

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
November 28, 2001
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order
Vice President Brian Moscona called the meeting to order at 6:05.
- B. Invocation
Tim O'Malley led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
Brooke Norton and Erin Casey were absent.
- D. Approval of the November 7, 2001 Minutes
The Executive Summary for November 7, 2001 was approved unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nomination of The Shirt Coordinator, Jennifer Wolfe
 - ♣ Jennifer Wolfe, Student Union Treasurer and chair of the Financial Management Board, presented Courtney Schuster as the board's choice for The Shirt Coordinator.
 - ♣ When Jesse Flores asked Courtney what her ideas for The Shirt included, she responded that she would like the shirt to be a bright kelly green to stand out against our opponents' school colors. Courtney added that she would like to have the shirt better distributed within the dorms so that every student on campus has one.
 - ♣ Nikki McCord inquired as to whether Courtney has ever worked with the FMB. Courtney, a sophomore marketing major, replied that she has not, but she did work with Peggy Hnatusko for freshmen orientation.
 - ♣ Kim Milford vouched for Courtney's character and creativity. Courtney has served as Howard Hall's secretary.
- B. SS0102-13 Amendment Regarding Formation of the Ethics Committee
 - ♣ This is the first piece of business for the Ethics Committee!
 - ♣ Jennie presented the amendment, stating that Ethics should not count as one of a senator's two mandatory committees. However, the committee should be formed before a situation arises for the committee to investigate and resolve.
 - ♣ Jennie Flannery and Padriac McDermott raised the motion to bring the amendment to the floor, and it was granted.
 - ♣ Lindsey Zika asked why the committee should be chosen randomly. Jennie answered that a random selection ensures an unbiased committee.
 - ♣ Kim Milford asked why the number 7 was chosen. Jennie answered that it was a random number selected because it is not too large or too small for a committee.
 - ♣ The amendment passed unanimously.
- C. Rotating Senate location
 - ♣ Brian Moscona explained that before the current Senate existed, HPC served the role of senate. As that unit, HPC rotated its meeting locations from dorm to dorm each week. Brian asked the question of whether Senate would like to resurrect this practice.
 - ♣ HPC, in its current state, would not like to start rotating meetings because this idea would not facilitate its function.
 - ♣ Brian commented that this change would force Senate to become less formal.
 - ♣ Matt Smith suggested we entice people to meetings by offering pizza.
 - ♣ Aldo volunteered to cook.
 - ♣ Sol asked how Senate would advertise its meeting location and suggested that Senate rotate locations every other week. Brian answered that advertising is not a problem because Senate has unused money in its budget.
 - ♣ Kim added that HPC could advertise for us.
 - ♣ Nikki voiced her concern that individual dorms may not be able to accommodate 28 senators and guests comfortably. LaFortune is a good space and is conveniently located.
 - ♣ Matt Smith suggested that meetings could be organized as quad events.

III. REPORTS

- A. Officer Reports
 - 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
 - ♣ Brooke was absent.

- 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
 - ♣ Brian requested a volunteer for the rotating steering committee non-chair member. Meghan Finnerty offered her services.
 - ♣ Does anyone know of someone who would be willing to start a Senate website? This website could include a list of committees, research outlines, a link to the Senate email, and a polling station.
 - ♣ Mark suggested that we should offer some type of incentive to attract potential Senate "webmasters."
 - ♣ Aldo suggested that Senate imitate SUB's idea for an AOL instant messenger screen name.
- 3) Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
 - ♣ Tai requested more useless information to include in the minutes.
 - ♣ Also, please remember to send any agenda addendum to tromero@nd.edu.
- 4) Mr. Jonathan Jorissen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
 - ♣ The BOT report options have been decided upon and will be voted upon later. For winter, the proposed topic is OIT. The report will focus on OIT interaction with students, the possibility of wireless laptops, cheaper student group rates, and better access. The spring report will focus on the status of women at Notre Dame. This topic is fitting considering that this year marks the 30 year anniversary of the inclusion of women on ND's campus.
 - ♣ 12/5- Coffee at the CoMo at 8:30. Brian Coughlin will be speaking on faith and life.
 - ♣ 12/4- "Stepping Stones: Placing a face on HIV and AIDS" presented in Walsh Hall at 6:30. Food will be provided.
 - ♣ 12/7- Midnight grill on Fieldhouse Mall
 - ♣ Thanks to those of you who helped with the blood drive.
 - ♣ 12/10- judging of dorm Christmas decorations around 7:00. The winning dorm receives \$200.
- 5) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
 - ♣ Thursday- Howard's Marshmallow Roast at 7:30.
 - ♣ 12/2- Keenan's Reindeer Roast at 5:30 in front of Keenan
 - ♣ 12/3- Beyond Our Borders: Christmas around the World
- 6) Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative
 - ♣ Erin was absent.

