

Notre Dame Student Senate

Executive Summary

February 26, 2003

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- A. Chairperson Trip Foley called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.
- B. The invocation was led by Paul Dockery.
- C. Roll call was taken; Gail Thompson, Jason Creek and Allison Childs were absent. Brin Anderson and Sean Williams were tardy.
- D. The February 19, 2003 Executive Summary was approved at 6:14 p.m.
- E. The agenda was inverted so that the nomination of SUB officers and Assistant Union Treasurers would precede Podium.

II. New Business

- A. Nomination of SUB Officers
 - a. Andy Lam, Chief Controller of SUB, presented Charlie Ebersol, Kim Zigich, and Lauren Meagher as candidates for Board Manager, Director of Programming, and Chief Controller, respectively. A letter from Stephen Christ supported their nomination, also.
 - b. Jeremy Staley asked what the student body could expect for next year. Charlie responded that they are planning 3 major concerts (Fall, Winter, Spring). Two will be held in the JACC and the other hopefully in the stadium. Top 40 bands will be playing, and the concert in the stadium will be a non-profit event. If anyone wants a schedule of events, Brian Coughlin has a copy. Elliot Poindexter inquired what type of experience each had. Lauren introduced herself as a finance major. She has dealt with FMB and SIBC. She said she had leadership qualities and budgeting abilities. Kim expressed that she has been a part of SUB for 3 years. She was the programmer last year and has lots of experience on campus. Charlie reintroduced himself and stated that he started and runs two companies. He also ran for student body president and has worked with the athletic administration. Finally, he has experience cutting through the "red tape." Courtney Kohout wondered how people are chosen for the SUB positions. Andy answered that there is an application and interview process. Courtney followed up by asking how many people applied. Andy replied four.
 - c. Sarah Bates moved to suspend the rules. Katie Boyle moved to approve. Senate was open to discussion on voting. Joanna Cornwell stated that as a member of SUB, she strongly believes these three people have a great vision, and she is really excited for next year. Dave Brenner moved to end debate/discussion. Senate moved in to voting procedure. **Charles Ebersol, Kimberly Zigich and Lauren Meagher were unanimously approved to take over the SUB executive positions at 6:22 p.m.**
Congrats Charlie, Kim and Lauren!

B. Nomination of Assistant Student Union Treasurers

- a. Don Norton, the newly appointed Student Union Treasurer, nominated Claire Fadel and Matthew Kinsella as Assistant Student Union Treasurers. Don explained that after a rigorous application and interview process, they were the most qualified. Blake Haan inquired if they had abroad plans. Both answered no. Sarah Bates moved to suspend the rules. Neil Vargas moved to approve, and Courtney Badgley seconded. Dave Brenner moved to end discussion. **Senate unanimously approved the two Assistant Student Union Treasurers at 6:24 p.m. Congrats Claire and Matt!**

III. Podium

- a. Jesse Norman – Re: OIT – Jesse met with OIT last week to discuss three issues: i) bandwidth, ii) security and privacy, iii) what Senate can do with OIT.
 - i. Currently the ND campus has access to 40 megabits; 24 for the faculty and 16 to the students. The reason why faculty receive more is due to research reasons, which Jesse thought was fine, he questioned why only 40 for the whole campus. OIT said that since South Bend is so rural, it is difficult to get more, plus it is very expensive. Jesse did some research and discovered that University of Michigan, Purdue, and other universities have up to 600 megabits. Another concern Jesse had was the faculty line only uses an average of 13.2 megabits versus the students' line which is always maxed out. Jesse asked if the faculty line could switch to the student line during specific times of the day, such as after 8 p.m., when students use the line most. OIT answered that they did not have enough technology, and in addition there were some political reasons.
 - ii. OIT is working hard on security and privacy. They mentioned that as long as students are aware security issue, such as installing anti virus systems, there should not be problems. Jesse suggested implementing a mandatory computer meeting at the beginning of the year to ensure campus security safety. However, there are so many other mandatory meetings, so the possibility of moving after Frosh O week will be considered.
 - iii. Another major issue, Jesse brought up was that OIT decided to stop providing RCC, people who could help with computer problems. Students are now supposed to call up OIT, but it only has limited working hours. He wondered if there were a lot more students who needed computer assistance. He recommended OIT publicize better. Also, the responsible use codes are 7 years old, so there will a lot of changes happening in the near future, which OIT expressed wants student input.
 - iv. Cheryl Smith commented that if Purdue is not rural, then she does not know what South Bend is. Erin Cushing mentioned that she receives a lot of junk mail. Trip Foley added that OIT just sent out an email about SPAMMING. Trip thanked Jesse.

