

Notre Dame Executive Cabinet  
**Executive Summary**  
March 24, 2003  
Foster Room, LaFortune

**I. Opening Business**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.
- b. Henry Scott led the invocation.
- c. Peggy Hnatusko, Jessica Panza, Don Norton and Lindsay Evans were absent.
- d. Libby Bishop made an official introduction of the new CCC President, Seth O'Donnell.
- e. Meghan O'Donnell motioned to approve the February 17, 2003 Executive Summary, Trip Foley seconded, and it was approved at 6:11 p.m.

**II. Old Business**

- a. The Show reminder
  - i. Libby reminded everyone that the deadline for contributing to The Show is tomorrow, Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

**III. New Business**

a. Collaboration Fund Appeal

- i. Erin Wirpsa introduced the appeal to the members. "Faith Rocks" is going on its second year and is sponsored by Iron Sharpens Iron and the Class of 2004. The request was for \$1270.50 because the clubs intention is for this event to be free to everyone. Danielle Ledesma asked who was playing. Erin Wirpsa replied two campus bands and a guest speaker from the football team. Trip Foley wondered how much the collaboration fund still had and if the CCC had any more appeals for the rest of the year. Libby replied that there is about \$8000. Joyce DeLeon remarked that most of the big cultural events are done for the year, so maybe one of two more events. Meghan O'Donnell commented that she went to the concert last year, and it was awesome. Her class vice president organized it last year and this year, and he does a wonderful job. Jeremy Lao insisted that we approve this as soon as possible, so the club knows that they will have the money to plan for a great event. Erin Wirpsa noted that the club did not do a lot of advertising last year, but would like to do more this year. Also, the requested amount is higher this year because they have to rent a stage for the event. Danielle was not sure if Exec Cab should fund a sign. Trip wanted to know if this sign would be above the stage. Erin clarified that the sign was event specific. Pam Ronson moved to add \$200 to appeal. Libby reassured that there was enough money. **There was a vote to approve \$1470.50. It was approved at 6:50 p.m.**

b. Feedback Session

- i. How do we better use Executive Cabinet? Libby asked for suggestions/recommendations. Pam Ronson suggested a Team ND with an Exec Cab spin off to bring the members together. Matt Smith mentioned that St. Mary's "Board of Governance" has a big presence on

their campus. There should be an expectation of communication within this body—we should critique each other's events and not be passive. Danielle mentioned going around the room at telling the best/worse moment of the day in 30 words or less to break the ice. Libby wondered if changing the location could be beneficial. Dave Baron commented that maybe Exec Cab. Should send delegates together to retreats or seminar—being more active together outside of this meeting. Trip noted that there is a lack of communication, plus Exec Cab really does nothing except the collaboration fund. If this group had a purpose, then it would bring people together. Jeremy Lao suggested having someone from the administration come to the meeting for more student/administration interaction. CLC is good, but Exec Cab is mostly students. Libby mentioned that maybe Exec Cab could help more in transitioning. Matt Smith thought that Senate was getting too powerful and that maybe resolutions, etc... should be brought to Exec Cab for approval. Trip Foley believed that having Exec Cab and Senate is redundant. Susan recommended having a delegate from Exec Cab sit in on CLC, Senate and HPC to open the lines of communication. Meghan hesitated to make any Constitutional changes. She agreed with Susan that information needs to be better. Dan Barabas strongly believed Exec Cab should have more power because this is the only group which has the widest array of views. Jeremy agreed with Dan, but Senate does represent residents (student body). There would be no purpose for Senate if Exec Cab had total power. Jeremy thought CLC was the real problem. Danielle commented that no one checks Senate; Senate has control over everything and has way too much power. Executive Cabinet is the best representative for students. Jazmin Garcia agreed with Danielle. She did not even know the role of Exec. Cab. She suggested having more power to okay Senate decisions. Seth O'Donnell strongly believed that there needs to checks and balances. Henry Scott suggested Exec. Cab derives resolutions and the agenda for its meetings. Trip stated that checking Senate would be redundant because the Student Body President can veto anything Senate passes. Plus the chair of the committee, and Student Body VP and President follow through with enacting the resolutions. He again questioned the purpose of Exec Cab. Matt Smith remarked that we have not seen the true potential of Exec. Cab. He did not think it was a bad idea to take a different approach, so he suggested taking a poll and ask the students if Senate should be checked. Jeremy reminded everyone that the purpose of Executive Cabinet is to serve as the advising board to the Student Body President. If the president utilizes this group, there are benefits. He commented that we should rally ourselves behind a strong student government instead of dividing the bodies. Seth agreed with uniting on a common front. However, he did not think Senate represented the students. He thought class officers did and other clubs did. Joyce mentioned that before on the Exec Cab agenda there was "Peggy time" and "Senate time"—maybe bringing that back to connect the different meetings. Danielle stated that she never realized how much power Senate had. Libby asked if there were any other clubs/groups of people that should be represented on Exec Cab. She mentioned that a person from Voice (CSC) will be joining the team next year. Danielle thought it was redundant to have a person from that organization on Exec.

Cab. Libby will be preparing an Executive Cabinet strategic plan for the next meeting. She thanked everyone for their input.

c. Dinner Plans

- i. For the last Executive Cabinet meeting, the Creek House has been reserved. Dinner will be provided by Amy O'Connor. Please arrive around 6 p.m. It will be a fun time to wrap up a great year!

**IV. Announcements**

- a. Seth O'Donnell announced that tickets for the Everclear concert are on sale now.
- b. Erin Wirpsa commented that nomination forms are available for the CCC banquet.
- c. Matt Smith: Senior Class
  - i. Wednesday, March 26, 2003- tour of Basilica, Main Building and tunnel. Starts at 4 p.m. at the Basilica and will end in the main building with a reception.
  - ii. Thursday, March 27, 2003 – Spirituality on Tap at the Morris Inn Bar from 9-11 p.m. It will be a relaxed atmosphere with 3 or 4 C.S.C. priests.
- d. Meghan O'Donnell: Junior Class
  - i. Welcomed the new 2003-2004 Senior Class President, Jazmin Garcia.
  - ii. Junior Class retreat this weekend—first one off campus.
  - iii. Riddle Me Irish fundraiser. Selling questionnaires for \$2.
  - iv. Apathy roundtable with administration this Monday, March 31 in the ND Room at 7:00 p.m.
  - v. Trip to Chicago on April 5, 2003 to see Finnegan's Wake. Tickets go on sale later this week.

**V. Adjournment**

- a. Dan Barabas motioned to adjourn, and Seth O'Donnell seconded. Libby Bishop adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m. The next Executive Cabinet Meeting will take place Monday, March 31, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Foster Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully submitted,

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