

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
March 27, 2002
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order
Vice President Brian Moscona called the meeting to order at 6:11.
- B. Invocation
Tim O'Malley led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
Erin Casey was absent.
- D. Approval of the March 24, 2002 Minutes
The Executive Summary for March 24, 2002 was approved unanimously after a motion from Jennie Flannery.

II. PODIUM

- A. Club Coordination Council Representative, Kaitlyn Dudley
- ♣ Nikki McCord inquired as to why the CCC did not approach Senate about the increase to 40% before the student activity fee increase was proposed. Kaitlyn answered that the CCC was integrally involved in the student activity fee increase. After interviewing the clubs in preparation for budget proposals, the CCC still recognizes its need for funding.
 - ♣ Sol Galmarini asked why the CCC would not ask FMB for more than the minimum 36.75%. Jim Ryan answered that the amount has historically been the minimum amount and nothing more.
 - ♣ Blake Haan asked where the additional 2.25% would come from. There is not set place or club from which the 2.25% will originate.
 - ♣ Meghan O'Donnell asked what the additional money in the increase would go towards besides the \$7000 for collaboration between clubs. Amy O'Connor answered that clubs, which are well organized and show need, will receive the additional funding.
- B. Elaine Ellis, Circle K member
- ♣ Elaine explained that Circle K plans 20 service projects a week. The club must charge \$25 for dues, all of which goes to the international organization.
 - ♣ This year, there is \$500 left in the budget, but the club has many more events planned for the year.
 - ♣ Extra funding would allow the organization to retain members by offering incentives, member recognition, and more fellowship events.
 - ♣ Circle K has a high overhead. The club sends delegates to the Indiana and International Conventions. Additionally, the club is required to publish a bulletin for its 700+ members four times a year.
 - ♣ Nikki McCord commented that the club needs to reevaluate what events are plausible and which are not feasible. Elaine explained that the club's plans are plausible and that there is no such thing as too much service.
 - ♣ Another member of the Circle K explained that the club is a hands-on experience and another way of getting the Notre Dame name out in the community.
 - ♣ Danielle Ledesma outlined the club's budget. The club was allocated \$4000, made \$1500 at its concession, and was awarded \$1500 in an appeal. This year, the club has requested \$10,000.
- C. Student Union Board, Stephen Christ
- ♣ Stephen Christ explained that SUB also needs additional funding. Besides being over budget, the board's budget is being cut by the Student Activities Office. He reasoned that SUB already charges for events. The bottom line is that SUB must maintain the level of activity that it already has achieved. Furthermore, SUB does not want to cut already success programs.
 - ♣ Stephen pointed out that SUB members are trained to program; club members do not undergo that specific training.
 - ♣ The Financial Management Board keeps close tabs on SUB's spending.
 - ♣ Kaitlyn Dudley declared that clubs are not incapable of programming.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Note: Kim Milford and Ann Madigan motioned for the reinstatement of the rules. The motion was passed.
SS0102-23 Amendment Concerning an Increase to Club Allocations

