

# Notre Dame Student Senate

## MEETING MINUTES

30 September 1998

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

### I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Chairwoman Andrea Selak called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- B. Chaplain Philip Donner led the invocation.
- C. The following senator was absent Mickey Doyle (Off-Campus Senator).
- D. The Executive Summary from the 23 September 1998 meeting was approved unanimously.

### II. OFFICER REPORTS

#### A. Officer Reports

##### 1. Student Body President Peter Cesaro

- As Student Body President, it is my constitutional duty to report the state of our Student Union by the end of September. The first full month of the 1998-1999 year has been tumultuous for organizations to say the least, yet we have still maintained our direction in putting students first! The state of our Student Union is strong because of everyone's willingness to work together for the betterment of the Notre Dame community. We must continue working together this year through the spirit of servant leadership for the Notre Dame student body.
- As you know we have fulfilled our campaign promises in extending Saferide services to Thursday nights which has become the busiest night of operation. More meal plan options have been added for off-campus students. Location signs are now in the D2 Parking Lot, and signs will go up soon in the parking lot by Carroll Hall and the Security Building. Student employment opportunities will soon be available on the Student Government Webpage. Our Faculty-Student Lunch Interaction Program will begin during the first week of November. Please also encourage your constituents to utilize the weekly Student Happenings' Page in *The Observer*.
- Student Union Board, Club Coordination Council, Executive Cabinet, and Hall Presidents' Council as well as the Student Senate under Andrea's leadership have all worked to improve student life here at Notre Dame. The Student Senate is emerging as a strong student advocate for issues involving campus improvements like the DART revision process, which will soon be addressed. At the same time, SUB, CCC, and HPC have enlivened, enlightened, and energized campus through such events as Welcome Back Weekend, Acousticafé, lectures, movie nights, Dillon Pep Rally, and the Sorin Talent Show.
- We must remember that we are only at the end of September. Thus, we must continue this integral interaction between campus groups and organizations for the betterment of the student body. We are very blessed to be students at this great University of Notre Dame; we are even more blessed to serve as its student leaders. It is our duty to work together in serving the student body. We must put students first.
- During the month of September, I have heard several campus figures that embody servant leadership describe Notre Dame with lofty goals that we as student leaders can achieve. At the Opening School Mass, Provost Hatch spoke of the promise and hope of this school year for the students. In fact this past Sunday night in Lyons Hall, Fr. Ted Hesburgh

emphasized the caring atmosphere here at Notre Dame. As elected servants we must act in the appropriate manner to ensure that the lofty goals of this school year are attained while simultaneously living out the caring mission of Notre Dame. Thank you and God Bless Notre Dame.

2. Student Body Vice-President Andrea Selak

- Tomorrow is the Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee Report Presentation entitled "Building Bridges: The First Year of Studies and Beyond."
- If anyone is interested in working on the Library Renovations Planning Committee, the meetings will be the first week in November. The sessions will be either during lunchtime or dinnertime. Food will be provided for all those who participate from Wolfie's. Again, there will be one session for each grade level. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested.
- Next Wednesday, there will be the presentation of the 1998 Notre Dame Award; one of the two highest presented by the University of Notre Dame. Vinko Cardinal Puljic, Archbishop of Sarajevo, will be receiving the reward. I think that it would be good for the Student Senate to go to this presentation to show our support as student leaders. Now what I am proposing to do is this: either we can go to the presentation on Wednesday and have that count as our meeting, or we can have as many people as possible attend the presentation on Wednesday and have a meeting on Thursday.
- (Mr. Joseph Cassidy): The presentation will probably last approximately an hour, the standard lecture time. This is one of the two highest awards presented with the prerequisite being that the recipient must be Roman Catholic. The University of Notre Dame usually tries to present this award during or near Commencement, but given the stature of this man and his particular schedule that became impossible.
- All those who would like to go to the presentation on Wednesday and have a meeting on Thursday, please raise your hands...OK, Michael could you look into getting a room for us for Thursday. I will e-mail you the time and place of the Senate meeting for next Thursday.

