

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
October 17, 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
Nikki McCord led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
Tim O'Malley and Erin Casey were absent, but all student senators attended the meeting.
- D. Approval of the October 3, 2001 Minutes
The Executive Summary for October 3, 2001 was approved unanimously.

II. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
 - ✦ Brooke reviewed a few tailgating do and don'ts:
Do not drink if you are under 21.
Do not host student tailgates or attend student tailgates.
Do behave appropriately, and do tailgate with social atmospheres consisting of food and not just alcohol.
 - ✦ There will be disciplinary conferences for those who received tickets for tailgating. Those students who were ticketed can contact the Judicial Council.
- 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
 - ✦ Thanks for a great first half of the semester.
- 3) Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
 - ✦ Tai had nothing new to report.
- 4) Mr. Jonathan Jorissen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
 - ✦ The student government office has received positive feedback in regards to Founder's Day (10/11)
 - ✦ The Board of Trustees report is ready for presentation on Thursday, October 18.
 - ✦ The Grand Opening of "The Max" is October 29.
 - ✦ Run-down of November events: Sexual Assault Week (11/4), Multicultural Fair (11/15), Blood Drive (11/28), and the second Town Hall Meeting (11/30).
 - ✦ A new event, called Theology on Tap, is in the works. This program is designed to get upperclassmen involved in discussions at the Alumni Senior Bar with the brothers of Holy Cross.
- 5) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
 - ✦ The HPC reviewed and clarified the rules of tailgating so that they could pass along the info to their constituents.
- 6) Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative
 - ✦ Erin was absent from the meeting.

B. Committee Reports

- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
 - ✦ Thanks for coming to the curriculum review meeting. The committee has identified three possible concentration topics including experiential learning, variety of courses available, and university course requirements.
- 2) Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
 - ✦ The multicultural workshop is planned for November 12, 2001.
- 3) Committee on Ethics, Jennie Flannery
 - ✦ Nothing new to report.
- 4) Committee on Gender Issues, Jeanine Valles
 - ✦ Nothing new to report.
- 5) Committee on Oversight, Jim Ryan
 - ✦ A new attendance policy is in the works concerning a senator's obligations to committee meetings.
 - ✦ Jim passed out the calendar of dates (from the Constitution) to remember.
 - ✦ The committee's next meeting is Tuesday at 7:30 on the 2nd floor lobby of the library.
- 6) Committee on Residence Life, Matt LaFratta and Aldo Tesi
 - ✦ The parts for the clock on O'Shag are on order and will be installed next semester.
 - ✦ Matt asked for ideas for the upcoming dining hall discussions.
 - ✦ The committee has decided to drop the issue of uniform 12:30 Sunday parietals.
- 7) Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores and Mark Roland
 - ✦ "Jeanine is awesome."
 - ✦ The committee's next meeting is Wednesday (10/31) at 5:15 in the basement of LaFun.

