

Notre Dame Executive Cabinet

Executive Summary

September 23, 2002

Foster Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Chairman Libby Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- b. Meghan O' Donnell led the invocation.
- c. Roll Call was taken: Trip Foley and Patrick Hallahan were absent.
- d. There was a motion to approve the September 16, 2002 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.
- e. Student Body President Libby Bishop announced Erik Smith, former Student Union Secretary, resigned and introduced Emily Chin. Emily was unanimously approved and welcomed by the Executive Cabinet as the new Student Union Secretary.
- f. Amy O'Connor introduced Jay Deimel as the new Athletic Representative. He replaces Kristin O'Connor.
- g. President Libby Bishop asked if inverting the agenda would be possible. Everyone agreed that New Business would be discussed before Old Business.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CCC Appeal
 - i. Amy O'Connor, CCC Chairman, explained the purpose of the CCC appeal—bringing new events to campus for the students. The Class of 2005 is sponsoring a Spiritual Blast which will feature a concert by contemporary Christian singer, Bebo Norman, and include an activity fair. They appealed for \$1500, and it was approved by the CCC last week, plus FMB approved. Discussion took place to clarify some questions. There was a motion to vote, it was seconded, and the **appeal was unanimously approved.**
- b. Banner Case for the 1st floor of LaFortune
 - i. President Libby Bishop explained how she researched on getting a case on the first floor of LaFortune to put a calendar of events for all to see. The weekly Exec. Cab calendar would take the place of the current Building Directory. The case will cost \$600, so the Office of the President offered to give \$200, Student Activities was willing to pay the rest of the fee, and Libby asked if Exec Cab would be willing to pay \$200. Susan Longenbaker talked in favor of the banner case. Amy O' Conner motioned to vote and Meghan O'Donnell seconded. **The \$200 for the banner case was approved.**

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Strategic Planning
 - i. President Libby Bishop handed out questions which each organization could use to evaluate his/her group. She suggested it be done in an informal fashion. It would be a 1-3 page evaluation about what the positives/negatives were of the organization and could clarify external and internal relations. She emphasized how worthwhile and pivotal this

evaluation could be for each club. Libby also added that Patrick Hallahan thought it might be a good idea to look at how the Constitution and Senate work for each club. She suggested subcommittees. Meghan O' Donnell volunteered to present on October 14, 2002. She will be giving a 20 minute presentation.

IV. DISCUSSION

- a. Observer presence at Executive Cabinet meetings
 - i. Is the Observer's presence hindering the "round table" discussion?

Meghan O' Donnell said it was definitely a distraction, but we should not shut it out completely because the students have a right to know what is going on. Dan Barabas suggested letting the Observer stay until New Business, just to keep privacy and to compromise. Joe Horton expressed that if we are going to censor part of the meeting, we might as well not invite the Observer at all. We should not be afraid of the Observer; we can always verify quotes before printing or correct them afterwards. Matt Smith commented that Exec. Cab is not any different with the Observer's presence this year. He believed that the pressure was good because everyone chose their words more carefully. Also, nothing that is talked about it is completely top secret; with the Observer present, it's another avenue to get the word out about events. If we need to call a separate meeting to discuss a private issue, then a separate meeting should be called. Peggy Hnatusko expressed she had noticed a difference in word choice from last year's closed meetings compared to this year's open meetings. She suggested that boundaries need to be set, such as asking the Observer to leave when we discussed "off the record" topics. She also mentioned that people in the meeting this year are not as open with their feelings because of the fear of being misquoted or misrepresented in the newspaper. Joe pushed to be more open with the media. He claimed the Observer is set up to support and help clubs. Libby Bishop added maybe we could ask the Observer not to publish the details up to a decision made in Exec. Cab. Meghan replied maybe some people want to know the process if they are planning to propose a new idea. Joe brought up the point of what does Exec. Cab. do for ND? If we are leaders, we should not be afraid to be criticized. Also, some people might appreciate knowing that this meeting is actually serving a purpose for ND. Lindsay Evans, St. Mary's representative, said the Observer provides an "off the record" option at their meetings. The final conclusion of this discussion: asking if the Observer would provide an "Off the Record" option. Libby Bishop will talk with Jason McFarley, editor in chief of the Observer, about the new policy. Please email Libby with any further thoughts.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Meghan O'Donnell announced this Thursday and the following Friday, the Class of 2004 will be selling hats. Also, the Golden Dome hat idea is still in process.
- b. Peggy Hnatusko reminded everyone that Deb is due at the Pittsburgh Game. She mentioned no one can rely on Deb's pro-card when she is on maternity leave, and everyone will need to use purchasing forms. Also, Andrew bought computers

out of the tech. fund. He needs to talk to those who will be receiving the computers about software.

- c. Joyce DeLeon shared that the Campus Wide Fair is this Saturday, September 28 on North Quad. Also, starting next Monday, a LTR will be attending all group meetings; letters and reply cards will be sent out shortly. There will be an LTR retreat November 8-9 for student leaders.
- d. Andy Oxenreiter announced that Deb's old Dell computer is on sale for \$200-\$300.
- e. Amy O'Connor expressed that there will be a tent set up on Library Quad at the Stanford game instead of tailgating. It will begin at 10 a.m. and wrap up around 1 p.m. It will be \$1 for everything with a student ID. Every 15 minutes there will be a different performance, and if you have an suggestions, comments, questions, contact Amy.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Pam Ronson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meghan O'Donnell seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next Executive Cabinet meeting will take place Monday, September 30, 2002 at 6 p.m. in the Foster Room of LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

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