

Notre Dame Student Senate **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

September 12, 2002

6:00 PM

Colman Morse Center, Room 230

I. Opening Business

- A. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Trip Foley at 6:07 PM in room 230 of the Colman Morse Center.
- B. Kevin Conely led the invocation.
- C. Secretary Erik Smith called roll. The following Senators were not present: Erin Cushing, Jesse Norman, Kate Schlosser, Allison Childs.
- D. There was a motion to approve the minutes.
The motion was seconded.
The motion passed at 6:09 PM.

II. Officer Reports

- A. President Libby Bishop was sorry about last week. All DETEX points are now working correctly, and taskforces are being discussed in CLC.
- B. Vice President Trip Foley asked everyone to look over the committee sheet he was passing around to make sure that everyone was in the right spot.
- C. Secretary Erik Smith did not have anything to report.
- D. Chief of Staff Pat Hallahan said that a schedule for Woman's Week was coming soon.
- E. HPC Representative Steve Holte did not have a report.
- F. St. Mary's Representative Lindsay Evans did not have a report.

III. Podium

- A. Mr. Jim O'Connor, General Manager of the bookstore, came and discussed greater student involvement. He would like to encourage student events, and mainly complement, not compete with other campus events. He is opening a new, paid position to coordinate new student involvement, and will require about 20 hours a week. Ideas discussed included:
 - Game nights/ Class events
 - FLEX point usage at bookstore
 - Bring in authors that have written books required for classes
 - Student designed apparel
 - Larger study area
 - Events coupled with bookstore basketball
 - Consider a committee of 5 rather than 1 person to do all work
 - Acoustic Night of some sort
 - Move current student events to the bookstorePlease contact Mr. O'Connor at james.oconnor.1@nd.edu.

- B. Joanna Cornwell presented a new attendance policy in committee meetings. Attendance would be the responsibility of the chair, with the following consequences: miss 3 - warning; miss 4 - explain to entire Senate; miss 5 - dismissed. Three tardies of over 10 minutes would result in one absence. Determining if an absence is excused would be up to the chair of the committee. There was a general concern that that would be a dangerous move, however, and there may be a reconsideration.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Committee on Academic Affairs, Kate Schlosser
 - There was nothing to report.
- B. Committee on Diversity Affairs, Courtney Kohout
 - Wednesday, September 18, 7-10 PM - Cultural Fair.
- C. Committee on Ethics, Joanna Cornwell
 - Attendance Policy discussed.
- D. Committee on Gender Issues, Courtney Badgley
 - Talking to St. Mary's.
 - Please talk to freshman about Frosh-O.
- E. Committee on Oversight, Elliot Poindexter
 - Please join this committee if possible.
- F. Committee on Residence Life, Kevin Conley
 - Please check the 24 hour spaces of your dorms for the 24 hour lounge rights card.
 - Dining halls are now open until 7:30 on Fridays of pep rallies.
- G. Committee on University Affairs, Jason Creek
 - Send overflow to this committee.

V. New Business

- A. The 2002 Board of Trustees Report Topic will use the surveys of off campus students to explain what would keep more seniors on campus. Most requests were for suit/apartment style living. It will be presented on October 3.
There was a motion for unanimous approval, which passed at 6:49.
- B. There were no major issues with tailgating this past weekend. It was felt that the main issue keeping people from registering was the fact that registers are responsible for underage drinking at their tailgate no matter what. This sentiment could change over time, however.

VI. Old Business

- A. There was no old business.

VII. Announcements

- A. There were no announcements.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erik Smith
Student Union Secretary