

NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE  
Executive Summary  
October 31, 2007  
Notre Dame Room, La Fortune

- I) **Opening Business**
- a. Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
  - b. Stephen led the invocation.
  - c. Maria, Maris, and Andrew were absent.
  - d. *Minutes for October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were not available.*
- II) **Podium**
- a. Patrick Herrell—Teach for America
    - i. Teach for America is an organization that fights for equal opportunity education. Provides a few anecdotes to better describe the mission of Teach for America. They are not educating students from every major to take 2 years to better the education in those of low-income communities. In addition it is prevalent that these students go on to lead very successful lives gaining many positions of power, in part provided by their experience with Teach for America. Handed out additional information and brochures to the chairs of Senate. The next application deadline is November 2, 2007.
- III) **Officer Reports**
- a. Ms. Liz Brown, Student Body President
    - i. Liz encouraged everyone to go back to his or her halls and encourage others to apply to Teach for America. On another note, said the board of trustees meeting went very well and was very receptive to discussions regarding community relations. In CoR, discussed some of the cab initiatives that will be taking place. She is in the process of scheduling the appropriate meetings to discuss the ticket exchange policy.
  - b. Ms. Maris Braun, Student Body Vice President
    - i. Maris was absent.
  - c. Ms. Sheen Plamootil, Chief Executive Assistant
    - i. Finalizing the dates for the second installation of the Green Summit, which will be a forum of energy discussion on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - d. Mr. Thomas Noble, Faculty Student Liaisons
    - i. Faculty senate will meet next Wednesday to deal with business aside from the Academic honor codes. On Monday had a meeting to discuss presenting the student body with a place to allow the students to have input on where the faculty hiring trends are going, diverging from a primarily catholic Faculty to a much more diverse faculty.
- IV) **Committee Reports**
- a. Committee on Academic Affairs

- i. Carol has submitted an electronic reserves resolution. On the front of the course packets, the college of Arts and Letters has promised to make their recommendation to the university in reference to stop selling course packets in the bookstore.
- b. Committee on Community Relations
  - i. Colin discussed that Wednesday before fall break there was a very successful campus legal seminar. Today the fall festival proved to be a great success as well.
- c. Committee on Social Concerns
  - i. Karen International Education Week will be November 11<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>. Tentative events are Prayer for peace on November 15<sup>th</sup>. In other news, her committee is still in contact with Notre Dame food services to increase locally grown purchases.
- d. Committee on Gender Issues
  - i. Brenna announced that Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> in Auditorium Library Jordan Cats will be coming to speak in conjunction with the "Men Against Violence" campaign.
- e. Committee on Residence Life
  - i. Marianna is absent, but Sheena said that NDFS is sending out a survey this week to improve food quality.
- f. Committee on University Affairs
  - i. Callie reported that November 13<sup>th</sup>, is the Religion and Politics student-faculty debate. In other news she will be meeting in reference to the taxicab situation that her committee is working on.
- g. Committee on Oversight
  - i. Ian said that the official constitution will be available very soon.
- h. Committee on Multicultural Affairs
  - i. Ninny, said she and her committee have started selling their shirts this week. Has met with Mickey who works with MSPS to schedule a Native American exhibit in November on the 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, noon to 7pm.

V) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Student Senate Resolution SS0708-17 Electronic Reserves
  - i. Stephen added to Carol's comments saying that this resolution is meant to take appropriate steps to address student dissatisfaction with pricing of course packets. There has been much support from both faculty and students. Aside from being more cost efficient, E-reserves are also more environmentally friendly. Discussion surrounding ranged from favorable support, to desires to go back to the old ways of course packets, because of print quota depletion and complications with studying on a computer. Jim said that for some articles there is a page limit (~20 pages). The statistics of students who are in favor of electronic reserves is 53% and neutral was about 20%. In the end Stephan said that this was merely an encouragement not mandatory. Sheena reminds the Senate that the survey is pretty reliable as it goes through very legitimate paths.

Scott said having passed the previous resolution regarding the issue is the logical next step. Belief in reference to “going green” that they are underestimating the amount of people that will be printing out the E-reserves. Resolution fails at a vote of 9-6-8.

VI) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Jim passed out a resolution, to build local relations with the South Bend community. It is important for both the students and senate be informed of the issues with the community and it is important to keep information with what is occurring in the committee. Sent to the oversight committee for consideration.
- b. Karen said that ND8 has to do with Millennium Development goals next week. Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- c. Denise said that Thursday on Holy Cross Hill is the Pangborn Phox Phire.

VII) **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Ian entertains a motion to adjourn. Tom motioned. Cara seconded.  
*October 10, 2007 Senate meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Zaldana  
Student Body Secretary`

