

Notre Dame Student Senate

Executive Summary

December 4, 2002

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

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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; Josh Towns, Olga Urbieto, Sean Williams, and Cheryl Smith were absent.
- D. The November 20, 2002 Executive Summary was approved at 6:11 p.m.

II. Podium

III. Reports

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Student Body President Libby Bishop reported on the progress of Executive Cabinet and Campus Life Council. Currently in Executive Cabinet, each group has or will be presenting its strategic plan. Bishop also mentioned that St. Mary's Student Body President and Vice President assisted Lindsay Evans with her strategic plan last week. Libby expects and is excited for a great, successful next semester. The Campus Life Council (CLC) is divided into three taskforces. Erin Cushing heads the Bases taskforce, Rick Harris leads the Leadership taskforces, and Jane Ong and Trip Foley chair the Communications taskforce. Each taskforce will be continuing its current efforts. Specifically, the Communications taskforce has launched a new online calendar which will start immediately second semester.
- 2) Student Body Vice-President Trip Foley elaborated on the new online calendar from the CLC. He informed that a memo was sent to all club officers. He encouraged the senators to spread the word because the online calendar would be taking the place of posters. Foley added that tomorrow (Thursday, December 5, 2002) at 7:00 p.m. in the Montgomery Theater, there would be an informational meeting regarding those interested in running for Student Body President and Vice President. Finally, instead of a Senate meeting next week, there will be a Senate gathering at Trip Foley's apartment to celebrate a great first semester.
- 3) Chief of Staff Patrick Hallahan reported that the shuttle, which ran to the South Bend airport for Thanksgiving, went well. He also thanks Pasquerilla East for hosting Professor Karl Ackerman. The Office of the President is working on the winter report for the Board of Trustees.
- 4) HPC Representative Steve Holte reported:
 - a) Dances:
 - i. Friday - Farley/Stanford at SDH East Side; O'Neill/Sorin at College Football Hall of Fame; St. Edward's at Knights of Columbus; Keough at Main Building; Fisher at SDH Oak Room.
 - ii. Saturday - Morrissey at Monogram Room; Alumni Hall at Coveleski Stadium; Badin at Greenfield's; Dillon at SDH; Knott Hall at the Alumni Senior Club.

b) Major Events:

- i. Howard Marshmellow Roast -Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 - ii. Friday, Dec. 6 = at 6 p.m. Carroll Christmas Tree Lighting, at 7:30 and 10 p.m. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas and Zoolander*: DeBartolo 102/155 sponsored by SUB, at 9 p.m. Fisher Famous Favorites, and at 10 p.m. Siegfried Hall's Rambler Scrambler.
 - iii. Saturday, Dec. 7 at midnight, free Boracho burritos in the Dooley Room of LaFortune sponsored by Siegfried Hall.
 - iv. Sunday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. Keenan Hall's Reindeer Roast.
- 5) St. Mary's Representative Lindsay Evans informed that yesterday was the kick-off to the Lilly Foundation Challenge. Tomorrow Christmas Around the World will take place from 6-8 p.m.
- 6) Library Faculty Liaison Cheryl Smith was not present. Trip Foley mentioned he sat in on a Faculty Senate meeting and attended the Student Affairs committee.

B. Committee Reports

1. Committee on Academic Affairs – Jeremy Staley reported that the new honor code was not exactly what the committee wanted. He mentioned that the committee would like the students to be notified before any further action was taken. Jake Teske met with ACASL. The library has cut hard copy periodicals except for the most popular ones. If there are any problems, please let the committee know. Kate Schlosser will be studying abroad in Chile next semester. She thanked her committee members for all their hard work. Trip Foley thanked Kate and spoke on behalf of Senate when he said she will be missed. He also mentioned he appreciated all of her hard work and dedication.
2. Committee on Diversity – Courtney Kohout announced that the committee had a guest speaker this past Sunday. The speaker was involved in Outreach and IFLAG. Allison Childs will head the celebrating diversity workshop, and Jeremy Staley is continuing his work on making the sexual harassment clause up to date.
3. Committee on Ethics - Joanna Cornwell reported the committee had no issues to pursue.
4. Committee on Gender Issues – Courtney Badgley informed that the Sexual Assault posters are being approved. The parietals issues are being reconsidered and the committee is still following up on security issues.
5. Committee on Oversight - Elliot Poindexter reported that Amy O'Connor would be meeting with the committee. Also, a resolution will be brought to the floor soon.
6. Committee on Residence Life – Sarah Bates noted that Katie Boyle's survey on the Huddle has been approved, Kara Wick is looking into getting lights around McGlenn Field, Jesse Norman started an open letter regarding the basketball student section, Jason Creek is working on finding funding for SYR's maybe in conjunction with Brin Anderson, Sean Williams is researching to see if the music at Rolf's could be changed, and the committee met with Bill Kirk to discuss hall dismissal. Kevin Conley expressed a new idea concerning Christmas spirit. He suggested maybe having a Salvation Army red kettle in front of LaFortune.
7. Committee on University Affairs – Jason Creek reported that improvements to LaFortune will be taking place soon. The committee had a meeting with.

- OIT regarding computers for students. OIT said that the computers would first go to professors first; wireless connection would be put in classrooms before students would receive it. Josh Towns has completed the Senate T-Shirt.
8. Ad-hoc Committee – Jake Teske announced that they have been discussing hall fellows, in which a professor goes to the dorm and gives a special lecture. Fr. Poorman has expressed his approval already.
 9. Financial Management Board – Jesse Norman informed that a new “Shirt” commissioner has been approved.

