

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

April 18, 2001

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order
Vice President Brian Moscona called the meeting to order at 6:04.
- B. Invocation
Chaplain Tim O'Malley led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
Kim Milford was absent.
- D. Approval of the April 11, 2001 Minutes
The Executive Summary for April 11, 2001 was unanimously approved after Mark Roland pointed out that it was Mark Coomes who led the invocation.

II. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
President Brooke Norton reminded all the senators that the upcoming Campus Life Council meeting of Monday, April 23, 2001 has paramount importance due to the fact that an extension of weekday parietals from 10AM-12midnight to 9AM-1AM will be debated. Brooke requested input from the senators and their dorms on the issue and asked that some feedback be given to the rectors and senators serving on CLC this year. Ms. Norton also noted that a revised method of football ticket distribution is in the works. She stated that the purpose of Executive Cabinet is trying to establish more effective communication and preventing the overlap of events. Ms. Norton updated the assembly on the previous resolution that was passed requesting a description and the guidelines of academic freedom at Notre Dame. Dean Roche responded to the letter regarding this resolution and assured that the issue will be looked into in the fall.
- 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
Vice President Brian Moscona began his report by thanking all the senators for attending the committee meetings. He also restated a few office tips including the door code (2-4-5) and the availability of computers. Ms. Moscona urged all the senators to use their assigned mailboxes to communicate within the Senate. Brian reiterated his open door policy in regards to his student government office.
- 3) Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
Ms. Tai Romero started by offering her phone number (1-4553) in the student government office and pointing out the location of her mailbox. She set deadlines for Senate amendments that need to be voted on as 10PM on Sunday. Any other information to be placed on the agenda must be turned in to Tai by Wednesday at 3PM. Any resolutions, amendments, or additions to the weekly Senate packets must be turned in both electronically via email and in paper form to the student government office. If copies are not turned into Tai Romero or Nancy Walsh by 3PM on Tuesday, the individual responsible for the copying is the person bringing the issue to Senate.
- 4) Mr. Jonathan Jorissen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Mr. Jonathan Jorissen reported that the Office of the President is having committee meetings every week. So far, the diversity division of the Office has the most events planned ahead. JJ notified the body some fun stuff is in the works for finals' week. To increase communication within the office, a schedule of office hours is in the works.
- 5) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
Mr. Adam Russ reported that the Halls Presidents Council is researching hall storage, Freshmen Orientation, and brother-sister dorms. Adam pointed out several events on campus during the coming week, including In Tribute of Their Race, Carroll Hall Fusic Fest, Badin's Shake Down, and McGlinn's Meal of Nations.
- 6) Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative
Ms. Erin Casey invited the assembly to a Student Diversity Board Picnic. Erin reported that Chad Silker will serve as the new Notre Dame representative on the St. Mary's Board of Governance. Lastly, she informed the Senate that focus groups on women's issues on campus are being assembled.

B. Committee Reports

- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
Senator Pat Hallahan reported that his committee will be meeting Monday at 8:30. The committee has plans of continuing work on sophomore advising, TCE's, etc.
- 2) Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
Senators Nikki McCord and Liz Lenn submitted a request to the Senate for more members for their committee. In the plans for next year are continued research on TCE's and conversation with the Student Union Board on the creation of a diversity division. This division's next meeting is Tuesday at 7PM.
- 3) Committee on Ethics, Jennie Flannery
Senator Jennie Flannery announced the next committee meeting as Monday at 7PM but emphasized that the committee will not meet every week.
- 4) Committee on Gender Issues, Jeanine Valles
Senator Jeanine Valles welcomed everyone to attend the Gender Issues meeting at 8PM on Tuesday and possibly a future field trip to the women's resource center.
- 5) Committee on Oversight, Padraic McDermott
Senator Padraic McDermott announced that Oversight will meet at 6PM this Thursday, but that will be the last meeting of the year. All members of this committee are responsible for reading the Constitution.
- 6) Committee on Residence Life, Matt LaFratta and Aldo Tesi
Senators Matt LaFratta and Aldo Tesi reported that they will continue research on the parietals issues at their meeting on Sunday at 7:30PM.
- 7) Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores and Mark Roland
Senators Jesse Flores and Mark Roland reported their committee's purpose as being to stimulate intellectual life. In the future, they plan to review the student center progress. The Committee on University Affairs will meet at 8:30PM on Sunday.

III. PODIUM

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Formal Approval of Class Council Representative on Financial Management Board, Jason King
The Senate voted unanimously for Mr. Jason King to serve as the class council representative on the Financial Management Board.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of Senate Representatives on Campus Life Council
President Brooke Norton began by stressing the importance of Campus Life Council, especially in supporting any passed Senate resolutions. The CLC is composed of a sampling of students, faculty, rectors, and administration. The CLC meets every other Monday at 4:30 and lasts the entire academic year; therefore, any Senate representative for CLC will be expected to attend these mandatory meetings. There are three open positions and one alternate position open for CLC representative. The Off-Campus Senator Steven Reddy is automatically a representative on this panel. Chairman Brian Moscona received nominations for Jesse Flores, Nikki McCord, Pat Hallahan, Brian McKenna, Meghan O'Donnell, Mary Mullen, Blake Haan, and Sole Galmarini. After short speeches citing their qualifications, the nominees were voted upon. The Senate Representatives for the next academic year's Campus Life Council will be Jesse, Meghan, and Sole with Blake acting as an alternate.
- B. Election of Senate Representatives on Financial Management Board
A description of Financial Management Board detailed the board as serving to distribute funds among student organizations. Two senators are responsible for attending the FMB meetings every other week. Jesse Flores stated the role of FMB as making sure allocations are used correctly. Mary Edgington commented that any expenditure of over \$5000 that is made by a student organization must be approved by the Financial Management Board. Chairman Brian Moscona received nominations for Jim Ryan, Mike Shultz, Matt Parsons and Nikki McCord. After short speeches citing their qualifications, the nominees were voted upon. The Senate Representatives for the next year's Financial Management Board will be Matt and Jim.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Brian Moscona asked for dates that the senators might be able to meet for a Senator Orientation. He asked that everyone keep Sunday the 29th from 1 to 4PM in mind.
In support of Kim Milford, whose mother passed away recently, a Mass will be offered. Plans for the service will be taken care of by Jennie Flannery.

Events around campus this week include Christmas in April, Carroll Hall's Fusic Fest (from 4-8), and Fisher Regatta (from 1-4) on Saturday and a 5K run/ 2mile walk entitled "In Tribute of Their Race" on Sunday (at 3) on the McGlenn fields.

Jim Ryan also announced an upcoming Dillon event including a date auction on Wednesday.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Nikki McCord motioned for adjournment and this was unanimously approved. The next session of Student Senate will be April 25, 2001 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tai Romero

Student Union Secretary

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