

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** Update on the BoT Presentation→ end of Senate
 - b. **Sibonay Shewit:** We will send out the next GreenNDot dates with the minutes. I really urge you guys to do this training. The sooner you get it done, the better!
 - c. **Sibonay Shewit:** Halloween senate next week at Senate!
 - d. **Sibonay Shewit:** I haven't picked a best selfie. I'm having the cabinet vote on it on Sunday during our meeting.
- V. General Orders
 - a. Presentation Re: Updates to Class Search and Planner for NOVO Registrar
 - i. Amika Micou, *Office of the Registrar*
 - ii. Chuck Hurley, *Office of the Registrar*
 - iii. There will be an email going out later this week about St. Mary's co exchange agreement→ students must be registered 12 hours at their university before they register for a class at Notre Dame. This will help us with federal compliance rules. There are exceptions in the agreement for engineer students at St. Mary's, as well as if it's your last semester and you need limited credits.
 - iv. Amika took Chris through the new registration system. The drop down for the course gives the course description, registration restrictions, course attributes, etc. The schedule shows when the classes are full, but if you click on the course, it offers you different times for that class.
 - v. Your plan is loaded onto NOVO. You can create up to five plans on the planner.
 - vi. Most of the drop downs are multi selection options. You can search for the instructor with the primary or secondary professors.
 - vii. You can click on open classes only to search for courses with open seats and you can also hide courses that have already started as well.
 - viii. The planning tool is NOT registration, it is simply another tool like Coursicle but is connected to your NOVO. You have to sign in, pick your plan, and submit on registration day.
 - ix. If you have any suggestions, let us know so that we can implement them next semester.
 1. Insert emails
 - a. Amika Micou: amicou@nd.edu
 - b. Chuck Hurley: hurley.32@nd.edu
 - b. Presentation Re: Constitutional Updates
 - i. Colin Brankin, *Student Union Parliamentarian*

- ii. Senate Constitutional Changes
 1. My committee and I are planning a mass overhaul of the constitution.
 2. This will affect Senate, Judicial Council, and elections
- iii. We want to incorporate these changes as soon as possible so that people are aware as they enter election seasons and new positions.
- iv. We are restructuring how articles are written. We want to start out every article with the purpose.
- v. Section 1. Composition
 1. Condenses the two previous sections of voting and nonvoting into one section.
 - a. Still explicitly states who is voting and nonvoting.
 - b. No actual changes, merely organizational.
 2. Removes redundancies in position's associations to Senate
 - a. Already stated in earlier sections
- vi. Section 3. Powers and Duties
 1. Explicitly labels amendments to the Constitution as Senatorial orders.
 2. Senate will make documents available to the Student Body via the Student Government website.
 - a. Increases transparency
 3. **Sibonay Shewit:** We've been having trouble getting stuff on the website, but if you ever want anything from Senate available to the Student Body, let us know.
- vii. Section 4. Meetings and Procedures
 1. Quorum is changed to $\frac{2}{3}$ (from $\frac{3}{5}$)
 2. The Chairperson of the Senate shall call for paper ballot at his or her own discretion
 - a. How it is now, any senator can call for a paper ballot. Usually, this is for more controversial issues or resolutions, and some might be discouraged to call for a paper ballot because it would indicate that they may or may not be voting a certain way. This is used to make sure voting is done freely and honestly.
 - b. **Matthew Gartenhaus:** Is an individual Senator still allowed to call for a paper ballot?
 - i. **Colin Brankin:** Yes
 - c. **Sara Dugan:** Are these effective immediately?
 - i. **Colin Brankin:** No, there will be voting on all of these changes
 - ii. **Sibonay Shewit:** We will send this presentation in the minutes so that you all can vote with a clear head and all the information.
 3. Information on impeachment consolidated into one subsection.
 4. Information on closed meeting consolidated into one subsection.

