

Notre Dame Student Senate

Executive Summary

March 26, 2003

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. Opening Business

- A. Chairperson Trip Foley called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.
- B. Paul Dockery led the invocation.
- C. Roll call was taken; Josh Towns, Felipe Hernandez, Courtney Watson, Lindsay Evans and Cheryl Smith were absent.
- D. The March 19, 2003 Executive Summary was approved at 6:16 p.m.
- E. The agenda was inverted so that the approval of the Business Board Managers preceded podium.

II. New Business

- A. Approval of Business Board Managers
 - a. Stephanie Lee came before Senate with confidence that the new managers for the 2003-2004 school year were highly qualified for their positions. She explained that she will be going onto her third year with Student Business Board. Ricky Sadowski wondered what the net profit or loss for last year. He also wondered if they were improving. Stephanie replied that there was a net loss of \$3000, and right now they are in the black, so they are headed in the right direction.
 - b. Sarah Bates moved to suspend the rules. Dave Brenner seconded. Brin Anderson moved to approve. Jake Teske seconded. Senate moved into voting procedure: **Without objection, Stephanie Lee, Krista Seidl, and William Ryan were approved as General Manager of the Student Business Board, Head Manager of Adworks, and Head Manager of Dome Designs, respectively at 6:17 p.m. Congratulations Stephanie, Krista and William!**

III. Podium

- A. Brin Anderson
 - i. Re: Football Ticket Sales – Many concerns arose this year in regards to the seats and the lottery system for football tickets. Many students complained that they had a better lottery number than students sitting below them. So, the Res Life committee decided to pursue the issue to see what changes they could implement for next year. First, she explained the problems with the current system. Students who wish to sit in a bigger group at the games are given seats farther up in the stadium because there are not enough available seats. The ticket office distributes the tickets in a snake like fashion for each section. Second, the committee believes that the seating/lottery system can be improved; they devised two proposals for the home/away games:
 1. Change seating – football lottery would occur as usual, but the student section would be divided into rows of 4 blocks. The ticket booklet would not be color-coded to the section, but rather colored for the block that you are sitting in. Each class will have

its own section of blocks, with the seniors closer to the field and the 50-yard line. The winning lottery number would be drawn, and then the first block within each class section would be filled and so on.

2. Issuing tickets electronically - each student can bring up to 3 student ids. Each id would get a lottery number. Football seats would be given out electronically over Irish Link. Each ticket window would be divided alphabetically, so a student would just have to pick up the ticket with the seat number on it.
- ii. Ideally they would like to get a combination of both proposals. Once the logistics have been finalized, the most feasible proposal will be presented to the new Senate. In the investigation of the ticketing system, the committee also found flaws with the ticketing for the away games. Upper class should get priority to away game tickets because they obviously have less time than underclassmen to go to away games as ND students. Therefore, the following changes will be proposed: Each student can bring 2 student ids, one being their own. When receiving the lottery ticket, their name would be crossed off the master list, so no duplication could be possible. She encouraged everyone to contact her with any suggestions or new ideas.
- iii. Erin Cushing wondered how enforced the blocks would be. Brin replied that it would be the same as it is this year. Kevin Conley commented that this seating arrangement was modeled off of the University of Nebraska's system, so it is a feasible proposal. Sarah Bates noted that Brin has worked on this very hard and she thanked Brin for her dedication.

B. Gail Thompson

- i. Re: Recker's Report – Gail stated she had a meeting with the manager of Reckers. He said that he had a vision for Reckers—more student programming. Gail encouraged students to bring events to the building. She commented that currently she feels uncomfortable with security at Reckers, and she believes that the security is intimidating the students. She encouraged next year's Senate to pursue bettering Recker's.

IV. Reports

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Student Body President Libby Bishop noted that the next CLC meeting will be held April 14 at 3:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room. She encouraged everyone to attend because many of Senate's resolutions will be brought to floor and would like the support from fellow students. On March 3, there will be an anti-sweatshop lecture in the Hesburgh International auditorium.
- 2) Student Body Vice-President Trip Foley thanked Sarah Bates for coordinating the well-dressed female senators and Dave Brenner for not so well dressed male senators. He stressed that all transition reports need to be emailed to him by tomorrow night. Trip reminded the current chairs must attend the new Senate committee meetings—Jeremy Lao will contact you. Trip gave a "farewell" speech, which addressed his enjoyment of working with the Senators and the great accomplishments of the year. He thanked everyone for an outstanding year.

