

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
October 3, 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
All Senate members attended the meeting.
- D. Approval of the September 26, 2001 Minutes
Correction: Padraic McDermott was not absent September 26, 2001.
The Executive Summary for September 26, 2001 was approved unanimously.

II. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
 - ✦ Brooke had to leave early to attend the discussion forum, "Stepping Stones: A Pathway to Understanding."
 - ✦ Ms. Norton will deliver the State of the Student Union address in the Podium section.
- 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
 - ✦ Brian had nothing new to report.
- 3) Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
 - ✦ Tai had nothing new to report.
- 4) Mr. Jonathan Jorissen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
 - ✦ Midnight Breakfast in the dining halls had been postponed until further notice despite an incorrect advertisement in the Observer.
 - ✦ Student discount cards will be distributed in the dining halls on October 9, 2001. These cards will be available to all students.
 - ✦ The student service center, The Maximum Resource Center (or "The Max" for short), will not open until October 8, 2001.
 - ✦ The Board of Trustees topic this year will be students living off-campus. Thanks to all senators who helped gathering input from the dorms.
 - ✦ A cotillion style dinner will be held in both dining halls in honor of Founders' Day on October 11, 2001.
- 5) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
 - ✦ St. Edward's Hall will be holding a charity run to start in front of the dorm. This 5K run/walk will benefit New York Fire Department 214 Ladder Company 211. Interested students can sign up in the dining halls on Thursday or Friday.
 - ✦ Help is needed to set up in the dining halls in preparation for Founders' Day on October 11, 2001.
- 6) Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative
 - ✦ St. Mary's is hosting its Pride Week.
 - ✦ The Board of Governance is researching a problem with mass emailing. As it is, every student has the right to send emails to the entire campus. People are abusing the system to sell football tickets, get rid of pet goldfishes, and to display lost and found messages. BOG is trying to find a way to limit mass emails without limiting free speech.

B. Committee Reports

- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
 - ✦ The resolution on excused absences for seniors will be re-presented next week.
 - ✦ The committee will host a curriculum review meeting Sunday from 3:30 to 5:00 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.
- 2) Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
 - ✦ Liz announced that the committee is currently concentrating on the multicultural commissioner's workshop.
- 3) Committee on Ethics, Jennie Flannery
 - ✦ "We're doing good."
- 4) Committee on Gender Issues, Jeanine Valles
 - ✦ The next committee meeting will be on October 14, 2001.
- 5) Committee on Oversight, Jim Ryan
 - ✦ The committee will meet every other Tuesday at 7:30 in the basement of LaFortune.
- 6) Committee on Residence Life, Matt LaFratta and Aldo Tesi
 - ✦ Aldo repeated that the committee meeting with the Assistant Food Services Director, Reggie Kalili, went well. A follow-up meeting will be pursued to discuss all the ideas previously discussed.
 - ✦ FYI: The dining hall does have a system of buying guest meal tickets at 5 for \$35.

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

- ♣ A meeting with the university health services will be Tuesday, October 9, 2001 at 9:30AM on the 2nd floor of the Health Services building in Anne Thompson's office. Please email Meghan O'Donnell if you plan on attending this meeting.

III. PODIUM

State of the Student Union Address, Student Body President Brooke Norton

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- ♣ Next week's Senate will be moved to Thursday, October 11, 2001 at 5PM.
- ♣ Please get any resolutions to Tai on Sunday.
- ♣ Dean's List Issue- Melissa Rauch, our liaison to the Academic Council, will come to Senate to discuss the changes.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Freshmen Orientation Update, Mary Mullen
- ♣ The hall commissioners responsible for freshmen orientation had an awards banquet for good programming.
 - ♣ The hall commissioners also held an evaluation session of the orientation events. Peggy Hnatusko led the review and surveys were handed out.
 - ♣ Mary asked the Senate how we can help improve gender relations by reorganizing orientation events.
 - ♣ Previously, a Senate committee has been formed to address the orientation issue.
 - ♣ Peggy Hnatusko plans to form a new committee on how hall commissioners should be trained in preparation for programming orientation events.
- B. Dining Hall Forums, Jesse Flores
- ♣ Jesse sighted our mission to become better listeners and become better leaders. He also offered his opinion that talking to people is better than just taking surveys.
 - ♣ Instead of asking for students to come to us with their opinions, we should go to them to establish "effective dialogue."
 - ♣ The Senate will implement a roundtable discussion to get student ideas.
 - ♣ Jesse asked for help staffing these discussion forums. He also requested the senators request discussion topics.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♣ Brian announced the supplies for the Senate bulletin board have been ordered. Please submit pictures for the board.
- ♣ Brian also requested suggestions for the upcoming town hall meetings.
- ♣ Delta-Plus sheets are in.
- ♣ Good Luck Matt LaFratta on the Chicago Marathon!

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Nikki McCord motioned for adjournment at 7:07, and this motion was approved unanimously. The next session of Student Senate will be at 5:00 on October 11, 2001 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tai Romero
Student Union Secretary
October 3, 2001

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Although I cannot fly, I am not content to crawl. —*Nine Days*

THOUGHT FOR LAST WEEK: Fear knocked on the door. Faith answered. No one was there.

- *Inscription on an ancient mantle piece in Hind's Head Hotel, Bray, England*

JOKE FOR THE WEEK: Q: What do you call a row of 100 rabbits jumping backwards? A: A receding hare-line.

JOKE FOR LAST WEEK: Q: If there is H₂O on the inside of a fire hydrant, what is on the outside? A: K9P