

# *Notre Dame Student Senate*

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

24 March 1999

Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

### **I. OPENING BUSINESS**

- A. Chairwoman Andrea Selak called the meeting to order at 6:07p.m.
- B. Student Senate Chaplain Philip Donner led the invocation
- C. The following senators were absent: Ms. Fortin
- D. The Executive Summary from 17 March 1999 was unanimously approved

### **II. REPORTS**

- A. Officer Reports
  1. Student Body President Peter Cesaro
    - Mr. Cesaro reported that the Office of the President is continuing work on the Academic Pride Luncheons.
    - The Office of the President is looking into moving back exam times 30 minutes in the morning. This would not affect evening exams.
    - The Office of the President is working on transitions with the administration-elect.
  2. Student Body Vice-President Andrea Selak
    - Ms. Selak reminded the Senators that this weekend is Spring Visitation. Envelopes were passed out which were to be given to Rectors. Ms. Selak suggested that welcome signs be made up to greet the visitors.
- B. Committee Reports
  1. Academic Affairs (Senator Ryan Costantini and Senator Drew Olejnik, Co-chairmen)
    - Mr. Olejnik reported that by using tables in Stepan Center only 280 students could be accommodated for exams. Therefore Academic Affairs will look into other possibilities such as having exams in South Dining Hall or another location.
  2. Ethics (Senator Jason Linster, Chairman)
    - Mr. Linster encouraged all Senators who have not already done so to purchase a senate t-shirt.
  3. Gender Relations (Senator Tom Ogorzalek, Co-chairperson)
    - Mr. Ogorzalek had nothing to report
  4. Multicultural Affairs (Senator Karen Boselli, Chairwoman)
    - Ms. Boselli reported that Multicultural Affairs had a letter on the agenda tonight.
  5. Residence Life (Senator Matt Mamak, Chairman)
    - Mr. Mamak reported that Ms. Gloss will be presenting the results of the parietals survey and three resolutions in connection.
  6. Oversight (Senator Rhea Gertken, Chairwoman)
    - Ms. Gertken reported that the Fiscal Policy Bylaws were up for approval.
    - Also transition reports need to be approved this evening.

### **III. PODIUM**

- A. Aaron Kreider: Sweatshop Labor
  - Mr. Kreider gave a brief overview of Notre Dame's actions with regard to sweatshops.
  - Mr. Kreider cited three points of concern including his belief that the Fair Labor Association (FLA) was seriously flawed, concerns over the University appointed task force, and perceived shortcomings within our Code of Conduct.
  - Senator Phil Dittmar asked for clarification on the definition of a living wage.
  - Senator Dittmar reported that the University has a system in place so that if a question is raised about a factory the University can receive a full report within four days of the

inquiry. This is in addition to several other steps the University has voluntarily undertaken.

- Senator Dittmar also pointed out that much of the trouble with regards to sweatshops is the grey area one encounters in attempting to reach a definition.
- Senator Susan Roberts inquired as to what Mr. Krieder would like to see the Senate do. Would he support a letter commending the University on taking action?
- Mr. Kreider responded that he did not support such a letter.
- Senator Dittmar commended the University for their work and noted that this work is preliminary.

B. Senator Susan Gloss: Parietals Survey Results

- 1250 surveys were sent out, 566 were returned.
- Results weren't exactly what they were expecting. Found less support for extending parietals than originally thought.
- 75% of respondents cited consequences of parietal violations as a problem area. A first offense can result in a person being banned from a dorm or being forced to move off-campus. This seems rather severe.
- Results from survey have lead to three resolutions on the agenda tonight: A resolution asking Student Affairs to reevaluate consequences regarding parietals violations, a resolution regarding parietals over breaks and JPW, and a resolution concerning morning parietal hours on football weekends.
- Senator Olejnik pointed out the surveys relevance concerning the need for increased 24 hour spaces around campus, particularly in North Quad.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution S9899-64 A Resolution calling for Reconsideration of Consequences Regarding Parietals Violations