III. PODIUM

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Freshman Orientation Update, Mary Mullen
- ✦ Mary got an update from Peggy Hnatusko, who has decided to form a university committee on the issues of "frosh-O."
- B. Dining Hall Forums, Jesse Flores
- ✦ The first dining hall discussion was a learning experience.
 - ✦ Next time, we will know how to better publicize.
 - ✦ We still need a few more discussions to really obtain quality feedback.
 - ✦ The next three weeks' topics are set, but spots are still open for leaders and topics after that time.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SS0102-08 Resolution Concerning Excused Absences for Postgraduate Opportunities
- ✦ Matt Parsons presented the resolution.
 - ✦ In the first "Therefore" clause, eliminate the "to".
 - ✦ An amendment to add a third "Therefore" clause also passed. It should read: Therefore, be it further resolved that these absences shall be accounted for and recorded in the same manner as absences currently excusable.
 - ✦ The entire resolution should read:
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that DuLac shall be amended include such interviews as excused absences.
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that seniors shall have three (3) excused absences in one academic year to attend such interviews.
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these absences shall be accounted for and recorded in the same manner as absences currently excusable.
 - ✦ Nikki McCord commended the committee for their hard work and asked where the resolution would head next. The answer was that the resolution, if passed would be sent to the Academic Council and to the Campus Life Council.
 - ✦ The resolution passed unanimously.
- B. SS0102-10 Amendment Regarding the Specifications of the Planning of the Celebrating Diversity Workshop
- ✦ Nikki McCord presented the amendment. She stated that its purpose is to put on paper what is already in effect in actions.
 - ✦ Kim asked if the workshop is only for senators. Nikki answered that the workshop is designed for senators, but open to everyone.
 - ✦ John asked if having two workshops would somehow detract from one or the other. Nikki answered that originally this idea was created so that senators studying abroad would have the chance to attend at least one workshop. She added that if two workshops are offered, some people may attend both.
 - ✦ Jesse motioned to change add the specifications of January and April as the dates for the workshops.
 - ✦ Debate ensued around whether time restrictions were needed to be set in place. Jennie suggested that the Senate not dictate when activities take place.
 - ✦ An amendment to the amendment was passed:
All new senators shall attend a Celebrating Diversity Workshop as coordinated by the Senate Committee on Diversity Affairs. This event will take place twice yearly, once during the month of April and again during the month of January. Attendance is mandatory for at least one session.
 - ✦ Jim motioned that the amendment be altered to require one workshop per semester, but the motion failed.
 - ✦ Mary Mullen suggested:
This event will take place twice yearly, once during the month of April and again during the first 30 days of spring semester. Attendance is mandatory for at least one session.
The Senate passed this motion.
 - ✦ Nikki reminded the Senate that the workshop is an event that can be planned before Christmas break, and therefore, such time constrictions are not necessarily needed.
 - ✦ After a failed vote to move the workshop to after elections, Nikki asked that the amendment be tabled so that the committee could tweak the wording.
 - ✦ The motion was so tabled.
- C. SS0102-11 Amendment Mandating of Communication Between Diversity Committee and Other Diversity Offices of the University of Notre Dame
- ✦ Liz presented the amendment, citing that its purpose is to make sure that future diversity committees collaborate with other diversity structures on campus.
 - ✦ The amendment passed.
 - ✦ Senate Bylaws, Section III, Number 2 shall now read:
The Committee on Diversity Affairs shall address issues of multiculturalism and diversity and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate. In order to accomplish this goal, the Chair(s) of the Committee on Diversity Affairs must attend the monthly Diversity Council of Notre Dame (DCND) meetings. They must also have a meeting with the Diversity Division Head in the Office of the Student Body President—or if no such position exists, a representative from the Office of the Student Body President-- and the Director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) once monthly.
- D. Dean's List Requirements

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♣ Elizabeth Lenn expressed her frustration over the tabling of SS0102-10. She noted that the entire council had been given the opportunity to read and comment on the amendment for the past 1 ½ weeks.
- ♣ Richard Light will be presenting from his book, "Making the Most of College," in DeBartolo 101 on October 29 at 7:30.
- ♣ You may only miss two committee meetings per semester. Failure to do so will result in a review by the Ethics committee.
- ♣ The next Senate meeting is on Halloween. Feel free to dress up!

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Jim Ryan motioned for adjournment at 7:07, and this motion was approved unanimously. The next session of Student Senate will be at 6:00 on October 31, 2001 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune. Remember to dress up for Halloween!

Respectfully Submitted,



Tai Romero
Student Union Secretary
October 17, 2001

OVERHEARD AT THE MEETING: "I'm feeling Senator Greg." -Brian McKenna

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The gene pool could use a little chorine.

JOKE FOR THE WEEK:

So you want a day off. Let's take a look at what you are asking for:

There are 365 days per year available for work. There are 52 weeks per year in which you already have 2 days off per week, leaving 261 days available for work. Since you spend 16 hours each day away from work, you have used up 170 days, leaving only 91 days available.

You spend 30 minutes each day on coffee break, which counts for 23 days each year, leaving only 68 days available. With a 1 hour lunch each day, you used up another 46 days, leaving only 22 days available for work.

You normally spend 2 days per year on sick leave. This leaves you only 20 days per year available for work. We are off 5 holidays per year, so your available working time is down to 15 days. We generously give 14 days vacation per year, which leaves only 1 day available for work and I'll be darned if you are going to take that day off!

