

Notre Dame Student Union Executive Cabinet

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

November 5, 2001

Foster Room, LaFortune

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- A. Call to Order  
Club Coordination Council Athletic Representative Neal Driscoll called the meeting to order at 6:04.
- B. Invocation  
JJ Jorissen led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call  
Paul Krivickas, and Brian Clemency were absent. Bob LeBlanc attended in Melissa Gormley's place.
- D. Approval of the October 15, 2001 Executive Summary  
In the Saint Mary's report, the study day has been approved and is being worked on by SAC (student academic council)  
The October 15, 2001 Executive Summary was approved unanimously after a motion from JJ Jorissen.

**II. REPORTS**

- A. Student Senate Update
  - ♣ The dining hall discussion topic this week was dining hall issues.
  - ♣ There are now chicken sandwiches and bottled water offered at Grab-N-Go.
  - ♣ The Committee on Academic Affairs is gathering information on Curriculum Review for its 12/1 deadline.
  - ♣ Dr. Utz from the University Counseling Center will possibly address the Senate at an upcoming meeting.
  - ♣ The controversy surrounding Outreach ND and the club status will be researched more by the Diversity Committee.
- B. St. Mary's College Update
  - ♣ The Board of Governance passes a resolution on the massive email situation. The resolution will now go to Student Affairs.
  - ♣ The Campus Ministry and justice division will present Sr. Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, for a talk on the death penalty.
- C. Student Activities Office Update
  - ♣ Peggy Hnatusko had nothing new to report. However, Brian Coughlin did visit the Executive Council (field trip!).
  - ♣ Brian Coughlin, Director of Student Activities, wanted to address the confusion of which shirt to wear at the Tennessee game. There was much cacophony last week around campus due to the lack of proper organization and communication on what color shirt to wear for the Saturday game.
  - ♣ Here is what happened according to Brian:
    - A student group asked the athletic department to help advertise a shirt color to unify the student body at the game. The color blue was decided on.
    - The athletic department and the bookstore agreed to help with the campaign.
    - 2000 kelly green shirts had already been ordered for the bookstore. Moreover, the group decided that the color needed to be bright in order to contrast Tennessee's orange.
    - The student group that originally organized the campaign were instructed that the color would be kelly green instead of the original navy blue.
  - ♣ Problems:
    - There have been several accusations in the Observer against all involved parties, citing the groups as money-grubbing.
    - The Shirt project is suffering. The Shirt proceeds support club funding and the Rectors' Fund. If The Shirt does not sale well, student activities fees could increase to compensate the loss.
    - There is much confusion and frustration over which shirt to wear and when to wear it. Advertising a different shirt every week is tedious. Plus, if we had put in the effort to advertise The Shirt in August instead of putting effort into these other shirt campaigns, we might have met our quota for The Shirt sales by now.
  - ♣ The solution: If anyone asks how to unify the student campus at games, respond by saying that we already do through The Shirt.
  - ♣ The question arose as to how well The Shirt sales were going. According to Brian, Jim O'Connor from the bookstore has guaranteed that he will buy the unsold stock of shirts regardless.
- D. Calendar Collaboration

- ✦ Casey had nothing new to report.
- ✦ Calendars were passed out. Please check them to see if anything is missing or needs to be added or changed.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Collaboration Fund

- ✦ We will defer a vote on this subject until next week.
- ✦ The experiential learning council needs money for refreshments and advertising for is Targeting the Truth series.

#### B. Ebay Fundraiser

- ✦ Ebay has approached student government to donate ND paraphernalia for its Internet auction to benefit charities in the wake of the 9/11 events.
- ✦ The only responsibility we would have is the collect the artifacts and then ship them when sold.
- ✦ Keri Oxley mentioned her council's idea, the shamrock project. The idea is to collect donations and commemorate the donator's with a paper shamrock with the name on it displayed in either the bookstore or the Huddle. Perhaps, the shamrocks could be sent later to New York. We can divide the proceeds between local charities and care packages to Afghanistan.
- ✦ Katie Hammond suggested that we incorporate flex points into the donation effort.

### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Look for an email announcing where the next meeting will be.

The Maxx needs volunteers to staff it.

Next week's collections will benefit the Afghan refugees through the efforts of Catholic Relief Services.

### VI. ADJOURNMENT

Neal Driscoll adjourned the cabinet at 6:49. The next meeting of the Executive Cabinet will be on Monday, November 12, 2001 at a place to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tai Romero  
Student Union Secretary  
November 5, 2001

**Thought for the week:** The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it's the same problem you had last year.

#### Prayer for Daily Christian Vision:

Lord,

Thank you for the lives that you have placed before me through your love.

I pray for the vision to recognize your light in each of them, everyday.

Bless the steps of these special friends as our paths both wind together and wander apart.

And may this short time together on the common soil of Notre Dame remain in my heart.

Let it be a reminder and example of the potential brilliance which Christ's light emanates.

*from The Day Awaits: The Notre Dame Book of Prayers*