- Mr. Olejnik motioned Resolution S9899-64 to the Student Senate floor; Mr. Mamak seconded the motion.
- Ms. Gloss presented the resolution, noting that it was the hope of the committee that fines would not be imposed as punishment for violations.
- Mr. Linster agreed, noting that fines hurt some individuals more than others.
- Mr. Mamak noted that should the resolution pass it would be forwarded to the CLC.
- Ms. Roberts moved for unanimous consent.
- Resolution S9899-64 passed unanimously

B. Resolution S9899-65 A Resolution regarding Parietals during Breaks and Junior Parents' Weekend

- Mr. Penton motioned Resolution S9899-65 to the Student Senate floor; Ms. Roberts seconded the motion.
- Mr. O'Donoghue noted that the opposition that this resolution will face is that it is hard to staff halls during breaks.
- Ms. Roberts moved for unanimous consent.
- Resolution S9899-65 passed unanimously

C. Resolution S9899-66 A Resolution regarding Morning Parietal Hours on Home Football Weekends

- Ms. Roberts motioned Resolution S9899-66 to the Student Senate floor; Mr. O'Donoghue seconded the motion.
- Ms. Roberts moved for unanimous consent.
- Resolution S9899-66 passed unanimously.

D. Bylaw S9899-67 Fiscal Policy Bylaws

- Ms. Gertken motioned Bylaw S9899-67 to the Student Senate floor; Ms. Roberts seconded the motion.
- Ms. Roberts moved for unanimous consent.
- Bylaw S9899-67 was passed unanimously.

- E. Approval of Transition Reports
  - Ms. Gertken motioned this to the Student Senate floor; Mr. Linster seconded the motion.
  - Ms. Gertken reported that the Oversight Committee has been reviewing the transition reports and they needed to be formally approved by the Senate.
  - Mr. Linster moved for unanimous consent.
  - Transition Reports were approved unanimously.
- F. Letter S9899-68 Letter from Multicultural Affairs Committee regarding Celebration of Cultures Forum
  - Ms. Boselli motioned this to the Student Senate floor; Ms. Jacobs seconded the motion.
  - Ms. Jacobs moved for unanimous consent; Mr. Olejnik seconded the motion
  - Letter S9899-68 was passed unanimously
- G. 1999-2000 SUB Nominations
  - Nominations for 1999-2000 SUB were presented in a letter from Mr. Stecz
  - Nominations are as follows: Board Manager – Ross Kerr; Director of Programming – Clare Pistey; Chief Controller – Kevin McGoldrick; Director of Creativity – Kaleen Healey; Director of Operations – Amy Crownover.
  - Nominations will be voted on next week
- H. 1999-2000 Judicial Council President Nomination
  - Nomination for 1999-2000 Judicial Council President was presented by Ms. Selak.
  - Ms. Selak re-nominated Kelly Folks for Judicial Council President. Ms. Folks has served in this capacity this year.
  - Nomination will be voted on next week.
- I. Irish Clover and O'Malley Award Nominations
  - Mr. Cesaro presented the Nominations for the Irish Clover and O'Malley Awards.
  - Nominations were as follows. Irish Clover: Mark Masoud, Br. Bonaventure Scully, and Ms. Kathy Royer. O'Malley Award: Prof. Paul Rathburn.
  - Nominations were approved unanimously

## V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Senator Olejnik announced that Ed Foy will be serving as Knott Hall Senator next year
- Senator Constanti announced that Pat Kelly will be serving as Morrissey Hall Senator next year
- Senator Dittmar announced that there will be a teach-in from 4-7p.m. next Wednesday in Cushing Auditorium on sweatshops. Also if anyone is interested in continuing the discussion on sweatshops please see Mr. Dittmar.
- Senator Linster offered his congratulations to Drew Olejnik on being elected Knott Hall President
- Senator Mamak thanked Senator Gloss for all of the hard work that she put into the parietyals survey.
- Ms. Selak asked that all committees please get the list of their accomplishments for the year to her ASAP.
- Ms. Selak asked that all senators please bring the senators-elect to the next meeting so that they may familiarize themselves with the operation of Student Senate meetings.
- Ms. Selak announced that senate t-shirts would be on sale after the meeting.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

- Senator Jacobs motioned to adjourn; Senator Mamak seconded the motion.
- The Student Senate adjourned at 6:59p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 1999. It's next meeting is Wednesday, March 31, 1999 in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune at 6:00p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

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