

Notre Dame Student Senate

Executive Summary

January 15, 2003

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- A. Chairperson Trip Foley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- B. The invocation was led by Paul Dockery.
- C. Trip mentioned that there is mass in the Log Chapel every Tuesday night.
- D. Kaitlyn Redfield was sworn into office as the new Senator from Pangborn. She is taking over for Kate Schlosser who is studying abroad this semester.
- E. Roll call was taken; Josh Towns, Sean Williams, and Allison Childs were absent.
- F. The December 4, 2002 Executive Summary was approved at 6:10 p.m. with the minor correction of Trip Foley not being the co-chair of the CLC Communications taskforce.

II. New Business

- A. Nomination of the Election Executive Committee
 - a. A letter from Danielle Ledesma, Judicial Council President, was handed out to the Senators regarding the nomination of the Judicial Council Executive Committee for Elections. Danielle gave a brief background of what the committee will do. She explained they work on campaign violations and decide if the complaint has merit. Betsy Schroder, Maureen Ritchey, Brandon Bludau and Mike Dolson were introduced.
 - b. Questions: Courtney Kohout wanted to make sure her assumption that these committee members could not help out on any campaigns. Danielle reassured that the members were completely unbiased. Trip thanked everyone for coming, and according to the rules, Senate will formally approve all the members at the next meeting. Danielle added if anyone is still interested in running for Student Body President and Vice President, petitions are due January 22, 2003.

III. Podium

- A. Erin Camilleri, Assistant Director of Pre-College Programs
 - She explained that the Office of Pre-College Programs runs academic programs for rising seniors and juniors in high school. The Summer Experience lasts for 3 weeks in July and about 120 students attend. They are looking for 10 resident counselors who are undergraduate students. She passed out a packet of information. Anyone who is interested should apply or spread the word to another student who might be interested.
 - Questions: Erin Cushing wondered if the program offered helped find work on campus or other things to do. Ms. Camilleri

said that students in the past have led tours and have been paid for them. Also, the counselor position is a paid position with a stipend. Trip Foley asked if a student could be in summer school. Ms. Camilleri replied that they would prefer that a student not; however, there is always an exception. Sarah Blake inquired what the duties were for a resident counselor. Ms. Camilleri answered that there will be 4-5 female/male counselors. A senior resident counselor will be in charge. Most of the down time will be during the day while the students are at class from 9-4, but in the evenings, counselors are expected to be around. Jake Teske wondered if graduating seniors could apply. Ms. Camilleri said of course, there have been some in the past.

B. Trip Foley

- Trip welcomed everyone back and reminded everyone that there are only 9 meetings left. The term ends March 31, 2003. He wanted to commend everyone on their hard work. He also challenged everyone to bring back a renewed dedication for the rest of everyone's serving time. Trip addressed a concern of his...the lack of respect toward the student body. He gave many examples about dealings with administration and reminded that this university is for the students. Foley said he is deeply disturbed by the lack of respect for student opinion; however, he believes there is a chance to reverse this trend. It up to the Senate and leaders to make it known that this kind of treatment is inappropriate. Notre Dame is a place created solely for its students; therefore, students should have the right to be treated as equals and have honest involvement in decisions. Trip challenged all the Senators to make a difference and keep fighting for the students.

IV. Reports

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Student Body President Libby Bishop welcomed everyone back. She said she and Trip are working on the winter Board of Trustees report which will be presented February 7-8.
- 2) Student Body Vice-President Trip Foley reported that there are 2 letters that should have been picked up. The first is from Dr. Hatch in response to FY's advising. The second is from Fr. Poorman. He and Jake Teske will be meeting at the end of the month. Also, the Sexual Assault posters are finished. Every Senator must pick them up after the meeting and hang them in their dorm bathrooms and by the RAs' rooms.
- 3) Chief of Staff Patrick Hallahan reported no news.
- 4) HPC Representative Steve Holte reported that HPC met with the new hall presidents. He encouraged everyone to help them out. Cavanaugh and Knott Hall have all new presidents.
- 5) St. Mary's Representative Lindsay Evans had no news to report.
- 6) Library Faculty Liaison Cheryl Smith had nothing to report.

