

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** The medium Senate sweatshirts are in!
 - i. **Francesca Carfagnini:** Come find me at the end of Senate to grab them.
 - b. **Sibonay Shewit:** The lemons are for awareness for the drive going on tomorrow for Be The Match. This drive contributes to the attempt to break a world record. Please come out to the drive with your friends from 9:30pm-5:30pm in Duncan Student Center.
 - i. You can challenge each other and your dorm communities!
 - ii. **Eduardo Luna:** What about all of the administration in the The Main Building?
 - c. **Sibonay Shewit:** Welcome to all of our guests!
- V. General Orders
 - a. SO1718-08: Student Union Treasurer Nomination
 - i. Alexandria Henderson, *President of Financial Management Board*
 - ii. **Alexandra Henderson:** I am appointing one of my two assistants to be the President of FMB next year. My nomination is Jim Kim who is a junior Economics and Computer Science major.
 - iii. **Sebastian Lopez:** Do you put pineapple on your pizza?
 1. **Jim Kim:** No, I'm a cheese guy.
 - iv. **Nick Lucci:** Just cheese?
 - v. **Morgan Williams:** Sauce?
 1. **Jim Kim:** Cheese and sauce guy
 - vi. Debate
 1. **William Huffman** motioned to close debate and move to a vote
 - a. **Claire Saltzman** seconded this motion
 - b. Passed unanimously
 - vii. Voting
 1. Passes unanimously
 - viii. **Sibonay Shewit:** Congratulations to Jim Kim!
 - b. SS1718-07: Main Building Murals
 - i. King Fok, *President of Club Coordination Council*
 - ii. Dom Acri, *President of NASAND*
 - iii. **King Fok:** Hi everyone, before I start, I want to preface this discussion with a couple of comments. First, I don't know how this topic became political, but it should be a bipartisan issue. It should be about everyone on campus, especially the least represented having a voice. Please let your morals and values guide you. There seems to be a dichotomy between the

students and the administration on most issues, but this isn't the case. It's up to us to ask the critical questions and have the administration respond. I know the faculty and students who focus on inclusivity are some of the most dedicated people on this campus. A large number of the faculty and staff support this as well. The murals in question are 12 11 foot murals next to the essential services offices in the Golden Dome. The offices are places future students have to go to attend this university and since the 1990s, there has been contention and concern about the depiction of Native American and African Americans in the murals and why it counters our diversity and inclusion mission here at ND and the dignity of every person here.

- iv. **Dom Acri:** I am the president of the Native American Student Association, which is comprised of students of 12 tribes across the country. We have gotten a lot of attention from our outspoken stance on the murals. Our mission is to seek a space where indigenous people can celebrate their culture and make it safe to do so. Native peoples are the only major ethnic group that doesn't have representation in any departments or main offices. However, you can find them in one place; in the misrepresented stereotype of the murals in the dome. We intern with our representatives and Native American Catholic Schools Network and sought to bring traditional languages to campus, but everyday, people don't see these great things over the murals in the Golden Dome. We are forced to walk past these each day from asking our first questions to using the classrooms and offices in the dome as students here. The 1890 paintings were painted 80 years before equality rights were instilled for Native American students. They want us to look at them in a clinical way, however, the murals foster misunderstanding, hatred, and bigotry.
- v. While we have sought wide support, there have been threats of violence directed towards our students. The lack of response from the university sends a message that this behavior is acceptable.
- vi. **Dom Acri:** You have the power to change these messages. Should the Senate join this call, you would be making meaningful change for Native Americans who call Notre Dame home.
- vii. Keep in mind that these murals are based on historical events. Here we see Columbus' arrival to the Americas. First, this is historically inaccurate because the indigenous peoples did not drop to their knees. This is also theologically disingenuous. This is an affront to our identity as a Catholic institution. There are two figures in the pamphlet including Moorish figures, slaves, and indigenous people brought back to the ground. Columbus did not arrive in Midwest America. Secondly, this is an exchange of slaves→ Columbus has brought these people back to be sold. Lastly, we see two native peoples consoling Columbus as a depiction of the defense of the actions of Columbus and to show support for Columbus, which is highly inaccurate.
- viii. **Dom Acri:** Thank you for listening to us today.

