

Notre Dame Student Senate  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
December 5, 2001  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- A. Call to Order  
Vice President Brian Moscona called the meeting to order at 6:03.
- B. Invocation  
Tim O'Malley led the invocation.  
Tim also asked for the Senate's opinion on having a Senate Mass once a month.
- C. Roll Call  
Mike Shultz and Nikki McCord were absent.
- D. Approval of the November 28, 2001 Minutes  
The Executive Summary for November 28, 2001 was approved unanimously.

**II. PODIUM**

- A. Campus Recycling, John Cannon and Virginia Kelly from SEA
  - ♣ John Cannon presented Virginia Kelly ([vkelly@nd.edu](mailto:vkelly@nd.edu)) a member of the SEA ([www.nd.edu/~sea](http://www.nd.edu/~sea)) which meet Sundays at 6:30 in the CSC.
  - ♣ Virginia discussed the need improvement for the campus recycling process. She added that ND has the best infrastructure for recycling on campus if it is realized, publicized, and optimized. However, recycling bins are not being used.
  - ♣ The SEA wants to raise awareness on the subject. The SEA has already taken steps toward this goal by talking to Pat O'Hare at the recycling plant.
  - ♣ SEA is also looking into making reusable Grab-N-Go bags standard. Useless fact #1 the university spends roughly \$7200 on 183,000 paper bags a year.
  - ♣ FYI #2: ND has to pay for every ton of trash it sends to the landfill.
  - ♣ Another objective of SEA is to get a petition signed to stop the university's from buying paper from Boise Cascade, the biggest logger of old growth forests in the nation.
- B. John McCarthy, Vice President of Elections
  - ♣ John announced important dates for the student body president and vice president elections.
  - ♣ Jesse suggested that the venue for the debates be changed to encourage attendance.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Courtney Schuster as The Shirt Coordinator  
Padraic and Jennie motioned for PQ on the debate. The approval passed.
- B. Brooke announced that the BOT report for winter will focus on Freshmen Orientation. The spring report will address the status of women instead of OIT. Matt Parsons and Padraic motioned for approval of the BOT topics, and the motion was approved.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. SS0102-14 Resolution Regarding Increased Lighting and Call Boxes
  - ♣ Jeanine Valles presented the resolution, citing three specific areas of campus that need increased lightning for security. Jeanine added that University Security is open to the idea.
  - ♣ Mark Roland asked about the aesthetic aspects of the implementation. Jeanine explained that, if the resolution passed, senators would join the security staff in a walk around the specified areas to discuss possible lighting options. The idea is not to make the lighting look like Kmart but also to add enough lighting to give a true sense of security to students.
  - ♣ Tai Romero and Erin Casey agreed that the lighting additions would improve St. Mary's and Notre Dame relations. The walkway between Notre Dame and St. Mary's is often referred to as "Rape Road."
  - ♣ One change: In the last "Whereas" clause, change two to three.
  - ♣ Meghan O'Donnell called PQ. Padraic McDermott seconded. The resolution passed.
- B. SS0102-15 Open Letter Concerning the Curriculum Review
  - ♣ Pat Hallahan introduced the letter. The committee hosted focus groups and sent out surveys before picking five areas of focus and added survey results as requested.

- ♣ Friendly amendment: Change “we are interested voicing students” to “we are interested in voicing students”
- ♣ Kim Milford asked what the difference between a class load of four or five classes was. Pat answered that four classes allow for more in depth classes, and it changes the credit structure. Mary Mullen suggested that changing to an eight-week system of four and two credit classes allows for smaller class sizes.
- ♣ John Cannon suggested that schools should encourage group work and presentations.
- ♣ Danielle Ledesma asked why there were no student comments from the College of Science or the School of Architecture in the survey results. The answer was that there were not many people there from those areas. Several people argued that these colleges need to be represented in the survey. Others refuted that this letter needs to be sent as soon as possible and that any additional responses and survey results can be added later.
- ♣ Amendment passed:

#### Curriculum Review Focus Groups' Comments

These comments were gathered from students representing all colleges except the College of Science and the School of Architecture. Additional information will be gathered throughout next semester with particular focus on students' concerns from the College of Science and the School of Architecture since they are not represented in the following document.

- ♣ Erin Casey suggested that the number of students be added to the first paragraph, but Pat commented that the group did not have an accurate number.
- ♣ Debate continued. Sol Galmarini addressed the concern that leaving Architecture and Science out leaves the illusion of an incomplete report. Anne McCarley pointed out that the letter says all colleges were addressed and that 125 students filled out the survey.
- ♣ Jennie Flannery called PQ; Mark Roland seconded. The letter passed.

## V. REPORTS

### A. Officer Reports

- 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
  - ♣ Brooke announced that the website ([www.nd.edu/~studegov](http://www.nd.edu/~studegov)) should be ready for next semester. Senate is highlighted on that site.
- 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
  - ♣ HPC presidents are in favor of rotating Senate locations. Keough has volunteered to be the first host dorm.
  - ♣ Brian also announced that he has “found us a lady” to start the website.
- 3) Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
  - ♣ There is a double installment of useless information this week.
  - ♣ Sorry for the late minutes.
  - ♣ If you have any ideas for the minutes' format, let Tai know.
- 4) Mr. Jonathan Jorissen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
  - ♣ 12/5- Coffee at the CoMo at 8:30. Brian Coughlin will be speaking on faith and life.
  - ♣ 12/7- Midnight grill on Fieldhouse Mall
  - ♣ 12/10- judging of dorm Christmas decorations around 7:00. The winning dorm receives \$200.
  - ♣ There will be a Edy's Peppers taste test in the NDH's test kitchen from 12:30 to 3PM.
  - ♣ A NYC hospital needs a new ambulance. A student dollar campaign will try to raise \$60,000 and a private donor will match what is earned.
- 5) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
  - ♣ Thursday- Howard's Marshmallow Roast at 7:30.
  - ♣ Friday- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Carroll Christmas at 6PM. Bring a child's book or toy.
- 6) Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative
  - ♣ The study day proposal was denied.
  - ♣ The BOG approved \$1000 for the Arnold Air Club.
  - ♣ BOG supported the lighting resolution.