- 3) Chief of Staff Henry Scott reported that it is Blessing Unto Others Week. He told everyone to look for the special collection and other events. The last Last Lecture Series took place last night. Office of the President bought Thunder Sticks for Bookstore Basketball. Finally, Student Appreciation week was well received.
 - 4) HPC Representative Steve Holte reported that is DATE Week on the Notre Dame Campus, the rest of the events include:
 - a) Wed, March 26 – Ralph Nader Lecture 3 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium, MCOB
 - b) Thurs, March 27 – Blessings Onto Other Event. Lecture: Francie Schmuhl, 4pm in DBRT 101; Lecture: Mark Massoud, 4:45pm in Welsh Fam Lounge put on by Standing Committee of Gay and Lesbian Needs
 - c) Fri, March 28 - *Dances*: Welsh Family at South Dining Hall East; Locura Latina: Latin Expressions 2003, 7:30pm at Century Center, \$5 at LaFun
 - d) Sat, March 29 - *Dances*: Cavanaugh Father/Daughter Dance at CFHF, Walsh Formal at MCOB, Stanford Formal at NDH; BCAC Fashion Show, 7:30 doors open at 8pm show starts at Stepan Center; PEMCO Musical Revue 2003, 7:30pm at LaFun Ballroom
 - 5) St. Mary's Representative Lindsay Evans was not present, but Trip noted that she would represent St. Mary's again for next year.
 - 6) Library Faculty Liaison Cheryl Smith was not present.
- B. Committee Reports
1. Committee on Academic Affairs – Jeremy Staley reported that they met with Dean Kolman and is waiting to meet with Provost Hatch.
 2. Committee on Diversity – Courtney Kohout noted that the mandatory Celebrating Diversity Workshop would be held Sunday, April 13, 2002 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Spring Visitation is this weekend. The committee sent a letter to all the rectors regarding how to welcome the prospects. Also, Latin Expressions will be this Friday, and the BCAC Fashion is this Saturday.
 3. Committee on Ethics - Joanna Cornwell thanked Emily Chin for the list of Snapple Facts. She commented the committee selected a recipient for the Michael J. Palumbo Award.
 4. Committee on Gender Issues – Courtney Badgley the sexual assault posters will be going up in the restrooms of all academic buildings.
 5. Committee on Oversight - Elliot Poindexter reported that the new Senator orientation went well.
 6. Committee on Residence Life – Kevin Conley recognized Brin Anderson for her hard work with the football ticket issue, Katie Boyle for the freshmen and workers surveys, Courtney Watson, Allison and Katie for the dance resolution, Sarah Bates for the in-hall dance letter, and his committee for all they have done this year. He noted that it was a pleasure to work with and an honor to lead them.
 7. Committee on University Affairs – Gail Thompson thanked her committee.
 8. Ad-hoc Committee – Jake Teske stated the committee sent out a letter to the department chairs regarding funding for hall fellows. He strongly urged the new Senators to continue and follow up on this project because the current committee ran out of time.

9. Financial Management Board – Jesse Norman reported that FMB will be having its annual marathon budget meeting this Sunday.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- A. SS0203-28: Resolution Regarding Stepan Center
- i. Gail Thompson introduced the resolution to the floor. Jake Teske commented that the building is ugly, and this resolution is definitely feasible. Trip mentioned that a replacement for the Stepan Center is in the strategic plan for the university. Joanna Cornwell stated that several clubs would not return to this location. Brin Anderson moved to end debate. Senate moved into voting procedure without objection. **The Resolution Regarding Stepan Center was passed at 6:50 p.m.**
- B. SS0203-29: Letter Regarding Student Involvement
- i. Joanna Cornwell stated this letter is a long-term idea. She stated that in the letter, they wrote that they do appreciate “the efforts of the University’s willingness to obtain student input in the major decisions made on campus” and urge the University to continue student input and maybe consider more student input.
 - ii. Discussion: Jeremy Staley wanted to echo Joanna’s thoughts and mentioned that everyone should not forget why this University exists. Trip commented that the groups that do have student input are responsive and the student Senate appreciates their responses. Elliot Poindexter wondered where the letter would be going. Joanna clarified that it could be sent to any group; however, it is more a statement.
 - iii. Jesse Norman PQed (previous question); Rick Harris seconded. **The Letter Regarding Student Involvement passed with the majority in favor at 6:53 p.m.**
- C. SS0203-30: Letter Regarding Graduation
- i. Jeremy Staley introduced the letter to Senate. He said that two members of the Office of the President Academics division were concerned that graduation was not a personalized experience. Also, the letter addresses having the possibility of having graduation outside. Jeremy made some changes to the letter (refer to the letter).
 - ii. Discussion: Sarah Bates wondered how the research was going. Jeremy said he would be meeting with Fr. Malloy soon. Trip said the idea has been presented to Dean Paige and will be followed up on. Jeremy commented that the 22 schools they researched all have outside ceremonies. Gail Thompson mentioned that they might run into the same problems of not having enough locations. Trip noted that within the ceremonies there would be personalized recognition; if anyone wanted the specific details, contact Kim Anderson or Allison Vater. Jesse Norman motioned to vote by a show of hands. Kevin Conley made a strong push for this letter. Jake Teske commented that as a graduating senior, he would like to be recognized. Jeremy said that the deans are very much in support for this graduation system. Senate moved into voting procedure: **With 23 in favor and 1 abstention, the Letter Regarding Graduation passed at 7:01 p.m.**

