

Senate Executive Summary
November 9, 2005
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Lizzi Shappell called the meeting to order 6:09 p.m.
- B. Brad Tucker led the invocation
- C. Jason Zgrabik was absent.
- D. Dan Mannion moved to approve the minutes; Libby Hopp seconded. *The minutes from the November 2, 2005 meeting were approved at 6:12 p.m.*

II. PODIUM

III. OFFICER REPORTS

A. Mr. Dave Baron, Student Body President

- i. Dave Baron said that at the Council of Representatives meeting they approved Rich Fox as the president of The Shirt. He will be forming a committee to include more students in the process.
- ii. At CLC, they approved a dance commissioners' manual addition about policies regarding issues of disrespect for themes and t-shirts. It has come out of a concern that themes have been antithetical to that end. This doesn't create any new regulations, but just makes them better known.
- iii. Dave met with Jeff Shop about cable and Mark Seiler will detail that later because he was there too.

B. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body Vice President

- i. Lizzi Shappell said that she has been addressing issues with the pep rallies. The number of student seats will now be set. This information didn't go out in time for HPC, so please tell your dorm president about the new rules. The number right now will be 3000, and tickets for the general public will be handed out at 4:30 p.m. Lizzi said that there is a need to thank Student Activities for trying to get as many student seats as they could. We really need to encourage students to go to the pep rally.

C. Ms. Liz Kozlow, Chief Executive Assistant

- i. Liz Kozlow said that the stall notes went out to HPC by mistake, but they will normally still be going out to the senators.
- ii. Happy hour posters are still in the office, please come and pick them up.
- iii. She had a Catholic Think Tank meeting last night, everything is still going well, but she couldn't give out names of possible speakers.

D. Mr. Philippe Collon, Faculty Senate Liaison

- i. Philippe Collon said that they discussed three points at the Faculty Senate meeting. First, they looked at the NCAA accreditation report from last year, which criticized student-administration dialogue. They have gotten a letter from the administration about what has been done since then.

- ii. Secondly, they talked about student behavior at basketball games. He took a letter from Dave and Lizzi to the Senate. He would like to meet with the Leprechaun Legion, Dave and Lizzi. He does recognize that some of it is out of our control.
- iii. Lastly, they are still looking into the issue of academic freedom.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Academic Affairs

- i. Chris Harris said that Katie McHugh has a list of all of the academic commissioners in each dorm. Hopefully, they will be able to talk to these people and see what dorms can improve on to see what can be done to improve the academic atmosphere.
- ii. Letters have gone out to all of the colleges about Majors Night.
- iii. He will be having a meeting next week about library hours.

B. Committee on Diversity Affairs

- i. Sarah Liu said that next week is a big week. It is International Education Week, and there will be at least 20 events going on. They are sponsoring the Eyes on the World posters display in O'Shaughnessy. The posters address AIDS, health care, etc. They will have an Eyes on the World presentation from students who studied or volunteered in different countries. This is on Wednesday at 7pm in CoMo.
- ii. There will be a 10,000 Village sale Monday through Friday in the Dooley Room of LaFortune.

C. Committee on Gender Issues

- i. Ali Wishon announced that it is Eating Disorders Awareness Week! This is a major problem on the campus and they have already had several events. Everyone responded very well to Dr. Kilbourne. Yesterday was Mirror-less Tuesday.
- ii. Tonight at 7 p.m. there will be a discussion held by dieticians about myths and information on dieting in the Oak Room of SDH. At 9pm there will be a Life Uncommon open meeting in 316 CoMo.
- iii. There is a 360 degrees perspectives on eating disorders tomorrow...please come!
- iv. Meeting about gynecologists will be their next initiative.

D. Committee on Residence Life

- i. Mark Seiler said that they are waiting on an update on D6.
- ii. They are continuing dialogue about the new student center, and the report will reappear.
- iii. The signature charities list will be done soon.
- iv. Cable installation will be starting in Sorin. ResNet will be boosted, as well as wireless networking in the dorm and better cell reception. The biggest issue is the 15-18 day "dark period" when land lines, door swipe, and the internet connection will be out. The fire alarm system will be down and the "Quad Squad" will be around more. Be courteous to the workers. Cable will not go live until next fall, but wireless should be there. Dave added that they are adding extra security measures during

this time. You should be having an open meeting for your dorm about this information and they will be posting information.