### B. Committee Reports

- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
  - ♣ Thanks for passing the letter.
  - ♣ Fr. Poorman and Provost Hatch want to bring in a big speaker next semester.
- 2) Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
  - ♣ The committee plans on working with Outreach next semester to improve diversity relations.
- 3) Committee on Ethics, Jennie Flannery
  - ♣ Nothing new to report.
- 4) Committee on Gender Issues, Jeanine Valles
  - ♣ Anne is working with SOS for a dorm advertisement.
  - ♣ Next semester the group will work on Freshmen Orientation, parietals, and a gender relations retreat.



- 5) Committee on Oversight, Jim Ryan
  - ♣ Nothing new to report.
- 6) Committee on Residence Life, Matt LaFratta and Aldo Tesi
  - ♣ Jennie Flannery will take the place of Matt LaFratta.
  - ♣ FYI: The smaller juice boxes in Grab-N-Go are just temporary.
  - ♣ The group has collected project summaries.
- 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 counting the CSC van surveys. She suggested that an open letter of recommendation be written.
  - ♣ A new chair will be elected next week.

## VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♣ Have fun abroad Matt, Jeanine, Mark and John. Thanks for entertaining us with your farewell speeches.
- ♣ Welcome to our new Senators!
- ♣ Aldo is going to cook for us. Oh yeah!
- ♣ Happy Birthday to Aldo on December 7<sup>th</sup>!

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

Matt LaFratta motioned for adjournment at 7:38, and this motion was approved unanimously. The next session of Student Senate will be at 6:00 on January 23, 2001 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jai Romero*

Tai Romero  
Student Union Secretary  
December 5, 2001

### EVEN MORE USELESS INFORMATION:

- ~The term 'The Real McCoy' was coined in the 1880's
- ~The term 'Rock N' Roll' was coined in 1951
- ~Degringolade means to fall and disintegrate
- ~Uranus's orbital axis is tilted 90°
- ~The opening day of the Montreal summer Olympics was only 21° Celsius
- ~The Earth orbits the sun at about 18.5 miles per second
- ~The surface area of the Earth is 197,000,000 square miles
- ~Bill Gates' first business was Traff-O-Data, a company that created machines which recorded the number of cars passing a given point on a road.
- ~The 29,249th digit of pi is a seven
- ~The most common letters in English are R S T L N E
- ~Able was I ere I saw Elba' is a palindrome written by Napoleon
- ~A man a plan a canal Panama' is also a palindrome
- ~On Beaver Cleaver's US tour, he visited Albuquerque on a Tuesday
- ~Li Hung-chang is the father of Chop Suey
- ~The number one most popular cat name is Kitty
- ~The number one most popular dog name is Brandy
- ~A golf ball has 360 dimples
- ~The waffle was invented iron August 24, 1869
- ~Most toilets flush in E flat
- ~2,000 pounds of space dust and other space debris fall on the Earth every day
- ~Each month, there is at least one report of UFOs from each province of Canada
- ~The average person will drink 8,000 gallons of water during their lifetime.
- ~The average housefly lives for one month
- ~40,000 Americans are injured by toilets each year
- ~To keep cool, Ostriches urinate on their legs; it then evaporates like sweat
- ~Approx. 25,200 umbrellas are lost each year on the London transit system
- ~Approx. 5,600 umbrellas are lost each year on the Toronto transit system
- ~The perfect pickle should have 7 warts per square inch
- ~August 8th is the start of 'National Pickle Week'
- ~December 17th is Wright Brother's day
- ~Beaver's phone number is KL5-4763
- ~The Olympic flag pole at the Tokyo Olympics was 49 feet, 10 3/4 inches tall
- ~5,200,000 pounds of pickles are consumed each day by Americans
- ~1/3 of all Americans flush the toilet while still on it
- ~There are 333 squares of toilet paper are on a roll
- ~In 1977, a 13-year-old kid found a tooth growing out of his left foot.
- ~Penguins can jump 6 feet.
- ~There have been about a quarter of a million Elvis sightings since his death.
- ~House flies hum in the middle octave key of F
- ~A necropsy is an autopsy on animals
- ~EEG stands Electroencephalogram
- ~A coat hanger is 44 inches long when straightened
- ~You can be fined up to \$1,000 for whistling on a Sunday in Salt Lake City, Utah
- ~By the time you reach grade 12, you will have been in school for about 17,000 hours
- ~4.5 pounds of sunlight strike the Earth each day
- ~When Einstein was inducted as an American, he attended the ceremony without socks
- ~The average acre of corn contains 7.2 million kernels
- ~It takes about 142.18 licks to reach the center of a Tootsie pop
- ~The serial number of the first MAC ever produced was 2001
- ~The average web page contains 500 words
- ~It is illegal to eat oranges while bathing in California
- ~The 7th most common word used on the internet is 'HTML'

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