

**Notre Dame Student Senate**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**April 3, 2002**

**6:00 PM**

**Notre Dame Room, LaFortune**

Student Body Vice President Trip Foley called the meeting to order precisely at 6:04 PM in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune on April 3, 2002.

Paul Dockery gave the invocation.

Trip Foley then had the Senators all take their Oath of Senators collectively. He read out loud first, and the Senators repeated after him.

**Jeremy Staley moved to allow Erik Smith and Rick Sadowski to act as Secretary and Parliamentarian respectively.**

The motion was seconded.

There were no objections.

**The motion passed.**

Secretary Erik Smith took roll call by verbal recognition.

**The following individuals were not present:**

- Felipe Hernandez, Morrissey Senator
- Erin Cushing, Off Campus Senator
- Kevin Conley, Stanford Senator
- Alison Childs, ~~X~~ Welsh Family Senator
- Courtney Watson, Zahm Senator

Approval of the March 27, 2002 minutes was then discussed.

**There was a motion to approve the minutes.**

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion.

**The motion passed at 6:11 PM.**

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Student Body President Libby Bishop**

I'd like to congratulate everyone on their election as senators. Your dorms have put good faith in all of you I'm sure. I will go over the nomination letters later

I've been busy transition and working on the alcohol policy. We have a meeting with Father Poorman on Friday to find out more about what we as students can do this year.

I'd like to invite you to use the student government office as you need. It is your resource as well. Make sure you go in and introduce yourself to Nancy, our Secretary. She is there to help you, and is the most wonderful person!

**Student Body Vice President Trip Foley**

Welcome and congratulations! It is an honor to have you here with us today. Senate is the primary policy making body of Student Government. We should have a lot of fun though too.

You will be given a lot of information at this meeting. If you have any questions, please be sure to ask me either during or see me after the meeting.

I'd also like to emphasize that both Libby and I will have an open door policy. Please stop in if you need anything. My office is the one straight ahead when you walk into the office, and Libby's is the one to the left.

I am sorry that we do not have your binders put together yet. They will be here next week. We put in an order to the bookstore, but they screwed it up. Please be sure to keep this week's stuff so that we can simply put it in the binders next week.

We submitted the budget request today to allocate money for the student senate. We have about \$1900 for copies, awards, office supplies, food, and diversity.

We will also be setting up a listserv, so feel free to use it to communicate when we get it.

Amendments need to be submitted by 6:00 PM on Sunday night and resolutions by 6:00 PM on Monday before the meeting. This is to ensure we can get them on the agenda and copied for everyone. Please e-mail them to Erik and myself.

Please note that you are required to attend all meetings of the Senate. It's the only way we can do business. If you cannot attend, please let me know ahead of time. We can do a proxy vote so that your vote will be counted if necessary.

Each of you must serve on two committees. Please listen to the reports later and sign up for them after the meeting. Committees will hold their first meetings this Saturday to elect chairmen. They will then meet with me on Sunday. We will also elect two Senators to the Financial Management Board (FMB) and the Campus Life Council (CLC).

Finally, please stand when you speak. The meeting will be able to run much better if everyone can hear you. Thanks!

### **Secretary Erik Smith**

I'm passing around a list with all of your information on it. If you could please correct any mistakes and fill in any missing information, that would be great. Thanks!

### **Chief of Staff Pat Hallahan**

Well, I'm not chief of staff yet, but hopefully you will approve me. I'd really like that. We're still transitioning currently. It is going pretty well.

We will be having an event called Clean Up Your Own Backyard on April 14, 2002 from 12 - 4 PM. We will be cleaning up around Corby.

We had our first ad in the Observer today. If you have any ideas for that, please let me know. Maybe we can put some personals in there or something.

Libby Bishop  
NO.

Pat Hallahan

I'm going to sit down now so I don't hurt my chances of getting approved any worse. Thanks!

### **Trip Foley**

We will have a Hall President Council Representative and St. Mary's Representative later.

## **COMMITTEE TRANSITION REPORTS**

**Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan**

We've included a letter in your packet. Please read it. We work with student concerns about the curriculum. If you joined this committee, you would be working on the curriculum obviously, as well as Honor Code revisions, increasing student memberships in things, and the bookstore committee. Please think about joining and helping to add to the academic life here at Notre Dame. Does anyone have any questions?

**Committee on Diversity Affairs, Elizabeth Lenn**

I have a binder with all the important things in it. We made two amendments this year to the Constitution. The diversity chairs are required to put on a fair. This year, the fair is on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 AM. You are all required to attend. Please read our handout. The second page is the thoughts I wish I had known coming into this job. Does anyone have any questions?

**Committee on Ethics, Greg Celio**

You do not need to sign up for this committee. It will be chosen at random. There will be seven members. If everything goes right this year, you will not have to use this committee. Basically, if a Senator acts against the constitution, this committee decides what to do about it. They also keep records on attendance. I recommend that you make a more defined absence policy this year. If you have any questions, let me know!

Josh Towns

If I were interested in this, would I still put down two other committees plus this one?

Greg Celio

No, it is still just random. Put two down. Ethics does not count as one of your two committees.

**Committee on Gender Issues, Mary Mullen**

This committee deals with gender issues. We have a lot of things that need to be followed up on this year. Please read our letter. We got a lot of good things accomplished this year, so we need to make sure that they are followed up on. Thanks! If you have any questions, let me know.

**Committee on Oversight, Jim Ryan**

I'm going to stand over here if it is all right. You have a memo in your packet. Please read it. We will be giving you a draft copy of the new Constitution that we developed. You will be able to look over it and go from there. Our committee also oversees the elections and appoints things to the judicial council.

**Committee on Residence Life, Jennie Flannery and Aldo Tesi**

We were the co-chairs of this committee. This is a lot of work. We do lots of fun, very visible things. For example, we work with Rec Sports, try to improve grab and go, just improve daily things. We do many more short-term things. They are very tangible, physical, and we meet with a lot of people to get things done. We would like to make sure that this contact is maintained. Please let us know of any questions you may have!

**Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores**

Please read our report for more info. We have a great committee. We are very amorphous and overlap into many different things. Thanks.

## PODIUM

### **Trip Foley**

Let's all introduce ourselves by saying our name, what dorm we're from, where we're originally from, and what class we're in.

\*Secretary's Note: Due to not being able to get everyone's information down as they said it, this part of the minutes is excluded.

### **Danielle Ledesma**

Hello! I am the new Judicial Council President, and the outgoing Senate Parliamentarian. I just have some handy reference info.

- Please stand when you speak.
- Say, "I move" when making a motion rather than I motion.
- If you are the presenter, you get to speak first, then others.
- You can vote on a motion by voice, show of hands, roll call, secret ballot, general consent, or unanimous consent.
- Anyone can call for a division of the house.
- You can move the previous question (PQ)
- Resolutions need to be done in committee, but can be brought to the floor with at 2/3 vote.
- Resolutions must be passed with a 2/3 vote.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Libby Bishop**

This is the formal nomination for Student Body Secretary. Please read the letter from me in the packet. We are nominating Erik Smith as Secretary. This is really a nice formality for you to officially approve him. Does anyone have any questions for Erik or me?

### **Trip Foley**

The letter has Erik's background in it. We think he will do a good job, and will be voting on him next week.

### **Danielle Ledesma**

I will now read the letter for nomination of Parliamentarian.

\*Danielle reads her letter.

Does anyone have any questions?

Paul Dockery is being nominated for Chaplain of the Senate.

### **Libby Bishop**

We are nominating Pat Hallahan for Chief of Staff. I am impressed with him. He has proved himself in Senate, and will do a good job.

We are nominating Jim Ryan for Academic Delegate. He has a lot of background and will do a good job.

### **Jim Ryan**

I will be the main student representative to the governing body of the university. It's a big position. Please let me know what I can do to help you out.

**Libby Bishop**

We are nominating Jennifer Majcina for Controller. She has a passion for the budget and related material. If you have any questions, please ask. She will be here next week.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pat Hallahan**

Senate usually goes to dinner after the meetings. If you want to come, we'll be at south tonight. It will get better as the year goes on and everyone gets to know each other.

**Trip Foley**

I'd like to introduce Megan Downs. She is the Observer reporter. Everything that you say here is public record, so be careful.

**Gail Thompson**

How flexible is this meeting time?

**Trip Foley**

Well, this room is reserved for this time for us, and it is hard to change. We will work it out later.

**There was a motion to adjourn.**

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion.

**The motion passed at 6:59 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,



**Erik N. Smith**  
**Student Union Secretary**