

Notre Dame Student Senate  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
September 19, 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  
Padraic McDermott was absent.  
Welcome to new members Matt Smith and Maggie Morrissey.
- D. Approval of the September 12, 2001 Minutes  
Mark Roland announced that the addition of soy milk on campus was not a direct effect of his committee; rather, he was only mentioning the addition, not taking credit for it.  
Jesse Flores motioned that the minutes pass, and Jim Ryan seconded that motion. The Executive Summary for September 12, 2001 was approved unanimously.

## II. REPORTS

### A. Officer Reports

- 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
  - ♣ The Campus Life Council held its first official meeting of the Fall 2001 semester. The council looks like it will be a "cohesive group."
  - ♣ CLC formed three task forces to look into social space, off-campus student issues, and alcohol use and abuse. All students are welcome to join these committees.
  - ♣ The Executive Cabinet has been meeting as long as Senate this year. The cabinet features a weekly advertisement in the Observer to keep students abreast of campus events.
- 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
  - ♣ The new off-campus and McGlenn senators were introduced. Matt Smith resides in the Turtle Creek Apartments and is a government and history major. Maggie Morrissey is a sophomore psychology major.
  - ♣ There has been much confusion over an ambiguous email sent to the student body, which concerns the Dean's list requirements. The administration has asked the Senate to wait a week before addressing the subject so that Academic Council can discuss the matter first.
  - ♣ The Steering Committee will henceforth determine what agenda items are advertised in the Observer.
  - ♣ Senate has set a goal to create a web site for the body.
  - ♣ Reminder: Committees may invite members of the student body to serve on them.
- 3) Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
  - ♣ The Senate minute style will be getting a facelift. If you have any suggestions, let Tai know.
- 4) Mr. Jonathan Jorissen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
  - ♣ The first town hall meeting was rather successful with 25 students in attendance.
  - ♣ The first Life Skills 101 Workshop will focus on safety issues. The event will be held September 25, 2001 at 6PM at the Alumni Senior Club. Blimpies will provide food.
  - ♣ Founders' Day is scheduled for October 11, 2001. This year the Office of the President is hoping to feature historical information about the campus. This information feature will coincide with the Northern Indiana Historical Society's presentation on 160 years of student life. Plans are being made to make the event into a semi-formal dance/dinner in one or both of the dining halls.
- 5) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
  - ♣ The first home football game is September 22, 2001.
  - ♣ Thursday night, Dillon Hall will host its annual pep rally at 7PM. The theme is Saturday Night Live.
  - ♣ Friday night, doors to the JACC will open at 5:30 for the pep rally. At 6, the public will be allowed admission. The pep rally will actually commence at 6:30.
  - ♣ Sunday, Farley Hall will present its "Goal for Life," a 5mile walk/ 2K run to benefit the Ara Parseghian Research Foundation. The run/walk begins at 3PM at the Center for Social Concerns on September 23. The cost is \$10 for pre-registration and \$12 the day of the race. The first 400 finishers

will receive a tee shirt. 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
    - ♣ The forum on students' academic freedom was successful.
    - ♣ Whistles will be handed out to the St. Mary's student body on Thursday, September 20.
    - ♣ A safety advertisement sponsored by SMC and ND will appear in the Observer on Friday.
- B. Committee Reports
- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
    - ♣ Anne McCarley visited the scholarship/fellowship office located in O'Shaughnessy Hall. This office's responsibility is to provide information about awards offered and to aid students in the application process. The office is still in its infant years and may take two or three more years to accumulate student feedback.
    - ♣ The committee has a meeting with the academic division of the Office of the President next week.
    - ♣ Matt Parsons will be presenting a resolution on senior absences next week.
  - 2) Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
    - ♣ The committee met with its parallel committee in the Office of the President and representatives of the Diversity Council to review each group's mission and goals for the year.
    - ♣ The committee would like to create a workshop for the dorm diversity chairs.
    - ♣ The Learning to Talk about Race retreat on Sunday, September 30, 2001 has been shortened. It will now last from 10AM to 8PM instead of 9AM-9PM.
  - 3) Committee on Ethics, Jennie Flannery
    - ♣ Senator Jennie Flannery had nothing to announce. (She is my favorite senator so far in regards to minute writing.)
  - 4) Committee on Gender Issues, Jeanine Valles
    - ♣ The next committee meeting will be on September 30, 2001.
    - ♣ A request was made for student feedback on the current Concepts of Wellness class required of all freshmen in physical education classes.
  - 5) Committee on Oversight, Padraic McDermott
    - ♣ Thanks to the Judicial Council and Tim Jarotkiewicz, in particular, for a smooth off-campus and McGlenn Senate elections.
  - 6) Committee on Residence Life, Matt LaFratta and Aldo Tesi
    - ♣ The committee met with Bill Kirk, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, to discuss the inconsistencies of Sunday night parietals. Mr. Kirk was not enthusiastic about pushing 12:30 parietals because to create a uniform standard the Sunday parietals would probably all be knocked back to 12.
    - ♣ Other ideas to research: Lenel System implementation and the posting of the Bill of Student Rights in every dorm
  - 7) Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores and Mark Roland
    - ♣ The committee will start meeting biweekly.
    - ♣ Notable Quote: "UA is a cohesive unit."

