

# Notre Dame Student Senate

## Executive Summary

October 30, 2002

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

### I. Opening Business

- A. Chairperson Trip Foley called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
- B. The invocation was led by Paul Dockery
- C. Roll call was taken; Josh Towns, Jason Creek and Felipe Hernandez were absent. Erin Cushing was out of town, and Sean Williams and Courtney Watson were not present due to conflicting schedules.
- D. The October 16, 2002 Executive Summary was unanimously approved.

### II. Reports

#### A. Officer Reports

- 1) Student Body President Libby Bishop announced that she is the student representative for the University taskforce about sweatshops. Bishop stated that the Notre Dame campus has no goods made in China, and even "The Shirt" was not manufactured in a sweatshop factory. She welcomed any questions or discussion on the issue.
- 2) Student Body Vice-President Trip Foley reminded everyone that at 7:00 p.m. tonight, Bobby Petracelli would be talking about alcohol abuse and drunk driving.
- 3) Chief of Staff Patrick Hallahan informed that the St. Mary's/Notre Dame Shuttle went very well. The business operation director believes that the shuttle will be used in the future. Gail Thompson added some feedback and mentioned that at prime times the bus was too full, and she suggested that maybe more buses could be provided.
- 4) HPC Representative Steve Holte announced that tomorrow, October 31, 2002, Keenan's Great Pumpkin started at 4:00 p.m., the Alumni/Howard Haunted House would begin at 6:00 p.m., and Fisher's Famous Favorites started at 9:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to check the events out.
- 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 the committee had a very exciting meeting. They continued to work on the same issues and TCE reports, which they are trying to make some questions publicly available.
2. Committee on Diversity – Courtney Kohout noted the committee met with DCND (Diversity Council), and she had announcements for later in the meeting.

3. Committee on Ethics - Joanna Cornwell reported there was no news.
4. Committee on Gender Issues – Courtney Badgley stated that the Freshman survey is not quite completed yet, but as soon as it is, it will be emailed to all the Senators for review.
5. Committee on Oversight - Elliot Poindexter reported there was no news.
6. Committee on Residence Life – Kevin Conley expressed there are granola bars in Grab and Go. Also, Katie Boyle has started her research on The Huddle; she has been comparing prices with places such as Meier and gas stations.
7. Committee on University Affairs - Gail Thompson reported no news.
8. Ad-hoc Committee - Gail Thompson reported there was no news.
9. Financial Management Board - Jesse Norman noted that there will be an email vote sent out about a concert coming to campus in December.

### III. Podium

#### A. Ms. Connie Peterson-Miller, Assistant Director for International Student Services

- Re: Support Services for International Students - Ms. Peterson indicated that the International Student Services and Activities office is located on the second floor of LaFortune. She noted that there are over 1000 combined undergraduate and graduate international students at Notre Dame, who represent over 100 countries; about 250 are undergraduate students. The ISSA aims to “create a positive atmosphere in which students can live and learn effectively.” She also passed out a brochure and explained the programs and activities sponsored by ISSA. Ms. Peterson expressed that they wanted to familiarize the international students with the American culture and provide social support for them also, while helping to keep and share their own background with other ND students. She invited all Senators and the entire student body to participate in the activities and learn more about the international students. Senator Courtney Badgley *Kate Scho* asked how one could be a peer host. Ms. Peterson referred her to apply online as a Family Friend through the website ([www.nd.edu/~issa](http://www.nd.edu/~issa)). Senator Jeremy Staley wondered what the most common problem was for an international student. Ms. Peterson mentioned social problems were mainly the biggest problem especially homesickness, isolation and time management. Senator Courtney Kohout inquired if the organization had representation on the Campus Life Council. Ms. Peterson expressed that she had been looking into this. Senator Dave Brenner asked about the International Coffee House. She answered that international student run the event and speaks about their country/culture, share music and a talent, etc.... Ms. Peterson thanked Senate for its time and welcomed everyone to learn and participate as much as they can.

### IV. Old business

## V. New Business

### A. Election of Senate Representative to the University Committee on Libraries

- Cheryl Smith explained that this committee usually has a graduate and undergraduate position and right now the undergraduate position is needed. There are meetings held once a month and the topics for discussion include library issues. Trip Foley sent out dates for the meetings and a website where the minutes are posted for those who are interested in seeing what the meetings are like. Allison Childs expressed some interest; however, she is still deciding. Joanna Cornwell mentioned she would be willing to take the position if Allison Childs decided not to take the position. There was some discussion and finally Jesse Norman motioned to table the election until next meeting. Katie Boyle seconded; **the election of the Senate Representative to the University on Libraries will be held next meeting, Wednesday, November 6, 2002.**

## VI. Announcements

### A. Courtney Kohout announced

- Blak Images will be held Saturday, November 2, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at Washington Hall – admission is \$3. Player's Ball will follow at 10 p.m. at LaFortune.
- INTERACE will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. in CSC.
- Asian Allure is on Saturday, November 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at Washington Hall – admission is \$6.

B. Jesse Norman mentioned that O'Neill Hall will be having a speaker in to talk about boarder crossings next Tuesday, November 5, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. There will be free food provided by LaEsperanza.

C. Blake Haan stated that Keenan's Trick or Treating will begin at 4:30 p.m. Halloween night. If anyone is interested, please show up in costume to trick or treat with kids.

## VII. Adjournment

Jesse Norman motioned to adjourn. Katie Boyle seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 6:45 p.m. The next Student Senate meeting will take place Wednesday, November 6, 2002 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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