

Notre Dame Student Senate

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

23 September 1998

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Chairwoman Andrea Selak called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Chaplain Philip Donner led the invocation.
- C. The following Student Senators were absent: Melissa Balchunas (Lyons Hall) and Kevin Shannon (O'Neill Hall).
- D. The Executive Summary from the 16 September 1998 meeting was approved with the following corrections: Under II, 2. Student Body Vice-President Andrea Selak, bullet #2 "This week, I received two letters concerning the Residence Life Resolution—**Resolution Commending the Work of the University for Summer Improvements.**" Bullet #3, "**The Resolution Commending the Work of the University for Summer Improvements...**" Under IV, A. Resolution S9899-14, Senator O'Donoghue moved to previous question on the debate of amendments, however, the motion was not agreed to since it was object by Senator Kevin Shannon. "Glinsmick" was incorrectly typed; it should be "**GLNDSMC.**" Senator O'Donoghue said, "**The Bishop's College has a non-discrimination clause**, not the Catholic University."

II. REPORTS

- A. Officers
 1. Student Body President Peter Cesaro
 2. Student Body Vice-President Andrea Selak
 3. Student Union Secretary Michael Palumbo
- B. Committee Reports
 1. Academic Affairs
 2. Ethics
 3. Gender Relations
 4. Multicultural Affairs
 5. Residence Life
 6. Oversight

III. PODIUM

- A. Off-Campus Parties: Judicial Council President J.P. Cooney
 - Administrators in the Office of Residence Life spoke with certain residents of Turtle Creek as a result of "Rally in the Alley." These residents received noise violations, which is a violation of duLac. Mr. Cooney could not release any specifics of these meetings due to the confidentiality of these matters.
- B. Club Coordination Council Coordinator Ryan Harding
 - Mr. Harding discussed the collaborative relationship that the CCC is trying to foster between the campus organizations and clubs. He mentioned that the Club Resource Center has already centralized operations more so than in the past, allowing the CCC to better coordinate, program, and advise if needed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Letter of Resignation submitted by Judicial Council President J.P. Cooney
- Mr. Cooney announced his resignation due to unexpected time commitments in his service projects which have grown exponentially. He nominated Kelly Folks, who presently serves as the Assistant to the Judicial Council Vice-President for Peer Advocacy, for his position.
- B. Letter of Nomination for Kelly Folks as Judicial Council President
- Because of Senate rules, the question of Kelly Folks' formal approval will be discussed at next week's meeting.
- C. Letter S9899-23: A Letter Welcoming Senator Bill Bradley to the Notre Dame Community
- Morrissey Hall Senator Ryan Costantini submitted the letter.
 - A five-minute debate time was determined on this matter because of the Senate bylaw that states all bills must come out of committee. The Academic Affairs Committee will review this letter and send it back to the floor of the Senate next week.
 - Mr. Costantini thought that it would be a nice gesture for the Notre Dame Student Senate to welcome him in the hopes that Senator Bradley would be mindful of his positive experience at Notre Dame and tell fellow colleagues of his time here.
 - Some senators disagreed, claiming that the letter should not include any references to Senator Bradley's abortion stance; on the other hand, some just wanted this sentence altered in some way.
 - Mr. Judson Penton thought that this letter might misrepresent constituents who do oppose Senator Bradley's professorship. Most senators felt that Professor Bradley was beneficial to have on campus because of the academic stimulus that he creates.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The Student Senate adjourned at 6:57 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 1998. Its next meeting is Wednesday, September 30, 1998 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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