- ix. **Katie Hearn:** Where would the murals be relocated to?
1. **Dom Acri:** There is not a particular place in mind. The proper context of the murals cannot be found in the Golden Dome. They could be placed in the Snite among the gifts from Native Americans found in the Snite for purely academic purposes.
- x. **Claire Saltzman:** Whose authority is it to take them down?
1. **Dom Acri:** Father John and his cohorts.
- xi. **Morgan Peck:** If this has been a push since the 90's, why has there been no change?
1. In 1992, the public relations officer for Native American students was a student here. In the early 2000s, the pamphlets disappeared until 2016 when we asked for them back, and they published this one without consulting us. The version of the pamphlet doesn't do enough and inaccurately represents our mission.
 - a. **King Fok:** There hasn't been a consensus from Senate yet, but we want to voice this issue for the diversity and inclusion of all students on campus.
 - b. **Sibonay Shewit:** Another important thing about this is that you all have such big networks, and not enough students are talking about this. Most don't know the full story, and letting people know that this is a big issue is the first step.
- xii. **Morgan Williams:** What would replace them?
1. **Dom Acri:** Removal is the only fix because they are historically inaccurate in their context.
- xiii. **Michael Conlon:** Have you had any contact with administration about a timeline? Is this just a recommendation?
1. **Sibonay Shewit:** We meet with Brian Coughlin every week, and he knew this was coming to Senate, so we would ask him about next steps.
 2. **Dom Acri:** This pamphlet is the only answer we get to our questions. They also have no plans to remove the murals yet according to the VP of Communications.
 3. **King Fok:** There isn't a resolution or consensus from the Student Senate. If we can show how passionate we are about it, maybe next steps could be formulated.
- xiv. **Katie Hearn:** Could you talk a little about where the murals came from?
1. I don't remember the year, but the frescoes in the Basilica were painted by the same artist. The World Fair was in Chicago around this time, and they wanted to depict Catholicism and American ideals coming together.
- xv. **Prathm Juneja:** I want everyone to remember that the first place prospective students go is the second floor of the Main Building, where they are confronted with these images.

- xvi. **Dom Acri:** They keep telling us that the main prerogative is to change the pamphlet, but no one picks up or reads this pamphlet anyway.
- xvii. **William Huffman:** Where is the pamphlet?
1. **Dom Acri:** Right outside the admissions office.
 2. **Dom Acri:** It's what people are referred to if there have questions.
 3. **King Fok:** The pamphlets are small but the mural attracts so much attention.
 4. **Sibonay Shewit:** This pamphlet doesn't cover the full story.
 - a. **Dom Acri:** There are descriptions of the murals and the tribes that are misrepresented, but it doesn't talk about the effects on Native American students or the University's stance on Columbus.
- xviii. **Ellison Rooney:** Why are they still up?
1. **Dom Acri:** Tradition, but blind tradition shouldn't be something to be proud of. Some donors and professors' faces are depicted on the faces of the people in the murals, and Father Sorin's face is actually depicted on Columbus.
- xix. Would the movement to the Snite be for purely academic purposes?
1. **Dom Acri:** Without a concerted effort from a large voice, it has not garnered a response.
- xx. **Chris Scott:** I was wondering what exactly the original and personal interest was of the artist. Was the message dictated to him or did he mainly come up with it on his own?
1. **Dom Acri:** I can't say anything about his intentions, but the word is that Columbus was his idol.
 2. **King Fok:** Catholics were seen as second class and Columbus was seen as the embodiment of America, so they wanted to use him as the model of American and Catholic traditions.
- xxi. Debate
1. **Eduardo Luna** motioned to end debate and move to a vote
 - a. **King Fok** seconded this motion
- xxii. Voting
1. Yes→ get rid of murals
 2. No→ keep murals
 3. Passes 28-3-2
- xxiii. **Sibonay Shewit:** Thank you all for coming, and King, thank you for connecting us.
- c. Presentation Re: Waiver Policy Proposal
- i. *Waiver Policy Subcommittee*
 - ii. **Sibonay Shewit:** We aren't voting on anything here. They are just sharing their work, and they want to hear your feedback.
 - iii. **Shane Johnson:** We are going to present this to the administration.
 1. Administration has been open to the idea of a waiver system.
 2. This system needs to be designed and thought out thoroughly
 - iv. **William Huffman:** Why students would want to move off campus:

1. Sexual harassment/violence
 2. Discrimination in any form
 3. Extenuating family circumstances
 4. Socio Economic circumstance
 5. Possible additional reasons
- v. **Morgan Williams:** We wanted to make sure that students could apply without outing themselves and without having to tell a non confidential mandatory reporter.
1. This form would ideally be included in Housing application email
 - a. Could be signed by just oneself
 - b. Students could use advocate system for additional support
 - c. Students could have additional signatures for support
 2. Who can serve as an advocate?
 - a. UCC, UHS, other medical professionals
 - b. Representatives from Housing or Financial Aid
 - c. Administrators from different campus groups, e.g, MSPS, etc.
 3. **Daniel Venetucci:** The form is simple and straightforward→ no boxes to check
 - a. As simple as possible
 - b. Limit of one meeting with housing and a strict timeline for reporting back.
 4. **William Huffman:** We wanted to bring this forward to you all to hear feedback. We spent a lot of time troubleshooting, but if you can look through the papers we presented to you all, that would be very helpful.
- vi. **Sibonay Shewit:** On top of the group meeting, our Director of Diversity and Inclusion and Gender Relations as well as a Diversity Council representative looked at the form.
- vii. **King Fok:** Can you add mental health and mental illness to the list as well as maybe adding law enforcement or lawyers to advocates?
1. **Prathm Juneja:** I think law enforcement would be better→ lawyers might be more aggressive and create more issues (NDSP and law enforcement)
- viii. **Katie Hearn:** I would be worried about the administration wondering what the safeguard would be for other students or family members arbitrarily wanting someone to move off campus.
1. **William Huffman:** You have to value those who really need to move off campus and put a little trust in students to not misuse this system. We decided that having more advocate options is important for students who want to move off campus.
 2. **Morgan Williams:** If it means that the people who need to move off campus can, it's worth putting trust into other students.
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** You also have to meet with the Office of Housing if you want to move off.

- ix. **Brandon Ryan:** The Office of Housing came to HPC and told us that the administration decided that checking the boxes would be more efficient as to track the data and reasonings. I know they like the middle ground. It is not too intrusive but allows them to track the reasons for moving off.
1. **Morgan Williams:** What about doing an anonymous survey to track the data rather than tracking each student specifically?
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** To Brandon, that opens up mandatory reporting issues and having to reduce what happened to them into a box. It seems small but it not fair to retraumatize.
 - i. **Brandon Ryan:** They want to do what best serves the students. They did seem willing to discuss.
- x. **William Huffman:** We moved into this idea of an advocate system so that we could avoid non confidential reporting.
1. **Daniel Venetucci:** The only requirement is you yourself signing it.
 2. **Morgan Williams:** Students should be able to submit a waiver without an advocate.
 3. **Shane Johnson:** With the tier system, a UCC counselor is the highest tier.
 - a. **Morgan Peck:** I think the legitimacy of the UCC counselor is important.
 4. **Morgan Williams:** We are expecting that administration will come back with another requirement or condition.
 5. **Sibonay Shewit:** It is important for every student to have some avenue of moving off campus if they need to.
 6. **Morgan Peck:** The advocacy takes the place of the box checking.
- xi. **Claire Saltzman:** Could they collect verbal data in the Housing meetings?
1. **Prathm Juneja:** It can't be verbal because of non confidentiality. The anonymous survey would be the best option for getting data. Students shouldn't have to prove their suffering of trauma.
 2. **Morgan Williams:** The meeting isn't a trial.
- xii. **Chris Scott:** Are there any resources to help the students feel safer and more comfortable after moving off campus? For example, someone who has been sexually assaulted, what would it be like being away from their friends? What is their support network?
1. **William Huffman:** We were mostly looking into the process rather than thinking about the aftermath.
 2. **Morgan Williams:** The approval could include a list of resources.
- xiii. **Katie Hearn:** I know that this is the reality and many deal with traumatic experiences, but is this furthering a culture where there is no one to turn to? Will they be isolated after they move off? I worry about isolation of circumstance and isolation after moving off.
1. **Cassie Anzalone:** I don't really know what it feels like, but it's important that they have the option. This is an "out" or a freedom for someone who needs the option.

2. **Katie Hearn:** It makes me sad that there are people on campus that have gone through something traumatic and have no one to turn to.
- xiv. **Claire Saltzman:** What is the next step?
 1. **Morgan Williams:** Next monday we have a meeting with Housing.
- xv. **Christian Femrite:** The whole signing a contract piece of moving off campus would make it hard to find housing later on. Could we make it so that vendors can't require people to sign their freshman or sophomore year for housing during their senior year? It will be more stressful or competitive for people who need to move off later on in their three years.
 1. **Sibonay Shewit:** I've never heard of an issue with this, and I think it's a rumor.
 2. **Prathm Juneja:** I had a meeting with the head of off campus housing. They are working on putting together an encouraged vendors list for housing. Campus courts and the other places next to row and flats still have signings open for next year.
- d. SO1718-10: Hall of the Year Scores
 - i. **Steven Higgins** motioned to change this to SO1718-09
 1. **Morgan Williams** seconded this motion
 2. Passed unanimously
 - ii. Alyssa Lyon, *HPC Co-Chair*
 - iii. Brandon Ryan, *HPC Co-Chair*
 - iv. **Brandon Ryan:** I am Alyssa Lyon's counterpart as co-chair of HPC. I was the president of Sted's last year. Alyssa and I have seen that recently, HPC rather than support the hall presidents, has turned into a very competitive organization between halls and their presidents. The hall of the year competition doesn't always serve our communities. Dissolving hostility between dorms is the goal of the appealing of this constitutional clause.
 1. Repealing the sub clause that says numerical scores have to be posted each year on the HPC website. This tradition merely harbors resentment between dorms.
 2. This would mean that the HPC Co-Chairs do not have to publish the scores, but may still do so if they desire.
 - v. **Claire Saltzman:** Would dorms still receive their scores?
 1. **Brandon Ryan:** Each dorm gets a monthly score for Rockne.
 - vi. **Chris Scott:** What does the current subclause say? Does it say that HPC is obligated to publish the hall of the year scores?
 1. **Brandon Ryan:** Yes, both ranked and also numerically ranked.
 - vii. **Christian Femrite:** What is the overall breakdown of scores and what are your current responsibilities?
 1. **Brandon Ryan:** We give out the reports each month. 45% goes towards the monthly scores, 5% goes towards hall council visits and 50% is the end of the year presentations→ board of a few

