

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
September 12, 2001
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order
Vice President Brian Moscona called the meeting to order at 6:06.
- B. Invocation
Chaplain Tim O'Malley led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
All members were in attendance.
- D. Approval of the September 5, 2001 Minutes
The last line of Mr. Adam Russ's Hall Presidents' Council report should have read: This event is scheduled for Sunday, September 25.
Nikki McCord motioned that the minutes pass, and Jim Ryan seconded that motion. The Executive Summary for September 5, 2001 was approved unanimously.

II. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
President Brooke Norton introduced Carmen Macharaschwili, the new program coordinator of the Institute for Latino Studies which has been located in McKenna Hall for the past 2 years. Carmen announced that the Institute will hold a salsa dance and lecture this Friday.
President Norton took the floor again with an update on Campus Life Council. The CLC held its first informal meeting. Discussion on the structure of the council and the option of task force formation versus committees shaped the meeting. This year welcomes some new members including Dr. David Moss, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs. The new faculty members of CLC have yet to be elected by the faculty senate. The next Campus Life Council meeting will be Monday, September 17, 2001 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.
Brooke also reported that the Office of the President, in cooperation with several other campus organizations, will be working to organize relief efforts and prayer services to help out the victims of the terrorism in New York.
Lastly, Brook publicized the cancellation of the Purdue football game. Lou Nanni, Vice President of Public Affairs and Communication, has said the game will now be scheduled for December 1.
- 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
Vice President Brian Moscona yielded the floor to Jason McFarley, an associate of the Observer. Jason spoke on behalf of the newspaper of his enthusiasm in accommodating Senate wishes by advertising the Senate agenda once a week. Jason pointed out the "This Week on Campus" section on the inside cover as the possible place if insertion. Chairman Moscona handed out copies of Robert's Rules of Orders to the committee chairs. He then reminded all senators to sign up for a personal meeting with him if not signed up already. In conclusion, Brian announced that Senate will have its own bulletin board in the student government office. All committees should keep a list of its goals on this board.
- 3) Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
Ms. Tai Romero stated that due to the insertion of the agenda into the Observer, the agenda requirements might change during the year. More information on that change will come later. For now, please try to have all information for the agenda into Tai by 5PM Tuesday night.
- 4) Mr. Jonathan Jorissen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Mr. Jonathan Jorissen congratulated the Office of the President on hosting a game watch that was in essence more successful than the game. Mr. Jorissen also took a moment to assess the student government retreat as having been a way to prepare "mentally and spiritually."
JJ announced the following events:
 - Town Hall meeting at 8PM in the Notre Dame Room on September 18, 2001. Ticket distribution and freshmen orientation are two large discussion areas that will be covered in the meeting. Food will be provided.
 - An On and Off-Campus Safety Forum will be help as part of the Life 101 Workshop Series. The event will be held at the Alumni Senior Club on September 25, 2001 at 6PM.
- 5) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison

- Mr. Adam Russ had nothing to report due to the cancellation of the Tuesday night HPC meeting.
- 6) Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative
Ms. Erin Casey announced that St. Mary's was closed on September 11, 2001 due to the unforeseen events that day. The Board of Governance will be raising safety awareness on campus in preparation for the first ND home football game by handing out whistles to its entire constituency on Thursday, September 20. Erin also reported that the BOG is working in coordination with the Notre Dame Executive Cabinet to put a safety advertisement/ warning in the Observer before the Michigan State game on Saturday, September 22.

B. Committee Reports

- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
Senator Pat Hallahan reported that his committee meeting was cancelled. The senator did take the time, though, to express his feelings of inspiration due to the unification of the campus in wake of the airplane crashes in New York and Washington D.C.
- 2) Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
Senators Liz Lenn entreated the senators to join the diversity committee. Right now, the committee is intent on meeting with the other heads of diversity groups on campus.
- 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 every other Sunday at 5:30 in the basement of LaFortune. The committee is going to meet with Bill Kirk to work on establishing uniform 12:30 parietals on Sundays. Jeanine reminded the senators that the Women's Retreat, sponsored by the Junior Class and Campus Ministry, is scheduled for November 9-11.
- 5) Committee on Oversight, Padraic McDermott
Senator Padraic McDermott commended the Judicial Council for their handling of the off-campus senator election.
- 6) Committee on Residence Life, Matt LaFratta and Aldo Tesi
Senator Matt LaFratta reported that their committee would meet Tuesdays at 6:30 on the upper north side of North Dining Hall or 7PM if dinner with Fr. Poorman was rescheduled for the following Tuesday. This committee is working in conjunction with Gender Issues on meeting with Bill Kirk. One new addition to the campus, the addition of soy milk, can be attributed to this committee.
- 7) Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores and Mark Roland
Senator Mark Roland announced that the committee is "operating like a well-oiled machine" and researching many topics for the coming year. The use, availability, and effectiveness of the university counseling services and the CSC's vans are being researched. In addition, open dialogue with health services is being sought.

III. PODIUM

Prayer Vigil Proposition

Senator John Cannon expressed his belief that the university needs a campus-wide event in wake of Tuesday's events. To address the issue, a prayer vigil in coordination with fundraising is being planned. We will have to send a campus wide email or voice mail to advertise the event. Pat Hallahan asked if there was anything being done for the families of ND graduates and alumni that were affected by the terrorism. Brooke Norton answered that the Rector's Fund is in place and may be taken advantage of in times like these. Aldo Tesi remarked that the prayer service could double as a memorial service. Jennie Flannery reminded everyone to keep long term ideas so as not to lose the impact of the situation.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SS0102-07 Public Requirement
This resolution was tabled.
- B. Open Podium
Debate arose as to whether opening the podium to students required passing a resolution. Suggestions were made to wait to see if student overload on the podium would be a problem. Discussion shifted to publishing the Senate agenda in the Observer. After discussion on what to include in the Observer, Nikki McCord suggested that dialogue open between the Oversight Committee and the Observer.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Coughlin reported the RecSports has announced that all Big East athletic events are canceled this week.

All Hall Dance events are canceled or are continuing at the discretion of individual hall rectors.

Happy 20th Birthday to Danielle Ledesma!!!

Sophomore Class Rosary is Tuesday at the grotto at 7:30.

To participate in Sorin's blood drive, please contact Doug Pope (4-0796) to schedule a time.

John Cannon reminded everyone of the adage: "You are innocent until proven guilty." This comment was in reference to recent allegations printed in the Observer toward some Keough residents.

ND for Animals will meet at 7PM in the CSC.

On September 12, A Life Uncommon will meet in the basement of Pangborn at 10PM.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Jim Ryan motioned for adjournment at 7:00, and this motion was unanimously approved. The next session of Student Senate will be September 19, 2001 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tai Romero
Student Union Secretary
September 12, 2001

