

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

October 4, 2000

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order
Chairperson Brooke Norton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Invocation
Dave Halm led the invocation.
- C. Roll Call
Audra Hagan and Bethany Barker were absent.
- D. Approval of the September 27, 2000 Executive Summary
The September 27, 2000 Executive Summary was approved unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SS0001-13: Resolution requesting discounted guest meal packets
Ryan Becker explained that one of the main goals of the Committee on Residence Life was to improve the services offered to students. Consequently, the committee has worked with Food Services to offer a discount meal packet. With this packet, students can purchase a book containing either 3 or 5 meals for their visitors. Kevin Berchou then noted that such a meal system does currently exist, though it consists of a full helping of meals which are generally not eaten. Seth Whetzel then made a friendly amendment and the resolution now reads:

Docket No: SS0001-13

Resolution requesting discounted guest meal packets

WHEREAS, Notre Dame students often have guests come to visit; and

WHEREAS, it is convenient to have these guests eat at one of the dining halls; and

WHEREAS, guests who wish to eat in on of the dining halls have to pay a fee; and

WHEREAS, the price of an individual meal often discourages students from bringing their guests to one of the dining halls; and

WHEREAS, current discount packets require too many meals to be purchased;

THEREFORE BE IT RECOMMENDED that Notre Dame Food Services make available for purchase a variety of new discounted meal packets in order to more conveniently accommodate the eating needs of students' guests.

Respectfully submitted by the Student Union Senate Committee on Residence Life

- Following this amendment, the Senate unanimously voted to approve resolution SS0001-13.
- B. SS0001-14: Resolution Regarding the Placement of a Mailbox in LaFortune
Ryan Becker explained that this resolution calling for a mailbox to be placed in LaFortune was originally requested by the HPC and that both the Committee on Residence Life and the Student Activities Office agree that it would be a good idea. Brendan Dowdall then asked who exactly will enact this resolution and Mary Edgington explained that she will work with the Postal Service to install a mailbox. Curt Roberts then called previous question and the Senate voted unanimously to approve resolution SS0001-14.

III. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

- 1) Mr. Brian O'Donoghue, Student Body President
President O'Donoghue admitted that he had thought a lot about each member of the Senate over his vacation in Ireland. He also announced that he had brought a piece of Cadberry's Flake candy bar for each Senator. Finally, Mr. O'Donoghue expressed his thanks to Brooke Norton for all of the hard work she has recently put in.
- 2) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body Vice-President
Chairperson Norton informed the Senate that following a Steering Committee decision, the Senate will now vote to bring items to the floor so that when friendly amendments are introduced there will be someone to accept them. Additionally, Brooke announced that she has prepared a list of the Senate's recent accomplishments and will distribute it to campus media.
- 3) Mr. Trip Foley, Student Union Secretary
Mr. Trip Foley announced that he has nothing new to report.
- 4) Ms. Meredith Sonnycalb, Assistant Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Ms. Sonnycalb announced that tomorrow is the Founder's Day Celebration. Meredith emphasized that this will be a huge event with large scale rides, games, and a picnic. Additionally, Meredith noted that the event will take place rain or shine.
- 5) Mr. Chris Andersen, HPC Liaison
Mr. Chris Andersen expressed his thanks to the Senate for their passage of the resolution calling for a mailbox to be placed in LaFortune.
- 6) Ms. Veronica Kessenich, St. Mary's Representative
Ms. Veronica Kessenich discussed the recent incident surrounding the T-shirt sponsored by the Junior Class. Veronica explained that no more shirts will be sold and that anyone should feel free to ask her questions.

B. Committee Reports

- 1) Committee on Academic Affairs
The Academic Affairs Committee reported that they had heard back from Dean Koleman who explained that the Academic Council based their decision regarding next fall's schedule on the fact that it would force RA's to come back to school very early. This was also the first meeting for Professor Greene, who noted that the Committee will have to express a compelling reason for why students need a fourth study day in order to change the schedule. Additionally, the Committee is investigating if there is an arbitrary number of leaves of absence granted for students participating in non-Notre Dame programs. Finally, anyone with any comments regarding the Fall 2001 exam schedule should speak to the Committee.
- 2) Committee on Diversity
The Diversity Committee had no new business to report.
- 3) Committee on Ethics
The Ethics Committee had no new business to report.
- 4) Committee on Gender Issues
The Gender Issues Committee is still working on their five projects for the year. Additionally, today members of the Committee met with food services regarding a wellness packet for freshmen. The Committee is also trying to meet with Outreach ND. Finally, the Committee will contact the Office of Undergraduate Housing to inquire about the possible addition of a survey of personal habits for incoming freshmen.
- 5) Committee on Oversight
The Oversight Committee is still working on elections.
- 6) Committee on Residence Life

The Residence Life Committee reported that Audra Hagan met today with maintenance and requested that they fix certain things on campus, including clocks, handicapped facilities, crossing signs, more bike racks, and bathroom dividers.

7) Committee on University Affairs

The University Affairs Committee reported that the University has allotted \$6000 to pay for transfer orientation next year, freeing up student activities funds for other groups.

8) Financial Management Board

The FMB met yesterday and is currently conducting mini-audits on groups spending habits.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Brendan Dowdall announced that he will be hosting a West Wing party in his room following dinner in the South Dining Hall. All are invited to attend.
- B. John Osborn announced that there will be a blood drive next Thursday and Friday from 9 until 3 at Rolfs. Anyone interested in registering should call 1-6100 for details.
- C. Nikki McCord announced that FASO is sponsoring Fasonation, a progressive dance (i.e. Rave) this Friday night at the CSC. Nikki also noted that she has told "my girls to get all hooched out" for the event. All students are welcome, but should you have any questions about dress please call Fashion Queen Nikki McCord at 4-2672.
- D. Brooke Norton encouraged everyone to attend tomorrow's Founder's Day Celebration. There will be food, rides, and games for only \$0.25.
- E. Mary Edgington announced that WVFI has now received official permission to broadcast over the world wide web.
- F. There will be a Junior Class mass this Sunday at 4:00 at the Grotto.
- G. Kevin Berrill asked if anyone knew about how basketball season tickets will be distributed this year. Anyone interested should talk to Brian O'Donoghue.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Michael Pfaff moved for adjournment at 6:32 p.m. and this was approved unanimously. The next meeting of the Student Senate will be October 11, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trip Foley
Student Union Secretary
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