IV. Reports

a. Officer Reports

- 1) Student Body President Libby Bishop had nothing to report.
- 2) Student Body Vice-President Trip Foley remarked that the new, exciting online calendar is now available. He encouraged all the Senators to tell their halls, put it in Installments, and mention it at Hall council. Magnets will be distributed after spring break. The calendar is also on the drop down menu on the ND homepage. Sarah Blake suggested getting a link placed on NDtoday.com. He thanked everyone for having information sessions for prospective Senators; the elections will take place this coming Monday, March 3, 2003. He also mentioned that Gail Thompson planned a Faculty/Student Senate dinner the Wednesday after Spring Break.
- 3) Chief of Staff Henry Scott reported that the Academic committee's presentation to the Deans went well last night. The Policy and Athletic committees are working on lecture series. Henry reminded everyone to spread the news about Student Appreciation Week, starting March 17.
- 4) HPC Representative Steve Holte was not present, but the list of events this weekend include:
 - a) Wed, Feb 26 – Keenan Hall ACE Night, 7:30 p.m. in Keenan Kommens; BP Meal Auction, 8 p.m. at the Huddle.
 - b) Thurs, Feb 27 – Lecture by Girard Sagmiller: "Dyslexia-My Life," 7 pm. At DeBartolo 101.
 - c) Fri, Feb 28 – PW Dance at LaFortune Ballroom, St. Ed's dance; Student and Parent Disability Panel Discussion, 7 p.m. in CSC.
 - d) Sat, Mar 1 – BP/Siegfried/Sorin Dance at Palais Royal.
- 5) St. Mary's Representative Lindsay Evans noted that they just had their class elections and had a great turn out. She hopes all elections are as successful.
- 6) Library Faculty Liaison Cheryl Smith stated that Faculty Senate meets next Tuesday, so she will have news to report next meeting.

b. Committee Reports

1. Committee on Academic Affairs – Jeremy Staley reported that the committee continues with its TCE research and there is an Economics department letter that will be discussed later. He also commented that the Academic Committee under the Office of the President did an excellent job last night.
2. Committee on Diversity – Courtney Kohout noted that her committee is looking into having a Pro-Diversity Rally to promote diversity. Jeremy Staley remarked that the diversity rally should include gender, disabilities and cultural issues. Trip Foley suggested contacting MSPS and ISSA to collaborate when they put on their Spring Multicultural Fair.
3. Committee on Ethics - Joanna Cornwell stated that the committee is continuing its discussion on the Michael J. Palumbo Award; nominations close March 21, 2003. Trip Foley commented that Senate has enough money for Observer ads. They also discussed Josh Towns' absences. They decided it was not necessary to remove him from Senate. Student Union Secretary Emily Chin will be emailing the number absences every person has soon.
4. Committee on Gender Issues – Courtney Badgley reported that Martha Patzner, who started the gender club, is applying for club status. A resolution regarding parietals will be coming next meeting. Lastly, the committee is continuing its safety issues with NDSP.