B. Committee Reports

- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
 - ♣ A letter for the curriculum review committee will be ready next week.
 - ♣ The committee has received the revised Honor Code, and "it looks good."
 - ♣ 12/4- The committee will meet with the dorm academic commissioners, Fr. Poorman, and Dr. Hatch
 - ♣ Many people have complained about DART happening the Wednesday before the Thanksgiving break. This situation will not be repeated.
- 2) Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
 - ♣ 1/16- The committee will meet with the multicultural commissioners in the CSC.
- 3) Committee on Ethics, Jennie Flannery
 - ♣ Amendment was passed.
- 4) Committee on Gender Issues, Jeanine Valles
 - ♣ There is a meeting Friday with S.O.S.
 - ♣ There is a resolution on campus lighting forthcoming.
 - ♣ The committee will gather for a mandatory meeting on Sunday at 5:30.
- 5) Committee on Oversight, Jim Ryan
 - ♣ The committee had its last meeting for the semester last Tuesday. Everyone has projects to work on over break.
- 6) Committee on Residence Life, Matt LaFratta and Aldo Tesi
 - ♣ Bob Franken has assured the committee that the Freshman Register (aka dogbook) will be ready in time for Frosh O next year. Letters requesting photos for the register will be sent on official ND letterhead. The book will have all freshmen names, not just those that send in a reply.
 - ♣ There are 75,000 sprinkler heads on campus. (Even more useless information!) For the most part, watering the grass is done at midnight. However it is not cost efficient to adjust the sprinklers to water small patches of land. Therefore, students will just have to deal with occasionally getting caught by the demonic sprinkler system.
 - ♣ The manager of NDH says that menus are sent to dorm rectors each week. If you are interested in having that posted, talk to your rector. The manager also said that the possibility of changing NDH's hours is being researched.
 - ♣ Next week the committee will be electing a new co-chair.
- 7) Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores and Mark Roland
 - ♣ The committee will meet Thursday at 7:30 in Coleman-Morse.
 - ♣ Jeanine thanked everyone for helping for helping with the CSC van surveys. If anyone can help compile data from these surveys please let Jeanine know.

IV. PODIUM

- A. Campus Recycling, John Cannon and Erich Eschmann
This presentation will happen next week.
- B. Campus Water Quality, Padriac McDermott

Padriac handed out his report on water quality at ND. Although the water quality is good, the old pipes cause the funny tastes.

FYI: We have some of the hardest water in the country...yay for us!

IV. OLD BUSINESS

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♣ We will have 4 new senators next week.
- ♣ Tonight- Sophomore Literary festival coffee house, Farley hosts the hockey team, Tom Monohan will present info on the Ava Maria School of Law, Eucharistic Adoration
- ♣ Jennie suggested that we keep up with our commitment to focus on the 9/11 events.
- ♣ Luke Slonkosky offered as an example for programming Keough's How Bout Lunch program.
- ♣ 12/5- There is a taste test for new DH recipes.
- ♣ Interested in the Culture of Life Conference? Check out www.nd.edu/~ndethics
- ♣ If anyone has Christmas ideas of how to show our appreciation to ND staff, please let Jesse know.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meghan O'Donnell motioned for adjournment at 7:03, and this motion was approved unanimously. The next session of Student Senate will be at 6:00 on December 5, 2001 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tai Romero

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Student Union Secretary
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EVEN MORE USELESS INFORMATION:

