

# Notre Dame Student Senate

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

April 10, 2002

6:00 PM

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

Student Body Vice President Trip Foley called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune.

Paul Dockery gave the invocation.

**There was a motion to move the old business up, and to do approvals now.**

There was a second.

There was no discussion.

**The motion passed at 7:08 PM.**

Erik Smith was then unanimously approved for Secretary and Ricky Sadowski was approved as parliamentarian.

Secretary Erik Smith then called roll by verbal recognition.

### Podium

- A. Bridget Gynther spoke on the necessity for workers on campus to be respected. They wrote a letter to Fr. Mallow, but did not receive a response. Publicity did write to them, stating that the workers did have the right to organize. There is a general need to ensure that workers and their rights are respected here on campus.

**Josh Towns moved to approve the minutes.**

There was second.

Slight corrections were made.

**The motion passed.**

### Officer Reports

- A. President Libby Bishop spoke about the petition that was being distributed throughout campus. It is a well-written document, so please sign it and make it successful.
- B. Vice President Trip Foley commented about Dollars For Creative Entertainment (DICE). It is a great way to get funds for your Thursday, Friday, or Saturday project that is open to the whole campus.
- C. Secretary Erik Smith made a small comment about the minutes.
- D. Chief of Staff Pat Hallahan said that the Office of the President meeting went well.
- E. HPC Representative Steve Holte said that they are working on brother/sister dorms.
- F. St. Mary's Representative Lindsey Evans was looking forward to working with everyone.

## Committee Reports

- A. Academic Affairs, Kate Schlosser.
  - Meetings are at 5 PM on Wednesdays in the 303 Board Room
- B. Diversity Affairs, Neil Vargas
  - Meetings are at 7 PM on Mondays.
- C. Gender Issues, Courtney Badgley.
  - Meetings are at 6 PM on Mondays in the Student Government office.
- D. Oversight, Neil Vargas.
  - Meetings are at 7:30 PM on Tuesdays in the Student Government office.
- D. Residence Life Kevin Conley.
  - Meetings are at 5:00 PM on Tuesdays.
- E. University Affairs, Jason Creek.
  - Meetings are at 7 PM on Thursdays in the Sorin Room.

## Podium

- A. Andrew Oxenreiter, Student Union Treasurer, spoke about the proposed budget for the next year. Please look at the sheets. Everyone presented their budgets, and we deliberated and came up with these figures.
  - Jesse Norman asked about the debt and what it was.
    - Andrew responded by saying that the debt has been accumulating for many years. It's good business to pay off your debts. We've been running in the red for many years now, and it is time to pay it off. That's what the student increase was for originally, so we need to take action now. Events are being limited due to our debts.

## Old Business

Paul Dockery was confirmed as Senate Chaplain.

Pat Hallahan was confirmed as Office of the President Chief of Staff.

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## New Business

- A. Danielle Ledesma introduced the Judicial Council nominations for Vice President of Elections and Vice President of Peer Advocacy.
- B. Gail Thomson asked what would happen if this issue was not passed. It was explained that it would go back to the FMB, and they would have to submit a new budget proposal. Many Senators were concerned about paying off all of the debt this one year. It is believed that there may not be a choice in the matter, however. Great concern was shown over the payment of the debt in one year, however.

### **Josh Towns moved to table item B.**

Alison Childs seconded.

There was no discussion

**The motion passed 20 in favor to 4 against.**