

Notre Dame Student Senate

Executive Summary

October 9, 2002

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- A. Chairperson Trip Foley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- B. The Invocation was led by Paul Dockery
- C. Roll call was taken; Brin Anderson, Erin Cushing, and Kara Wick were absent.
- D. The October 2, 2002 Executive Summary was unanimously approved.
- E. Chairman Trip Foley asked to invert the agenda and have the Podium speaker address the Senate first. There were no objections.

II. Podium

- A. Phillip Johnson, Assistant Director of NDSP
 - Mr. Johnson addressed campus life on the Notre Dame campus. He mentioned that two “strong armed” (forcibly without weapons) robberies took place on campus so far since the beginning of the year. He predicted an arrest very soon. He also highlighted that the most frequent crime committed on campus is left of property. He suggested that no one leave their property unattended or to always keep rooms locked. There was a robbery at Sorin College recently. Luckily, due to a bike officer, Andre Bridges, the thief was caught. Furthermore, bike left is very problematic. Many bikes are never locked up and subject to being stolen. He offered that people register their property. He then discussed how cooperation from the community was KEY. Always keep your room locked and be watchful for yourself and others. He also discussed the other safety provided on the Notre Dame campus. He mentioned the SafeWalk, Campus Shuttle, and bike officers.
 - Question/Discussion was opened. Ricky Sadowski asked about the safety of students in the parking lots when they arrive onto campus in the middle of the night. Mr. Johnson replied that if anyone ever felt uncomfortable, they should contact SafeWalk, and an escort would come. Jeremy Staley wanted to know why the statistics from 2000-2001 of liquor arrests doubled. Mr. Johnson replied that maybe in 2001, liquor enforcement was higher. Courtney Badgley inquired on what grounds it would give officers to check backpacks and why there were so many officers patrolling the parking lots. Mr. Johnson answered that certain, suspicious behavior of students warrant check, and there have many reports of car break-ins, so NDSP patrols on bikes, in plain clothes, and cars over in those areas. Jake Teske wanted to know why a 21 year old could be stopped from driving alcohol onto campus. Mr. Johnson replied that officers do not permit large amounts of alcohol driven onto campus. Trip Foley followed up with if there was a policy of not being able to drive beer onto campus. Mr. Johnson noted that one should only have enough beer for personal consumption; therefore he/she should not have to

drive alcohol onto this campus. Jesse Norman asked if students had the right to deny search and seizure. Mr. Johnson again emphasized that the only people that might be searched and/or questioned would be those students who exhibit suspicious behavior. The totality of events plays a big role. He recommended being cooperative because it makes things less complicated. He also reminded the Senate that the NDSP holds true to Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence. Gail Thompson wondered if dorm security monitors were part of NDSP. Mr. Johnson said they work for both the Rectors and NDSP. Trip Foley mentioned that if Gail had any further questions on specific issues, she could ask Bill Kirk. Kevin Conley stated that at different gates, certain officers allow, with their own discretion, vehicles on campus. Mr. Johnson hoped that every officer enforced in the same way because they were trained all the same. But, of course, vehicles can enter campus if certain items cannot be carried onto campus, mass and for disable students. Sarah Bates inquired why on football weekends are the student lots (D2 & D6) sold as extra parking. For example, this past weekend the PW president was not allowed to park even though she parked there regularly. Mr. Johnson was surprised that a student's vehicle or any vehicle made it that far onto campus and said that 3 and ½ hours prior to kickoff one way traffic begins. He, also, said that the spots are always sold, but he will make sure that all students would be able to park. Katie Boyle wondered what constituted suspicious behavior and why girl dorms have security and guys do not. Mr. Johnson again reemphasized it depended on the totality of circumstances to warrant any search. Security monitors are used as an important backup for any emergency or event. The reason why guy dorms do not have security monitors was not addressed. Don Norton wanted to know if there were certain times when cars were able to get onto campus, for example like going to mass. Mr. Johnson said to ask for a supervisor if an officer was not letting you onto campus 10 minutes prior to your scheduled event. Also, he mentioned if it was any time earlier, what would be the purpose because you might be taking up parking spots of faculty, Rectors, etc. and the campus was not designed for driving. He would like to have more dialogue on this issue, though. Jeremy Staley asked what the relations were between Indiana State Police and NDSP. The answer was that NDSP is authorized under IN law, and any law enforcement officers have jurisdiction to enforce laws on the ND campus. A question was brought up about the monitoring at Reckers because it was starting to cause tension between NDSP and the students. Mr. Johnson replied by saying before NDSP monitored there were lots of vandalism. Reckers had asked for NDSP to monitor. Also, the officers are concerned about the safety of all students and will always be looking out for the best interests of the student. Trip Foley noticed that there are a lot more officers on bikes patrolling the campus and wondered if this meant that crime had increased on campus. Mr. Johnson said they were unrelated and reassured that crime has not increased significantly. He said at the beginning of the year, there were some strong armed robberies towards the outskirts of the campus, but that was it. Bike officers are friendlier and the response time is much

quicker than car. Trip Foley thanked Mr. Johnson for his time. Mr. Johnson stated that if anyone had individual concerns, they could set up an appointment with him or the NDSP office.