- ~The revolving door was invented in 1888
- ~Abo elementary school, built in 1976 in Artesia New Mexico, was the first ever underground school
- ~The first ever televised murder case appeared on TV in 1955, Dec. 5-9. The accused was Harry Washburn.
- ~The first recorded occurrence of a Tornado was June 10, 1682
- ~The first umbrellas were used in Windsor Connecticut, 1740
- ~The first audio CD's appeared in the USA in 1984
- ~The first audio CD manufactured in the US was Bruce Springstein's 'Born in the USA'
- ~Their are only two types of pig: American and European
- ~Cows have four stomachs
- ~When you sneeze, all bodily functions stop--even you heart!
- ~A human's mucus membrane, used to smell, is the size of a postage stamp
- ~A Dog's mucus membrane is the size of fifty postage stamps
- ~Your skin is the heaviest organ
- ~Those stars and colors you see when you close and rub your eyes are called phosphenes
- ~The human brain stops growing at the ages of 18
- ~Sneezes can travel over 100 mph
- ~85% of the population can curl their tongue into a tube
- ~Only 7% of the population are lefties.
- ~A full-moon is nine times brighter than a half-moon
- ~Gavin, from the band Bush, has an innie bellybutton
- ~Toronto, Ontario has approximately 7,000 eating establishments
- ~40 people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute.
- ~There are 1,355,000 (+/- 1000) Monoliths on Jupiter in 2010: A Space Oddesy (NOT 2001!!)
- ~The Monoliths reproduce at a rate of one every 2 minutes
- ~The Monoliths all have proportional sizes of 1x4x9
- ~Montpelier Vermont is the only state capital without a McDonalds
- ~13 blimps in the world, nine in US
- ~Superman is in every Seinfeld episode (it's on a shelf in Jerry's apartment)
- ~Most car horns honk in the key of 'F'
- ~Emus can't walk backwards
- ~Cats have over 100 vocal sounds, dogs only have 10
- ~Our eyes never grow, our nose and ears never stop growing
- ~Camels' milk can't curdle
- ~Most hamsters blink one eye at a time
- ~It takes seven years for a lobster to grow 1 pound
- ~No word in the English language rhymes with month
- ~Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until they are 2-6 years old
- ~Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.
- ~Most common name in world is Mohammed
- ~Only one person in 2 billion will live to be 116 or older
- ~The name Wendy was made up for the book, Peter Pan
- ~Uma Thurman doesn't have a innie or an outie bellybutton, but a 'stretch'
- ~The guy in the Darth Vader suit didn't know that James Earl Jones was doing the voice until the screenplay.
- ~The original Ford vehicles had Dodge engines
- ~A human has 60,000 miles of blood vessels in their body
- ~Brachiosaurus had a heart the size of a pickup truck
- ~Sumerians (from 5000 BC) thought that the liver made blood and the heart was the center of thought.
- ~Queen Elizabeth was good friends with William Shakespeare
- ~The most popular ice cream flavor is vanilla
- ~The world sheep population is approx. 1,202,920,000
- ~The world cattle population is approx. 1,294,604,000
- ~The world goat population is approx. 94,266,000
- ~The world pig population is approx. 857,099,000
- ~The world camel population is 19,627,000
- ~The longest recorded lifespan of a camel was 35 years, 5 months
- ~The longest recorded lifespan of a slug was 1 year, 6 months.
- ~The average person over fifty will have spent 5 years waiting in lines
- ~The average person over fifty will have spent 1 year looking for lost items.
- ~In honor of Johan Vaaler, inventor of the paper clip, a 221/2 paper clip was erected in Oslo, Norway
- ~Yasir Arafat is addicted to watching television cartoons
- ~Augusts Ceaser had achluophobia -- the fear of sitting in the dark
- ~Queen Elizabeth the First had anthophobia -- the fear of roses
- ~Tonsurphobia is the fear of haircuts
- ~Malcom Lowry had pnigophobia -- the fear of choking on fish bones
- ~Lee Harvey Oswald was dyslexic
- ~Beaver Cleaver graduated in 1953
- ~78% of cats never travel with their owners
- ~44% of hotels allow pets into the rooms
- ~September 16-21 is Farm Animal Awareness week
- ~November 29 is National Sinky day; a day to eat over one's sink and worship it
- ~The toothbrush was invented in 1498