### III. PODIUM

\*Note: The agenda was inverted; Podium was moved before Office Reports.

- A. Oversight Committee Announcement
  - ♣ Padraic McDermott was absent from the meeting, but Jim Ryan read a letter written by Padraic in his absence.
  - ♣ Padraic resigned as chair of the Oversight Committee; Jim Ryan will take his place.
- B. Saturday Collection Event
  - ♣ Jesse Flores explained that the University wanted to help New York Police Officers and Firefighters by taking up a special relief-effort collection at Saturday's football game against Michigan State.
  - ♣ The student government is asking for 300 student volunteers to help with the collection.
  - ♣ Those student interested in helping can contact JJ Jorissen, Jesse Flores, or Brooke Norton.
  - ♣ A mandatory informational and procedural meeting for the volunteers will be held at 9:30 on Thursday, September 20 in Washington Hall.
  - ♣ Saturday morning students will meet at 10:30 a place yet to be determined to get their ID stickers and stadium assignments and to walk over to the stadium together for a dry run of the collection.

- ♣ Students who wish to volunteer must already have a ticket for the game and must not be intoxicated for the event.
- ♣ Special tee shirts will designate volunteers from the fans.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

Resolution SS0102-07 concerning Public Announcement Requirements was stricken from the record.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Parliamentary Procedure

- ♣ Brian Moscona handed out a list of parliamentary procedures for the senators to keep in their binders. Add to this list the option to ask a question by calling a point of inquiry and to clarify an idea, statement, or rule by calling for a point of clarification.
- ♣ In addition to this sheet, please remember to raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged to speak.
- ♣ Stand when addressing the Senate.

##### B. Discussion Topics for the Next Week

- ♣ The Steering Committee will decide upon possible discussion topics before Senate meets.
- ♣ If you have any suggestions, please give it to a committee chair before Sunday at 6PM.

#### VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♣ Thanks for helping with the Sunday procession to benefit the New York City firefighters and policemen. Close to \$4700 was raised. The following people and groups deserve extra thanks for their help: Fr. Poorman, Fr. Warner, Steve Warner, the folk choir, the glee club, building services, the Student Activities Office, Brian Coughlin, the Basilica Sacristan and Sacristy Supplies, the Public Relations department, and the Observer.
- ♣ Elizabeth Lenn thanked Jesse Flores and John Cannon on behalf of the Senate for their hard work in planning these events.
- ♣ Students may contact Meghan Finnerty if they are interested in starting an accompaniment program.
- ♣ Thanks to the Observer staff, especially Jason, Laura and Erin, for excellent coverage of Student Union meetings and events.
- ♣ A Life Uncommon will meet in the Welsh Family basement this Wednesday at 8PM.
- ♣ Keenan Hall food sales are now open on Saturdays from 12-3.
- ♣ This week is Queen Week in Pasquerilla West. Come join the fun!
- ♣ A Senate bulletin board will be established in the student government office. Templates will be sent to the committee chairs soon.
- ♣ Senators are advised to read the Viewpoint Section of the Observer to ascertain student grievances.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

Brian McKenna motioned for adjournment at 7:19, and this motion was unanimously approved. The next session of Student Senate will be September 26, 2001 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tai Romero*  
 Tai Romero  
 Student Union Secretary  
 September 19, 2001

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Vision is not seeing things as they are, but as they will be.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: As the congregation filed out of the church, the preacher was standing at the door, as he always is, to shake hands. He grabbed one man by the hand, pulled him aside and said, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" The man replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