3. Student Union Secretary Michael Palumbo  
Nothing to report.

B. Committee Reports

1. Academic Affairs (Mr. Ryan Costantini and Mr. Drew Olejnik, Co-Chairmen)

- (Mr. Costantini): We have the revised copy of the Senator Bill Bradley letter that we worked on last week. We are going to be looking into a few other issues. One will be student involvement in the Honor Code Revision Process. We are going to be investigating how they choose the people to serve on this revision panel, and what the prospects would be of getting students themselves on this panel. Two, we are going to be investigating getting full size desks in Stepan Center for test taking instead of the chairs. Third, we will also be looking into getting left-handed desks in O'Shaughnessy Hall.
- (Mr. Olejnik): Also, a big issue that we will be looking into is Career and Placement Services. What we need you to do is write down some concrete criticism or some ideas about it. Maybe talk to some juniors or senior about this service. I will be sending out an e-mail to you with more about this.

2. Ethics (Mr. Jason Linster, Chairman)

- Last week, we looked into a few things but probably not going to happen.
- The Student Senate T-shirt design is complete. It is pretty simple. I am hoping by next week to have a price. I am assuming that everyone wants one.

3. Gender Relations (Ms. Sophie Fortin, Chairwoman)

- We met recently and talked about how the Non-Discrimination Clause would be put on the agenda for the Academic Council Meeting on October 08, 1998.
  - The issue that we are facing right now: re-bring the resolution that we passed a couple weeks ago back to the Senate floor and pass it as it was originally, without any amendments. But now that we are going to have our meeting on next Thursday and the Academic Council meets on Thursday, October 08, we are trying to see if we could bring it up in Old Business.
  - (Parliamentarian Higgins): You want to reconsider the old resolution...you need a motion to reconsider, and then it is open to debate. Next, you can make a motion to amend it.
4. Multicultural Affairs (Ms. Stephany Foster, Chairwoman)
- Next week, we are going to try to bring a resolution to the Senate floor concerning the proposal for a Multicultural Center. We are going to bring it to the floor if Kevin Huie, an Office of Multicultural Student Affairs representative, can speak but now that the meeting has been changed to next Thursday, I will check with him.
  - (Senator Stefko): On November 8, 1998, we will be having our Prejudice Reduction Workshop that we are all required to go to. It is going to be us, but I am going to pitch it to Hall Presidents' Council (who are not required to attend) and Student Government. I am also talking with the Student Union Board Faculty Advisor to see if it would be beneficial for SUB to attend and obviously *The Observer*.
  - (Chairwoman Selak): Will there be a second date for this workshop?
  - (Senator Stefko): There will be, but probably not this semester.
5. Residence Life (Mr. Matt Mamak, Chairman)
- Next Monday, we will be talking about increasing the number of bike racks, so you will have that resolution.
  - Before Fall Break, we will set up a lunch meeting with Mr. William Kirk, Mr. Michael Smith (Director of Facilities Engineering), and Mr. Gary Shumaker (Director of Facilities Operations) to discuss construction, changes over the next few years, and those type of matters. I am not sure of the date or time, I will let everyone know. What we are going to do is submit a list of questions in advance so that they can do any research or any preparation on our questions to have the answers ready. So, start thinking of the types of questions that we did ask at Senate when Mr. Kirk came, but that he did not know the answers to. There will be time for open questions, but we want to give them time to answer what we want to know.
  - Next Monday, we will be talking about parietals in dorm inconsistencies from our task force. The last thing is the order that you got in your Senate packet.
  - (Senator Esenwein): Please e-mail Krista all of your dorm inconsistencies because without your input, we cannot put together a report. We need the information by Monday, since we are going to be working on it Monday night.
6. Oversight (Mr. Brian O'Donoghue, Chairman)
- The first thing that we have to discuss in our meeting is the Board of Trustees topic, in which concern was expressed over the time the topic was presented to the Senate and the time the presentation was going to be given to the Board of Trustees. The Constitutional Amendment would require that three topics be suggested two months prior to the Spring Report, and three topics be approved before Summer for the Fall Report.
  - Under New Business, Amendments A, B, C, and D: I apologize for writing these amendments so suddenly, but the reason for this is because of the rush to get them passed that the Constitution would be consistent with last year's Campus Life Council's Bylaws. The CLC gains its charter from the Board of Trustees, so that all Bylaws have to be

approved by the Board of Trustees. Thus, they wanted the Constitution and the Bylaws to be in agreement. Unfortunately, due to Constitutional procedures, we cannot pass the amendments tonight. But what I would like to do is to write Professor O'Hara and the Board of Trustees a letter explaining our intention to pass them. So substitute A, B, C, and D for the letter.

