

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
September 5, 2001
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order
Vice President Brian Moscona called the meeting to order at 6:05.
- B. Invocation
Chaplain Tim O'Malley led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
All members were in attendance.
- D. Approval of the April 25, 2001 Minutes
Nikki McCord motioned that the minutes pass, and Matt LaFratta seconded that motion. The Executive Summary for April 25, 2001 was approved unanimously.

II. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
President Brooke Norton welcomed the Senate to a new semester. She also extended her hope that everyone enjoyed Team ND.
- 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
Vice President Brian Moscona yielded the floor to Danielle Ledesma to review parliamentary procedure. Danielle explained that if you need to ask a question you call a point of inquiry, and when asking for clarification, you call a point of clarification. If debate is running long or is repetitive, a senator can call to end questioning and end debate with a 2/3 vote. During debate, you may speak once until everyone who has expressed a wish to speak has spoken. Debate must be in a pro-con format. At this point, Nikki McCord asked if Robert's Rules of Order had been ordered for the committee chairs. Chairman Moscona said that he would have the books ordered during the week. Brian then yielded the floor to Son Nguyen. Son advertised the Learning to Talk about Race retreat on September 30th from 9AM to 9PM at St. Joseph's retreat center. The retreat, including Mass and food, will be an open atmosphere to talk about race and diversity.
- 3) Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
Ms. Tai Romero stated that resolutions must be submitted electronically by 10PM on Sunday in order to be voted on the following week. 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 congratulated the Office of the President Spiritual Committee on doing a fabulous job on the opening Mass. He also announced that the sale of reusable Grab-N-Go bags is doing well. Students who purchase the bags will be able to receive an extra side for the first 2 weeks of school. More announcements: Founders' Day is presently set for October 11th. The President's office will also be sponsoring a Nebraska game watch on North Quad with a campus band playing at 6:15 and pizza served at 7. Starting October 6th, the office will sponsor a midnight breakfast. JJ also announced that a student service center is being set up, plans are underway for a Sexual Assault Awareness Week, and the Office of the President retreat is Sunday from 1 to 6 in Keough Hall.
- 5) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
Mr. Adam Russ reported that the Hall Presidents' Council had its first meeting on Tuesday, the 4th. At the meeting, pep rally and concession stand schedules were set. Adam told the Senate that Farley Hall will be sponsoring a 5K walk/run to benefit the Ara Parseghian Foundation. This event is scheduled for the Sunday, October 23rd.
- 6) Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative
Ms. Erin Casey announced that the Board of Governance will sponsor a talk on academic freedom. Barbara O'Toole, a member of the ACLU, will present the talk on September 9 at 3PM in the Carroll Auditorium. The BOG will begin a monthly series of talks on "Understanding and Embracing our Sexuality." Lastly, St. Mary's will host its activity night on the 6th.

B. Committee Reports

- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
Senator Pat Hallahan reported that his committee will meet at 6:30 on Thursdays at North Dining Hall unless otherwise noted. The committee is working in conjunction with the academic division of the Office of the President. This year's objectives are to research experiential learning, excused senior absences, and open forum/dining hall meetings.
- 2) Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
Senators Liz Lenn reported the committee meeting time as Thursdays at 5:30 in the student government office. The main objective this year is to get all diversity groups to work together.
- 3) Committee on Ethics, Jennie Flannery

- Senator Jennie Flannery had nothing to announce. The committee will meet as needed
- 4) Committee on Gender Issues, Jeanine Valles
Senator Jeanine Valles' committee will meet on Sundays at 5:30 in the basement of LaFortune. The committee is working on establishing uniform 12:30 parietals on Sundays.
 - 5) Committee on Oversight, Padraic McDermott
Senator Padraic McDermott announced that Oversight will meet at 7:30PM on Tuesdays in LaFortune's basement. Right now, the committee is looking into filling the empty senator's position for McGlinn Hall.
 - 6) Committee on Residence Life, Matt LaFratta and Aldo Tesi
Senators Matt LaFratta and Aldo Tesi reported that their committee will meet Tuesdays at 6:30 on the upper north side of North Dining Hall. The plan for the year is to work for extended Sunday parietals and extended dinner hours at North Dining Hall.
 - 7) Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores and Mark Roland
Senators Jesse Flores and Mark Roland have set Wednesdays at 5PM as their meeting time in LaFortune's basement.

III. PODIUM

1. Greg Celio announced that at one time he was considering resigning from the Senate in order to pursue the Basilica folk choir. However, Greg has decided to remain in service to the men of Fisher.
2. Claudette Byrd-Rinck has decided to resign from the Senate.
3. Tim Jarotkiewicz, President of Judicial Council, yielded the floor to the Vice President of Elections, John McCarthy. John announced that an election to fill the off-campus senator position is in the works. There will be a mandatory meeting at 9:30PM, September 6 in the 2nd floor vestibule for all candidates. Campaigning will run from Thursday at midnight until Sunday at midnight. This election is setting precedent by allowing voters to cast ballots over email. Results will be announced Wednesday, and run-offs will be Monday if needed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Jim Ryan presented two ideas to the Senate. First, he presented the idea of having an open podium session for students to voice their opinions to the Senate. Suggestions were made to limit the total and individual time students could occupy the podium. Secondly, Jim suggested that the Senate agenda be published in the Observer each week.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aldo wants to cook for the Senate. Do you have any menu suggestions?

Padraic is holding a town hall style meeting in Morrissey as office hours.

Jesse requested to talk to the committee chairs after the meeting.

Brooke requested that all committees make use of the student government calendar. This will also help eliminate overbooking of the student government office for meetings.

Brian Coughlin looks forward to working with the Senate this year.

Brian Moscona would like to meet with each senator. Please sign up for a meeting time outside of his office. Steering committee meetings will be on Mondays at 6:30.

How do you feel about theme Senate meetings?

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Greg Celio motioned for adjournment at 6:57, and this motion was unanimously approved. The next session of Student Senate will be September 12, 2001 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tai Romero
Student Union Secretary
September 5, 2001