

Notre Dame Executive Cabinet

Executive Summary

December 9, 2002

Foster Room, LaFortune

**I. Opening Business**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.
- b. Dan Barabas led the invocation.
- c. Jay Deimel, Lauren Fowler, Joe Horton, Jessica Panza and Pam Ronson were absent.
- d. Announcement made by Trip Foley: There will be a Glee Club performance next Saturday over at St. Mary's for the Center of the Homeless. Dinner will be served to the residents and then they will be bused over to the St. Mary's campus. Any volunteers are greatly appreciated. If you or anyone else is interested talk to Dan Barabas.
- e. Matt Smith motioned to approve the November 25, 2002 Executive Summary, Meghan O'Donnell seconded, and it was unanimously approved at 6:09 p.m.

**II. New Business**

- a. Jeremy Lao – Class of 2005
  - i. Jeremy Lao explained his officers and him used the SWOT assessment strategy. He passed out a written copy of his strategic plan which listed the strengths and weaknesses of class council, the opportunities available, and some of the threats. He said an objective for the class council was to “bring unity within the class.” He also mentioned the purpose of the Sophomore Class Council. Jeremy expressed that they were considering opening financial statements to the class and public. Please refer to the handout for more in depth detail.
  - ii. Questions: Matt Smith thought that releasing the financial statements were a good idea, but he wondered how and when Jeremy would do so. Jeremy replied that possibly next semester. Steve Christ inquired how Jeremy was going to publish the statements. Jeremy said that it would be done over email. Amy O' Connor asked what the point was. Jeremy said that when money gets into the picture of things it might open communication. Amy went onto giving him advice saying from her experience, giving out numbers to the public might be dangerous. Interpretation of the numbers would be difficult and hard to explain at times. Dan Barabas expressed that he thought this was an intriguing idea. But he reminded Jeremy that leaders are elected and this gives the leader the right to do what ever with the money. Releasing the financial statements might get a lot of criticism. Libby Bishop suggested having a focus group to get opinion first. Joyce DeLeon said that criticism is good and better than apathy. If the Class of '05 is spending legitimately, then there should be no fear of criticism. Steve Christ suggested putting thought into how the numbers will be published—maybe a scale? Matt Smith stated that he understands Amy's concerns and agrees with Joyce. However, Class Council is different than the CCC. From a class perspective, publishing the financial statements is good, but from the CCC, not so much. Libby Bishop thanked Jeremy.

- b. Judicial Council
  - i. Danielle Ledesma commented that not a lot will change in the future for the Judicial Council. A handout of the strategic plan was handed out. She divided the handout into two sections: Peer advocacy and Elections. She said that they are working on online voting for the next election, which takes place in February. Danielle mentioned that currently it is very frustrating because the process to figure out if online voting is possible has been long. Right now she has no idea if this next election will be online. She welcomed any suggestions.
  - ii. Questions: Steve Christ asked if anyone could see the database. Danielle replied no. Amy O' Connor wondered if a website could be made which posted what typical offenses would receive as a consequence. Danielle said that the Judicial Council was strongly urged not to put down any of the consequences because each case is different. Libby Bishop thanked Danielle.

### III. Announcements

- a. Patrick Hallahan announced that the Office of the President and Senate would be operating a focus group on hall dances. Also, Libby, Trip and Pat will be working on formulating a Winter Board of Trustees report.
- b. Susan Logenbaker mentioned that the online calendar website is up and running and hopefully will be available to the student body soon. She encouraged everyone to take a look at the website and give some feedback.
  - i. Matt Smith wondered what had been the general feedback. Libby Bishop said that CLC had the most. Susan also stated that there will flyers, maybe magnets, etc. for advertisement. She said she will be experimenting and seeing which gives the most positive feedback. Matt Smith inquired if the calendar could be put on the ND homepage. Susan answered that hopefully something could be arranged. Danielle Ledesma wondered when the new person who would be taking over the calendar would start. Susan asked for any recommendations.
- c. Dan Barabas informed that NDSP has offered safekeeping for houses over Christmas break. An email was sent out and this is open to everyone.
- d. Matt Smith announced that there will be a Senior Retreat January 31-February 1. He also mentioned that Dome Designs has made Senior Week registration possible online. Finally, the last meeting will be tonight. They will discuss and frame next semester and Senior Series. Matt is also looking forward to a great semester. Matt touched on the Toys for Tots event. He said that so far there has only been money donated, and all money generated will go toward buying toys.
- e. Dave Baron added that the Class of '06 has just officially unveiled the beginning of the class' prayer.
- f. Jeremy Lao mentioned that this Saturday or Sunday the sophomore class would sponsor stress relievers.
- g. SUB announced that on Sunday evening there would be food and massages in the LaFortune Ballroom.

**IV. Adjournment**

- a. Meghan O'Donnell motioned to adjourn, and Steve Christ seconded. Libby Bishop adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m. The next Executive Cabinet Meeting will take place Monday, January 20, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Foster Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully submitted,

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