

Notre Dame Student Union Executive Cabinet

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

September 10, 2001

Foster Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order
Senior Class President Peter Rossman called the meeting to order at 6:03.
- B. Invocation
Tim Jarotkiewicz led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
Carlos Siu and Anhtuan Do were absent. Peggy Hnatusko was also unable to attend.
- D. Approval of the September 3, 2001 Executive Summary
The September 3, 2001 Executive Summary was approved unanimously after a motion from John Hagan.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Student Senate Update
Vice President Brian Moscona reported that Senate had its first meeting last Wednesday. The Senate discussed opening the podium to all students, but perhaps limiting the total time students could talk and the time each individual could speak. Also brought up was the option of putting the Senate agenda in the Observer each week.
- B. St. Mary's College Update
Erin Casey announced that the Student Diversity Board is working on a racism policy for the St. Mary's handbook. Also, the Student Academic Council is working on a proposal to address the lack of study days in the schedule.
- C. Student Activities Office Update
Peggy Hnatusko did not attend Executive Council. However, Brooke did pass out a booklet of Catering Resource Information for Students that Peggy wanted everyone to have.
- D. Calendar Collaboration
Casey Fitzmaurice reported that the Student Union Board graphic designer is working on a template to run in the Observer on Wednesdays with the Executive Cabinet ad. Casey also passed along information that she has been in contact with Preston, the technology chair for the Office of the President, about updating the student government web site to include the Executive Cabinet's official calendar. Casey requested that each organization bring their events to Executive Council so that they may be advertised the following week. Katie Hammond suggested that we look into having outside sponsors for the ad, while Matt Smith added the idea of including a handout within the Observer rather than purchasing a regular black and white ad.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Open Communication with the Student Body

Brooke, JJ, and Brian met with Mary Edgington to discuss the acquisition of the large blue board located between the elevator and the Huddle in LaFortune. Mary is open to the idea of relocating the large blue board to give the Executive Council some space for a Calendar. Mary will be at the next Executive Council meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Campus Safety Ad

Erin Casey reported that St. Mary's Board of Governance is handing out whistles and safety brochures to its entire student body the Thursday before the Michigan State game. The brochure is intended to promote the education of what campus safety constitutes. The BOF is interested in putting an ad in the Observer and hopes that the Executive Council will cosponsor the ad. Matt Smith voiced his concerns at commissioning this ad so soon after some allegations were printed in the Observer. Erin responded to that concern by reminding the council that many events go unreported and that we should not let these incidents go unanswered. Erin further explained that this ad is not meant as a retort to the week's past events. Rather, Notre Dame and St. Mary's students often let their guard down due to the lax atmosphere of our college campuses. Amy Sellers echoed that opinion by reporting that students tend to set themselves up as targets. Matt Smith suggested making a week-long safety awareness issue. At this time, the mention of the On/Off Campus Safety Night at the Alumni Senior Club came up. The event is September 18, 2001 at 6PM.

B. Structure of the Freshman Council

Keri Oxley announced that all freshman representatives will be elected from their respective dorms this weekend. These new reps will have an informational meeting, a social meeting, and then officer elections. Keri asked for suggestions on how to make the freshman class council more cohesive and visible. Some suggestions that came from the sophomore class council included a big brother/ big sister program and a meet-the-council night. Peter Rossman recommended having committees that consisted of other freshmen besides the council. Tai Romero proposed that officers be elected on a trial basis so that reps would have time to get to know each other. Matt Smith suggested that the typical hierarchical structure of the council be abandoned altogether.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brooke Norton made a secret announcement to the council, which, due to its classified nature, is written in invisible ink on this paper.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Peter Rossman adjourned the council at 6:57. The next meeting of the Executive Cabinet will be on Monday, September 17, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tai Romero

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Student Union Secretary
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