

Notre Dame Student Senate

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

April 11, 2001

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order
Chairman Brian Moscona called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
- B. Invocation
Mark Roland led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
Before roll call, Jesse Flores motioned for Tai Romero to serve as acting secretary and Danielle Ledesma to serve as acting parliamentarian. The motion was passed unanimously. Lindsay Zika and Greg Celio were absent.
- D. Approval of the April 04, 2001 Minutes
The Executive Summary for April 04, 2001 was approved unanimously.

II. REPORTS

- A. Officer Reports
 - 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
President Brooke Norton reminded the Senate that the Board of Trustees Spring Report is under construction. To aid in its creation, a meeting to get student's input on the University's social space will be held at 9PM on April 11, 2001. Surveys are being prepared to get an accurate view of the subject. Brooke also reported that the Office of the President is planning "fun things" for finals' week and planning ahead for events next year. Ms. Norton proclaimed that the Campus Life Council passed the Senate's Resolution concerning the printing of the Mission Statement in *du Lac*. She advocated that the Senate show support for the upcoming CLC meeting at 4:30 on April 30 because the Senate Resolution on parietals will be debated.
 - 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
Vice President Brian Moscona reminded everyone that the first committee meetings will be on Tuesday, April 17, 2001 from 6:00 – 9:30 PM. He also suggested that everyone wishing to be a committee chair contact the previous chairperson to get a feel for the position. All wishing to run for a chair position must be nominated. Those wanting to run on a ticket must contact Brian Moscona.
 - 3) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council
Mr. Adam Russ explained that the HPC had its first meeting of the year and that this meeting served as a sort of housewarming. He announced that several big events, including the Fisher Regatta and the Carroll Hall Fusic Fest, are coming up in the next weeks.
 - 4) Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative
Ms. Erin Casey declared that St. Mary's Board of Governance is officially up and running. The main goal of this body is to implement on campus accessibility to students and to improve existing St. Mary's and Notre Dame relations.

III. PODIUM

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Formal Approval of Student Senate Officers
 1. Secretary of Student Union, Tai Romero
Ms. Tai Romero was approved unanimously to serve as Student Union Secretary. Tai will be responsible for keeping accurate records of the happenings for Student Senate, Campus Life Council, and Executive Cabinet.
 2. Parliamentarian, Danielle Ledesma
Ms. Danielle Ledesma apologized for not being able to attend last week's meeting. She highlighted her previous experience as being a member of Key Club and JSA, serving as secretary for Circle K and parliamentarian for a year, and partaking in a class demonstration on parliamentary procedure. Ms. Ledesma was approved unanimously for Parliamentarian.
 3. Chaplain of Student Senate, Tim O'Malley

