She reviewed, for the incoming Senators, the work that was done in the previous year to grant the event a place outside on the grounds, instead of inside Loftus. They did receive 2,000 signatures for the petition, but once again, Student Activities denied their request. Now, they will begin an advertisement campaign. The event is April 14, 2004 and the fliers that are passed out to Senators must be posted in the dorms to try to increase attendance. Jana noted that in LaFortune, the week of the event, there will be large posters featuring senior ROTC students who will be going into service, or using their military credentials elsewhere. In addition, table tents will highlight the achievements of this ROTC class as well as give the information about the event. She encourages everyone to attend the ceremony. Meghan Hanzlick pointed out that the ceremony only lasts thirty minutes. Jana agreed, saying that it started at 4:30 sharp and would finish in 30 minutes exactly.

b. Lauren Williams: The Human Genome Project

i. Lauren presented a petition regarding a student concern about bio-ethics. There is a bill that is sitting in the House of Representatives, that was passed in the Senate that barred insurance companies and employers from finding out the genetic make-up of individuals and bar them from discrimination on these grounds. If this is not acted upon soon, in June, the bill will pass away. She wants the Senators to take the petitions back to their dorms and encourage people to sign in favor of this bill. Brian Agganis asked what information could be gathered that would hurt someone? Lauren said that genetic diseases and predisposition to genetic failures could result in someone not being hired, or denied insurance coverage.

At this point, Kaity Redfield motioned to move Old Business B to now. Laura Feeney seconded. The agenda was so inverted.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

b. Diversity Committee and Gender Issues Committee—Resolution ss0304-25 Open Letter

i. Kaity Redfield presented the letter that was given to the Senate last week regarding the club status of the Gay/Straight alliance. She asked the Senators to pass this letter after talking with their dorms. Karsten Steinhäuser asked PQ; Ryan Finlen seconded. Without opposition, the letter was passed at 6:16 p.m.

**IV. OFFICER REPORTS**

a. Mr. Jeremy Lao, Student Body President

i. Jeremy thanked the Senate for a great year. He is currently working on the Board of Trustees report and finishing up chair of the CLC. If there is anything that comes up that they would like included in the BOT, he should let him know. Jeremy stated that he appreciated any help or opinions. He concluded, saying that this was a great group, and he wished them luck.

b. Ms. Emily Chin, Student Body Vice President

i. For old Senators, Emily noted that the transition reports were due Sunday. Someone will have to present these to the new Senators at the next meeting. In addition, the old chairs will sit on the

committees for the rest of the academic year, and three weeks in the fall. For the new Senators, Emily said that the committee chair positions were open to everyone by application. She encourages them to apply.

c. Mr. Patrick Corker, Chief of Staff

i. Patrick noted the Texas Hold Em tournament on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of this week. The proceeds go to a family who are trying to adopt a child. They still need help dealing cards. Those who volunteer will get half price admission and pizza. They are currently working on an end of the year mass.

d. Mr. Andy Vitt, HPC Liaison

i. Andy reported the new HPC co-chairs: Liz Cain and JT Arsedaid. Hall of the year applications are due, and they are judging them now. The winners will be announced at the leadership banquet.

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Committee on Academic Affairs

i. Jack Laskowitz reported that their final table tents are coming soon.

b. Committee on Diversity Affairs

i. Laura Feeney noted the Dinner with 7 Strangers project that she hopes will continue into the next term. She will be looking for help from the new Senators to get this underway.

c. Committee on Ethics

i. Molly Griffin stated the awards will be voted upon in a closed meeting following this meeting.

d. Committee on Gender Issues

i. Kaity Redfield said they compiled the information on rape kits for University health services, but they do not know if ND can be equipped for this. The issue will pass onto the new committee.

e. Committee on Residence Life

i. Brin Anderson noted they are working on clean-up items and Pass In Review. They have two new items in New Business as well to discuss.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. COR Update

i. Dan Zenker reported on the council's last working meetings for the Constitution. They will meet later on tonight to vote on the final draft.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. SS0304-26: Publication of TCEs

i. Jack Laskowitz reported that the Academic committee was passed this issue from last year and the Faculty senate reported a roadblock in the discussion. Jeremy Lao added that this needs to happen; there is a wide showing of student support on this issue. If there is no answer to the faculty senate, then it will seem that the work that has been done is not important to students. Ryan Finlen asked PQ; David Osburn seconded. *Without opposition, SS0304-26 was passed at 6:29 p.m.*

b. SS0304-27: Letter to Rectors

i. Natasha Mikha reported that the Rectors only get a few responses to their evaluations each year, and it is the understanding of the committee that it would be best if all students would turn them in. Dan Zenker added that they want the students to understand how helpful these forms could be. They want to increase communication within the dorm as well, and get the best possible feedback. Aaron Zielinski asked PQ; Karsten Steinhauer seconded. *Without opposition, SS0304-27 was passed at 6:31 p.m.*

c. SS0304-28: Emeritus Status on Residence Life Committee

i. Brin Anderson presented the resolution, saying that it is a tradition and read the document. There was some discussion as to the origin and likeability of Brin's first and middle names. Laura Feeney asked PQ; Jack Laskowitz seconded. Michael Maus called for a secret ballot. Ryan Finlen suggested that he walk out. David Osburn seconded. Michael Maus removed his request. JR Garcia called for a roll call. Laura Feeney seconded. The roll call was so held. *With a vote of 17:5:5, the measure passed at 6:26 p.m.*

#### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Brin Anderson reminded the group that Rice Bowl pick ups were next week outside of the dorms, dining halls, De Bartolo and O'Shag.

b. Lauren Williams reminded them to sign the Human Genome project petition.

c. Laura Feeney noted the Badin Spring Breakdown Friday night from 5-7 p.m.

d. Brad Tucker noted the Campus wide Stations of the Cross on Tuesday night starting at the Grotto.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

a. Laura Feeney motioned to adjourn. Michael Maus seconded. *The last meeting of the 2003-2004 Student Senate was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted, Your Ever-Loving,

Meg Smith  
Student Body Secretary