- senators, the executive board of HPC, Matt Ross, and the Directors of Student Life.
2. **Brandon Ryan:** This is one of the things HPC is in charge of throughout the year. Alyssa, the board, and I score Rocknes.
 - viii. **Morgan Peck:** Knowing how you did last year can help a hall do better and the ranking allows to see how you did comparatively.
 1. **Brandon Ryan:** We are not holding people back from publishing, but a lot of people don't know what the score refers to. This doesn't promote positive dorm community.
 - ix. **Matthew Gartenhaus:** What about a list of the dorms rather than the points as well? Would this cause the same kind of issues?
 1. **Brandon Ryan:** I think that this causes the same issues→ there are some dorms that slip through the cracks each year. Their bad years don't need to be published for the world to see.
 - x. With what you're proposing, the decision to publish the scores would be solely up to co chairs?
 1. **Brandon Ryan:** It would be up to the executive board as well.
 - xi. **Morgan Williams yields her time to Rebecca Blais:** The last part of the section that you want to repeal says that you have to supply the scores upon request. Who normally requests them?
 1. **Brandon Ryan:** The Observer requests the scores each year and publishes them.
 - xii. **Morgan Peck:** Do you have any rules or other propositions for other options?
 1. **Brandon Ryan:** Yes we have other plans, but I don't really want to delve into these at the moment.
 - xiii. **William Huffman:** I would like to encourage everyone to wrap things up.
 - xiv. **Thomas Assad yields his time to Prathm Juneja:** Is there a consensus among presidents about this?
 1. **Brandon Ryan:** Yes and unanimous support from the rector council as well.
 - xv. **Chris Scott:** How do you and HPC think that the list and rankings and positive incentive relates to the bitter resentment?
 1. **Brandon Ryan:** When I was president, presidents were very secretive. We had a hard time communicating because it was a competition to see who was the better dorm→ dorms were less likely to do quad programming and dorm collaboration. This year, we've been stressing the monthly reports less. Participation on the council has been much more effective because the presidents are more willing to talk and interact as presidents rather than individuals to promote positive change on campus.
 - xvi. **Christian Femrite:** How can we balance something like this in light of transparency accusations?

1. **Brandon Ryan:** I would say that there is no logic in promoting transparency by forcing us to publish the dorms.
- xvii. **Nick Lucci yields his time to Rebecca Blais:** If this changes were to take place, would only the president and vice presidents have access to scores? Could anyone request the points?
 1. **Brandon Ryan:** We would not be constitutionally mandated to do so.
 2. The problem of a president not doing their job is easily spotted by us.
- xviii. **Thomas Assad** motioned to end debate and move to a vote
 1. **Sara Dugan** seconded the motion
 2. Division
 - a. Passed
- xix. Voting
 1. Passes with 24 votes

VI. New Business

VII. Announcements

- a. **Morgan Williams:** Men's Boxing finals this Friday
- b. **Jackson Herrfeldt:**
 - i. Acoustifcafe in Duncan Student Center at 10:00pm on Thursday
 - ii. Lady Bird in Debart 101 8:00pm on Thursday, 8:00 and 10:30 on Thursday and Friday
 - iii. Midterm stress relievers next week
 - iv. Edison's at 7pm in Washington Hall on Friday
 - v. Free cupcakes tomorrow night in Duncan Student Center
 - vi. If you want to apply for Executive Director of SUB, you can apply for the board on SUB
- c. **Matt Ross:** Student Union Awards→ honoring someone for their service to the student union and the Irish Clover and Deserving Teacher awards→ nominate people!
 - i. We will be taking comments and suggestions about election reforms to the Constitution
- d. **Finbar Berry:** Air Force Basketball Tournament→ largest convenience of cadets in the nation this weekend. Come out and support!
- e. **Brandon Ryan:** We need senators to sit in on the Hall of the Year competitions→ we will redo it to allow for sign ups in the Groupme
- f. **Michael Conlon:** JCC give away in Lafun ballroom→ stress relief foods
- g. **Chris Scott:** Tomorrow in Debart→ "Give Me Shelter"
 - i. The Rolling stones 1969 world tour

VIII. Adjournment

- a. **King Fok** motioned to adjourn this meeting
 - i. **Katie Hearn** seconded this motion