

## Notre Dame Student Union Executive Cabinet

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

October 1, 2001

Foster Room, LaFortune

#### I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order  
Student Union Treasurer Jennifer Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:02.
- B. Invocation  
Tim Jarotkiewicz led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call  
Paul Krivickas, George Remus, Carlos Siu, Erin Casey, and Peggy Hnatusko were absent.
- D. Approval of the September 24, 2001 Executive Summary  
The September 24, 2001 Executive Summary was approved unanimously after a motion from JJ Jorissen.  
I owe an apology to Peter Rossmann for repeatedly spelling his last name incorrectly.

#### II. REPORTS

- A. Student Senate Update
  - ♣ Nick Williams was approved as the Sophomore Advisor to the Freshmen Class Council.
  - ♣ The Senate agenda was published for the first time on the Observer this week. The agenda will be in the paper the day of Senate meetings to create a greater awareness of Senate's doings and to promote student interaction.
  - ♣ The Residential Life committee met with food services to offer their suggestions to the dining hall staff.
  - ♣ Two reminders to the student body: Anyone can serve on Senate committees. Secondly, any issues can be presented on podium.
- B. St. Mary's College Update  
Erin Casey was not in attendance so there was no St. Mary's report.
- C. Student Activities Office Update  
Peggy Hnatusko was not in attendance so there was no SAO report.
- D. Calendar Collaboration
  - ♣ You can email calendar events to Casey Fitzmaurice via a new email address: [calendar@nd.edu](mailto:calendar@nd.edu).
  - ♣ There is \$1300 left for this semester's ads in the Observer. The Executive Cabinet will have about \$2000 for the spring semester ads.
  - ♣ Amy Sellers asked that a new event be added to the calendar. Thursday at 5PM, Domus properties will sponsor a block party to educate students on housing and security issues. This event will take place on the 800 block of South Washington St.

#### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Club Recognition
  - ♣ Outreach ND was denied club recognition last Friday.
  - ♣ Brooke Norton wanted to know what the members of Executive Cabinet, as students, felt about this issue.
  - ♣ Peter Rossmann inquired what steps are included in being recognized as a club. The answer included that the pending club must organize a mission statement and constitution. The Student Activities Office and Fr. Mark Poorman, the Vice President of Student Affairs, review these documents.
  - ♣ Questions arose as to the nature of the denial for club recognition. On what grounds was the request dismissed? Is there a written document stating these reasons?

- ♣ As we are told, the reason for the dismissal was that the University is already providing enough support for gay and lesbian students through its Campus Ministry and other venues.
- ♣ Discussion then turned to what the Executive Cabinet could do to encourage awareness on this issue. Suggestions included to bring the issue to the Observer's attention. Another idea was to educate ourselves on the issue and then have Fr. Poorman and members of Outreach ND speak to the Cabinet on separate occasions.
- ♣ Melissa Gormley stated that it would look good for students of non-homosexual tendencies/ orientation to show support for their peers by advocating that Outreach ND receive club recognition.

B. Excused Absences for Seniors

- ♣ Senate will be discussing the possibility of excused absences for seniors to go on business, graduate school, and service interviews.
- ♣ Any input is appreciated. You can email Brian Moscona with any ideas in the subject.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♣ The Executive Cabinet will take its yearbook picture at 6:45.
- ♣ Any student is invited to address the Hall Presidents' Council. Please email Melissa Gormley or Bob LeBlanc by 5PM on Tuesday so that you may be added to the week's agenda.
- ♣ Melissa Gormley asked for student opinion on having Taylor Richard's as the Master of Ceremonies at football pep rallies

V. ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Wolfe adjourned the council at 6:45. The next meeting of the Executive Cabinet will be on Monday, October 8, 2001 in the Foster Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tai Romero*

Tai Romero  
Student Union Secretary  
October 1, 2001

Thought for the week: You can have your cake and eat it too.

Inspiration for leaders:

I hear my sole voice shout.  
I trample virgin snow.  
I fill a sleeping pond with concentric circles  
    Made from one skipping stone.

I fly.  
I want more.

*Author unknown*