B. LTR Retreat

- Sean Hogan reminded that the Learning to Talk About Race Retreat would be held November 8-9, 2002. The deadline for the retreat is this Friday, October 11, 2002. So far no Senators have signed up, he and Elliot Poindexter encouraged everyone to participate. If anyone has any questions, please email Sean at shogan@nd.edu.

III. Reports

A. Officers

1. Student Body President Libby Bishop left early to moderate a panel discussion for 30 years of Co-Education.
2. Student Body Vice-President Trip Foley took a count of all those who were interested in testing Mexican food.
3. Chief of Staff Pat Hallahan announced that Libby meeting with the Board of Trustees went very well. They were interested in timing and a Res. Life proposal. He, also, went over the events of Co-Education Week.
 - Wednesday – 8:00 = Members from the class of 1972 will be speaking
 - Thursday = Godfather shown on North Quad
 - Friday = Pep Rally/Banner Contest
 - Saturday – 7:30 = Folk Choir Concert
 - Sunday – 11:45 = Co-ed Mass with ice cream social following
4. HPC Representative Steve Holte reported the Senior Class will be having their Senior Lunch at the Alumni Senior Bar this Friday, October 11, 2002 from 12:00- 2:00p.m. The cost will be \$2. He also mentioned that West Quad would be hosting the pep rally, and Sorin will be having its 115th Talent Show this Friday.
5. St. Mary's Representative Lindsay Evans reported that St. Mary's co-hosted the last week's pep rally, and they had a fun time.

B. Committee Reports

1. Committee on Academic Affairs – Jeremy Staley announced they are still working on distant learning (logistics and capabilities), acceptance of AP credits, and First Year Advising. They are hoping to present these issues to the Academic Council soon.
2. Committee on Diversity - Neil Vargas mentioned that Connie will be coming to their next meeting to discuss student life with International and minority students.
3. Committee on Ethics - Joanna Cornwell reported there was no news.
4. Committee on Gender Issues – Courtney Badgley stated they will be meeting with the director of the counseling center, and they are still working on the sexual assault posters.
5. Committee on Oversight - Elliot Poindexter mentioned that they met yesterday and everyone seems to have a better understanding of the goal of the committee. Also, next week they will be bringing in new groups into their meetings to discuss issues.
6. Committee on Residence Life – There will be a Rugby taskforce meeting with Bill Kirk Monday, October 14, 2002 promptly at 2 in Rm. 316 of the Main Building. Katie Boyle started her research on The Huddle, so if anyone has suggestions or input, contact her.
7. Committee on University Affairs - Gail Thompson announced they had nothing to add.
8. Financial Management Board - Jesse Norman reported they had nothing to add.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. "The Shirt"

- Don Norton and Andrew Oxenreiter explained to the Senate where "The Shirt" funds go to. There was also a sheet passed out, which discussed the allocation process. A discussion was brought up regarding where the excess funds should go. Right now it is split 40/60 between Student activities and charity. Jason Creek suggested that the money should be put away for next year because "the shirt" color will be the same. Everyone was encouraged to think about the excess funds and report back to Don, Andrew or Trip.

VI. Announcements

- A. Elliot Poindexter invited every Senator to go on the LTR retreat. He said he already attended the retreat and had a great experience, plus a lot of fun.
- B. Courtney Badgley mentioned that Farly Hall will be having a concession stand for the Pitt game.
- C. Jeremy Staley announce that Sorin will be having its 115th year Talent Show in front of Sorin this Friday.
- D. Pat Hallahan noted that there will be a Blue Mass for the fire fighters and police of officers in remembrance of September 11 this Thursday.

V. Adjournment

Jeremy Staley motioned to adjourn. The motion was unanimously supported and the meeting ended at 7:25 p.m. The next Student Senate meeting will take place Wednesday, October 16, 2002 in the Notre Dame Room, Lafortune at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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