- Mr. Tim O'Malley was approved unanimously for the position of Chaplain of Student Senate.
- B. Formal Approval for Office of the President Positions
1. Chief of Staff
Mr. Jonathan (JJ) Jorissen was approved officially as the Office of the President Chief of Staff.
 2. Academic Delegate
Mr. Brian Moscona presented a letter, which Melissa Rauch submitted due to her absence. Melissa was approved unanimously as Academic Delegate, who serves as a representative to the Academic Council.
 3. Controller
Ms. Norton explained, at the questioning of Blake Haan, that the controller manages all Student Union accounts and attends the meetings of the Financial Management Board. Ms. Audra Hagan was approved unanimously for this position.
- C. Formal Approval of Judicial Council Positions
1. Vice President of Elections, John McCarthy
John McCarthy was present for his unanimous approval by Senate for Vice President of Elections.
 2. Vice Presidents of Peer Advocacy, Nikki DePersis and Susan Wong
Ms. Nicholeen DePersis and Ms. Susan Wong were approved to serve as next year's Vice Presidents of Peer Advocacy.
- D. Letter of Nomination for Student Union Board Programmers
The following people were approved unanimously:
Katie Sisk as AnTostal Commissioner; Mark Avitabile, Mark Beschler, and Diana Hlavac as Campus Entertainment Programmers; Lauren Fowler as Collegiate Jazz Festival Director; Anne Lim as Multicultural Arts Commissioner; Stephen Christ as Ideas and Issues Chairperson; Sara Branch and Connie Quinlan as Movies Programmers; Tara Franco as Services Commissioner; Katie Elgass as Sophomore Literary Festival Director; Andrea Doyle as Special Events Commissioner.
- E. SS0102-05: Amendment- Explicit Assignment of Celebrating Diversity Workshop to Senate Committee on Diversity Affairs
The following textual change to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body was approved unanimously:
All new Senators shall attend a Celebrating Diversity Workshop as coordinated by the Senate Committee on Diversity Affairs.
- F. SS0102-06: Amendment- Sentence Change in Judicial Council Bylaws
The following textual change to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body was approved unanimously:
The Executive Liaison of the Senate to the Judicial Council shall work with the Executive Liaison of the Judicial Council to the Senate to ensure communication between the two groups.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Letter of Nomination for Class Council Representative on Financial Management Board, Jason King
Student Union Treasurer Jennifer Wolfe presented Jason King as the Financial Management Board's nominee for Class Council Representative. Ms. Wolfe explained that normally the FMB names the Junior Class Treasurer for this position, but that person was unable to fulfill the position. Mr. Jason King, Jennifer reported, is more than qualified for the job due to his service as Freshman Class Treasurer.
- B. Formal Budget Approval for 2001-2002.
Student Union Treasurer Jennifer Wolfe presented the official budget for the 2001-2002 academic year. She explained that the Financial Management Board reviewed all the requests for budget allocations and are pleased to present what they feel is a fair and impartial budget. The FMB is composed of the Controllers and Treasurers of all the major clubs on campus, including two representatives of the Student Senate. When the report was presented to all the Senators, Ms. Wolfe reminded the audience that this year's total allocation was \$5,000 less than last year. Nikki McCord asked for clarification as to where the budget for the Rector's Endowment Fund is taken from to which she was answered that half the funds from The Shirt sales went into this account. Sole Galmarini noticed a decrease in the LaFortune 24-Hour Funding. Senate advisor Mary Edgington explained that LaFortune and the Student Activities Office has allocated money to keep LaFortune open for study days within its own budget. Student Union Treasurer Jennifer Wolfe further clarified that the Club Coordination Council receives a certain portion of each year's budget and allocates that amount to clubs at its own discretion after a question posed by Padraic McDermott. Senator Mike Shultz asked for the purpose for each of the Office of the President divisions. President Brooke Norton offered a brief overview of each division of the Office of the President and the assorted responsibilities and expected expenses of each. Blake Haan questioned as to why SUB Welcome Week received no funding. Nikki McCord asked why no money was allotted for Transfer Orientation, and Mark Roland inquired why the division of the Student Union Board received not money. Jennifer Wolfe reassured the Senate that no requests had been received by FMB this year for these organizations. Student

Union Board Director of Operations Jackie Gelzheiser and Student Union Board Director of Programming Katie Hammond were on hand to answer any questions posed by the Senators. Nikki McCord motioned to approve the budget as presented due to the lack of appeals concerning the budget. The budget was approved with 25 of 26 Senators voting in the affirmative.

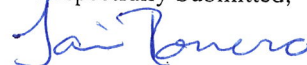
VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the inquisition of Ms. Kim Milford, President Brooke Norton explained that there would be no BBQ to congratulate the women's basketball team due to assorted reasons. Senator Jesse Flores wished everyone a Happy Easter and urged all of those staying on campus to attend the student Mass on Sunday at 9PM. Mr. Padraic McDermott reminded the Senate that the ROTC would be engaging in the Presidential Pass-in-Review at 4PM on Wednesday, April 18, 2001 in Loftus. Ms. Tai Romero and Mr. Jesse Flores requested help from anyone interested in organizing the student government archives.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Nikki McCord moved for adjournment at 8:05 PM and this motion was approved unanimously. The next meeting of the Student Senate will take place at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 18, 2001 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tai Romero
Student Union Secretary
April 11, 2001