### III. PODIUM

#### A. 28 September 1998 Meeting of the Academic Council's Executive Committee: Academic Delegate Frank Law

- I am coming here just to reiterate that the Non-Discrimination Clause has come before the Executive Committee and received a neutral recommendation. The neutral recommendation means that the Executive Committee did not want to slant the way that people would look at the proposal based on the ten people on the committee. They wanted the full body to discuss and argue the rights and wrongs of putting the Non-Discrimination Clause through, so that is why it received a neutral recommendation. It will more than likely be voted on at the October 08, 1998 meeting.
- (Senator Stefko): Who composes the Academic Council?
- (Mr. Law): A large number of people. Mostly administrators, some faculty, three students.
- (Senator Stefko): I am guessing that the Council will have some lawyers and theologians present debating the clause.
- (Mr. Law): I assume the discussion will range very deeply. It is not a light subject and will not be taken lightly. It will not be voted on until all sides have presented their arguments.
- (Senator Roberts): Are there not representatives from the Law School on the Academic Council?
- (Mr. Law): Yes.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Letter S9899-22: Senator Bradley Letter Welcoming Him to Notre Dame

- (Senator Olejnik): I move to place this letter back on the floor.
- (Senator Costantini): Second
- (Senator Olejnik): We talked about this in committee, and what we heard last week was that there were some problems over how Notre Dame was a Catholic university and the conflict between this and the Church. We took out the first clause, so I would like to read it as it is: "Dear Senator Bradley, On behalf of the Notre Dame Student Body, we would like to welcome you to the Notre Dame community this semester. We realize that true education can only occur when one is exposed to a variety of opinions and ideas and appreciate the experience that you bring to campus. All of us at Notre Dame look forward to learning both from and with you this semester and hope that your experience under the Golden Dome is an enjoyable and productive one. Sincerely, The Notre Dame Student Union Senate."
- I think it is pretty straightforward from here, and I yield the floor to any questions.
- Hello, my name is Catriona Wilke, and I am here as co-president of Right to Life, which is the largest group on campus with about 500 members. We do not oppose Senator Bradley being here, but we like to see something put in the letter about his voting record on abortion. What he has done and what he does stand for is affected by his stance on abortion, not that we don't welcome him to Notre Dame as a professor.
- (Senator Olejnik): And your question...
- (Ms. Wilke): I don't have one, I just wanted to say that.

- (Senator Linster): It is not really a letter of welcome if you are going to talk about his stance on abortion. Is saying that we think you are wrong really a letter of welcome? That's my point! I think Bill Bradley knows that the student body does not agree with his abortion record. He probably has seen the banners flying around the Stadium. Even though that was not from us, he has voted against Catholic teaching. But he is here, a place of openness and discussion and education.
- (Senator Gloss): I think pro-abortion is a pretty strong word to say, maybe pro-choice.
- (Parliamentarian Higgins): Drew did not yield the floor to debate, he yielded the floor just to questions. So, all conversation has to be question directed towards Drew.
- (Senator Gloss): Is pro-choice an appropriate word?
- (Senator Olejnik): Well, right now we don't have that in the letter...
- (Senator Roberts): The way I see the letter is: "We realize that true education can only occur when one is exposed to a variety of opinions and ideas and appreciate the experience that you bring to campus". That is an acknowledgement that Bill Bradley's views or past voting record does conflict with the teaching of the Catholic Church. Is that correct?
- (Senator Olejnik): Yes, we left that in there... I would like to call for previous question.
- (Mr. Cassidy): Point of order: Does not a senator have to yield the floor to a non-voting member.
- (Parliamentarian Higgins): That was just something Eric kind of did, but it does not say that in the Constitution... It is up to the Chair, but previous question was called.
- The motion for previous question was denied.
- (Senator Stefko): Perception is reality in the kind of stuff that we do. A couple of weeks ago, we debated the Non-Discrimination Clause whether it should come on the agenda of the Academic Council. Next day, all I hear were questions about the debate. Perception is reality. This is going to be perceived as us standing behind Senator Bradley, and that might be all right on some views. But those familiar with the Catholic Church teaching, and 90% of our student body is Catholic, abortion is murder. That is the Catholic Church's teaching, that is something I personally believe also. But we have to throw that out and say 90% of the student body is Roman Catholic, and 90% say that this man is part of making abortion legal in the United States. I have no interest in welcoming this man to the University of Notre Dame.
- (Senator Roberts): If people are perceiving this letter as what we do exactly, that is there wrong not ours. We are not saying that we endorse all the ways that Bill Bradley has voted in the past or will vote in the future. All we are doing in this letter is welcoming him to our campus, saying that we are glad that he is here. Furthermore, he is bringing a different perspective, which I think we will all benefit from in the end.
- (Senator Esenwein): This is not seen like an abortion issue to the people that I have been talking to in the dorm; people are seeing it more like being Catholic. We are a Catholic institution of higher education, and neglecting this well-respected speaker because of his different views is not good. And as being Catholic, we should practice tolerance, respecting different opinions. That is why I think we should be tolerant, and I do understand our opposing views, but as a Catholic university we should accept everyone.
- (Senator Penton): I am going to have to agree with Spencer. He is already here, the administration has already invited him here, so this is just a waste of our time—sitting here debating whether or not we should welcome someone already here. I think the Senate could be using its time a lot better by focusing on other issues besides debating this issue for half of the meeting. When all this is doing is welcoming someone already here who was welcomed by the administration and is not going anywhere. So what exactly are we doing? We are sending a letter that he probably won't even read it. And this guy has been under fire before;

