

# Notre Dame Student Senate

## Executive Summary

October 16, 2002

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

### I. Opening Business

- A. Chairperson Trip Foley called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
- B. The invocation was led by Paul Dockery
- C. Roll call was taken; Jason Creek, Sean Williams, Allison Childs, Courtney Watson and Steve Holte were absent.
- D. The October 9, 2002 Executive Summary was unanimously approved at 6:10 p.m.

### II. Reports

#### A. Officer Reports

- 1) Student Body President Libby Bishop was very pleased with Co-Education Week and said it was fantastic. She mentioned it accomplished the goal of making students more aware. She added the panel discussion was a great success; however, she wished more people attended. Bishop thanked everyone in advance for filling out the leadership surveys, which were distributed at the beginning of the meeting from CLC member Rick Harris. Lastly, she praised all senators for their hard work.
- 2) Student Body Vice-President Trip Foley announced that Cheryl Smith would be joining the Senate meetings as faculty representative. Also, he thanked those who participated in the Mexican food tasting and announced that the Student Government website should be finished soon. (Look for the "cool" calendar on the website!)
- 3) Chief of Staff Patrick Hallahan informed that the St. Mary's/Notre Dame Shuttle will be going to the South Bend Airport this Friday, October 18, 2002 from 12-6 p.m. It will run at an hour a cycle. Hallahan encouraged everyone to advertise this free shuttle. He also expressed that if this went well, the business operations would look into providing the transportation for future breaks.
- 4) HPC Representative Steve Holte was not present.
- 5) St. Mary's Representative Lindsay Evans announced that on October 29, 2002 from 6-8 p.m. there would be a Tri-Campus Event through St. Mary's Security. The event would include a speaker, who has done extensive research on club drugs. Notre Dame has cosponsored with St. Mary's to purchase safety key chains with alarms that will be given away for free to those who attend the speaker. Evans encouraged everyone to inform his or her dorms about the event. Also, on October 31, 2002 from 6-10 p.m. Holy Cross Dorm is having its Haunted Tunnel. The cost will be \$3 at the door. Lastly, The Golf Team won the MIA Championship.

#### B. Committee Reports

1. Committee on Academic Affairs – Kate Schlosser stated they attended the Faculty Senate Meeting last night. They are looking into academic learning, the honor code and other projects. If anyone has input, please feel free to let the committee know.

2. Committee on Diversity – Courtney Kohout met with Connie Peterson, director of International Activities and Services, and they discussed how over 200 undergraduate international students attending Notre Dame could be more involved. They will be trying “Food for Thought” dinners in dorms, so everyone was encouraged to attend, for it is a good connection for international students to get involved.
3. Committee on Ethics - Joanna Cornwell reported there was no news.
4. Committee on Gender Issues – Courtney Badgley stated there was no news.
5. Committee on Oversight - Elliot Poindexter mentioned that they met with the board manager of SUB. They looked into the effectiveness of the promotion of SUB. The committee will also be continuing its previous research.
6. Committee on Residence Life – Kevin Conley expressed what was discussed at the Rugby taskforce meeting with Bill Kirk Monday, October 14, 2002. They have decided to redirect their efforts, if anyone has any questions, please ask. 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 did not meet because of Columbus Day. She passed around a sheet for members to note any problems regarding the dorms, such as bad smells.
8. Ad-hoc Committee - Gail Thompson noted that they will meet after fall break.
9. Financial Management Board - Jesse Norman reported they had nothing to add.

### **III. Podium**

### **IV. Old Business**

### **V. New Business**

#### **A. CLC Leadership Taskforce Survey**

- Rick Harris explained the Leadership Survey, which was passed out at the beginning of the meeting. The survey was designed to indicate whether leadership opportunities on campus are being promoted well. There will be a website created including every club, organization and leadership position with descriptions and how to get involved. The main objective of the website is to inform students about the leadership opportunities on the Notre Dame campus.

#### **B. ACASL Update**

- Jake Teske, member of the faculty committee explained that the committee would be looking into the first 8 weeks of First Year Students. Measuring everyone’s experience and perceptions before and after the first 8 weeks and what kinds of social habits have been performed are the main focuses for the committee. The committee will be broken into 3 subcommittees: students, faculty, and student administrators. The main goal is to have three listening sessions before Winter Break. There will be a meeting November 6, 2002 to discuss each committee. Students are welcome to voice their opinion.

C. Cheryl Smith

- Faculty Senate nominated Smith to be the faculty representative at Student Senate meetings. Jeremy Staley moved to suspend rules in order to vote. Senator Staley, then, moved to approve Cheryl Smith as the faculty representative. Senator Jake Teske seconded. There was a brief discussion of Smith's background on the Notre Dame campus. She explained she works at the Hesburgh library as a reference librarian. **The Senate unanimously approved Cheryl Smith as the faculty representative from Faculty Senate.** Congratulations Cheryl!

D. CLC Update

- Erin Cushing explained that CLC is looking into hiring someone to create and maintain a website for ND. She suggested that maybe if Senate wrote a request to the University and was behind the creation of the website, this might be beneficial. Trip Foley suggested that University Affairs might consider handling this request.

**VI. Announcements**

- A. Trip Foley announced that Alcohol Awareness Week is coming soon. On October 30, 2002, Bobby Petracelli will be speaking on alcohol abuse and drunk driving.
- B. Kevin Conley expressed that there are still FSU tickets available.

**VII. Adjournment**

Elliot Poindexter motioned to adjourn. Jeremy Staley seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 6:30 p.m. The next Student Senate meeting will take place Wednesday, October 30, 2002 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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