- ♣ Meghan O'Donnell and Nick Gaeke motioned for debate to consist of, at most, three pro and three con positions. The motion passed unanimously.
- ♣ Sol Galmarini argued that it has already big year as far as changes go. Perhaps, we should give it another year so that the Senate may view the effects that the student activity fee increase has first.
- ♣ Jennie Flannery also argued against the resolution, citing that the 36.75% is only a minimum suggestion.
- ♣ Luke Slonkosky approves of the resolution because it encourages collaboration between the clubs.
- ♣ Tai Romero argued that the CCC deserves the money. 75% of Notre Dame students are involved in clubs. She voiced her concern that we budget \$80,000 for a concert, but neglect to aid our clubs.
- ♣ Pat Hallahan argued the con side while pointing out that the minimum percentage was increased to 36.75% in 1998. He stated that we should leave the minimum a few more years before considering the change.
- ♣ Jim Ryan discussed the resolution as being for the good of everyone. A preliminary \$30,000 will be set aside from the budget for the Contingency Fund, which eliminates SUB's concern about being able to take bigger risks on events.
- ♣ The resolution failed to pass with 8 votes in favor of the resolution and 14 votes against the resolution.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nomination for Judicial Council President
 - ♣ Tim Jarotkiewicz presented Danielle Ledesma as the nominee for Judicial Council President. Tim issued a letter of nomination to the Senate stating such.
 - ♣ Meghan O'Donnell asked what other commitments Danielle has for the year. Danielle answered that she will work with Circle K.
 - ♣ Brian McKenna motioned for the rules to be suspended in order for Senate to proceed to vote on the nomination. The motion to suspend the rules passed 25-2.
 - ♣ Nikki McCord inquired as to how many other applicants there were for the position. Tim answered that only one other person applied.
 - ♣ Danielle was approved as Judicial Council President by a vote of 25-1.
- B. Nomination for the Frank O'Malley Award
 - ♣ This section of the minutes is closed.
- C. Nomination for the Irish Clover Award
 - ♣ This section of the minutes is closed.
- D. Nomination for the Michael J. Palumbo Award
 - ♣ This section of the minutes is closed.
- E. SS0102-25 Resolution Regarding the CCC Ethnic Division Name Change
 - ♣ Joyce deLeon presented the resolution that calls for the name of the Ethnic Division to be changed to Cultural Division.
 - ♣ The resolution was brought to the floor with a vote of 19-0-1.
 - ♣ The motion passed unanimously.
- F. SS0102-26 open Letter Regarding Extending Parietals
 - ♣ Mary Mullen presented a letter in which the Senate claims to retain strong feelings on the issue of parietals. Sol Galmarini explained that the committee did not want to waste time researching a resolution or reasons that would never pass. Rather, by asking the CLC what the Senate can do, time and energy are being saved.
 - ♣ The letter was approved by unanimous consent.
- G. SS0102-27 Open Letter Concerning Experiential Learning
 - ♣ Jim Ryan resented the letter that will go to Dr. Nathan Hatch if passed. The letter outlines the Senate's position on experiential learning.
 - ♣ Several friendly amendments were made to the letter in regards to punctuation and grammar.
 - ♣ The letter was approved unanimously.

V. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body President
 - ♣ Brooke thanked the entire body for all its work. She also thanked the non-voting members for their dedication to the body.
- B. Mr. Brian Moscona, Student Body Vice-President
 - ♣ Brian, too, voiced his gratitude to the voting and non-voting members.
 - ♣ He also reminded the committees to turn in their respective transition reports as soon as possible.
- C. Ms. Tai Romero, Student Union Secretary
 - ♣ Tai introduced her replacement, Erik Smith.

- D. Mr. Jonathan Jorissen, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
- ♣ JJ reported that the Office of the President is busy transitioning.
- E. Mr. Adam Russ, Hall Presidents Council Liaison
- ♣ Adam thanked the Senate for their compassion and dedication
 - ♣ 4/4 Welsh Family Feud, Reckers, 7PM
 - ♣ 4/5 Alumni Calling, South Quad, 4PM
 - ♣ 4/5 Stanford Hall AllNight After Hours Bash, Alumni Senior Club, 10PM-4AM
 - ♣ 4/6 Knott on the Knoll, Noon
 - ♣ 4/6 Pangborn Price is Right
 - ♣ 4/7 Lewis Chicken Run
- F. Ms. Erin Casey, St. Mary's Representative

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thanks to all who served on the committees this year.

- A. Committee on Academic Affairs, Pat Hallahan
- ♣ Thanks for approving the letter.
- B. Committee on Diversity Affairs, Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn
- C. Committee on Ethics, Greg Celio
- D. Committee on Gender Issues, Mary Mullen
- ♣ Thanks for approving the letter.
- E. Committee on Oversight, Jim Ryan
- F. Committee on Residence Life, Jennie Flannery and Aldo Tesi
- ♣ Jennie reminded the senators to remain involved. She urged each one to review her email and to open discussion with your respective rectors.
- G. Committee on University Affairs, Jesse Flores and Meghan O'Donnell
- ♣ Committee members, please remember to give Jesse the names of your contacts.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♣ Transition reports are due!!!
- ♣ Congratulations to all the new senators!
- ♣ Good luck to Libby, Trip, and Pat and their administration.
- ♣ The Student Leadership Banquet is April 9, 2002.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Brian Moscona adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM after a motion from Steven Garcia. The next session of Student Senate will be at 6:00 on April 3, 2002 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tai Romero
Student Union Secretary
March 27, 2002

Tai's Gift to the Incoming Senators: Loads of Useless Information The 2001-2002 Senators really liked these; you might too

- ~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 darkness

- ~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
- ~xenophobia is the fear of strangers
- ~agoraphobia 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 not 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 cigarette 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 synovial 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.
- 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