he has been in Washington where he has received letters from pressure groups his whole career.

- (Senator Mendoza): I call for previous question.
  - (Senators): Second.
  - The motion is approved.
  - Letter S9899-22 was approved by the Student Senate with a vote of 17 to 9 to 1.
- B. Formal Approval of Kelly Folks as Judicial Council President
- (Senator Mamak): I motion to bring this matter before the floor.
  - (Senator Gertken): Second.
  - (Senator Foy): I move for unanimous consent of her approval
  - (Senators): Second.
  - (Senator Dittmar): Can we have her stand up and say hi?
  - Ms. Kelly Folks is unanimously approved as Judicial Council President.
- C. S9899-14: Non-Discrimination Clause
- (Senator Fortin): I motion to reconsider Resolution S9899-14 Non-Discrimination Clause which was in the week of September 09, 1998. We want to reconsider because we want to go back to how it originally was when we thought that it was not on the Academic Council's agenda because of the fact that the meeting is next Thursday, and we won't have a meeting until next Thursday. We want to pass a resolution for that meeting.
  - (Senator O'Donoghue): Just to clarify, now we are debating whether we support the non-discrimination clause.
  - The motion to reconsider is approved.
  - (Senator Fortin): We are going to the one before we made the friendly amendments to it saying we were urging the Academic Council to place it on their agenda...
  - (Parliamentarian Higgins): Sophie, you need to motion to amend it back to its original form.
  - (Senator Fortin): I motion to amend S9899-14 back to its original form.
  - (Senator O'Donoghue): Second.
  - (Senator Shannon): I move to previous question.
  - (Senator Linster): Second.
  - The motion for previous question passes.
  - (Senator Guziec): Point of information, can you clarify exactly what is going on?
  - (Parliamentarian Higgins): Sophie motioned to reconsider the resolution we had on the Non-Discrimination Clause as we passed it because she wanted to amend it, but it has already been passed. So, she motioned to reconsider; everyone said, "OK, lets reconsider it." Then Senator O'Donoghue motioned to return the resolution back to its original form. That passed, now we are voting on it in its original form.
  - (Senator Dittmar): So, we are not going to have any debate on this, just pass it as it originally was without any...we are not neutral in this, but saying that we support the Non-Discrimination Clause.
  - (Mr. Cassidy): Even though people had no idea what they were voting on, can that previous question motion stand?
  - (Parliamentarian Higgins): That is a tough one because if this motion fails, then the original motion is like scratched.
  - (Senator Gertken): Can't we just call previous question again?
  - (Parliamentarian Higgins): Yes because it is new information and point of personal privilege.
  - (Senator Gertken): So, we can just scratch that previous question and begin again? OK.
  - (Senator Shannon): I motion for previous question.

