

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

November 7, 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
Tim O'Malley led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
Nikki McCord and Meghan Finnerty were absent.
- D. Approval of the October 31, 2001 Minutes
Unsure as to whether the mandatory clause was included in the amendment we passed.
The Executive Summary for October 31, 2001 was approved unanimously.

II. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
 - ♣ November 10- LSAT/GRE Review from 10AM to 3:45. This Saturday workshop sponsored by Kaplan is free.
 - ♣ Please pray for Claudette Byrd-Rinck, former McGlinn senator, who was injured in a climbing accident.
- 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
 - ♣ Please review your minutes from the Steering Committee meeting.
 - ♣ A rotating member of Senate will take these minutes. If you are interested, please email Brian.
- 3) Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
 - ♣ Tai had nothing new to report.
- 4) Mr. Jonathan Jorissen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
 - ♣ November 10- LSAT/GRE Review from 10AM to 3:45. This Saturday workshop sponsored by Kaplan is free.
 - ♣ Sexual Assault Awareness Week begins November 5. See the calendar in the student government office for an exact list of events.
 - ♣ Multicultural Fair is 11/15. There are 17 groups hosting this free food and information extravaganza from 6:30-9. From 9 to 1AM, LaFortune Ballroom will host a salsa dance.
 - ♣ Blood Drive on 11/28 in the ND room from 9AM to 3PM. If you are interested in donating please call Nancy at 1-7668 to make an appointment.
 - ♣ This weekend's collections will benefit the refugees of Afghanistan.
 - ♣ The next town hall meeting will be Tuesday at a place still to be determined. The discussion will focus on tailgating and the university's alcohol policy.
- 5) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
 - ♣ HPC has two dorm signature events this weekend.
 - ♣ Lyons Hall will host the 9th Annual Mara Fox Run/Walk at 11AM on Saturday.
 - ♣ Morrissey's Manor Unplugged is Friday on the front steps of Morrissey at 4PM.
- 6) Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative
 - ♣ A resolution was passed concerning the mass emails on St. Mary's campus. The resolution is now in the hands of the administration.

B. Committee Reports

Each committee presented its mission statement.

- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
 - ♣ The committee passed out around 100 surveys on curriculum review during the dining hall discussion groups.
 - ♣ The committee recently met with representatives from the Career Center.
 - ♣ Thanks to the CLC for passing the resolution pertaining to excused absences for seniors.
- 2) Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
 - ♣ Nikki was MIA and she had the mission, so it will be forthcoming.
 - ♣ The committee has an informal meeting scheduled with the dorm diversity commissioners.
- 3) Committee on Ethics, Jennie Flannery
 - ♣ "to preserve integrity through observation"
 - ♣ The committee will have its first meeting soon. How exciting! Look for an email on when and where.
- 4) Committee on Gender Issues, Jeanine Valles
 - ♣ "to improve gender relations between men and women and the ND and St. Mary's campuses"
 - ♣ The Women's Retreat is scheduled for March 1 and 2.
 - ♣ Peggy has decided to form a committee next semester to research Freshmen Orientation.
 - ♣ The committee has a meeting planned with Ava Preacher at 4:30 on Wednesday.
- 5) Committee on Oversight, Jim Ryan
 - ♣ "to address long and short term"

- ♣ The next meeting is Tuesday at 7:30 in the library.
- 6) Committee on Residence Life, Matt LaFratta and Aldo Tesi
 - ♣ "betterment of campus life"
 - ♣ There will be a meeting to discuss security at the Security Building on Friday at 1:30.
 - ♣ Last week's dining hall discussion on dining hall issues was constructive. A follow-up meeting will be pursued with the Food Services.
 - ♣ One of the freshman committee members will meet with Bob Franken to explore the possibility of a Junior dogbook.
- 7) Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores and Mark Roland
 - ♣ "ministers to the mind, body, and spirit"
 - ♣ Jeanine will be placing CSC vehicle surveys in your mailboxes this week. Please have residents in your dorm fill them out.
 - ♣ The next committee meeting will be Thursday at 7:30 in the basement of LaFun.

III. PODIUM

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

SS0102-12 Amendment Regarding the Absence Policy for Senate Committees

- ♣ Jim Ryan presented the amendment and cited its purpose as being to form a uniform standard.
- ♣ The amendment should now read:
A uniform attendance policy for all Senate committees shall be established by the Steering Committee at the time of its first meeting of each term. The policy shall stipulate the number of absences permitted and the consequences of violating this policy.
- ♣ This amendment passed unanimously without any debate.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♣ Starting November 11 the Teach-in week on war and peace begins. Activities are organized by quads. Look for more info soon.
- ♣ Read your minutes...or else!
- ♣ See signs around campus for more information on, Turning Over a New Leaf, a service project benefiting the elderly of South Bend. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for participants. Sign up in the dining halls or see Aldo Tesi.
- ♣ November 9th - (4pm) Manor Unplugged will present the talented men and musical endeavors of Morrissey.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Padraic McDermott motioned for adjournment at 6:39, and this motion was approved unanimously. The next session of Student Senate will be at 6:00 on November 14, 2001 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jai Romero

Tai Romero
Student Union Secretary
November 7, 2001

EVEN MORE USELESS INFORMATION:

- 400 quarter-pounders can be made out of 1 cow
- The largest apple pie ever baked was 40 x 23 feet
- If you look carefully at the picture of Mona Lisa, you will notice a bridge hidden in the background
- 10% of StarTrek fans replace the lenses on their glasses every 5 years whether they need to or not.
- At 300 pounds, William Howard Taft was the only US President to get stuck in the White House bathtub
- Taft also had a special re-enforced steel dining chair.
- The end of a hammer, opposite the striking end, is called a peen
- Spat-out food is called chanking
- Boanthropy is a disease in which a man thinks he's an ox
- Eosophobia is the fear of dawn
- Groaking is to watch people eating food hoping they'll offer you some.
- Dibble means to drink like a duck
- Lee Harvey Oswald's body tag was auctioned off for \$6,600
- Dan Aykroyd's conehead from Saturday Night Live was auctioned off at \$2,200
- Donald Duck's sister is called Dumbella

- Small cockroaches are more likely to die on their backs than large cockroaches
- A pack-a-day smoker will loose approx. 2 teeth every 10 years
- Howdy-Doody had 48 freckles
- National pi day is March 14
- Those things on the end of shoelaces called Aglets
- Zarf is the holder of a handleless coffee cup
- Neil Armstrong first stepped on the moon with his left foot
- Native Americans never actually ate turkey; killing such a timid bird was thought to indicate laziness
- Goofy had a wife, Mrs. Goofy, and one son, Goofy jr.
- The surface area of an average-sized brick is 79cm²
- Benjamin Franklin lived at 141 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA