

Notre Dame Student Senate

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

September 13, 2000
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order
Chairperson Brooke Norton called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- B. Invocation
Mr. Mark Leaheey led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
Shannon Bennett, Grant Gholson, Luciana Reali, Margaret Clarke and Veronica Kessenich were absent.
- D. Approval of the September 6, 2000 Executive Summary
The September 6, 2000 Executive Summary was approved with a few minor changes.

II. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Mr. Brian O'Donoghue, Student Body President
President O'Donoghue reported that this week the Executive Cabinet discussed advertising of student events and decided to continue having two *Observer* ads appear each Thursday, one paid for by Student Activities and the other by both SUB and the Office of the President. Additionally, the Executive Cabinet discussed alcohol use on campus and tentatively approved a new Collaboration Fund form. Finally, Mr. O'Donoghue announced that any comments or suggestions regarding the University phone system should be directed to Ms. Bethany Barker.
- 2) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body Vice-President
Chairperson Norton announced that an election will be held in Keenan Hall next Monday to fill their vacated Senate seat. Also, Ms. Norton reported that the plaque for the Michael Palumbo Award has been finished and a permanent location is being chosen for its display. Ms. Norton also reminded the Senate that they will have to choose a recipient for the Michael Palumbo Award in the spring. Ms. Norton announced that anyone interested in designing a Senate webpage should speak to Brooke. Finally, all Steering Committee meetings will now take place in the Notre Dame Room at 6:30 Sunday.
- 3) Mr. Trip Foley, Student Union Secretary
Mr. Foley had no new business to report.
- 4) Ms. Meredith Sonnycalb, Assistant Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Ms. Sonnycalb announced that absentee ballot information was distributed to students in DeBartolo Hall. All extra forms and information are located in the Student Government Office.
- 5) Mr. Chris Andersen, HPC Liaison
Mr. Andersen reported that HPC shared the Senate's concern regarding the Fall 2001 Finals Schedule and is interested in hearing how the Senate resolves this issue. Mr. Andersen will also see if HPC discussed the resale of Nebraska tickets at their last meeting.
- 6) Ms. Veronica Kessenich, St. Mary's Representative
Ms. Kessenich was unable to attend tonight's meeting because of a Board of Governance meeting. However, she will update the Senate on Keenan Review approval at next week's meeting.

B. Committee Reports

- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs

The Committee on Academic Affairs is currently waiting to hear back from the Academic Council Representative so they can set up a time to meet. Additionally, the Committee is looking into changing Tuesday/Thursday class times so that there will be a 30-minute window to allow students to eat lunch. The Office of the Registrar will look into this issue. Finally, legislation will be presented at next week's meeting about adding a Faculty Senate liaison to the Student Senate.

2) Committee on Diversity

The Diversity Committee met yesterday and discussed the Celebrating Diversity Seminar which will probably occur in November. Mary Edgington will put the Committee in touch with the person who administered this workshop last year.

3) Committee on Ethics

The Ethics Committee had no new business to report.

4) Committee on Gender Issues

Because Luciana Reali and Maggie Clarke were attending a Sexual Assault meeting, Ms. Katie Bufalino spoke on behalf of the Gender Issues Committee. Currently the Committee is continuing to work on its 5 goals for the year. Finally, the Committee requests that all 24-hour space surveys be turned in before their next meeting on September 20 at 5:15.

5) Committee on Oversight

The Oversight Committee reported that they had met with the Judicial Council and are beginning to review the election process.

6) Committee on Residence Life

The Residence Life Committee reported that they had just met with the Dining Hall Administrators and though there are many issues they hope to discuss, there have been many recent improvements to the dining halls. The Dining Hall Administrators also requested that the Committee announce that nutritional information may be found at the website www.nd.edu/~ndfood. Additionally, there are two new drinks being served at Recker's, a Microblast and a Classic Milkshake. Finally, there is now a film drop-off location in LaFortune across from the basement computer lab. Same day service is available and can be charged to one's student account.