- (Senator Guziec): Second
- The motion for previous question fails.
- (Senator Stefko): Like Mr. Cassidy said before we have not explored this fully, and if this is big enough that we have to move... I am for this as far as I know but we all don't know as a senator and as Associate Viewpoint Editor in the newspaper, none of us know what we are talking about. We are debating ten or twelve different things, nobody knows if this is legally binding, nobody knows what happens in Scenario A and Scenario B. So, I started calling some law professors yesterday to try to get them to put some information together for me. I wanted to get somebody who would be unbiased and would do an accurate good job is Charles Rice. So he has some people working on it right now. He said that probably by the beginning of next week, he would be able to have some answers for us if answers exist at all. But he has told me that for the betterment of the student body, he would try to be impartial and present both sides. We honestly have no clue; we would probably get thirty different answers if we went around the room. I will try to get Professor Rice in here, or write something to us letting us know what we are debating, so we don't look like fools.
- (Senator Roberts): I think this comes down to the basics. We are voting on adding sexual orientation legally binding into the Non-Discrimination Clause. It means that we can not discriminate against people on the basis of their sexual orientation. At the moment, we cannot discriminate against people on the basis of their race, which is as simple as it as. If people feel it is OK to discriminate against people because of the legal cause. I mean that is not what this is about. Is it OK for our university to discriminate against people because of their sexual orientation? That what the phrase says, that is what it comes down to.
- (Senator Mendoza): What we did pass at the other meeting was putting it on the agenda for the Academic Council? OK. And it said if it does pass that the Senate urges and supports the Council to add it into the Non-Discrimination Clause. And if it fails, then it is just going to be considered...?
- (Senator Fortin): The resolution says that "Student Senate urges the Academic Council " If it passes, then they know that. If it doesn't get passed, then... They are definitely going to talk about this. The way it originally was thought of that this would be in support of the Faculty Senate its resolution where they said that it should be put into the Non-Discrimination Clause. So this came up and for the Academic Council lets just do support for them also. Then it changed because it was not on the agenda, so now we are moving back to it since it is now on the agenda.
- (Parliamentarian Higgins): The way this is being reconsidered, if we pass this then it is passed again. If it fails, then it is as if there was nothing ever approved by Senate in the first place. So there is more on the line than Senate supports it or Senate wishes it be considered. It is as if Senate never passed anything if it fails.
- (Senator Dittmar): We as a group representing the students are like a gun. Whoever holds us in their hand has power. When they are talking about students want this, that is what they say like anybody debating this above is there like well the students want this and if we pass the bill it is like Oh Students passed this because that is what they want. So wherever we are pointing the gun, it is important to look at what the consequences will be. So until we have full information, we should look at where the gun is being pointed at...
- (Senator Shannon): In response to that we just have a water pistol. I see where Spencer is coming from with wanting to know the legal ramifications, but I also want to note that the Academic Council who we are recommending this to will take all these matters into consideration. They are going to have a lot better information than we can get on this. They

