

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
September 26, 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
Padraic McDermott was absent.
All Senate members attended the meeting.
- D. Approval of the September 19, 2001 Minutes
The Executive Summary for September 19, 2001 was approved unanimously.

II. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
 - ♣ Thanks to all the volunteers, especially JJ Jorissen, Jesse Flores, John Cannon, Bob LeBlanc and Brian Coughlin, for helping with the relief effort for New York's police and fire departments affected by the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks. There was an overwhelming response; there were 400+ students who volunteered. The stadium collection brought in \$270,981.
 - ♣ The State of the Student Union Address will be delivered next week.
 - ♣ The Campus Life Council did not have a meeting this week. The CLC task forces did, however, meet.
- 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
 - ♣ Brian distributed Δ+ cards to get feedback from the senate on what is working well and what can be improved.
- 3) Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
 - ♣ In light of the resolution that is going to be voted upon tonight, please make sure that any agenda items you want included in the Observer ad are given to a committee chair before the Steering Committee meets each week. Tai will still put last minute items in the agenda if they are in to her by 3PM on meeting days. 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
 - ♣ "Stepping Stones: A Pathway to Understanding" will be presented Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the Walsh Hall basement.
 - ♣ The first Life Skills 101 Workshop was an awesome presentation. Two police captains and ND's own Phil Johnson were in attendance. The event was held September 25, 2001 at 6PM at the Alumni Senior Club.
 - ♣ Student discount cards will be distributed in the dining halls on October 9, 2001. Thanks to Danielle Ledesma for organizing the twelve businesses participating in the discount program.
 - ♣ The Office of the President is working on a Designated Driver's Card.
 - ♣ The student service center has acquired a new name, The Maximum Resource Center or "The Max" for short. This room located by the information desk at LaFortune will be open starting October 1, 2001. There will be a meeting in the Montgomery Theater Thursday at 5 for all organizations interested in using the resource center.
 - ♣ The Board of Trustees topic this year will be students living off-campus.
 - ♣ The first midnight breakfast has been postponed until further notice.
- 5) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
 - ♣ Mod Quad Madness is Thursday, from 9 to 12, on the knoll between Knott and Siegfried.
 - ♣ The Keough Hall Chariot Race is this Saturday.
 - ♣ The HPC is looking into installing new bike racks by the C parking lot.
 - ♣ The council is also researching the long waits in the computer labs. Perhaps, a print-only computer could be added.

6) Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative

- ♣ A strategic plan for the next five years of St. Mary's existence is being researched. The Board of Governance is looking for ideas on how to get students to fill out the lengthy survey dealing with this plan.
- ♣ Hearts and Hands Volunteer Competition is going on now between the four residential halls.
- ♣ The BOG will have a blood drive on October 11.
- ♣ The BOG has gotten a plethora of positive comments from the whistle handout event.

B. Committee Reports

1) Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan

- ♣ The resolution on excused absences for seniors will be moved to another time.
- ♣ Fr. Jenkins has set a December 1 deadline for the preliminary curriculum review.
- ♣ The Dean's list snafu has been cleared up with another email.
- ♣ The committee will be meeting at 7:30 on Monday.
- ♣ Jennie suggested that everyone read the dean's list email before the school administrators' meet with the Senate.

2) Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn

- ♣ The committee will attend the Diversity Council meeting instead of their regular meeting this week.
- ♣ Liz announced that the committee is working on the multicultural commissioner's workshop and the Dinner with Seven Strangers Project.

3) Committee on Ethics, Jennie Flannery

- ♣ Senator Jennie Flannery had nothing to announce. (She is still 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 at 5:30 in the LaFortune basement.
- ♣ The handout of whistles on the Notre Dame campus will be discussed.

5) Committee on Oversight, Padraic McDermott

- ♣ The next meeting will be Tuesday at 7:30 in the basement of LaFortune.
- ♣ A list of deadlines as prescribed by the constitution is under construction.

6) Committee on Residence Life, Matt LaFratta and Aldo Tesi

- ♣ The committee will meet with the Assistant Food Services Director, Reggie Kalili, in the hospitality room of the South Dining Hall on Friday at 3PM.
- ♣ Please check to see if the Student Bill of Rights is posted in your hall's 24 hour space.

7) Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores and Mark Roland

- ♣ Kim Milford is in charge of setting up a meeting with the university health services on October 4 at a time to be announced later.
- ♣ Sol Galmarini is working on a meeting with the counseling service about better advertising their services.
- ♣ The committee is looking into the possibility of painting the water tower.
- ♣ Jeanine Valles announced that it is becoming increasingly difficult to use vehicles for service trips. A survey is needed to rate the effectiveness of CSC transportation.

III. PODIUM

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SS0102-09 Amendment: Assignment of the Public Relations Responsibility to the Steering Committee
- ♣ Senator Jim Ryan introduced the amendment.
 - ♣ Every Sunday the Steering Committee meets. According to this amendment, this committee will designate one person to report the agenda to the Observer each week.
 - ♣ The amendment passed.
- B. Nomination and Approval of Sophomore Advisor to the Freshmen Class Council
- ♣ Tai Romero nominated Nick Williams, the Vice President of the Sophomore Class Council, as the sophomore advisor to the freshmen class council.
 - ♣ Jim Ryan motioned to suspend Robert's Rules of Orders, and the motion was passed. The Senate has a deadline to elect this advisor by September 30, but the Senate must also have a week to consider a nomination before approving this advisor.

- ♣ Nikki McCord expressed her discontent with not abiding by the time limits of the constitution of the body.
 - ♣ Nick Williams was approved unanimously as the sophomore advisor to the Class of 2005.
- C. Discussion, Dining Hall Issues
- ♣ The Residential Life Committee will be meeting with representatives of the Food Services. What are your suggestions?
 - ♣ Some suggestions:
 1. extend NDH hours
 2. more fresh fruits
 3. newspapers on Sundays
 4. grilled chicken as an everyday menu item
 5. menus posted on the outside of the North Dining Hall serving rooms
 6. better advertised web site
 7. styrofoam coffee cups so that students can take out coffee or hot chocolate
 8. flexibility of meal distribution plans
 9. congestion in the dining halls
 10. Grab -N- Go quantity and quality of items

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♣ A blood drive is being planned for the week before fall break.
- ♣ Brian Coughlin thanked all the students who helped with Saturday's collection on behalf of the Student Activities Office. Several schools are planning to mock the event.
- ♣ Due to the U2 concert happening on Wednesday, Senate may be rescheduled.
- ♣ On Saturday from 4-9, Quad Rock will be sponsored by WVFI. Meghan Finnerty will be speaking at the event.
- ♣ Thanks to the Observer and Erin for getting the Senate agenda in this Wednesday!

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Jim Ryan motioned for adjournment at 7:03, and this motion was unanimously approved. The next session of Student Senate will be October 3, 2001 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tai Romero

Tai Romero
Student Union Secretary
September 26, 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."

