

Notre Dame Student Senate  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
January 23, 2002  
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.  
Tim inquired to see how many Senators would be interested in having Mass in the log chapel during the last Monday or Tuesday of the month.
- C. Roll Call  
Matt Smith was absent. JJ showed up right at the end of the meeting.
- D. Approval of the December 5, 2001 Minutes  
The Executive Summary for December 5, 2001 was approved unanimously after the friendly amendment that Virginia Kelly's name be spelled correctly in the first bullet point of the campus recycling section.

**II. PODIUM**

Multicultural Commissioner's Retreat

- ♣ Elizabeth Lenn and Nikki McCord reported on the Multicultural Commissioners' Retreat that took place last Wednesday.
- ♣ Several events, all creative and feasible and focusing on culture and diversity, were brainstormed at the event. Examples included a House of Blues event.
- ♣ Over 25 commissioners attended the event, which was a success in the planners' eyes.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. SS0102-16 Amendment to the Undergraduate Constitution Regarding the Repayment of Funds by Groups Who Have Exceeded Their Budget
- ♣ Jennifer Wolfe, Student Union Treasurer, explained the need for the amendment and the history of how deficits are repaid. Jenn stated that the Senate approved the budget allocation of funds in the spring. Groups who overspend receive no punishment and are expected to repay the Student Union on a "good faith" basis. This amendment would set up rules for the structured payback of deficits.
  - ♣ This amendment does not deal with clubs within the CCC. Rather, the amendment is geared toward the larger bodies of the Student Union that include, but is not limited to, the Senate.
  - ♣ Furthermore, Jenn explained, a group may appeal the mandatory payback. Additionally, if the deficit is a certain percentage of the clubs funding for the following year, there is a provision for the group to spread out the repayment over a few years.
  - ♣ Groups are still allowed to apply for the contingency fund if they think their spending will go over budget.
  - ♣ If passed, this rule would not affect groups until the next fiscal year.
- B. Formation of the Ethics Committee
- ♣ After the passing of SS0102-13, the ethics committee is required to consist of seven senators, randomly chosen.
  - ♣ Brooke Norton drew seven names out of a box. All senators selected consented to their selection.
  - ♣ The new Ethics Committee will be comprised of Greg Celio, Blake Haan, Nikki McCord, Padraic McDermott, Lindsey Zika, Colin Harding, and Maggie Morrissey.

**V. REPORTS**

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
- ♣ Brooke announced that the Teach for America dinner was a success. The organization, similar to ACE, wants to recruit student leaders for their program.
  - ♣ The Campus Life Council has formed two new task forces: the Task Force on Sense of Community and the Task Force on Communication.
  - ♣ The CLC's off-campus living survey received over 2500 responses.

- ♣ 2/3 – 2/10 Blessing Onto Others: will benefit a school in Uganda and also the Greatness Grant. The event will include two concerts and a campus-wide collection.
  - ♣ 3/22 – 3/23 Diversity Symposium
  - ♣ 2/7 The Board of Trustees report of Freshman Orientation will be presented.
  - ♣ 1/23 Last Lecture Series
  - ♣ The Martin Luther King week is going on now.
  - ♣ Brian McKenna took the opportunity to inquire why we are encouraging students to stay on campus if we are having a housing shortage on campus. Sol Galmarini explained that CLC first started to research how to get students to remain on campus. The focus shifted later to improving communication between on-campus and off-campus.
  - ♣ Update on the ambulance donation: The ambulance did indeed make it to New York. Brooke was unsure of how much ND students contributed, but she cited \$3000 as a rough estimate.
- 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
    - ♣ The Senate web site is under construction.
    - ♣ Next week's meeting will take place in Keough Hall at 6 PM. The session will be publicized on West Quad only.
    - ♣ Things to think about: 1) Should Senate meet every other week? 2) Should Senate have more than one off-campus representative? 3) Should the number of terms a senator can serve be limited?
  - 3) Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
    - ♣ Please correct your new rosters; Nikki McCord does not live in the entire dorm. Rather, she resides in 818 Pasquerilla East.
  - 4) Mr. Jonathan Jorissen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
    - ♣ The Senate was not blessed with the attendance of JJ at this meeting.
  - 5) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
    - ♣ 1/23 BP Meal Auction at Reckers (8PM)
    - ♣ 1/31 – 2/2 Keenan Revue
  - 6) Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative
    - ♣ Student body president elections and vice president elections are next week.
    - ♣ 1/24 Play of the Mind Conference will feature Martha Nussbaum at 8PM in the O'Laughlin Auditorium. Martha was named one of Time's Seven Most Influential People of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- B. Committee Reports
- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
    - ♣ Meetings: Sunday at 7:30 in the LaFun basement
    - ♣ The committee is following up on the curriculum review.
  - 2) Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
    - ♣ Meetings: Thursday at 5:30 in the LaFortune basement. The meeting will be at 5PM this week, though.
    - ♣ OutreachND will speak at next week's meeting.
  - 3) Committee on Ethics
  - 4) Committee on Gender Issues, Mary Mullen
    - ♣ Meetings: Sunday at 5:30 in the basement of LaFun
  - 5) Committee on Oversight, Jim Ryan
    - ♣ Meetings: Tuesday at 7:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library.
    - ♣ The committee is focusing on the suggestions Brian Moscona offered and is also focusing on reviewing the Constitution.
  - 6) Committee on Residence Life, Jennie Flannery and Aldo Tesi
    - ♣ Meetings: Tuesday at 6:30 in LaFun basement.
  - 7) Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores and Meghan O'Donnell
    - ♣ Meetings: Thursday at 6:30 in Coleman-Morse
    - ♣ The committee will continue on last semester's projects and will attempt to track where funds from The Shirt go.
    - ♣ Brooke requested that the committee look into getting a left turning signal for the Angela / ND Ave.

## VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♣ 1/24 Professor Gretchen Reydarm-Schils is having a book signing at the bookstore.
- ♣ The Social Concerns Festival is also tomorrow night.
- ♣ Friday: Light Night Olympics
- ♣ Keenan Revue tickets are distributed Thursday.
- ♣ Tonight at the CoMo: Fireside Chat at 8PM



## VII. ADJOURNMENT

Nikki McCord motioned for adjournment at 6:55, and this motion was approved unanimously. The next session of Student Senate will be at 6:00 on January 30, 2001 in Keough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jai Romero*

Tai Romero  
Student Union Secretary  
January 23, 2002

Even Last Edition of Useless Info: (Sob. Sob.)

- ~The 42 most common word used on the internet is 'INFORMATION'
- ~Cows poop 16 times per day.
- ~Cows produce around 65 pounds of manure per day
- ~There are no words in the English language that rhyme with 'purple'
- ~There are no words in the English language that rhyme with 'orange'
- ~It takes an average of 48 to 100 tries to solve a rubix cube puzzle
- ~If done perfectly, any rubix cube combination can be solved in 17 turns
- ~The year 1987 was the 50th anniversary of Spam
- ~It is illegal to frown at cows in Bladworth, Saskatchewan
- ~51% of turns are right turns
- ~A group of goats is called a trip
- ~A group of hares is called a Husk
- ~A group of finches is called a Charm
- ~The average computer user blinks 7 times a minute
- ~acrophobia is the fear of heights
- ~nycrophobia is the fear of dakness
- ~zoophobia is the fear of animals
- ~claustrophobia is the fear of small spaces
- ~pyrophobia is the fear of fire
- ~entomophobia is the fear of insects
- ~xenophoa is the fear of strangers
- ~agaraphobia is the fear of open spaces
- ~An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain
- ~In Jasmine Saskatchewan, it is illegal for a cow to moo within 300km of a private home
- ~The average American has \$104 in their wallet
- ~64% of the population can roll their tongue
- ~The average women's handbag weighs between 3 and 5 pounds
- ~Most people button their shirt upwards
- ~The average American butt is 14.9 in. long
- ~Hamsters do bot blink
- ~There are only 4 flavors of plain M&Ms
- ~More bullets were fired in 'Starship Troopers' than in any other movie ever made
- ~There are 450 hairs in an average eyebrow.
- ~60% of electrocutions occur while talking on the telephone during a thunderstorm.
- ~The average person spends 30 years mad at a family member
- ~The average person spends 40 years cleaning.
- ~The record distance for cherry pit spitting is 95 feet, 7 inches.
- ~The cigaretter lighter was invented before matches.
- ~March 9th is Useless Facts and Trivia day.
- ~Neil Armstrong's full name= Neil Alden Armstrong
- ~Cats have 5 pads on their front feet, four on their back feet.
- ~Michael Jordan shaves his head on Tuesdays, and Fridays
- ~Smart people have more zinc in their hair. Higher IQs
- ~The Queen Elizabeth ship burns a gallon of oil to move 1 foot
- ~The name of the girl on the statue of liberty is Mother of Exiles
- ~Only 2 people signed the declaration of independence on July 4. The Last person signed 2 years later.
- ~A duck's quack has no echo.
- ~Lemons have more sugar than oranges.

- ~3.6 cans of Spam are consumed each second.
- ~There's a systematic lull in conversation every 7 minutes.
- ~The lining of your digestive system is shed every 3 days.
- ~The buzz generated by an electric razor in America is in the key of B flat.
- ~In England it is in the key of G.
- ~Most digital alarm clocks ring in the key of B flat.
- ~The sound of knuckles cracking is generated by imploding synobial fluid.
- ~A dog's average body temperature is 101 degrees Fahrenheit.
- ~Arnold Schonberg suffered from triskaidecaphobia, the fear of the number 13.
- He died 13 minutes from midnight on Friday the 13th.
- ~In 1946, the first TV toy commercial aired. It was for Mr. Potato head.
- ~60 years ago (as of 1998) the Bugs Bunny prototype appeared in Porky's Hair Hunt.
- ~April 30 is National Honesty Day.
- ~Mozart wrote the nursery rhyme 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' at the age of five.
- ~Elvis was once appointed Special Agent of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.
- ~Americans eat 12 billion bananas each year.
- ~There are 1,575 steps from the ground floor to the top of the Empire State building.
- ~The world record for keeping a Lifesaver in the mouth with the hole intact is 7 hours and 10 minutes.
- ~There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- ~Alaska was bought from Russia for about 2 cents an acre.
- ~A duck has three eyelids.
- ~70% of dust of house dust is dead skin cells.
- ~The only animal with four knees is the elephant.
- ~Australia is the only continent without an active volcano.
- ~The world record for spitting a watermelon seed is 65 feet 4 inches.
- ~A rat can go longer without water than a camel.
- ~The human tooth has about 55 miles of canals in it.
- ~In the Philippine jungle, the yo-yo was first used as a weapon.
- ~A chicken is the only animal that is eaten before it is born and after it is dead.
- ~weatherman Willard Scott was the first original Ronald McDonald
- ~Your skin weighs twice as much as your brain
- ~Every single hamster in the U.S. today comes from a single litter captured in Syria in 1930.
- ~A pig always sleeps on its right side.
- ~There are 170,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 ways to play the ten opening moves in a chess game.
- ~One year contains 31,557,600 seconds.
- ~Penguins can jump as high as 6 feet in the air.