5. Committee on Oversight - Elliot Poindexter said the committee will meet this Sunday. He commented that Senate elections are this coming Monday. Once the new Senator is elected, he or she should attend the final meetings of this term to transition.
6. Committee on Residence Life – Kevin Conley reported that the committee is still pursuing the dance issues. Sarah and Neil have been meeting with the rectors on CLC. There will be a co-sponsored parietal resolution next week. Kevin gave a special thanks to Jesse Norman for his report. Sarah Blake researched to see if more weights (strength) could be added in the Rock; unfortunately it is not possible.
7. Committee on University Affairs – Jake Teske commented that Blake Haan is looking into ID numbers (social security numbers), and the committee is working on trying to get rid of the bad smell around North Dining Hall.
8. Ad-hoc Committee – Jake Teske stated he will be a meeting with Dr. Paige this Friday at 1 p.m. The letter to the Rectors has been sent out. Gail Thompson has set up a dinner with Faculty Senate; it would great if everyone could attend.
9. Financial Management Board – Jesse Norman reported that they met this past Monday and approved The Shirt design. He congratulated Dave Brenner.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- a. SS0203-22: Amendment Regarding Off-Campus Senator
 - i. Matt Corgan introduced the resolution to Senate. Currently, “the off-campus Senator must reside off-campus during the entire term of office. Having a University-provided, on-campus residence disqualifies a person from this office.” Matt commented that the way this bylaw is worded excludes many students who will live on campus until the end of this semester who want to run. The amendment would change to “The off-campus Senator may reside on-campus at the time of his or her election but must reside off-campus by the start of the next semester following the election as well as for the remainder of the term.” Blake Haan moved for unanimous consent. **The amendment regarding off-campus Senator was passed at 6:46 p.m.**
- b. SS0203-23: Letter Regarding the Department of Economics
 - i. Jeremy Staley, chair of the Academic Committee, expressed the concern about the change in the Department of Economics. Senators looked over the letter. Elliot Poindexter asked what the next step was after the resolution was passed. Trip Foley replied that it will also be going to the Academic Council. Brin Anderson offered a friendly amendment in the third paragraph (pursue instead of puruse). Henry Scott offered a friendly amendment about capitalization. Josh Towns also offered another friendly amendment to check the spelling of organization. Kevin Conley asked Jeremy to clarify the first sentence of the third paragraph. Jeremy stated that it follows up and clarifies the second paragraph. Olga Urbietta suggested replacing “to” with “within” in the first sentence of the third paragraph.

- ii. Senate moved in voting procedure: **With unanimous consent, the SS0203-23: Letter Regarding the Department of Economics was passed in its amended form at 6:53 p.m.**
- c. Big Brother/Big Sister Discussion
 - i. Sarah Bates explained that Duke University there is a mentoring program for first year students. After researching over this past year, she noticed that a lot of the programs are already implemented through the dorms. She thought it would be good idea to look into the existing events. She mentioned collaboration with other dorms and campus wide programs. She asked which dorms did not have Big Brother/Big Sister. Jake Teske questioned the usefulness of the Big Brother/Big Sister program because currently it is not very good. Sarah said they will probably go through the new Hall Presidents to discuss benefits and provide different options that the dorms can do. Sarah Blake stated that McGlinn does an event with her Brother dorm every year and it is successful, but campus wide events are always helpful. She encouraged that every dorm commissioner dedicated to this field get together and plan. Joanna Cornwell thought a coordination commissioners would be the people to talk to. Trip Foley suggested that Sarah talk to Peggy Hnatusko. Jake Teske stressed that activities be continues throughout the year, so that there is relevance to the new program. Erin Cushing responded that they hope to get at least 3 campus wide events and then smaller monthly events. Fisher, St. Ed's, Stanford and Zahm do not have the Big Brother/Big Sister program. Talk to Sarah if you have any other information or suggestions.

VII. Announcements

- a. Sarah Blake asked for volunteer dealers for McGlinn's Casino Night. It will take place the Friday after Spring Break. There will be campus wide tickets.
- b. Katie Boyle reminded everyone to turn in their worker's surveys by next week.
- c. Kaitlyn Redfield encouraged Senators to attend The Vagina Monologues next week Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Washington Hall.
- d. Joanna Cornwell announced the BP's Meal Auction takes place tonight from 8-10 p.m. in the Huddle. All the profits will go toward a diabetes association.
- e. Trip reemphasized to spread the word about the new online calendar. <http://underthedome.nd.edu>.

VIII. Adjournment

Sean Williams motioned to adjourn. Jake Teske seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 7:02 p.m. The next Student Senate meeting will take place Wednesday, March 5, 2003 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Chin
Student Union Secretary

