

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
February 13, 2002
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
Jesse Flores led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
Mary Murphy and Mike Shultz were absent.
- D. Approval of the February 6, 2002 Minutes
The Executive Summary for February 6, 2002 was approved unanimously.

II. PODIUM

Food Services, Dave Prentkowski

- ♣ Dave Prentkowski, Director of Food Services, attended Senate. He offered the following overview:
 1. He has worked 11 years in the position, in which he is nominally under the Division of Business Operations. Previously, he worked at the University of Michigan and the University of Utah Salt Lake City.
 2. The dining hall has a significant role in student life at the university. Therefore, one can not take too much emphasis off the dining hall.
 3. Some new additions to the dining hall include a vegan menu and an updated web site.
 4. New additions in the food services family:
 - a. Alumni Senior Bar Renovation
 - b. Starbucks opening after Spring Break
 - c. Sbarro will take the place of Allegro
 - d. Options are open for replacing Tomassitto's.
 5. LaFortune hours will be expanded
 6. Food Services is researching new food options in several locations around campus.
- ♣ The following questions were directed to Mr. Prentkowski:

Q: Do you deal with the price increase in vending machines on campus?
A: Vending machines deal with quarter increments. That's the sheer economics of the situation.
Q: How much are we really charged per meal?
A: We do not calculate that amount because we budget with dependence on the fact that students will not eat all their allotted meals.
Q: Is there a possibility of us using our ID cards for vending machines?
A: The first priority is to set up Domer Dollar usage for laundry machines.
Q: How flexible is the current meal plan?
A: We would love to offer more meal plan options, but those options cost money. We are researching the possibilities, though.
Q: Will we ever have Grab-N-Go in LaFortune?
A: Fr. Poorman has squashed that idea.
Q: What kind of healthy options do you plan to offer?
A: We do have Lean Cuisine on the line in the Huddle. However, we are looking into having Subway as a new LaFortune shop.
Q: Is there anyway to set aside student meals for guest meal plans?
A: There is a 5 for \$35 guest meal package.

III. OLD BUSINESS

SS0102-17 Resolution on Student Activity Fee Increase

- ♣ The resolution was brought to the table. Audra Hagan, Jennifer Wolfe, and representatives from the Club Coordination Council were on hand to answer questions about the proposed resolution.
- ♣ Greg Celio asked if the increase has to be on a year by year basis. Lindsay Zika asked if any alternatives have been analyzed.
- ♣ Audra emphasized that this resolution is meant to cushion inflation, not necessarily to provide more programming. The increase will facilitate the status quo.
- ♣ FYI: St. Mary's students pay a \$150 student activity fee, of which a portion is given to Notre Dame. Second, 75% of students will participate in a club at one time or another in their college career.

- ♣ Matt Smith noted that he could not vote for a resolution like this if Outreach ND was not recognized as a club.
- ♣ Audra announced that she would support changing the resolution. Instead of increasing the fee by \$5 every other year, she suggested increasing the fee by the previous year's inflation rate.
- ♣ The vote for this resolution tied at 13-13. Brian Moscona cast the deciding vote against the resolution until the increase can be further researched.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nomination and Approval of Student Union Treasurer
 - ♣ Jennifer Wolfe, current treasurer of the Student Union, will end her term on March 1. Following the rules of the Constitution, Jenn offered a nomination for her new replacement. She nominated Andrew Oxenreiter.
 - ♣ Andrew introduced himself as a junior from Keough. Watch out ladies...he's a Scorpio.
 - ♣ A motion was made to vote. Andrew was approved unanimously.
- B. SS0102-19 Resolution Concerning the Restructuring of Academic Council
 - ♣ Pat Hallahan introduced the resolution advocating that students receive more representation on the Academic Council.
 - ♣ A friendly amendment was made to change the first "Further Be It Resolved" to change the *Committee on Academic Affairs for the Student Senate to Student Senate Committee on Academic Affairs*.
 - ♣ The resolution passed.

V. REPORTS

- A. Officer Reports
 - 1) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
 - ♣ CLC will meet this week and work on its new task forces. Bill Kirk will attend the March 18 CLC meeting to discuss *duLac* revisions.
 - ♣ At the last CLC meeting, Father Poorman announced the renovation of the Alumni Senior Bar. Fr. Poorman will announce two more enhancements for student venues this coming week.
 - ♣ To show the student body that the Office of the President is indeed doing work, ads will be placed in the Observer asking for more student input on ongoing projects.
 - 2) Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
 - ♣ We only have 1½ months left. Let's keep up the work!
 - ♣ Thanks to Lewis Hall for hosting our meeting.
 - 3) Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
 - 4) Mr. Jonathan Jorissen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
 - ♣ The BOT report was a smashing success. The Board even made motions right then and there. There will be a committee formed on First Year Orientation as a result.
 - 5) Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
 - ♣ There are no HPC events this weekend due to JPW. Enjoy the weekend, juniors.
 - ♣ 2/22 and 2/23 Zahm and Cavanaugh present the Winter Carnival.
 - ♣ 2/23 Dillon Irish Iron Classic
 - ♣ 2/24 Justin Brumbaugh Basketball Tournament
 - 6) Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative
 - ♣ The BOG issued a statement, in light of the *Vagina Monologues*, in support of all students' rights to academic freedom.
- B. Committee Reports
 - 1) Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
 - ♣ Thanks for passing the resolution.
 - 2) Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
 - 3) Committee on Ethics, Greg Celio
 - ♣ Greg Celio was elected as chair of the committee.
 - ♣ Each senator will be notified of the standing in regards to attendance.
 - ♣ Committee heads, please email Greg with your attendance rosters.
 - 4) Committee on Gender Issues, Mary Mullen
 - ♣ At the scheduled meeting walk around with security to survey lighting options, the facilities representative did not show up. Therefore, another walk will be scheduled.
 - ♣ Lindsay reported that the Women's Retreat is March 1 and 2. Please help advertise: lady senators pick up applications in your mailbox to be distributed to your fellow female students.
 - 5) Committee on Oversight, Jim Ryan

- ♣ Meeting Sunday at 9 and Monday at 3 at a location to be determined
 - ♣ The committee has completed its reorganization of the constitution.
- 6) Committee on Residence Life, Jennie Flannery and Aldo Tesi
- ♣ Starting soon, *Chicago Tribune* will be available Sundays in the dining halls.
 - ♣ DeBartolo study lounge will soon have a clock.
 - ♣ Look for more information coming to you in your mailbox or your email on 24-hour space and Jr. dogbook surveys.
- 7) Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores and Meghan O'Donnell
- ♣ Colin Harding, eager to have his name in the minutes, presented information on the possibility of having the water tower painted.
 - ♣ Apparently, one of Colin's acquaintances is disgruntled over the aesthetic (or lack of aesthetic) beauty on North Quad. Therefore, Colin wishes to research the possibility to "loosen the ball to get it rolling at a later date."
 - ♣ Colin Harding, Colin Harding, Colin Harding, Colin Harding, Colin Harding, Colin Harding. There's your name in the minutes.....

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♣ Runoff elections are tomorrow.
- ♣ Applications for Alumni Senior Bar managers are due March 15.
- ♣ Women's Retreat Applications are available.
- ♣ Thanks to Lewis Hall for hosting Senate this week!

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Blake Haan motioned for adjournment at 7:10, and this motion was approved unanimously. The next session of Student Senate will be at 6:00 on February 20, 2002 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tai Romero
Student Union Secretary
February 13, 2002