5. Proxies shall count towards quorum
 - a. Now, they don't count towards quorum but count towards a vote. It's not consistent.
 - b. **Morgan Williams:** Is the senator allowed to not let the proxy vote? Would they then not count towards quorum?
 - i. **Colin Brankin:** You would be able to stipulate.
- viii. Section 5. Transition
 1. Prospective senators shall attend an informational meeting on parliamentary procedure, commitments and expectations, the current status of the Student Senate, etc.
 2. **William Huffman:** Is that in the Constitution?
 - a. **Colin Brankin:** It is, but we are going to start implementing it.
- ix. Friendly reminders and looking ahead
 1. Abstentions
 - a. Per Parliamentary Procedure, abstentions shall not affect the outcome of the vote
 - b. Will only count as no votes when it states the present membership, not the present and voting membership.
 2. **Prathm Juneja:** Do we have rationale behind why one vote should be present in voting vs. another vote?
 - a. **Colin Brankin:** As far as I'm aware, this isn't present in the constitution.
 3. **Colin Brankin:** We will soon be bringing this to the floor, so please come talk to me about any issues in the meantime. We will have another similar presentation on Judicial Council and Elections later.
- x. Discussion
 1. **Matthew Gartenhaus:** Wouldn't the proxy system make it so that people would stop showing up?
 2. **William Huffman:** Do we have a proxy limit?
 - a. **Colin Brankin:** Technically, no limits.
 3. **Matthew Gartenhaus:** Is there a reason why there isn't a limit on proxies?
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** It hasn't come up because it hasn't been an issue.
 - b. **Colin Brankin:** There are no absent policies in the constitution because they are supposed to be in the by laws.
 - c. **Sibonay Shewit:** There is actually a lot of overlap between the by laws and constitution.
 4. **Joseph Witt:** I don't think the quorum change will change a lot because I don't think keeping quorum was a motivation to begin with.

- a. **Sibonay Shewit:** There was a Senate where there was one more than quorum, and no one could get up and leave because the Senate meeting wouldn't be able to end.
5. **Claire Saltzman:** Will these be separate resolutions?
 - a. **Colin Brankin:** No, it will be one resolution.
6. **Chris Scott:** When will the prospective meeting happen?
 - a. **Colin Brankin:** Sometime in February.
7. **Madi Purrenhage:** Can every member of the Senate call for a paper ballot vote?
 - a. **Colin Brankin:** Yes, that's parliamentary procedure. The movement is non-debatable and non-amenable. The only thing that comes from a paper ballot vote is more truthful and honest voting.
 - b. **Madi Purrenhage:** Could you possibly explicitly state that anyone can call for a paper ballot vote in the constitution?
8. **William Huffman:** If 12 people left, there wouldn't be quorum?
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** The meeting wouldn't end.
 - b. **Colin Brankin:** There can't be any business without quorum.
9. **Sebastian Lopez:** I don't think proxies should count for quorum because this is a responsibility we signed up for. Proxies not counting kind of is a check and balance system for us.
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** Should proxies count for votes?
 - i. **Sebastian Lopez:** Yes
 - b. **Katie Hearn:** There are a lot of legitimate reasons why people need to occasionally miss senate
 - c. **Sibonay Shewit:** This will probably take the most discussion. Would you all feel more comfortable proposing this separately?
 - d. **King Fok:** I think proxies should count for quorum and voting.
 - e. **Jim Deitsch:** You could have a situation where there are more proxies than representatives. We need to have elected members always be the majority.
 - i. **Colin Brankin:** Simplicity is best in this case.
10. **Dan Hopkinson:** I would think it would make more sense to separate the changes between the organizational and the ones that have more weight behind them.
11. **Ellison Rooney:** If you combined them, you wouldn't get anything passed
12. **Colin Brankin:** So do you want all controversial changes separated?
 - a. **Christian Femrite:** Maybe group the like ones together so we aren't spending a ton of time of this.

13. **Steven Higgins:** I will put suggestions and issues in a google doc, and see which ones are controversial and which ones aren't. Can we send it out in the minutes?
14. **King Fok:** I only think Section 4 is controversial, so maybe we can look at approving everything from Section 4
 - a. **Colin Brankin:** The problem I have with formatting is that things might change after the controversial stuff is or is not passed.
 - b. **Claire Saltzman:** Does this have to be passed in one week?
 - i. **Sibonay Shewit:** Absolutely not.
 - ii. **Claire Saltzman:** Dividing it up would be the smarter option.
15. **Prathm Juneja:** To make it more efficient, don't bring resolutions to the next meeting, have the debate before then, and come to a compromise so that you can pass it all at once.
16. **Sara Dugan:** It isn't necessarily bad to pass resolutions with organizational issues separately because it would focus the debate
 - a. **Colin Brankin:** Content → formatting
17. **Sibonay Shewit:** You all decide the future of Senate and the constitution, so please take these decisions seriously.

