

# Notre Dame Executive Cabinet

## Executive Summary

September 30, 200

Foster Room, LaFortune

- I. **Opening Business**
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.
  - b. Trip Foley led the invocation.
  - c. Roll call was taken: Lauren Fowler, Patrick Hallahan, Andrew Oxenreiter, and Chris Martin were absent.
  - d. The September 23, 2002 Executive Summary was unanimously approved after a motion from Amy O' Connor.
  
- II. **Old Business**
  - a. Observer
    - i. Student Body President Libby Bishop discussed that she had talked with Jason McFarley, editor-in-chief, about our concerns with the Observer's presence at Executive Cabinet meetings. He expressed that if there were problems with the articles, we could bring it up to him or an Observer staff member.
  - b. Sophomore Spiritual Blast
    - i. Jeremy Lao reported that the event was a big success. It consisted of an intimate group of people, and everyone seemed to have a good time.
  - c. Campus Wide Fair
    - i. Joyce DeLeon announced about 400 people signed in and about 600-650 people passed through the fair on Saturday. She was pleased about what a great day and event it was; she thanked everyone for the support.
  - d. Margaritaville
    - i. Matt Smith said the event was great success serving over 300 people. The only problem was that they ran out of margaritas. He mentioned that this could be a future event during senior week, and there is definitely room to grow for future classes who want to incorporate Maragaritaville as class activity. Smith thanked everyone for the support.
  
- III. **New Business**
  - a. Computer discussion
    - i. Chairman Libby Bishop passed out a sheet which explained mandatory student computers for graduate and undergraduates. OIT developed this proposal because they wanted to plan for the future and wireless computers. Their intent was that if every student had the same computer, there would be fewer problems. Also, the cost of the computers would be figured into the tuition.

Dan Barabas started the discussion with the comment about how skeptical he was about this proposal and mentioned how this is like a "Big Brother" tactic. Jeremy Lao wanted to know why every student is required to have a computer. Meghan O'Donnell wanted to know what the goal and purpose of the proposal was and why did everyone have to be required a computer. Libby answered by saying it would level the playing ground, technologically. Amy O'Connor made the comment that her friends, who attend other universities, found this mandatory computer policy cheaper because there is a discount to buy computers in large volume. Also, no one would have to worry about their computer being stolen. Joe Horton believed that this would actually be a more costly proposal because it costs more to make everything wireless. He added that OIT gets money from our tuition already, they would be asking for more and students would have to pay even more. Libby reminded everyone that the proposal was still in recommendation. Pam Ronson wanted to know why OIT is making the proposal and what their goals were for implementing a mandatory computer policy. Trip Foley didn't feel comfortable with the lease option and mentioned that computers are personal preferences. Moreover, he inquired if students that already have the same laptop, how they would get it accredited to their account. Jeremy Lao wondered what students would do or what the university would do if a student could not afford a new computer. In addition, Dan Barabas and Matt Smith questioned the intention of OIT. Danielle thought laptops would distract from academic learning. Joyce DeLeon wanted to know who (meaning what class) this policy would affect and when would this be implemented. Joe Horton stressed that wireless internet is a luxury, not a necessity. He really wondered if student would be willing to pay and how much would it cost. Steve Christ suggested OIT research/contact another school which has implemented this standardization. Dan Barabas noted that he did not like the trend/push towards technology. Susan Longenbaker supported Barabas' statement and said that she hasn't needed a computer here on this campus; the clusters have been very useful. Lindsay Evans wondered if students were liable for its security, if it breaks or if a virus invaded the computer. Libby Bishop thanked everyone for the feedback and said she would bring back the concerns to OIT.

b. Myers-Briggs

- i. Libby Bishop explained that this was a psychology test mainly focused on leadership and personality. She said she would be sending everyone a copy of the test to take online. On October 14, 2002, two ladies from the Career Center will visit the meeting and bring the evaluations of the tests. The test not only determines

what your management style is, but also figures out your strengths and weaknesses with solutions and feedback.

**IV. Announcements**

- a. Steven Christ announced that the ticket lottery for the FSU game would take place in the LaFortune Ballroom October 3, 2002 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- b. Trip Foley reminded everyone that the celebration of 30 years of Co-education begins October 6, 2002.
- c. Amy O'Connor expressed that "The Tent" is still on for this Saturday, October 5, 2002. This event is open to everyone. Students will be able to purchase all food items for \$1 with a student ID.
- d. Matt Smith announced that next Friday, October 11, 2002 before the Pitt Game, the Senior Bar will be open for the Senior Class lunch. Admission is under debate.

**V. Adjournment**

- a. Trip Foley motioned to adjourn and Dan Barabas seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next Executive Cabinet meeting will take place Monday, October 7, 2002 in the Foster Room of LaFortune.

Respectfully submitted,



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