

Notre Dame Student Senate  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

October 11, 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

Dave Halm led the invocation.

C. Roll Call

Shannon Bennett and Jamie Sablich were absent.

D. Approval of the October 4, 2000 Executive Summary

The October 4, 2000 Executive Summary was approved unanimously.

II. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

1) Mr. Brian O'Donoghue, Student Body President

Mr. Brian O'Donoghue was not present because he was attending the Congressional Debate sponsored by the Office of the President.

2) Ms. Brooke Norton, Student Body Vice-President

Ms. Brooke Norton announced that North Dining Hall will remain open during break and 5 meals may be purchased for \$35 or 10 meals for \$70. Additionally, Brooke reported that the recent resolutions passed by the Senate have been distributed to the appropriate recipients and she expects feedback over the next few days.

3) Mr. Trip Foley, Student Union Secretary

Mr. Trip Foley had nothing new to report.

4) Ms. Meredith Sonnycalb, Office of the President

Because Ms. Sonnycalb was also attending the Congressional Debate, Brooke Norton reported that the Board of Trustees Report went extremely well and a good discussion followed the presentations made on alcohol use on campus, mental health and sexual assault. Brooke noted that the report gave the students a strong voice about a topic under discussion by the Board. Additionally, Founder's Day went well except for some periods of light rain. Brooke expressed her thanks to all those who participated. Finally, absentee ballots are still available in the Student Government office.

5) Mr. Chris Andersen, HPC Liaison

Mr. Chris Andersen announced that the Alumni Association is sponsoring a canned goods drive over the weekend of the Air Force Game. Drop offs may be made at LaFortune or the Bookstore on Friday and Saturday and also on Friday night at the JACC for the Pep Rally. Additionally, the HPC requested that the Senate investigate if the \$2.00 fee for a forgotten ID in the dining hall could be waived, reduced, or taken out of Flex points. Furthermore, the HPC asked the Senate to look into the extra cost of meals during breaks, since some of the students who remain on campus do so because of financial reasons and it is tough for them to pay an extra \$70 for meals.

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 met on Sunday and made a long list of reasons to change next fall's exam schedule. Additionally, tonight the Faculty Senate will consider granting their Student Representative speaking privileges.

2) Committee on Diversity

The Diversity Committee reported that November 4 is the tentative date for the Celebrating Diversity workshop.

- 3) Committee on Ethics  
The Ethics Committee had nothing new to report.
- 4) Committee on Gender Issues  
The Gender Issues Committee recently met with the University Affairs Committee to discuss the Alcohol policy to see what action the Senate might be able to take. Also, if any dorm appears to have a problem with 24-hour space, please contact Luciana. Finally, the Committee asked if all of the 24-hour space surveys could be turned in so the results may be tallied.
- 5) Committee on Oversight  
The Oversight Committee is still working with the Judicial Council on elections and advised the Senate to expect resolutions in a few weeks.
- 6) Committee on Residence Life  
The Residence Life Committee reported that the Honor Code subcommittee will meet tonight after the Senate meeting in the South Dining Hall. The Committee will also look into the points raised by the HPC. Additionally, the Committee reported that they are continuing to work with maintenance and with security about installing lights around the lakes, Melissa Rauch is investigating the fees associated with using DeBartolo Hall, and after the break the committee will begin looking into physical improvements for certain dorms.
- 7) Committee on University Affairs  
The University Affairs Committee is currently looking into alcohol use, DuLac revisions, and the counseling center.
- 8) Financial Management Board  
The Financial Management Board had nothing new to report.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Audra Hagan asked if the Oversight Committee could stay after the meeting.
- B. Michael Pfaff asked if there were any news about a possible Presidential Debate on campus, though at this point it looks like nothing would happen before the break.
- C. Luciana Reali announced that she is currently collecting toiletries for the Center for the Homeless. Anyone interested in collecting for his or her dorm should speak to Luciana.
- D. John Osborn reported that the Blood Drive will be this Thursday and Friday from 9 until 3:30 at Rolfs. To sign up please call 1-6100.
- E. Brendan Dowdall announced that the Freshmen diversity seminars are beginning in residence halls.
- F. Brooke Norton noted that she had a few things for the Academic Committee and a few questions for Residence Life, if they could speak to her after the meeting. Also, anyone interested in serving on the parking appeals board should speak to Brooke.

### VI. ADJOURNMENT

Melissa Rauch moved for adjournment at 6:20 and this passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Student Senate will be Wednesday, October 25 at 6:00 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trip Foley  
Student Union Secretary  
10/21/00