

Notre Dame Student Senate

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

March 7, 2001

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Brooke Norton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Invocation

Mark Leaheey led the invocation.

C. Roll Call

Brendan Dowdall, Luciana Reali, Jamie Sablich and Bethany Barker were absent.

D. Approval of the February 28, 2001 Executive Summary

The Executive Summary for February 28, 2001 was approved with a change to its title.

II. REPORTS

A. Officer Reports

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

President Brian O'Donoghue reported that the CLC discussed the first of three Faculty Senate resolutions regarding academic freedom for students outside the classroom. The CLC failed to adopt this resolution by a vote of 3-8. The Executive Cabinet did not meet this week. Additionally, Brian answered a question from Nick Fonte regarding the decision to join the WRC.

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

Chairperson Norton reminded the Senate to consider nominations for the Michael J. Palumbo award. Brooke also asked current Senators to introduce the Senators for next year.

3) Mr. Trip Foley, Student Union Secretary

Mr. Trip Foley offered to make copies of the agenda for any new Senators who wanted them.

4) Mr. Jay Smith, Chief of Staff, Office of the President

Mr. Jay Smith reported that Brian O'Donoghue would be attending the Faculty Senate meeting to make sure they grant the student representative voting rights. Additionally, Jay reported that his office was co-sponsoring a blood drive after break and was currently accepting nominations for the Frank O'Mally Award and the Irish Clover Award.

5) Mr. Chris Andersen, HPC Liaison

Mr. Chris Andersen was not in attendance.

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

Ms. Veronica Kessenich was not in attendance.

B. Committee Reports

1) Committee on Academic Affairs

Katie Bufalino reported that the Academic Affairs Committee is continuing to work on sophomore advising and will look into a joint project between the dean's office and individual dorms. Finally, any comments regarding the Scholarship Office should be directed toward Bill.

2) Committee on Diversity Affairs

Nikki McCord announced that the celebrating diversity workshop will take place on March 25. The Committee is also continuing to remove the ethnicity question from TCE forms.

3) Committee on Ethics

The Ethics Committee will begin taking nominations for the Michael J. Palumbo award tomorrow.

- 4) Committee on Gender Issues
Colleen Clarke announced that the Gender Issues Committee was continuing to work on a joint ND/SMC women's retreat, as well as securing a full time eating disorder's counselor.
- 5) Committee on Oversight
The Oversight Committee will hold an orientation meeting for incoming Senators after the March 21st meeting.
- 6) Committee on Residence Life
The Residence Life Committee counted ballots at their Monday meeting and requested that all Senators help them finish counting at the end of this meeting.
- 7) Committee on University Affairs
The University Affairs Committee is finishing its social space proposal and will present it at an upcoming meeting.
- 8) Financial Management Board
The FMB will allocate the budget on April 1. There has also been a scholarship established for Brionne Clary and Conor Murphy and a race on April 22 will help to raise money for these scholarships.

III. PODIUM

Tyler Jackson

BOT Report Committee

Tyler Jackson asked the Senate to approve the three topics that his committee will consider presenting to the Board of Trustees. The Topics include a discussion of social space on campus, faculty service, tenure & promotion, and a topic to be chosen based on the BOT agenda. Nick Fonte asked for more information on the topic of faculty service, tenure and promotion. In response, Brian O'Donoghue explained how the Ad Hoc Committee recommended that faculty interaction with students should also count for promotion. Michael Pfaff then moved to approve these three topics and the Senate concurred with a vote of 22-0-1.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nomination of Student Business Board Managers
Rich Holcomb introduced the nominees for the Student Business Board. Kristen Caponi asked Stephanie Lee if she were planning to study abroad and Stephanie said that she would be on campus all of next year. Nikki McCord then asked Matt Wilkerson about his plans for increasing student awareness of PlanetIrish.com. The Senate will consider these nominations at its next meeting. Finally, President O'Donoghue congratulated this year's Business Board for getting out of debt.
- B. SS0001-29: Resolution Regarding Enhancement of Freshman Orientation
Colleen Clarke explained that this resolution calls for more student input to the planning of the Freshman Orientation Program, following many complaints about changes made this past fall. Following a question from Michael Pfaff, Colleen explained that she hoped to have an equal number of male and female reps among all groups on the committee. Michael Pfaff then made an amendment to make this desire more clear. The second operative clause of the resolution now reads:

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee consist of the following membership: the First Year Orientation Coordinator in the Student Activities Office, two representatives from the Freshman Class Council (one male one female), two senators (one male one female), two former Campus Wide Orientation Commissioners

(one male one female), two former Hall Orientation Commissioners (one male one female), and one representative from the Coalition Council.

Nick Fonte also made a grammatical amendment to the resolution. The Senate then voted to approve resolution SS0001-29 by a vote of 23-0-0

- C. SS0001-34: Resolution Regarding a change in the Michael J. Palumbo Award
The Senate voted to bring this resolution to the floor by a vote of 23-0-1. Audra Hagan then explained that the current wording of the award did not take into account that dates of spring break change each year. The Senate then voted to approve this resolution by a vote of 23-1-0
- D. SS0001-31: Change in the Budget Approval Bylaw
The Senate unanimously voted to bring this resolution to the floor. Audra Hagan then explained that the rules regarding the date for the FMB allocation meeting currently specify three different dates. As a result, this resolution now creates a uniform date of April 15th. Audra also added that this resolution would keep with how the allocation has occurred in practice over the past few years. The Senate then voted to approve this resolution by a vote of 23-0-0.
- E. Resolution SS0001-32: Change in the Budget Submission Bylaw
The Senate unanimously voted to bring the resolution to the floor. Audra Hagan then explained that this resolution removed the word "previous" so that the new Senate will be the ones to approve the budget. The Senate then voted to approve this resolution by a vote of 23-0-0.
- F. Resolution SS0001-33: Agenda regarding the Budget Submission
Though the Senate voted to bring this resolution to the floor, it could not be considered because it was an amendment. As a result, the Senate voted unanimously to table SS0001-33 until the next meeting.
- G. WRC Committee Report
The WRC Committee reported that the University has already decided to join the WRC. Kaitlyn Dudley then noted that that the committee had prepared a resolution and was proud of the University's current track record for monitoring factories which produce ND merchandise.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Brooke Norton reminded the Senate that they are required to stay after the meeting to help count the referendum
- B. Kelly Bush said that the questionnaire she had passed around was for a psychology paper on the Senate
- C. Paul Graham announced that tomorrow in 125 DBRT there will be a talk on Colombia by a noted anthropologist.
- D. Bill Ferreria announced that if anyone is staying in South Bend during break they are welcome to work on the Habitat House.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Kevin Berchou moved for adjournment at 6:54 and this was approved unanimously. The next meeting of the Student Senate will take place on March 21 at 6:00 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trip Foley
Student Union Secretary
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