

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
February 20, 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
JJ Jorissen led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
Jennie Flannery, Nikki McCord, Brian McKenna, Tim O'Malley, and Erin Casey were absent.
- D. Approval of the February 13, 2002 Minutes
The Executive Summary for February 13, 2002 was approved unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SS0102-20 Open Letter Regarding the Women's Resource Center
 - ♣ Lindsay Zika presented the letter that advised the move of the WRC from the 3rd floor of LaFortune to the Counseling Center and the hiring of a full-time employee.
 - ♣ Lindsay did not know the club's budget, but a conversation with the current and next year's president has led the committee to these suggestions. As is, the WRC is incredibly small and refers many students to the counseling center. Therefore, it makes sense to offer the suggestions contained in the letter.
 - ♣ Yes, the WRC is a club. The only other club that employs someone fulltime is the SIBC because it has an endowed position.
 - ♣ Jim Ryan motioned for unanimous consent. The motion passed.
- B. Nomination and Approval of Student Union Board Manager, Director of Programming, Chief Controller, and Director of Operations
 - ♣ Paul Krivickas, current SUB manager, offered a letter of nomination for the spots of Student Union Board Manager, Director of Programming, Chief Controller, and Director of Operations. Paul nominated Stephen Christ, Lauren Fowler, Andrew Lam and Connie Quinlan for the respective positions.
 - ♣ Stephen served as the Ideas and Issues Commissioner for the past two years. Lauren managed the Collegiate Jazz Festival. Andrew served as an assistant controller. Connie has experience as a movie chair ad the JPW Gala chair.
 - ♣ Jim Ryan motioned to suspend the rules so that these people could be approved. A vote was made to approve all four nominated people.

IV. PODIUM

- A. Athletic Representative of Club Coordination Council, Amy O'Connor
 - ♣ The CCC is experiencing an increase in activity, but no increase in funds. Last year, \$205,000 was given, but \$400,000 was requested.
 - ♣ 75% of students are active in clubs.
 - ♣ The majority of CCC's clubs need funding. For example:
 1. *Academic*: Departments have dropped funding, but still ask clubs like the Architecture Club and the American Chemical Club to do increased activity. Some of the academic clubs use pizza to entice membership.
 2. *Athletic*: Clubs have to charge large amounts of money for membership. For example, the women's water polo team is 5th in the nation and still has to pay \$800 per year.
 3. *Ethnic*: Clubs are so under-funded that they can only one major event per year. They lose the opportunity for interpersonal and service opportunities due to the lack of money.
 4. *Service*: To encourage service, no dues are charged.
 5. *Special Interest*: Includes groups like Flipside and campus choirs.

- ♣ Fundraising can only cover so much. Clubs would have to raise funds and would not be able to focus on their missions if not funded by the CCC.
 - ♣ Other uses for the student activity fee:
 1. *Contingency Fund*: helps upstart clubs and new events. Every year it is depleted faster.
 2. *Collaboration Fund*: Executive Cabinet controls this fund and votes to give it to collaborating clubs and student government organizations. Last year, the fund was completely depleted. This year it is getting low quickly.
 3. *Carry Forward Account*: Financial Management Board is required to have a carry forward account to act as an insurance policy against the deficit of unsuccessful events.
 4. *HPC Matching Funds*
 - ♣ The Shirt project helps the Student Union budget, but if it does not sell well, the Student Union takes a hit.
 - ♣ Other schools have larger student activity fees:
 1. Boston College - \$106
 2. St. Mary's College - \$150
 3. Indiana University – upper \$80
 - ♣ Greg Celio asked if a biannual increase is necessary. The suggestion to break the original resolution into two separate resolutions was made and is being considered in committee.
 - ♣ Padraic McDermott noted that the Senate should not shirk the duty of addressing this idea.
- B. Chris Zimmerman, Fisher Hall
- ♣ Why do clubs need to entice membership with pizza? Why do the clubs have to exist if they have to use pizza to lure people?
 - ♣ Paying for club sports is no new thing. People did it in high school.
 - ♣ If 75% of students participate in clubs, what about the other 25%?
 - ♣ Flipside was scheduled against Rally in the Alley. Clubs should not program against events like that.
 - ♣ Renting out university facilities is not acceptable when we are already paying to attend the university.
 - ♣ The reason Boston College has a higher student activity fee is because the area has a higher cost of living.
 - ♣ Answers:
 1. Meghan Finnerty answered that some clubs do have dues.
 2. Tai Romero stated a) that clubs only get 32% of the budget, b) that this resolution is supposed to be a student-backed recommendation, c) that the only way to get students involved right now is to work through an existing framework even if it means paying for university venues, and e) that Flipstock was not funded by the Student Union but from a contribution from the Office of Student Affairs.
 3. There is intrinsic value in every club, argued Audra Hagan.
 4. Amy O'Connor pointed out that all budget transactions are reviewed before club allocation each year.
 5. Aldo Tesi mentioned that because students are not involved in clubs does not mean that they are not reaping the benefits of the student activity fee.
 6. Danielle Ledesma reminded Chris that corporate items, like movies, cost the same wherever you live.
 - ♣ Mary Murphy asked what Chris wanted to happen now. Chris answered that he wants more discussion.
- C. Cole Barker
- ♣ Cole echoed Chris' comments.
 - ♣ Meghan Finnerty asked if Cole agreed with the activity fee in the first place. Without the increase, Meghan continued, the fee will become useless. Cole answered that he was not opposed to raising the fee. He only wants to make sure that issues are addressed.
 - ♣ Jim Ryan inquired whether Cole thinks the clubs are misspending. Cole answered that some of the costs are frivolous.

V. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
- ♣ CLC is an all-year obligation Therefore Brooke will chair the Council until the end of the school year. On March 25, Bill Kirk will attend the meeting.
 - ♣ The Alcohol Use and Abuse Task Force is forming student focus groups on tailgating.
 - ♣ The Task Force on Off-Campus Living is still counting surveys.
 - ♣ The Task Force on Social Space is taking a fieldtrip to the Creek House to examine the facilities.
 - ♣ There was an ad featured in the Observer to ask for student input.
 - ♣ There is a new hotline for the MAXX.
 - ♣ In Executive Cabinet, the Collaboration Fund is quickly being depleted.
 - ♣ New calendars of student events are being posted around campus. Any sponsored group may use this calendar for free advertising. Email eventmax@nd.edu by Sunday night to advertise events for the next week.

- B. Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
 - ♣ Great job getting more people involved.
 - ♣ Please do not forget that your primary job is to represent the dorms.
 - ♣ Senate elections should be held within the next 2 weeks. An information session for those interested in serving as senator will be at 9PM in the student government office on Sunday.
 - ♣ Congratulations to Libby and Trip! They will be transitioning for the next couple of weeks.
 - ♣ Thanks to our guests who spoke on podium.
- C. Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
- D. Mr. Jonathan Jorissen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
 - ♣ Buy an Orange Crush to impress your crush. Proceeds go to the Make a Wish Foundation.
 - ♣ A Mass to celebrate 30 years of coeducation at Notre Dame will be held Tuesday night in Walsh Hall at 11 PM.
 - ♣ Applications for the O'Malley Award, an award honoring an undergraduate teacher, will be available on March 4.
 - ♣ The Irish Clover award honors 1 staff member and 1 student for their outstanding service to the ND community.
 - ♣ The Michael J. Palumbo award honors service and dedication to the Student Union.
 - ♣ There will be a history display in the Maxx to commemorate 30 years of coeducation.
- E. Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
 - ♣ 2/22 and 2/23 Zahm and Cavanaugh present the Winter Carnival.
 - ♣ 2/23 Dillon Irish Iron Classic
 - ♣ 2/24 Justin Brumbaugh Basketball Tournament
 - ♣ 2/26 Professor Alvin Tillory will speak on Interracial Dating at 8PM in Farley Hall.
- F. Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
 - ♣ The curriculum review committee gave more suggestions on the survey we submitted to them.
 - ♣ The committee will meet on Friday with representatives of the Academic Council to discuss the resolution asking for more student representation.
 - ♣ Meeting: Sunday at 7:30.
- B. Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
 - ♣ 4/21 Celebrating Diversity Workshop
 - ♣ If you are interested in viewing the research results on Outreach, please see Elizabeth Lenn.
- C. Committee on Ethics, Greg Celio
 - ♣ Greg Celio reported that the committee is still looking over attendance records.
- D. Committee on Gender Issues, Mary Mullen
 - ♣ The Women's Retreat will be held March 1 and 2. Applications are due Friday.
- E. Committee on Oversight, Jim Ryan
 - ♣ Meeting Saturday at 2 in the Student Government office.
 - ♣ Please hold an informational meeting in your dorm for all people interested in serving as senator.
 - ♣ The committee has completed its reorganization of the constitution and is letting other committees and student government groups review it.
- F. Committee on Residence Life, Jennie Flannery and Aldo Tesi
 - ♣ Please return surveys regarding the junior registers (AKA dogbook).
- G. Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores and Meghan O'Donnell
 - ♣ Meeting: Thursday at 6:30
 - ♣ The committee is researching the contract we have with the company that makes apparel hats for the bookstore. Supposedly, the workers in that company have been forced to take a 25 cents decrease in pay and increase their work hours.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♣ Senate Mass will be Monday at 10:30 in the Morrissey Chapel.
- ♣ Email Brian Moscona if you have any ideas for the Student Activity Fees Committee.
- ♣ Applications for the Michael Palumbo award will be available in the Student Government office next week.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Sol Galmarini motioned for adjournment at 7:20, and this motion was approved unanimously. The next session of Student Senate will be at 6:00 on February 27, 2002 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tai Romero
Student Union Secretary
February 27, 2002

