

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** Sam Cannova will be playing music at the start of Senate for the rest of the term→ we are calling it Club Senate
 - b. **Sibonay Shewit:** Brittany is the only one who has brought in pop tabs. Bring in pop tabs!
 - c. **Sibonay Shewit:** If you haven't gotten a quarter zip, they are in my office, just let me know before you take one.
 - d. **Molly McGraw:** Please RSVP for the formal on Saturday, March 24th from 10:00pm-1:00am
 - e. **Sibonay Shewit:** Diversity training with Paige Jackson is on Saturday, March 24th→ there will be 2 available times
 - f. **Sibonay Shewit:** 'Be the Match' broke the world record with 3,715 registering!
- V. General Orders
 - a. SO1718-11: CCC Division Chairs
 - i. King Fok, *President of the Club Coordination Council*
 - ii. **King Fok:** We are reorganizing the CCC in preparation for Sam Scaglione (president elect). This resolution concerns the 6 division chairs. The CCC members and chairs used to be enumerated. There are 6 chair positions that head the divisions (athletics, performing arts, social service, special interests, academic, and cultural) and there are three other voting members on each division. Their responsibilities include getting to know the clubs, their individual programming, and what they need going into the allocation seasons. We want to reinstate enumeration for the division chairs this year. We took it away last year to avoid conflict with other positions, but the chair is a voluntary position, and they definitely deserve enumeration because they do a lot of work for our campus community.
 - iii. Questions
 1. **William Huffman:** Where is this in the Constitution?
 - a. **Colin Brankin:** It's not stated in the old constitution.
 2. **Morgan Williams:** What exactly is enumeration?
 - a. **Colin Brankin:** Enumerated positions are explicitly written in the constitution in Article 1, Section 4. Enumerated positions take a lot of dedication and are extremely time consuming, so they are not eligible for more than one enumerated positions.
 3. **Morgan Peck:** The enumeration was taken away because some division chairs and seats were wearing 2 hats?

2. **William Huffman:** If you were ordering a pizza online, and you saw the box that said pineapple, would you check it?
 - a. **Shady Girgis:** No
- iv. Debate
 1. **William Huffman** motioned to end debate and move to a vote
 - a. **Morgan Peck** seconded this motion
 - b. Passes unanimously
- v. Voting
 1. Passes unanimously
- d. Nomination Re: Executive Director of Student Union Board
 - i. Jackson Herrfeldt, *Student Union Board Executive Director*
 - ii. **Jackson Herrfeldt:** Bethany has been serving on SUB for the last two years. She is one of the hardest working members of SUB, and she's very dedicated and easy to work with. She's great. I nominate her as the incoming Executive Director of SUB.
 - iii. Questions
 1. **Sibonay Shewit:** Do you put pineapple on your pizza?
 - a. **Bethany:** If I had the option, I would not choose it
 - iv. Debate
 1. **Michael Conlon:** Beth is fantastic, so i motion to end debate and move to a vote
 - a. **Thomas Assad** seconded this motion
 - b. Passes unanimously
 - v. Voting
 1. Passes unanimously
 - vi. **Sibonay Shewit:** Congratulations to Shady and Bethany!!
- e. Discussion Re: Constitutional Changes
 - i. Matt Ross, *Judicial Council President*
 - ii. Colin Brankin, *Student Union Parliamentarian*
 - iii. **Sibonay Shewit:** This started with Morgan's request to look at the past couple of weeks of Senate and reconsider some of the content of the constitution.
 - iv. **Matt Ross:** Colin and I have had things to change since day 1 of elections. We have a list of things, and we want to run through these potential changes with you all.
 1. To include a constitutional section of petitioning→ clarifying that petitioning follows the same rules as campaigning.
 2. Specifying the "before and after class" clause→ the intent is to include the class period as well as the passing periods directly before and after the class in a classroom.
 - a. **William Huffman:** What about quantifying it by saying 8:00am-5:00am in any classroom
 - b. **Matt Ross:** I know that there are some classes that are later than 5.