- D. SS0203-31: Resolution Regarding Naval Science Minor
- i. Kevin Conley said the committee was concerned that the Naval Science students were not getting the adequate academic recognition they deserved for the time and effort they put in. The letter addressed having an academic minor available to those students who take the Department of Naval Science courses. (Refer to the letter for more details.) Trip commented that the academic minor would apply to other military divisions. The Naval Science was a good test case.
 - ii. Discussion: Courtney Kohout supported the letter because she thought if a student were to spend so much time, it should count. Ricky Sadowski mentioned that ROTC students are here on scholarship to take these classes, plus does getting a minor help in the real world. Kevin replied that the classes are open to all students. Jeremy Staley commented that Kevin has done a great job on the research. Jesse Norman remarked that not all ROTC students are on scholarship, and he knows some students that take the classes who are not in ROTC. Voting procedure: **Without objection, the Resolution Regarding Naval Science Minor passed at 7:10 p.m.**
- E. SS0203-32: Amendment Regarding Winter Board of Trustees Meeting
- i. Elliot Poindexter introduced the amendment to the floor. This would just update the Constitution stating the Winter Board of Trustees agenda and content would be approved in the same manner as the Spring BOT.
 - ii. Kara Wick PQed. **Without objection, the Amendment Regarding Board of Trustees Meeting passed at 7:12 p.m.**
- F. SS0203-33: Amendment Regarding Election Bylaws
- i. Elliot Poindexter explained that by changing the bylaws, it would give more direction in the student body elections and relieves many problems. Dave Brenner offered two friendly amendments, which can be seen on the attached amendment. Brian Coughlin asked Elliot how Student Affairs felt. Elliot responded that the director thought this was a great idea.
 - ii. Sarah Bates moved for unanimous consent. **The Amendment Regarding Election Bylaws passed at 7:14 p.m.**
- G. SS0203-34: Amendment Regarding Transition Representative to New Committees
- i. Joanna Cornwell noted that she realized that many Senate projects go longer than the term lasts. She believed the amendment stating a person from the past committees stays on the committee for the new committees until the third meeting of the fall as an advisor. It would remedy transition problems and help continue unfinished projects. Brin Anderson wondered where the third meeting came from. Joanna explained that the Spring meetings are transition meetings, the first meeting in the fall acts as an introduction, the second determines the projects for the rest of the year, and the third meeting is follow up. Kevin Conley asked how the member who would be staying on be selected. Joanna said the current committee would pick whoever they wanted. Katie Boyle noted to change "respected" to "respective". Ricky Sadowski was concerned that there would never be a smooth transition. If commented that if people were really interested in seeing change, he or she would run again. He did not think the amendment was feasible.

Katie Boyle disagreed completely stating that having a past senator would have helped a lot this year. Courtney Badgley stated that there is not a lack of interest just that many juniors go abroad. Kevin Conley suggested adding at the chairmen's discretion. Elliot stated that the purpose of the amendment was to help all committees because so many new people were coming into a new situation. Jason Creek replied to Ricky's earlier statement by saying that there is not a lack of interest, and no one ever approached the committee about past projects. Jake Teske remarked that this amendment gives Senate more power because each year the administration counts on issues/projects getting dropped when new representatives are elected in. If Senators have help during the transition period, things can be pursued and changed. Dave Brenner agreed with Kevin about loosening the clause so it does not seem like the past Senator overshadows the new Senators. Ricky changed his mind and decided to whole-heartedly support the amendment. Brian Coughlin believed that the wording needed to be more specific due to the accountability issue. His advice was if the committee felt unguided at the beginning of the year, this should give more motivation to make a detailed transition report. Also, if anyone had or has questions, go to him because he has been the advisor for a long time.

- ii. Kevin echoed that Brian was/is a great resource. He made an amendment to add: "The suggested transition period will be until the third meeting of fall, but may be terminated at an earlier time with the joint discretion of the new committee chair and advisory member." Jesse Norman seconded the amendment. With unanimous consent, the amendment passed at 7:30 p.m.
- iii. Kevin made another amendment, so it would read: It reads: One Senate member **will be** selected from **the outgoing** Academics, Diversity, Ethics, Gender, Residence Life, and University Affairs to remain as an advisory member of each **respective** committee until the third committee meeting in the fall. Sarah Bates seconded. Senate moved into voting procedure on the amendment, it passed at 7:32 p.m.
- iv. Elliot moved to end debate. Sarah Bates motioned for unanimous consent. Jeremy objected. Senate moved into voting procedure; with one against, the Amendment on Transition Periods passed at 7:33 p.m.

