

Notre Dame Student Senate
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

December 6, 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

Jeffrey Stuffings, Shannon Bennett, Jamie Sablich, Kaitlyn Dudley and Nikki McCord were absent.

D. Approval of the November 29, 2000 Executive Summary

The November 29, 2000 Executive Summary was approved unanimously.

II. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

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

Mr. Brian O'Donoghue wished Peace on Earth and Goodwill to men (and women).

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

Ms. Brooke Norton thanked those members who were leaving for their service and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

3) Mr. Trip Foley, Student Union Secretary

Mr. Trip Foley had nothing new to report.

4) Ms. Meredith Sonnycalb, Assistant Chief of Staff, Office of the President

Ms. Meredith Sonnycalb announced that the judging of the hall decoration would take place tonight.

5) Mr. Chris Andersen, HPC Liaison

Mr. Chris Andersen was not present.

6) Ms. Veronica Kessenich, St. Mary's Representative

Ms. Veronica Kessenich was not present.

B. Committee Reports

1) Committee on Academic Affairs

The Committee on Academic Affairs met with the Undergraduate Committee of the Student Advisory Council in regards to next fall's exam schedule. Though Susan Roberts did a very good job in the meeting, the Council decided to not make any changes.

2) Committee on Diversity

The Committee on Diversity had nothing new to report.

3) Committee on Ethics

The Committee on Ethics had nothing new to report.

4) Committee on Gender Issues

The Committee on Gender Issues reported that the CLC adopted their recent resolution.

5) Committee on Oversight

The Committee on Oversight had nothing new to report.

6) Committee on Residence Life

Ryan Becker reported that Food Services was considering installing a copier in Recker's and that they are considering how to modify the \$2 fee charged for a forgotten ID. There will also be a pilot cooking class offered this spring. Ryan then reported that his term was ending but thanked everyone for a great year.

6) Committee on University Affairs

The Committee on University Affairs had nothing new to report.

7) Financial Management Board

The FMB did not meet last week.

III. PODIUM

Katie Reicher

Re: Budget Report

Jennifer Wolf, Assistant Student Union Treasurer, presented a letter from Student Union Treasurer Katie Reicher and a packet to the Senate. Following a request from Brendan Dowdall, Jennifer described the five exhibits, including a history of allocations, the accounts of the Student Business Board, the Office of the Present and SUB. Kevin Berrill then asked if there was anything out of the ordinary and Jennifer replied that everything appeared to be in order.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. SS0001-24: Letter Regarding Student Input for Alcohol Policy

Bethany Barker announced that the Committee on University Affairs had worked with the Office of Student Affairs and gave input into the research they conducted regarding the University Alcohol Policy. Following a request, resolution SS0001-24 is a written record of the recommendations from the Committee. In the discussion that followed, friendly amendments were offered by various members of the Senate. Brendan Dowdall then asked about the history of this issue. In response, Kathleen Brogan explained that Jenny Monahan had requested this written format as a way to submit the Senate's input. Resolution SS0001-24 was then adopted by a vote of 22-0-0.

B. Nomination of Executive Members of Election Council

John Bauters, following the requirements of the Election Bylaws, presented a group of students who have been nominated to oversee the election. They are Paul Ybarra, Eric Hedin, Son Nguyen, Anne Traylor, Alysse Latour, and Michlle Bottitta. The Senate will vote to confirm these appointments at the next meeting.

C. Representative to the Academic Student Life Committee

Brooke announced that the Senate needed to select a representative to the new Academic Student Life Committee which will meet quarterly and have 11 members. Audra Hagan, Kristin Caponi, Luciana Reali and Jessie Flores all expressed interest. Following an initial runoff between Luciana and Kristin, Luciana Reali was elected to serve as the representative.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Laura Romph's Birthday is Next Thursday.

B. Melissa Rauch announced that the Honor Code subcommittee will meet with Fr. Jenkins on Friday at 3:30.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Kevin Berchou moved for adjournment at 7:05 p.m. and this was approved unanimously. The next meeting of the Student Senate will take place on January 17, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trip Foley
Student Union Secretary
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