

Notre Dame Executive Cabinet

Executive Summary

February 17, 2003

Foster Room, LaFortune

I. **Opening Business**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Joyce DeLeon led the invocation.
- c. Libby Bishop introduced Henry Scott as the new Chief of Staff.
- d. Susan Longenbaker and Pam Ronson were absent.
- e. Amy O'Connor motioned to approve the February 10, 2003 Executive Summary, Meghan O'Donnell seconded, and it was unanimously approved at 6:09 p.m.

II. **New Business**

- a. Collaboration Fund Appeal - Best Buddies
  - i. Katie Stolz introduced the appeal to the Exec. Cab members. Disability Awareness Week begins February 24, 2004. The mission of the Best Buddies Club is "to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment." Katie explained that the reason for the appeal was to bring in a speaker. Girard Sagmiller, author of Dyslexia, My life, will speak on February 27, 2003 in DeBartolo at 7 p.m. Amy O'Connor commented that this event is well run, and in the past, Executive Cabinet has supported. The appeal was for \$2000. **Meghan O'Donnell moved to approve, Lauren Fowler seconded, and with a majority in favor, the appeal was approved at 6:15 p.m.**
- b. Collaboration Fund Appeal - FASO
  - i. This Saturday, February 22, 2003, FASO is sponsoring Fiestang: "It takes Two to Pandango." Admission is \$5 (for students) and \$7 (for general). As an annual event, it celebrates Philippine culture featuring a fully catered dinner, Filipino cultural dances and guest performances. Joyce DeLeon explained that the reason for the increase in the appeal was because they expect more people, so they need to purchase more food. Amy O'Connor expressed how great an event it is and mentioned that CCC recommended \$1200. Matt Bramanti inquired how many years Fiestang has been running. Joyce replied that this will be its 8<sup>th</sup> year, and each year the attendance grows. Matt Smith wondered what the average attendance was. Joyce said usually they get about 200-250, but this year, they expect around 300. Matt asked if she thought the event was adequately advertised. Joyce answered that this event is usually publicized by word of mouth. Matt Smith recommended increasing advertisement. Amy O'Connor said that FASO would rather spend money on the event rather than on advertising. **Jeremy Lao moved to approve, Meghan O'Donnell seconded, and the appeal was approved at 6:20 p.m.**
- c. Collaboration Fund Appeal - Special Friends
  - i. Katie Stolz introduced the appeal. The event is an Annual Autism Seminar which will be held this Saturday, February 22, 2003 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in 117 Haggard. The workshop trains student volunteer

groups and families of the children. Katie expressed how it is very difficult to get a speaker in the field of autism. The appeal is requesting funds to fly in a speaker. She is well known, and Lindsay Evans commented that advertising for her has already begun at St. Mary's education department. Amy added that the CCC recommended \$500. **Lauren Fowler motioned to approved, Meghan O'Donnell seconded, and the appeal was passed at 6:24 p.m.**

### III. Announcements

- a. Dan Barabas stated that dinner at CJs went very well.
- b. Steve Christ announced that this Friday, February 21, 2003 at 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom, there will be a comedy show: "Lads of Comedy."
- c. SUB is accepting applicants for next year, they are due this Friday.
- d. Lauren Fowler noted that the Collegiate Jazz Festival takes place this Saturday at 6 p.m. in Washington Hall. This is its 45<sup>th</sup> year.
- e. Meghan O'Donnell commented that she got an overwhelming response about writing letters to those overseas at war. Hopefully, they can get a person for each person.
- f. Joyce DeLeon mentioned that there is a petition going around to boycott Heartland. They are demanding a public apology, and petitions can be signed in DeBartolo, LaFortune or by email. Any donations will go to charity.
- g. Lindsay Evans expressed that St. Mary's got their reading day proposal passed. Congrats!
- h. Dave Baron remarked that the Class of '06 will have an open forum this Wednesday, February 19, 2003 in the Montgomery Room, LaFortune. He encourages all freshmen to attend.
- i. Matt Smith announced that the deadline for early sign-ups for Christmas in April end 2/18 for seniors. Senior Week events are still in place with some additions. For the UCONN games, there will be a class dinner/reception in the press box starting at 5 p.m. \$3 admission for an upscale tailgate.
- j. Peggy Hnatusko informed that there will be a bus to WI for the service to honor Chad Sharon on February 22. There will be a mass in the Basilica next Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. Visitation with his parents begins at 4 p.m.
- k. Amy O'Connor commented that the CCC will present its strategic plan next week.
- l. Henry Scott announced that tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the O'Neill social space, Prof. Tillery, the last speaker of the lecture series, will speak. This event is co-sponsored with Black History Month. Also, if anyone is interested in attending a commencement procedures dinner/presentation/etc, please let him know.

#### **IV. Discussion**

- a. Chad Sharon's Memorial Service - Libby wondered what people thought of having ribbons to honor Chad at the service. Danielle Ledesma suggested that the ribbons be passed out before the service on Tuesday, maybe by hall staff. Andrew Oxenreiter added that the ribbons also be put in public locations, so the whole student body can pick one up. Joyce DeLeon expressed how she thought that this period of time is an opportunity to grow educationally also. It is a perfect time to share knowledge about safety issues with the student body. Dave Baron mentioned that the Class of '06 has been talking about supporting a campaign like that. Seth O'Donnell commented that the ribbons should be free, but have a donation box for the scholarship named in Chad's honor.

#### **V. Adjournment**

- a. Amy O'Connor motioned to adjourn, and Andrew Oxenreiter seconded. Libby Bishop adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m. The next Executive Cabinet Meeting will take place Monday, February 24, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Foster Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully submitted,

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Student Union Secretary

