

Notre Dame Student Senate

Executive Summary

March 19, 2003

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- A. Chairperson Trip Foley called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.
- B. The invocation was led by Paul Dockery.
- C. Roll call was taken; Josh Towns, Jason Creek, Lindsay Evans and Cheryl Smith were absent. Henry Scott was tardy.
- D. The February 26, 2003 Executive Summary was approved at 6:11 p.m.
- E. The agenda was inverted so that the nomination of SUB's Director of Operations would precede Reports.

II. New Business

- A. Nomination of Tai Romero
 - a. Stephen Christ, Board Manager of SUB, recommended Tai Romero for the Director of Operations position. He commented that she has been very involved in student government and The Show. She is also well qualified and brings lots of experience.
 - b. Jeremy Staley moved to suspend the rules. Jake Teske seconded. Erin Cushing moved for unanimous consent. **Tai Romero was approved as Director of Operations of SUB at 6:14 p.m. Congratulations Tai!**

III. Reports

- a. Officer Reports
 - 1) Student Body President Libby Bishop had noted that this week is Student Appreciation Week. On Monday, free St. Patrick's Day shirts were handed out; on Wednesday, there were free power aid and power bars at the Rock; on Thursday, free SUB movie; on Friday, ice cream social at the dining halls. Office of the President is planning Dinner with 7 strangers this Friday. Blessing of the Others week is next week. It celebrates what we have been given—look for the ad which includes the information about a dinner celebration and speakers for the event. The last lecture series will be held next Tuesday.
 - 2) Student Body Vice-President Trip Foley remarked a list for the names of the new Senators was being sent around. Elliot Poindexter organized a transition meeting with the new Senators next Wednesday, March 26 at 5 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre. He reminded all committee chairmen that they need to write transition papers for the next meeting. The magnets for the new online calendar are here and will be distributed to the dorms this week. The In-Hall Dance Referendum is waiting for approval by Bill Kirk. Right now, the tentative date to send the survey out to the student body is set for March 28, 2003. Also, nominations are being taken for the Irish Clover and Frank O'Malley awards. Trip asked the Senators to pass on the information.
 - 3) Chief of Staff Henry Scott was not present at this time.
 - 4) HPC Representative Steve Holte reported that is DATE Week on the Notre Dame Campus, the rest of the events include:

- a) Wed, Mar 19 – Night of Faith at 9 p.m. in the Alumni Chapel
 - b) Thurs, Mar 20 – Shamrock-n-Roll, 6 p.m. at Reckers; Lewis Hall Hosts an Ice-Skating Party, 7 p.m. at the JACC; Pangborn's Phoxy Facts, 9 p.m. in DeBartolo; Zahm/Cavanaugh Winter Carnival Bonfire, 9 p.m. at Holy Cross Hill.
 - c) Fri, Mar 21 – McGlinn Casino Night, 9 p.m. at the Joyce Monogram Concourse.
 - d) Sat, Mar 22– Lyons Formal at Monogram Room; Keough at Oak Room; Zahm/Cavanaugh Winter Carnival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Irish Iron Classic IV, 1 p.m. at Joyce Center Field house.
- 5) St. Mary's Representative Lindsay Evans was not present.
- 6) Library Faculty Liaison Cheryl Smith was not present.
- b. Committee Reports
1. Committee on Academic Affairs – Jeremy Staley reported that Joanna Cornwell finished her research on all the campaigns and has compiled lots of ideas for the committees. She is also following up with the FYS to see if they are implementing the changes they agreed to do. TCE research still continues. He mentioned that he and Trip would like to send a letter to Faculty Senate regarding TCEs; ultimately they would like to have them vote on something this year. A graduation letter in regards to having graduation outside will be drafted in conjunction with the Academic Committee under the Office of the President to Monk Malloy. Dave Brenner is looking into more Pass/Fail options. He has been speaking with Business advisors and continuing his research. Jeremy promises a "very spirited" transition report. Trip mentioned that the committee has gotten a lot of support from the Provost office about the publishing of TCEs. Also, there are further meetings on the Dept. of Economics—compromises are being made. Trip received letters from both Fr. Malloy and Dr. Hatch thanking Senate for the input and commenting that student interests were shared.
 2. Committee on Diversity – Courtney Kohout noted that the mandatory Celebrating Diversity Workshop will be held Sunday, April 13, 2002 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. They are trying to get a speaker from Out Reach or Gay and Lesbian student to talk, which would be unique and a first for the workshop. She mentioned that volunteers are needed on Thursday for Spring Vis Weekend and the Student Organizations fair. The committee will be writing letters to hall rectors about how to welcome these prospective students. Allison Childs emailed some information about a new diversity lecture series. The first one being held is this Thursday, March 20, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Zahm Hall basement.
 3. Committee on Ethics - Joanna Cornwell stated that nominations for the Michael J. Palumbo Award are being accepted; nominations close March 21, 2003. Look for the half page ad put in the Observer. She referred people to the Constitution for more information about the award. Lastly, Joanna received applause in thanksgiving for her Snapple fact.
 4. Committee on Gender Issues – Courtney Badgley reported that Olga Urbietta got in touch with Phil Johnson again regarding safety issues. They are looking into an email that would be sent about the recent crimes in the surrounding neighborhoods of Notre Dame. The committee is working on Frosh-O preparation and one minute dating.
 5. Committee on Oversight - Elliot Poindexter emphasized the Senate transition meeting before the Senate meeting next week. Also, he mentioned that a

resolution and some other issues will be brought to the floor from Oversight next week.