- VI. New Business
 - a. no new business

- VII. Announcements
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** The final BoT is fairly different than the one we presented to you all.
 - i. **Rebecca Blais:** The one before included very good topics, but a lot of them are in the Student Government Commitments in the Appendices. We went back to the drawing board and talked about why people drink at Notre Dame and the negative consequences that go along with a drinking culture. We were stopped a few times during the presentation, which was good because instead of a presentation loaded with data, it was more of a conversation. They asked a lot about parietsals, and what would be the best way to change them, but it will be a few years before anything changes. Concerning gender relations in the dorms, they asked whether people would go to social events in girls' dorms. They want to look at different policies concerning alcohol at other schools and abroad. They brought up a policy in Rome where students are allowed to have alcohol in the common spaces. We said there's a different drinking age here and that they should ask students who went to Rome to get their take on the policy. We want to collect student feedback on that policy. If you could give us names, that would be super helpful!

- ii. **Sibonay Shewit:** We started with why students drink (10-11 reasons) and then what the effects of that culture are and based on that, we created our recommendations.
- iii. **Rebecca Blais:** Our number one recommendation was more healthy drinking examples on campus. We are advocating for better usage of alcohol in hall communities (i.e. game watches) and networking events (a lot of students don't know how to drink at networking events).
 1. **Unsafe situations:** The most distressing to the Board was the women being afraid of judgment in their halls→ not wanting to be judged by hall staff and instead of returning to their dorm room, spending the night in another dorm.
- iv. **Recommendations:** Healthy drinking examples, parietal changes, improvement in relationships with hall staff, and alternative programming in the South Bend area.
- v. We gave them an update on what we will be doing with the three year housing requirement, drug policy change, and Callisto (CSAP meeting this Friday regarding Callisto).
- vi. We are excited to hear feedback from our advisors in the next few days.
- vii. **Prathm Juneja:** The whole part of the Student Government Commitment section is to push forward and hope for the backing of the Board→ we want concrete changes to come from this report.
- viii. **Chris Scott:** How will this alcohol culture affect the housing requirement?
 1. **Rebecca Blais:** Our alcohol policy needs to be appropriate with the three year policy. How can we better address the hall communities before the policy officially takes effect?
 2. **Sibonay Shewit:** With the new housing policy, there will be more students of age in the dorms. This will definitely play into the culture.
 3. **Rebecca Blais:** Everything was focused on on-campus drinking.
- ix. **Claire Saltzman:** What's the current policy with common rooms in Rome?
 1. **Sibonay Shewit:** They said that the students keep their alcohol in cupboards
 2. **Rebecca Blais:** This was super random from the Board. It was just an example.
 3. **Morgan Williams:** They keep it in cupboards in the kitchen.
- x. **Morgan Williams:** Baraka Bout tickets- \$20 bucks for all three nights
 1. November 6th, 10th, and 13th
- xi. **Chris Scott:** November 2nd→ the Environment and Our Global Responsibility panel→ business ethics and sustainability professors. 5:00-6:45 in Geddes auditorium and 7-8 FREE chipotle
- xii. **Sara Dugan:** Monday, Debart Quad
 1. Halloween movie with Michael Myers
 2. Give out blankets for seniors

- xiii. **Madi Purrenhage**
 - 1. Acousticafe on Thursday at 10pm in LaFun
 - 2. Conjuring Thursday and Friday 8:00-10:30 and Saturday after the game.
- xiv. **Dan Hopkinson:** Halloween→ candy and cultural appropriation tips outside of Debart!
- xv. **Joseph Witt:** Sophomore Class Council Haunted House tomorrow in the LaFun ballroom.
- xvi. **Matthew Gartenhaus:** Please pick up the posters in the back!
- xvii. **Sibonay Shewit:** We were in DC at an ACC advocacy day event→ we met with legislators about DACA, sexual assault, and financial wellness
 - 1. **Rebecca Blais:** We mainly met with Indiana reps and Paul Ryan→ he made a good commitment on working on DACA and building a coalition in the House.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. **King Fok** moved to adjourn the meeting
 - i. **Patrick Quinn** seconded the motion