- a. **Matt Ross:** If a runoff occurs, I could release them but not the initial because the candidates decided beforehand to keep the information confidential.
2. **Chris Scott:** In terms of the voting percentage sanctions, have you all considered changing the sanctions for certain things. I was talking to someone about the percentages with someone, but someone was telling me that it seems unfair that people's votes were taken away.
- vii. **Matt Ross:** I understand that this can be misinterpreted. It does not mean that someone's specific vote doesn't count. A lot of times, we have to turn to forfeiture of votes because the polls have closed, and it often is the only available sanction. I spent a good amount of time looking at election regulations at other schools, and you would be shocked at how many schools use sanction of votes for literally everything. If it's a small violation, 5%, and if it's a larger violation, 10%, etc.
 1. **William Huffman:** I'm okay with the percentage forfeiture and I think it should be up to the election committee.
 2. **Matt Ross:** I am in favor of what we have in place now, but it was interesting to look at how other schools do it.
 3. **Colin Brankin:** If you have alternative sanction for when polls are closed, we are open to hearing about it.
 4. **John Cresson:** What discussion has there been for aligning precedents concerning percentages?
 - a. **Matt Ross:** We moved away from this because it strips us of our ability to take into context the individual circumstance.
 - b. **Colin Brankin:** We don't have to be as harsh→ if it's minor and doesn't necessitate a harsh sanction.
- viii. **Chris Scott:** Thinking about JCouncil and judicial proceedings, have you all considered abolishing the closed meetings? There is a lot of opposition to it, and I can't go a day without hearing about it.
 1. **Matt Ross:** We don't want to change that→ Senate appeals will remain closed→ it's important to the appeals process and protecting the anonymity of the person who brings forward an allegation and keeping the evidence confidential.
 2. **Sibonay Shewit:** I know a lot of people have said that the closed meetings have been unnecessary→ 1) appeals 2) sensitive material→ this should be a place that people can speak openly without fear of retribution.
 3. **Colin Brankin:** Parliamentary procedure states that anyone has the power to close a meeting. We can't abolish that power.
- ix. **Michael Conlon:** What about allowing proxies for emergency meetings?
 1. **Matt Ross:** This will hopefully be fixed with the 48 hour rule→ We want to keep it closer to USA judicial procedure→ there will

only be appeal hearings if there is a procedural defect or a gross misinterpretation of the constitution.

- x. **Matt Ross:** We want to give more information to the person who is filed against→ right now, they only get the section of the constitution that was violated and a short blurb of the specific allegation→ We want them to have more of an opportunity to prepare in an effort to level the playing field.
 1. **Katie Hearn:** Who would interpret the gross misinterpretation?
 - a. **Matt Ross:** We want the Jcouncil VP of elections to sit down with the VP of Student Body and see if the appeal has merit to come before Senate
 - b. **Katie Hearn:** So it would be taking out the part where we decide if we want to hear it?
 - i. **Matt Ross:** Senate would still decide if they want to hear it.
 2. **Matthew Gartenhaus:** If you can meet quorum at some point in the 48 hours, it is important part of process to be able to appeal. I know you mentioned having a more defined appeal process→ it might help to have it similar to how Senate passed the appointments of the Executive Cabinet.
 - a. **Morgan Peck:** I like that idea. I think the notice for Senate meetings should be more in advance. Also, what information is given to the defendant?
 - i. **Matt Ross:** Election committee has 24 hours and we want to bump it up to 48 hours→ this limits the preparation time on our end and on the person who the allegation is against. The goal would be to send the packet of evidence beforehand to the defendant.
 - ii. **Morgan Peck:** When you have cases where you have people filing allegations who don't care about their anonymity, it puts us in a tough place.
 1. **Matt Ross:** JCouncil will still protect anonymity even if someone doesn't care.
 2. **Sibonay Shewit:** One person may not care but the other people may not feel comfortable.
 3. **Joseph Witt:** Is the section that Senate must hear appeals is under Jcouncil?
 - a. **Matt Ross:** It's also under the bylaws of Senate→ stricter attendance policy for appeals might put pressure on the senators to do their job.
 - b. **Morgan Williams:** Maybe not limiting to that one meeting, Senate has 2 hours or 3 hours to try again.