B. Committee Reports

1. Committee on Academic Affairs – Jeremy Staley welcomed everyone into 2003. (“A new leaf has been turned”) He reported that the committee has a meeting with Dr. Litzinger from FYS. Kevin Conley and Joanna Cornwell have a meeting with Maura Kelley regarding the new honor code. They are hoping to make sure students are notified before the paper is sent in. Erin Cushing is looking into reviving a bookstore committee. Felipe Hernandez succeeded in getting dictionary stands on the 2nd Floor of the library. Dave Brenner and Jeremy Staley received an information packet in regards to distance learning, etc... from Provost Hatch. They will be following up with him soon. Jeremy his same feelings about respect. He thanked Trip for bringing up the important issue.
2. Committee on Diversity – Courtney Kohout informed that the committee will be regrouping this weekend. They will be organizing the Celebrating Diversity workshop and talking about Outreach—what can Senators do.
3. Committee on Ethics - Joanna Cornwell reported no news.
4. Committee on Gender Issues – Courtney Badgley expressed her happiness regarding the Sexual Assault posters. Kevin Conley and she will be working on parietal issues.
5. Committee on Oversight - Elliot Poindexter reported no news.
6. Committee on Residence Life – Kevin Conley announced that there will be a committee meeting after Senate. He also would like to echo what Trip said. He said this committee deals with administration all the time. A lot of the times, administration and faculty will not be helpful; thus making it hard to accomplish anything.
7. Committee on University Affairs – Gail Thompson reported no news.
8. Ad-hoc Committee – Jake Teske informed that the committee is working on a letter to HPC regarding having hall fellows, in which a professor goes to the dorm and gives a special lecture. Gail Thompson is waiting on a reply from Faculty Senate about having a dinner with them.
9. Financial Management Board – Jesse Norman reported no news.

V. New Business

A. SS0203-12: Resolution regarding International Baccalaureate Advanced Placement Credit

- Sarah Blake introduced the open letter. She said this issue started from last year’s Academic Affairs committee. This year the committee did more research. An information sheet was also passed out. She mentioned there was a correction in the last paragraph of the open letter. Instead of “as must as,” it should be “as much as.”
- Debate/Questions/Discussion: Libby Bishop wondered how we compared to other schools. Sarah replied that our school only takes IB credit for 6 courses. Trip Foley mentioned that a carbon copy of the letter should be sent to Dean Kolman, Fr. Poorman and Dr. Litzinger. Jeremy Staley added that Sarah has “been on the ball” since the beginning of the year. Sarah Blake went to a school that only offered IBs. She said when she decided to come

to Notre Dame, she lost about 20 credits. The letter will hopefully let the First Year of Studies know that students, who only have IB credit, might turn down attending Notre Dame because they do not receive credit. Ricky Sadowski wondered if there were any statistics on IB vs. AP students. Sarah said she did not find any.

- Voting procedure: **Resolution SS0203-12 in regards to International Baccalaureate Advanced Placement Credit was passed by the majority at 6:47 p.m.**

VI. Announcements

- A. Sarah Bates announced that today is Allison Ferber's 20th Birthday! Everyone sang to her!
- B. Ricky Sadowski informed that there will be a "Brotherhood" gathering at his dorm this Friday at 4 p.m. to help build community.
- C. Kevin Conley reminded everyone that there will be Reslife meeting after Senate.
- D. Trip Foley reemphasized to hang up the Sexual Assault Posters.
- E. Erin Cushing mentioned that she thought focusing on workers' rights should be a top priority.
- F. Jesse Norman said on March 3 there will be a protest-like event against war throughout the nation in which students walk out of their classes.
- G. Joanna Cornwell announced that there will be a video game tournament in the LaFortune Ball from 9-11 tonight.

VII. Adjournment

Jason Creek motioned to adjourn. Kevin Conley seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 6:53 p.m. The next Student Senate meeting will take place Wednesday, January 22, 2003 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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