- are not going to make us step into that pit and make a mistake. That is why we are not the administration, and why there is that next step. So to be honest, we are not that powerful.
- (Senator Foster): A lot of people in my dorm told me... one of the girls came up to me and she said that had never even thought of the homosexual issue before a couple of weeks ago when she learned that one of her friends from down the hall was a heterosexual. And when she thought of the Non-Discrimination Clause, she couldn't image a person being discriminated against just because of her sexual orientation. And I think that we need to take that into consideration. That a person you know could be discriminated against just because of a different sexual orientation, not because of the type of person they are or what they did in the past. I support it, and I know that the Council will have the information they need to know
  - (Chairwoman Selak): I need to interject something right now. Peter and I have to leave because of a prior Board of Trustees commitment tonight, so I need to make a motion to give the Chairperson position to Matt Mamak.
  - (Senator Linster): I motion to make Matt Mamak, Acting Chairman of the Senate.
  - (Senator O'Donoghue): Second
  - Matt Mamak becomes Acting Chairman of the Student Senate.
  - (Senator Stefko): We all talk about how simple this looks. I am going to give you a little scenario. I did a lot of research on this, and I drafted the resolution. If I wanted marry Pat, and we go to Hawaii. We get married, that is legally binding in all fifty states. What happens when we come back and ask for a place in Married University Housing? Discrimination means a different thing in the Catholic Church than it does in the courts. And we don't know the limits of that difference. We could pass this and let the Council worry about this, or we could be responsible and try to find out what we are voting on.
  - (Senator Fortin): We can argue about it until we have some problems, but you are never going to get to the bottom line because it is an argument between law and faith, or what you perceive to be religion. You are never going to be able to find the answers because that is what a lot of arguments come down to, different perspectives. What if this resolution becomes legally binding? Yeah, but what if the University of Notre Dame does discriminate, well than they are legally bound to it. Well, all of a sudden that seems like a really bad thing; yet when all it is really is discrimination, and we are saying it should not be punished in any sense. Notre Dame does not make it imperative to be Catholic when you come here, to work at Notre Dame, to be a student at Notre Dame. Yeah we have rules to follow, but I think much more of human rights. I think to me it seems like common sense, and that it doesn't seem that way to a lot of people. If you want to show that we are the preeminent Catholic University in this country, it is tolerance that invites gays, lesbians, and bisexuals, then you are someway bound to have a role in that. When I brought this up to my dorm, I received only enthusiasm, like how could this not be in there already.
  - (Senator Roberts): I would just like to say again that the legal ramifications are really what we need to be thinking about. It is the basic language "do not discriminate" Once I gain I am quoting from the Catholic Catechism...
  - (Senator O'Donoghue): As Kevin Shannon said we are a water pistol. Yes the Academic Council is not going to say, "Oh the Student Senate passed it, lets not even debate it, just vote for it." And as Spencer pointed out they will consult law professors, consult everybody. And as far as Professor Rice is concerned, I agree with you that legal input is necessary, but I don't think that it is necessary at this level because Academic Council is going to review it anyway. Professor Rice appears to me to be somewhat of a conservative. I have a friend back home that was accepted to Notre Dame in 1953, but he would not come to Notre Dame because he is black. Notre Dame was facing this same exact debate whether or not they should allow



black students, or should they be housed in the same dorms as us whites. It is discrimination plain and simple. I move to previous question.

- (Senator Roberts): Second.
- The motion for previous question is approved.
- Resolution S9899-14, the Non-Discrimination Clause, is approved by the Student Senate with a vote of 18 to 6 to 2.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

- (Senator O'Donoghue): I would like to strike A, B, C, and D under New Business on the agenda. Refer them to next week as they are currently. I use my Senator Right of Agenda to consider if Michael will assign a docket number to it, S9899-28: An Open Letter Explaining the Inconsistencies Between the Campus Life Council Bylaws and the Constitution. The reason behind this letter is that Professor O'Hara is presenting the Provisional Bylaws of the CLC to the Board of Trustees this weekend at some point. The Board of Trustees was not able to approve these when they were originally passed because the Student Union Constitution was not in concurrence with them. So, Professor O'Hara is now presenting these to the Board of Trustees because the CLC Charter comes from the Board of Trustees. Currently within the CLC structure, there is a committee to consider Bylaws. So that is why they are provisional because they have not been approved by them yet and why they were provisional when they were approved by the CLC on March 30, 1998. "An Open Letter of the Student Senate: "It is the intent of the Student Senate to pass amendments that will allow the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to parallel the proposed provisional Campus Life Council Bylaws. Due to Constitutional procedures, passage of the amendments must be delayed for one week. At that time, the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body will be in accordance with the Campus Life Council provisional Bylaws. We apologize for our delay in this matter and rest assured that the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body will be in agreement with the possible changes to the Bylaws, which may be presented this spring. Sincerely, The Notre Dame Student Senate."
- (Senator Herlihy): What are we accomplishing if everything is temporary? Like why are we doing this? I don't really understand the provisional Bylaws so like if over the course of the year the committee examines the Campus Life Council's Bylaws, and it is OK. Maybe it won't need amendments. Aren't we just rushing things along just to...?
- (Senator O'Donoghue): The provisional Bylaws are being rushed to the Board of Trustees. The Campus Life Council Bylaws Review Committee had no knowledge of Professor O'Hara's presentation until Monday evening. The reason why they were setup was to examine the Bylaws. The Bylaws were originally setup as provisional. So, we are just trying to maintain that. And the Board of Trustees will not approve the Bylaws if they are not in agreement with the Student Union Constitution. We are just saying that the Student Union Constitution will be OK, and the CLC basically has no order to function under anyone without Bylaws. I yield the floor to questions.
- (Parliamentarian Higgins): Can you make a motion to consider?
- (Senator O'Donoghue): I motion to consider.
- (Senator Gertken): Second.
- (Senator Roberts): In the Constitution it says that the Senate will have seven Student Senators sitting on the Campus Life Council, but the Campus Life Council Bylaws say at the moment there will be three student senators, the off-campus senator, an Hall Presidents' Council Co-President, the Student Union Board Manager, an Office of Multicultural Student Affairs representative, and the Judicial Council President. Aren't we just trying to change the Constitution to say the same numbers as the Bylaws? Correct?