- xi. **John Cresson:** Whether to give the defendant the information prior to the allegation hearing→ Is there any concern in the information getting leaked.
1. **Matt Ross:** I understand and there needs to be a conversation about this, but the process that's in place now sends the defendant in blind.
 - a. **John Cresson:** Can they take an hour to look over the papers before the meeting.
 - b. **Matt Ross:** Yes, the elections committee would just have to sit and wait.
 2. **William Huffman** yields his time to **Rebecca Blais:** It's the person filing the allegation who goes in and speaks→ while they are speaking, the other party is sitting and waiting. Why don't you give them the papers then?
- xii. **Chris Scott:** Speaking on anonymity→ what is the rationale behind keeping it all confidential? On another note, I had a constituent tell me that we shouldn't be talking about political issues.
1. **Matt Ross:** The reason we protect the anonymity is to not incentivize people from filing in the future for fear of retribution. Sec 13.4→ only certain info can be released to the public. All other information is confidential in order to protect the person in terms of any evidence that could be traced back to them.
 - a. **Colin Brankin:** I wouldn't file if i feared retribution.
 2. **Sibonay Shewit:** I do think politics should stay out of Senate, but we have a responsibility to protect all students just as King has a responsibility to all of the clubs. We have a duty to every student even if it means bringing up conversations that are a little more controversial.
- xiii. **King Fok:** Quorum for emergency Senate→ what about lowering the quorum to 50% for special appeals and special senates. In CCC, if the quorum can't be reached for special meetings, we adjust quorum.
1. **Colin Brankin:** Say you have a chance of reaching quorum but you have 19/34. If you only expect half, almost half of senate isn't giving their voice in the decision, which isn't representative.
 - a. **King Fok:** For this special case. We do have a problem meeting quorum for emergency senates since we raised the quorum.
 - b. **Matt Ross:** We are moving away from one and done for appeals.
 - c. **Sibonay Shewit:** I would hesitate making it less representative.
 2. **Claire Saltzman:** Is there any reason that a person who recused themselves can't just stay and not vote?
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** They would be sitting on that information, which would present a concern of bias.

- xiv. **Jim Deitsch:** I'm not sure that the Senate should be involved in the process. Is there a way to create an appeal process within Jcouncil?
1. **Colin Brankin:** All of the opinions of the student body are reflected in you all, so this is why you're involved.
 2. **King Fok:** There needs to be a separation of powers. When the legislative body makes a law, the courts can strike it down. There needs to be a process of review.
 3. **Morgan Williams:** When people recuse themselves, it reduces the number of senate. Shouldn't quorum be decreased.
 4. **Morgan Williams** yielded his time to **Corey Gayheart:** If we had the information beforehand, we most likely would not have appealed because we would have adequately defended ourselves→ we couldn't pull together witnesses or a case in time.
 - a. **Matt Ross:** It would overall lower the number of appeals.
- xv. **Chris Scott:** What is the single best change that will help make us more transparent and accountable?
1. **Matt Ross:** It's a lot of potential changes that connect and go together.
 2. **Colin Brankin:** I have 11 amendments written.
- xvi. **Dillon Wintz:** What about using the other members of the election committee as a review?
1. **William Huffman:** Our main goal should be about what can make the constitution better. I think transparency is the goal for the next administration, so I think we should focus on the constitution.
 - a. **King Fok:** I think there's a lot more to discuss, but I motion to table the discussion.
 - i. **Katie Hearn** seconded the motion.
 - ii. Voting
 1. Passed unanimously.
 2. **Matt Ross:** We are going to look at what happens when there's no majority in runoff. How to deal with senate quorum. Withdrawing appeals. Checks with NDSP and Title IX for candidates→ everyone has to go through OCS and registrar (they have different processes). Extenuating circumstances clause→ $\frac{3}{4}$ vote in senate. Ethics Clause concerning promising positions. HPC can endorse candidates but they shouldn't be. Moving parliamentarian back to Judicial Council
 - a. Shoot Matt or Colin an email if you have other ideas.
 - b. There will be new amendments next time.
 3. **Claire Saltzman:** Could we move Senate up to 6:00pm the next couple of times?
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** I'll look into it.

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- VI. New Business
- VII. Announcements
- a. **Jackson Herrfeldt:** Acousticafe at 10:00pm in Duncan Student Center at Hagerty Cafe.
 - b. **Jim English:** There will be an Off Campus Housing Fair soon.
 - c. **Brandon Ryan:** We need 3 senators for sessions (catering food and a link in groupme for scheduling)
 - i. March 23-25→ on top of Diversity Training (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
 1. **Chris Scott:** Can you go to one or two of the sessions?
 - a. **Brandon Ryan:** The times are in chunks, around five of them.
 - d. **Matt Ross:** Student Union Awards→ nominate people!
 - e. **Jim Deitsch:** 51 days till Fisher Regatta.
- VIII. Adjournment
- a. **Linde Hoffman** motioned to adjourn the meeting
 - i. **Thomas Assad** seconded the motion