E. Committee on University Affairs

- i. Matt Walsh announced that they had divided up research for the Living Wage Campaign. They have been comparing Notre Dame to peer institutions. They are working with SMC as well and looking at demographics in South Bend.
- ii. They had a meeting about GLBTQ for more background information for the resolution.
- iii. Matt will be meeting with Mike King about the ticket share program in the future.
- iv. He is also meeting with Dan Skendzel about FedEx-Kinko's and Transpo as a periodic check-up.

F. Committee on Oversight

- i. Suj Pandaya said that they are looking at the Student Union's ethic committee to make sure that we have one.
- ii. Fred Thwaites is working on an amendment about the amendment process.

G. Committee on Community Relations

- i. Nick Guzman said that he met with people from the DPAC about how to go about a publicity program we want to start.
- ii. He sent a letter to Transpo regarding freshmen orientation and they are very willing to help us out with anything to help familiarize freshmen with South Bend.

H. Committee on Minority Affairs

- i. Rhea Boyd met with the University's Committee on Cultural Diversity, which is new this year. It was created to address the way the University looks at diversity and they were very enthusiastic about the cultural requirement.
- ii. She has worked on contacting different people about Black History month. Senator Obama's office said that they had seen the letter.
- iii. There will be an email going out about Native American History Month.
- iv. They will soon be bringing a resolution to the Academic Council and Senate Faculty saying that in principle they support that students should be exposed to cultural diversity in their education.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. SS0506-11 Fixed Allocations Resolution

- i. Dave Baron introduced this as Stage 2 of the College Readership Program. This decreases the fixed allocations of clubs and organizations to 33% and decreases the funds of the CCC Club Sponsorship Fund to 1.75% and increases all others to 65.25%. This can pay for the College Readership program without hurting other groups and organizations. This goes along with what we have passed before. Fr. Poorman and the

Budgetary Group were favorable to this change. Fr. Poorman recommended that we pass this now, because if it fails we have the opportunity to adjust.

- ii. Pat Knapp moved to vote; Libby Hopp seconded. *Senate Resolution 0506-11 passed at 6:38 p.m.*

B. SS0506-12 Katrina Resolution

- i. Lindsay Meyer introduced this as a bread and butter resolution. It recognizes the hurricane disaster, the fundraising efforts and the trip down to Louisiana. It urges the President to channel some of the academic departments' energies towards the disaster.
- ii. Rob Lindley asked why "joint" was in brackets. Christina replied that it could go either way. There was a friendly amendment to get rid of brackets around "joint".
- iii. Carol Hendrickson moved to vote; Rob Lindley seconded. *Senate Resolution 0506-12 passed at 6:41 p.m.*

C. Community Relations Letter

- i. Nick Guzman said that the letter was self-explanatory. It is important to come out with a stance and to state our position.
- ii. Lindsay Meyer moved to vote; Christina Lee seconded. There was opposition, so it moved back into discussion.
- iii. Steve Tortorello moved to vote; Christina Lee seconded. *A letter regarding community relations was approved at 6:43 p.m.*

- D. Chris Garibaldi moved to close the meeting; Fred Thwaites seconded. *The meeting was closed at 6:44 p.m.*

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Steve Tortorello said that on Thursday night in Washington Hall there will be the Ms. ND Pageant. HAND will be performing after that at Legends.
- B. Aly Baumgartner announced that there will be events going on for the Pakistan Earthquake relief effort. Next Tuesday there will be a prayer vigil at 6:30, they will process from the Fieldhouse Mall to the grotto. On Wednesday there will be a fundraising dinner with food from Star of India. It is \$7 and will start at 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.
- C. Rhea said that three Tuskegee airmen are on campus and information is on the ND homepage.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Fred Thwaites moved to adjourn the meeting; Rob seconded. *The November 9, 2005 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.* The next meeting will take place on November 16, 2005 in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alyce Baumgartner
Student Body Secretary