

Notre Dame Student Senate
ORDERS OF THE DAY

September 27, 2000
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order
Chairperson Brooke Norton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- B. Invocation
Dave Halm led the invocation
- C. Roll Call
Kelly Bush and Melissa Rauch were absent.
- D. Approval of the September 20, 2000 Executive Summary
The Executive Summary for September 20, 2000 was approved unanimously
- E. Approval of the September 24, 2000 Executive Summary
The Executive Summary for September 24, 2000 was approved with a minor change.

II. Podium

Mr. Jay Smith

Re: Board of Trustees Report

Jay Smith informed the Senate that along with Mike Heinz, and John Osborn he will present the BOT report this October. The topic, "Student Alcohol Use and Abuse," was actually requested by the BOT and a more free flowing discussion will follow their formal presentation. Four major issues that the presentation will emphasize are 1) consistency between dorms, rules, etc., 2) the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to work with Student Affairs, 3) increasing education and tailoring presentations to meet the needs of specific classes, and 4) increasing funding and facilities for alcohol free events. Jay then noted that the change in this year's format represented a victory for last year's committee because the time of the presentation has been increased. Finally, anyone with any idea, comments, or suggestions should speak to Jay, Mike or John.

III. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Mr. Brian O'Donoghue, Student Body President
Mr. Brian O'Donoghue was not in attendance
- 2) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body Vice-President
Ms. Brooke Norton announced that two new senators have been elected, Kurt Kurple from Keenan Hall and Jamie Sablich from Off-Campus. Brooke then reiterated the importance of Parliamentary Procedure, requesting that Senators stand when they speak, wait to be called on, etc. Additionally, Brooke announced that she will now notify speakers when they are out of order, and debate will not be allowed in question and answer sections. Finally, a vote will not be necessary to bring topics to the floor as long as they are already printed on the agenda.
- 3) Mr. Trip Foley, Student Union Secretary
Mr. Foley had nothing new to report.
- 4) Ms. Meredith Sonnycalb, Assistant Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Ms. Sonnycalb reported that there will be a Presidential Debate Watch on Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in LaFortune. Additionally, absentee ballots are still available in the Student government office. Finally, Founder's Day will be celebrated on October 5 from 4-10 p.m. with rides, games, and a picnic dinner.

- 5) Mr. Chris Andersen, HPC Liaison
Mr. Andersen was not present at the meeting
- 6) Ms. Veronica Kessenich, St. Mary's Representative
Ms. Kessenich was not present at the meeting.

B. Committee Reports

- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs
The Academic Affairs Committee reported that they are looking into the possibility of increasing the number of leaves of absence granted to students studying abroad in non-Notre Dame programs. Additionally, Professor Greene will join their next committee meeting.
- 2) Committee on Diversity
The Diversity Committee is still planning the Celebrating Diversity presentation and examining TCE forms.
- 3) Committee on Ethics
The Ethics Committee had nothing new to report.
- 4) Committee on Gender Issues
The Gender Issues Committee is still working with ResLife regarding 24-hour space in dorms. The Committee will also be presetting a resolution regarding sexual assault later in today's meeting. Finally, the Committee has additional meetings planned with Campus Ministry and OutreachND.
- 5) Committee on Oversight
The Oversight Committee had nothing new to report.
- 6) Committee on Residence Life
The Residence Life Committee announced that at a future meeting they will present a resolution regarding 24 hour space. Additionally, the Committee will examine 24 hour space in the basement of LaFortune and will work on putting a mailbox in LaFortune.
- 7) Committee on University Affairs
The University Affairs Committee reported that the phones in LaFortune and DeBartolo cannot call off-campus because users could incur charges by calling chargeable numbers. However, if a student needs to make a local call off-campus, the operator will be happy to place that call.
- 8) Financial Management Board
The FMB had nothing new to report.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Formal Approval of Mr. Brian Moscona to serve as Sophomore Class Advisor to the Freshman Class Council

Brendan Dowdall moved to approve Mr. Brian Moscona by unanimous consent, and seeing no objection this motion passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

SS0001-12: Resolution Regarding Sexual Assault Presentations in Residence Halls

Luciana Reali explained that resolution SS0001-12 is the culmination of many conversations about gender issues both within the committee and with Mr. Jeff Shoup of the Office of Residence Life. As part of the effort to increase awareness across campus, the Committee is presenting this resolution which requests that Res Life implement educational classes on sexual assault in each residence hall. However, though the end of this academic year, rector's are also being asked to individually request these presentations. Dan Barabas then asked if these presentations will be required and what exactly they will entail. In response, Luciana said that it was her hope that these classes would be mandatory and would replace the freshman orientation held in Washington Hall. Ryan Becker then expressed his support for this measure, thanking Luciana and Maggie for their

work and noting that sexual assault affects everyone on campus. Brendan Dowdall then moved to approve resolution SS0001-12 and this passed unanimously.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Chris Jackson announced that the Keough Hall Chariot Race would take place this Saturday from 12-3 p.m. Food and mud wrestling will be provided.
- B. Brooke Norton apologized for appearing distracted over the past week, noting that she has been working very hard on the Founder's Day Celebration. Additionally, anyone interested in working on the press release of Senate accomplishments should please speak to Brooke.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Michael Pfaff moved for adjournment at 6:34. The Student Senate meeting will take place Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trip Foley
Student Union Secretary
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