7) Committee on University Affairs

The University Affairs Committee will meet with Professor Stuart Green to discuss the Honor Code. Additionally, the Committee has been in contact with other schools regarding their long distance services and will meet with a consultant regarding Broadwing over the next week. Finally, please be advised that it is possible to have an "old" style voicemail with a single box added to your telephone by calling the Help Desk at 1-9000.

8) Financial Management Board

The Financial Management Board has approved SUB expenditures and has decided not to have any sort of tanning salon in the old ND Video location. However, the Board is open to any other suggestions for this space.

III. PODIUM

Mr. Brendan Dowdall

Re: Ticket Resale at Nebraska game

Mr. Dowdall addressed the Senate and noted that the tragedy of last week's game was not found on the football field, but rather in the stands as an estimated 20-30,000 Nebraska fans bought tickets from ND alumni. Brendan also noted how discouraging this sight was to many of the football players. Though he initially hoped to pass a resolution on this subject, Brendan said that it would be difficult to change the attitude that allowed this to occur. In the discussion that followed, it was suggested that the Senate could draft a letter or that the University Affairs Committee could work with the Football Ticket Office. Mr. Phil Dittmar noted how proud he was on Saturday based on how well the team played and the strength with which the student

section cheered. Mr. Mike Pfaff asked if concession stands could sell "The Shirt" so that alumni would have the chance to show their support at later games and it was noted that the stands already have this option. Mr. Tim Kinatukara noted that there was even discontent within the alumni regarding the resale of tickets. Ms. Kaitlyn Dudley suggested that instead of writing a letter that the University should make next year's big game against the Tennessee a parents weekend since they are much less likely to resell their tickets. Finally, Ms. Brooke Norton reported that the Alumni Senate will meet on November 9th and if the Student Senate is able to prepare a concrete plan by that date she would be able to present it to the Alumni Senate.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

SS0001-09: Amendment – Removal of ND Video

Ms. Audra Hagan moved to bring Resolution SS0001-09 to the floor and this passed unanimously.

Mr. Phil Dittmar then moved to adopt this motion and this also passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

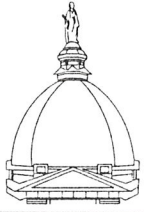
- A. Because the Freshman Class Council must be assembled by September 21, 2000 the Senate will have to appoint a sophomore class liaison at the next meeting.
- B. Anyone with ideas about how to publicize the Senate's accomplishments should speak to Chairperson Norton.
- C. Chairperson Norton announced that it is possible for students to redirect sprinkler heads that spray walkways by turning their heads.
- D. Mr. Phil Dittmar announced his resignation effective upon the election of a new Off-Campus Senator. Chairperson Norton thanked Phil for his service to the Senate.
- E. Mr. Brendan Dowdall announced that he will be eating dinner immediately following the meeting if anyone should care to join him.
- F. Mr. Brian O'Donoghue expressed his thanks to Phil Dittmar on behalf of the Students of Notre Dame for his service to Our Lady's University over the last three years. Brian said how grateful he was to have served with Phil and that he will be greatly missed.
- G. Student Union softball games will take place this Sunday at 2:00 on the fields across Juniper from Stephan Center.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Nikki McCord moved for adjournment at 6:45 p.m. and this passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Student Senate will take place on September 20, 2000 at 6:00 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

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9/18/00



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Dear Senators:

I would like to nominate Brian Moscona for the position of student advisor to the Freshman Class Council. Brian has served our University in a number of capacities: most recently as the current President of Class of 2003. Brian was also an active member of the Freshman Class Council. His unique knowledge and perspective of programming and policy combined with a love for the University of Notre Dame du Lac community make Brian the perfect candidate for this position. Thank you for your consideration of his candidacy.

Sincerely Yours in Notre Dame,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian O'Donoghue".

Brian Patrick O'Donoghue
Student Body President