Just a Penny a Pound

Our first story is one that I came across while researching the life of Robert Elliot Burns, author of the book *I am a Fugitive from a Georgia Chain Gang*. Just one column over from where my eyes were focused was a story titled *Escorts at M.I.T. Dance Pay 1c a Pound on Girls, Tax on Hair*. Yes, you read that correctly. Every male student that brought a girl to the December 17, 1832 "dorm" dance had to pay an admission fee based on his date's weight. In addition, there was an added tax on the girl's hair color. Brunettes were an added dime, blondes fifteen cents, and the rare redhead was twenty cents.

At the end of the night, the students were able to raise a whopping \$26.42, excluding the hair color tax. And if you are one of the old timers that can do basic math without a calculator, that translates into 2,642 pounds of pure woman. The redheads proved to be the lightweights at an average of just 116 pounds per gal. The blondes came in second place with an average of 117.5 pounds. The brunettes were the heavyweights with a mean of 120 pounds. The lowest cost paid was \$1.00 even for a brunette that weighed in at just 90 pounds. I wouldn't have wanted to be the woman that cost the most that evening. That particular blonde cost her male companion a whopping \$1.88.

More Phobias:

Galeophobia or Gatophobia- Fear of cats.
Galophobia or Galiophobia- Fear France, French culture. (Francophobia)
Gamophobia- Fear of marriage.
Geliophobia- Fear of laughter.
Geniophobia- Fear of chins.
Genophobia- Fear of sex.
Genophobia- Fear of knees.
Gephyrophobia, Gephydrophobia, or Gephysrophobia- Fear of crossing bridges.
Germanophobia- Fear of Germany, German culture, etc.
Gerascophobia- Fear of growing old.
Gerontophobia- Fear of old people or of growing old.
Geumaphobia or Geumophobia- Fear of taste.
Glossophobia- Fear of speaking in public or of trying to speak.
Gnosiophobia- Fear of knowledge.
Graphophobia- Fear of writing or handwriting.
Gymnophobia- Fear of nudity.
Gynephobia or Gynophobia- Fear of women.
Hadeophobia- Fear of hell.
Hagiophobia- Fear of saints or holy things.
Hamartophobia- Fear of sinning.
Haphephobia or Haptophobia- Fear of being touched.
Harpaxophobia- Fear of being robbed.
Hedonophobia- Fear of feeling pleasure.
Heliophobia- Fear of the sun.
Hellenologophobia- Fear of Greek terms or complex scientific terminology.
Helminthophobia- Fear of being infested with worms.
Hemophobia or Hemaphobia or Hematophobia- Fear of blood.
Heresyphobia or Hereiophobia- Fear of challenges to official doctrine or of radical deviation.
Herpetophobia- Fear of reptiles or creepy, crawly things.
Heterophobia- Fear of the opposite sex. (Sexophobia)
Hierophobia- Fear of priests or sacred things.
Hippophobia- Fear of horses.
Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia- Fear of long words.
Hobophobia- Fear of bums or beggars.
Hodophobia- Fear of road travel.
Hormephobia- Fear of shock.
Homichlophobia- Fear of fog.
Homilophobia- Fear of sermons.
Hominophobia- Fear of men.
Homophobia- Fear of sameness, monotony or of homosexuality or of becoming homosexual.
Hoplophobia- Fear of firearms.
Hydrargyrophobia- Fear of mercurial medicines.
Hydrophobia- Fear of water or of rabies.
Hydrophobophobia- Fear of rabies.
Hyelophobia or Hyalophobia- Fear of glass.
Hygrophobia- Fear of liquids, dampness, or moisture.
Hylephobia- Fear of materialism OR the fear of epilepsy.
Hylophobia- Fear of forests.
Hypenogyphobia or Hypegiaphobia- Fear of responsibility.
Hypnophobia- Fear of sleep or of being hypnotized.
Hypsiphobia- Fear of height.