IV. Old business

V. New Business

- A. Update on Sexual Assault Policy – Jesse Norman
 - Senator Norman explained that he had contacted people at Harvard. He mentioned that the Notre Dame policy is confident that Reslife does not have any problems with making the right decisions regarding sexual assault on campus.
- B. Election of Faculty Senate Representative
 - Senator Kate Schlosser explained the position as the Faculty Senate Representative. She stated it was a great opportunity to work with professors on a different level and get the chance to speak to them and earn respect. Regarding the time issue, she informed that who ever decides to take the position can put as much work into this position as he/she decides is best. However, the more prepared one is the more respect one will receive. The floor was opened to nominations. Courtney Kohout nominated Gail Thompson. Dave Brenner nominated Jeremy Staley. Votes were cast on slips of paper. The meeting proceeded while Ricky Sadowski tallied the votes.
- C. SS0203-11: Resolution Regarding First Year of Studies Advising
 - Senator Jeremy Staley introduced the resolution to the Senate. He expressed his disappointment with the First Year of Studies advising. Jake Teske and Joanna Cornwell met with Dean Kolman and they were not impressed by how the First Year of Studies addressed the needs of the freshmen classes. So the committee on Academic Affairs drafted this resolution to strongly urge the First Year of Studies to reevaluate its freshmen survey and how it addresses the concerns of first year students.
 - Discussion/amendments: Jake Teske stated that this is a fair resolution to pass. He mentioned that the Academic Affairs committee has worked hard on the resolution and can serve a greater role than it is now by offering its assistance for the First Year of Studies. Ricky Sadowski commented that he thinks is a great idea and feels the same way. Ricky wondered if the Student Senate had the power to tell the First Year of Studies to

change. He made an amendment to add the word "urge" into the resolution. Blake Haan seconded the amendment.

- a. Discussion of amendment: Jason Creek thought that it was implied that the Student Senate is recommending. Jeremy Staley replied that intended to "call" on the First Year of Studies. Patrick Hallahan suggested adding "call" on the First Year of Studies in the Therefore Be It Resolved paragraph later. There was a vote to add the word "urge;" however, the amendment was withdrawn.

Staley made an amendment to the resolution which stated, "Student Union Senate calls on the." This statement would be put in the last paragraph after the first that.

- a. Discussion of amendment: Jesse Norman added a friendly amendment to change "on" to "upon." Jeremy accepted. Jake Teske mentioned that "utilizes" needed to be changed to "to utilize." Gail Thompson wondered where the fifth Whereas quote came from. Jeremy explained that it came from the First Year of Studies mission statement. Jeremy said he would insert a footnote in for the quotes in the fourth and fifth Whereas.

The final resolution stands the same with changes in the last paragraph which looks like:

THERE FORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Union Senate calls upon the First Year of Studies to conduct a more comprehensive evaluation process than the one that currently exists and to utilize other student constituencies,...

Voting took place and **the Resolution Regarding First Year of Studies Advising was passed by the majority at 6:51 p.m.**

D. "The Shirt Coordinator"

- Courtney Schuster urged the Senate to elect Dave Brenner as the new President of "The Shirt" Project. Dave will be taking over the project for next year. The deadline for "The Shirt" design has been extended to December 11.
 - Questions: Blake Haan stated that "The Shirt" was a big success this year. He wondered if the project was ready for next year. Courtney replied that people are aware of the student shirt and know that the profit goes to the students. Also, they are planning to capitalize on the fact that people are donating money and getting a free shirt in return. Or maybe the Shirt might turn into a collector's item. Dave added that we haven't reached a large market of buyers yet. Elliot Poindexter commented that FMB unanimously approved Dave addressed Blake's question. Elliot said that FMB is currently also working on it, and Dave will not work alone. Dave Brenner encouraged everyone to spread

the news about the extended design deadline. Submissions can be made to the Student Activities office. Elliot Poindexter motioned to suspend the rules and vote. Courtney Kohout seconded. Jesse Norman moved for unanimous consent. Jake Teske seconded. **Dave Brenner is the new "Shirt" Coordinator.** Congratulations Dave!

VI. Announcements

- A. Elliot Poindexter mentioned that this Friday, Carroll Hall will be celebrating its 5th Carroll Christmas at 6:15 pm. Also, next Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at SDH, he will be tap dancing. Everyone is welcome to both events.
- B. Joanna Cornwell announced that this Thursday, ND Unplugged, Acoustic Café, would be all original works with prose and poems.
- C. Jeremy Staley thanked Kate Schlosser for a very impressive first semester. He mentioned that she was very motivated.
- D. Trip Foley announced Jeremy Staley as the new student representative for Faculty Senate. Staley will be replacing Kate Schlosser.
- E. Courtney Kohout announced that there would be a Kwanza Dinner at Coleman Morse. If anyone is interested email naacp@nd.edu.
- F. Blake Haan reminded everyone that the Keenan Reindeer Roast would take place this Sunday at 5 p.m.
- G. Allison Childs informed that there would be a Voices of Faith concert Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Walsh Hall. She will be singing!
- H. Rickey Sadowski complimented all Senators on their professionalism with Parliamentary procedure.
- I. Trip Foley reminded everyone to respond to Fr. Malloy's Christmas Reception.

VII. Adjournment

Jesse Norman motioned to adjourn. Blake Haan seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 7:05 p.m. The next Student Senate meeting will take place Wednesday, January 15, 2003 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Student Union Secretary