

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
December 6, 2006
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Bill Andrichik called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
- B. Bill led the invocation.
- C. Kevin Gimber, Lindsay Meyer, Brian Corrigan, Lizzi Shappell, Josh Pasquesi, Destinee Delemos, Pat Knapp, Aly Baumgartner, and Maris Braun were absent.
- D. Luke moved to approve the minutes. Brian Lan seconded. *The minutes from the November 29, 2006 Senate meeting were approved at 6:11 p.m.*

II. PODIUM

- A. None.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Ms. Lizzi Shappell, Student Body President
 - i. None.
- B. Mr. Bill Andrichik, Student Body Vice President
 - i. Bill said the CLC task force on conduct awareness finished compiling information regarding disorientations. They are currently compiling a three part report that includes feedback about the nature of disorientations and it's uniqueness compared to other drinking events. They will then create a resolution to form a committee on disorientations. Additionally, Bill is sitting on the Kintera Project, which discusses the go Irish network. Bill is providing student input for career and social networking. This group is supposed to help seniors have better access to the career network. Bill asked to contact him with further suggestions or feedback.
- C. Ms. Liz Brown, Chief Executive Assistant
 - i. Liz is continuing to work on the sexual assault committee. The committee is getting prices on magnets and information cards. Her CLC task force will have a website up with the university committee application a few weeks into the next semester.
- D. Mr. Philippe Collon/Ms. Linda Sharpe, Faculty Senate Liaison
 - i. Nothing new to report. There will be a meeting tonight after this meeting.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. Jim did not meet this week but he has a resolution coming forward tonight. His committee decided the 24 hour report will wait until after break.

- B. Committee on Community Relations
 - i. Josh said he talked to two members of the SBPD on how to better protect homes while on break. His committee will send an email during finals week.
- C. Committee on Social Concerns
 - i. Sheena met with the Fair Trade proponents in Amnesty International. For further questions, ask Sheena. Her committee sent the flag and letter regarding the Darfur Crisis to Senator Biden. She will send around a paper for senators to record the survey answers from last week.
- D. Committee on Gender Issues
 - i. Ashley said she talked to their coordinator and the registration is currently up for the eating disorders concert. They have also finalized the fee.
- E. Committee on Residence Life
 - i. None.
- F. Committee on University Affairs
 - i. None.
- G. Committee on Oversight
 - i. Chris said they are presenting two amendments tonight regarding structural changes in the constitution.
- H. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
 - i. None.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Sheena moved to invert A & D. 24 yes. 0 opposed. 1 abstention.
- B. Resolution SS-0607-15
 - i. Emily introduced the resolution. She said it regards article 4, section 2 of the constitution. The change will involve a simple majority for committee chairs versus a 1/3 vote. Mark asked if they considered making it a 2/3 majority vote, and if so, why not. Chris said they did but senate doesn't appoint many positions. Mark said CoR appoints several positions and it follows this procedure. Mark said a 2/3 majority is the usual procedure and most of the things before senate are supported by everyone; therefore, if someone that comes in and only has half plus one of the vote, that person may not be qualified. Jim said he likes the idea of a simple majority and said it is often hard to convince everyone. 24 yes. 0 opposed. 1 abstention. *Resolution SS-0607-15 passed at 6:22 p.m.*
- C. Resolution SS-0607-13
 - i. Kerry O'Connor introduced the resolution. He said it would be a good gesture for the student body senate to honor Carroll's anniversary. Ashley asked if they think Carroll is the only lake side dorm. Kerry

said Carroll is the only lake side dorm. Luke expressed complete support. Greg moved to propose a subsequent amendment. This new amendment will be referred back to Pat Knapp's committee. Bill moved discussion back to the original amendment. Drew echoed Luke's support. Kerry said Carroll's anniversary occurs in 2006 so the amendment should pass before 2007. Danny said picking apart this resolution would be distracting from the point of the amendment. Kevin agreed with Danny that people are missing the spirit of this resolution. Kerry said he is not trying to give Carroll Hall more honor than any other hall it's just a Happy Birthday. Jim Lockwood agreed with Danny. He said making changes to one thing is ok but going line by line is forming a whole new resolution. Greg asked if it's senate's job to strive for perfection. Tyler said this is done in the real senate and resolutions are passed fairly quickly. Ashley proposed changing the part in italics to "a Great Lakeside Hall". Lauren said there is a road between the dorm and the lake where Carroll located. Emily Cooperstein said in order to recognize Lewis they would then have to recognize Lyons etc. The purpose wasn't to spite anyone but to be funny. 1 in favor of amending the resolution. 19 opposed. 4 abstentions. Kevin moved to the previous question. 21 yes. 1 opposed. 2 abstentions. *The resolution passed at 6:39 p.m.*

D. Resolution SS-0607-14

- i. Jim said his committee will further review this resolution and bring it before senate next semester.

E. Resolution SS-0607-12

- i. Chris introduced the resolution. This resolution affirms a two channel process to change the method of bringing resolutions before senate or before the committees. The change will allow the chair person to bring forth a resolution immediately. The resolution gives more power to the chair person. Chris asked if the resolution will give the chair too much power and asked if more time should be given to consider the resolution. Brian said bringing forth an amendment whenever may take away from the constitution. Oscar asked if this would affect the three day rule. Chris said this would not take away from the three day rule. His committee foresaw situations in which senate would want to act faster than the three day period, which is why the committee included the phrase "extraordinary circumstances". This gives the chair the opportunity to bring forth amendments when it is most necessary. Jim said the resolution should include a clause that says a majority of senate should vote whether or not the resolution is an extraordinary circumstance. Drew said he agrees with Jim's idea to avoid giving the chair too much power. He agreed with Greg in distinguishing between amendments and resolutions. Tyler asked what would be an extraordinary circumstance. Chris said they left it vague to be at the discretion of the chair but they were referring to time sensitive measures. Jim said a circumstance could be the

academic freedom issue last year. Emily said there should be no vote for an extraordinary circumstance. Senators should take into account if the circumstance is extraordinary when reviewing the amendment. Jim said senators may not agree the same way and there needs to be a separate vote. Luke said he thought the chairperson should be able to decide if the measure is a real issue. He thought the amendment should be sent back and reconsidered in a few weeks after this is better addressed. Jim Grace said it is important to note that measures include letters and orders which were not originally in the Constitution, but it is also important to note that this doesn't say that we can't bring an issue up at any time to talk about it. Chris Hollon said that you could bring up new issues at any time under new business, but as of right now measures must be submitted three days prior. Greg moved to refer the resolution back to committee. Chris said he would appreciate the chance to rework the amendment and that he appreciated the input of the Senators. 23 in favor to refer back to the committee. 0 opposed. 0 abstentions. *The resolution is referred back to the committee.*

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Drew asked if Senators would be willing to help him distribute posters to dorms.
- B. Brian announced a Christmas party.
- C. Tyler noted that he will be studying abroad next semester and has appreciated his time on Senate thus far. Chris said that this might be the first opportunity to "Thaxton" someone. Tyler claimed that he can't be Thaxtoned since he notified the Senate.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Luke moved to adjourn, Mark seconded. *The December 6, 2006 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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