- (Senator O'Donoghue): Yes. If there are no further questions, I yield the floor to debate.
  - (Senator Dittmar and Senator Costantini): Damon Michael Abaray, 218 Stanford Hall; Ann Elizabeth Abbott, 339 Howard Hall; Erin Elizabeth Abbott, 420 Pasquerilla West, Jason Edward Abbott, 1841 East Ewing Avenue...
  - (Senator O'Donoghue): Will the Senator yield to a question?
  - (Senator Dittmar): This is called a filibuster. I believe that all people should be given the chance to speak on important debates and topics. And the things that we have passed are heavily debatable, and some people are not given the chance to speak when previous question has been called, so I thought that I would read a couple of students out of here to get my point through. On important debate, I think everyone's voice should be heard, and I ask for kindness in the future. I yield the floor to my good friend Mr. Costantini.
  - (Acting Chairman Mamak): This is bull#\$\*&! Point of privilege: if certain senators continue this, we will remove them from this meeting by the Sergeant-at-Arms, A.J. Body
  - (Senator Foy): I move to previous question.
  - (Senator Linster): Second.
  - The motion passes. Letter S9899-28: Campus Life Council Bylaws Inconsistencies with the Constitution passes by a voice vote of the majority of student senators present.
- B. Order S9899-27: Online Bookstore Order
- (Senator Esenwein): I motion to consider this.
  - (Senator Gertken): Second.
  - (Senator Esenwein): I move to unanimous consent.
  - (Senator Linster): Second
  - Senator Shannon objected to the motion; thus, the motion fails
  - (Senator Shannon): I would like the order read.
  - (Senator Esenwein): Be it ordered by the Student Senate that the Office of the President should develop a used bookstore online by December 1, 1998. Be it ordered by the Student Senate that the Office of the President should advertise this new program adequately so the student body becomes aware of it. I move for unanimous consent.
  - (Acting Chairman Mamak): Seeing no objection, the order carries.
  - Order S9899-27 Online Bookstore Order is unanimously approved by the Student Senate.

## VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

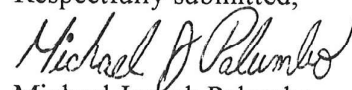
- (Senator Costantini): Morrissey Hall would like to invite you Tuesday night to a lecture from Professor Peri Arnold of the Government Department will be speaking on the Clinton crisis. And on a lighter note, any on you would like my parents are throwing a tailgater before the game, parking lot immediately to the left of the Pasquerilla Center.
- (Mr. A.J. Boyd): Hello, my name is A.J. Boyd, and I am the Student Union consultant and expert on the Constitution and CLC Bylaws and Reform. That is quite a mouthful, so just call me A.J. I wrote a memo that is going out to the Senate, Executive Cabinet, and various other Student Government leaders because issues were raised to my attention over the last couple of weeks from a couple of senators, Judicial Council, and the Cabinet concerning some confusion regarding the Constitutional institutions, terminology, and semantics. It is not really a life shattering issue, but this will aide communication and the press in better representing what you guys are talking about and what the vision of Student Government is talking about. I would especially like to call your attention to three points regarding Student Government, the Student Union, and the Office of the President. These seem to be the most pressing concerns of those people. Read those carefully; you can use this document as a tool for education of your constituents and other Student Government officials.

- (Mr. Cassidy): Well, there is good news and bad news. You guys took office April 1<sup>st</sup>, tomorrow is October 1<sup>st</sup>, and your term is already half over.
- (Senator Penton): Next Tuesday is the feast day of St. Edward the Confessor, patron saint of St. Edward's Hall.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

- (Senator Dittmar): I motion to adjourn.
- (Senator Linster): Second.
- The Student Senate adjourned at 7:23 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 1998. Its next meeting is Thursday, October 08, 1998 in the Foster Room, LaFortune at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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