6. Committee on Residence Life – Kevin Conley reported that there is a co-sponsored parietal resolution with the Gender Relations committee and a Pass in Review Resolution for today.
7. Committee on University Affairs – Gail Thompson passed around a list to sign up for Espionage.
8. Ad-hoc Committee – Jake Teske stated that they will be meeting this Thursday at 5 p.m. They are also working on a presentation about hall fellows to the faculty Senate. Jeremy Staley inquired if the Student/Faculty Senate dinner was still occurring because he received positive feedback from the faculty senate.
9. Financial Management Board – Jesse Norman reported no news.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

- a. SS0203-25: Resolution Regarding the Extension of Weekday Parietals
 - i. Sarah Bates explained that the resolution is asking for the extension of weekday parietals to 1 a.m. Kevin Conley remarked that the difference between the past resolutions is that this resolution distinguishes quiet hours as remaining at the same times. The resolution addresses moving parietals later, but keeping quiet hours the same. Jeremy Staley commented that when he read the resolution over, it reminded him of the Notre Dame Mission statement. He believes the resolution does not contradict it, but is consistent with it. Elliot Poindexter asked a point of reference in regards to the other parietals resolution previously brought to Senate. Sarah replied that the committee thought the current resolution had the best evidence and support. Trip mentioned that the resolution would be sent to CLC for discussion/debate if it is passed tonight.
 - ii. Senate moved into voting procedure. **With the majority in favor of the Resolution Regarding the Extension of Weekday Parietals, it passed at 6:34 p.m.**
 - iii. Trip encourages senators to attend the CLC meeting this coming Monday to show support for this issue.
- b. SS0203-26: Resolution Regarding the Presidential Pass in Review
 - i. Sean Williams introduced the resolution. He explained that Pass in Review used to held on South Quad. It used to last 30-45 minutes and many people enjoyed observing the event. However, now the Pass in Review has been moved to Loftus.
 - ii. Discussion/Questions: Trip inquired why the event was moved inside. Sean said it was due to inclement weather and conflict. Blake Haan mentioned that he has always wanted to witness the Pass in Review. Trip suggested changing “rightful” in the last sentence of the last clause to “original.” Sean said he would like to change “rightful” to “traditional.” Courtney Kohout asked if Sean could explain what goes on. Sean said that there is a presentation of awards and medals. She then asked if weapons were shown. Sean replied that there were no

- weapons. Kevin Conley, however, added that the Navy has ceremonial swords.
- iii. Jesse Norman PQed and the Senate moved into voting procedure. **With 24 in favor and 1 opposed, the Resolution Regarding the Presidential Pass in Review passed at 6:43 pm.**
 - c. SS0203-27: Resolution Regarding Freshman Orientation
 - i. Katie Boyle explained that from the collected surveys from freshmen in their respective dorms regarding their Freshman Orientation experience, the overview result was that the Student Campus Orientation Committee needs to review the results of the survey and work to incorporate the results into future orientations.
 - ii. Discussion/Questions: Henry Scott made a friendly amendment to change "Freshman" in the title to "Freshmen." Katie accepted, but she will check the grammar later. Trip Foley added that the resolution will be sent to the Student Campus Orientation Committee and ACASL by Jake Teske. Sarah Bates wondered how many surveys were returned. Katie did not have the exact number, but she estimated around 300.
 - iii. Senate moved into voting procedure. **With the majority in favor of the Resolution Regarding Freshman Orientation, it passed at 6:46 p.m.**

VI. Announcements

- a. Sarah Blake noted that McGlenn's Casino Night is this Friday. Its \$5 admission and proceeds go to the Catholic Worker House. She also asked for dealers.
- b. Joanna Cornwell asked the Ethics committee to stay after Senate for a brief meeting.
- c. Sarah Bates asked for every dorm's Big Brother/Big Sister contact people.
- d. Katie Boyle reminded everyone to turn in their worker's surveys by next week.
- e. Sarah Bates stated that she will be ordering the Senate T-Shirt ASAP.

VII. Adjournment

Jesse Norman motioned to adjourn. Sarah Blake seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 6:50p.m. The next Student Senate meeting will take place Wednesday, March 26, 2003 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Chin
Student Union Secretary

Snapple Facts:

A frog can't swallow with its' eyes open.

The average person makes about 1,140 telephone calls each year.

Almonds are members of the peach family.

(more to come...)