H. SS0203-35: Letter Regarding In-Hall Dances

- i. The letter will be distributed to CLC on April 14, 2003. Jeremy Staley applauded the way the committee approached the issue. Sean Williams moved to end debate. Without any objections, Senate moved in to voting procedure. **With majority in favor of the Letter Regarding In-Hall Dances, it passed at 7:35 p.m.**

I. SS0203-36: Resolution Regarding In-hall Dances

- i. Allison Ferber commented that the resolution is similar to the letter. The reason why the committee decided to have both was for strategic reasons. The resolution asked for the reconsideration of in-hall dances, and the letter was more informative. Trip Foley noted that the online poll has been approved and will be sent out soon. He was not sure if the information would be available for the presentation at the next CLC meeting. Henry Scott suggested clarifying in the last Whereas clause which factor. Jesse Norman made an amendment to change "whether" to "which factor or factors." Jake Teske seconded. Blake Haan PQed.

- Voting on amendment – with the majority in favor, the amendment passed at 7:42 p.m.
- ii. Katie Boyle thought the CLC should review the in-hall dance situation; she was in complete support of this resolution. Blake Haan requested that the Keenan Review be taken out of the resolution. Also, he did not see any growth in the resolution; it looked the same to him and seemed like a last minute pitch. Kevin replied that the change has not been positive and after a year in review, they are suggesting a probationary period. Katie Boyle made a friendly amendment to at “but not limited to” in the Appreciating clause after “such as.”
 - iii. Senate moved into voting procedure: **With 17 in favor, 4 opposed and 3 abstentions, the Resolution Regarding In-hall Dances passed at 7:46 p.m.**
- J. SS0203-37: Resolution Regarding Fencing Team
- i. Blake Haan noted that this resolution was to show support and appreciation for the fencing team. **Without objection, Resolution Regarding Fencing Team was approved at 7:47 p.m.**
- K. SS0203-38: Residence Life Resolution
- i. Sarah Bates introduced a lighter sided resolution to the floor. She commented that the committee has been working on this resolution all year. The purpose of the resolution was to emphasize the vital impact the Residence Life committee has.
 - ii. Blake Haan motioned to table the resolution forever; Jake Teske seconded. Senate moved to vote on the motion. Trip asked for any objections. Jeremy Staley objected. Jesse Norman motioned to postpone the resolution indefinitely. Courtney Kohout seconded. **With majority in favor, the Res Life Resolution was postponed indefinitely at 7:50 p.m.**

VII. Announcements

- A. Kevin Conley announced he would head up the Golden Domes Project for next year; he welcomed help.
- B. Gail Thompson stated that the Faculty Senate/Student Senate dinner will be held in the next 2 weeks. She also had Peace Conference shirts for \$10.
- C. Trip Foley mentioned nominations for the Irish Clover and Frank O’Malley awards are due this Friday. He will be sending out an email vote for the awards.
- D. Blake Haan thanked Brian Coughlin for his support, dedication and hard work.
- E. Trip stated that the career center is sponsoring Idealist Career Day on April 2, 2003 from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. in Grace Hall.
- F. Sean Williams was very disturbed over an Observer article regarding Executive Cabinet. He remarked he strongly condemns the comments made by Seth O’Donnell and Danielle Ledesma.
- G. Sarah Bates reported that the Senate t-shirts would be delivered on Monday, March 31. Also, she encouraged all the Senators to attend the CLC meeting on April 14, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame room—she would appreciate the support.
- H. Joanna Cornwell recognized all the people sitting at the head table.
- I. Elliot Poindexter invited everyone to the BCAC Fashion Show this Saturday at the Stepan Center at 7:30 p.m.

- J. Jeremy Staley made an “e-motion”: He was glad he got to meet everyone this year.
- K. Sarah Blake wished Jake Teske an early Happy Birthday.
- L. Jesse Norman announced that the Queen of ND Pageant would be coming in two weeks.
- M. Look at the Under the Dome online calendar!
(“It’s a phenomenal calendar!”~ Ricky Sadowski)

VIII. Adjournment

Blake Haan motioned to adjourn. Dave Brenner seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 8: 08p.m. The next Student Senate meeting will take place Wednesday, April 2, 2003 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Chin
Student Union Secretary

Thanks for a GREAT term!