

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** There is a focus group on immunization compliance on March 26th, 27th, and 28th→ it will be 45 minutes with UHS. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating, please reach out to Jade Martinez.
 - i. Jade.T.Martinez.181@nd.edu
 - b. **Sibonay Shewit:** It's been so great that each of you has been so involved outside of Senate with focus groups and other campus needs, so thank you so much for that.
 - c. **Sibonay Shewit:** The Student Government Formal is on Saturday from 9PM-12AM. Bring plus 1's!
 - d. **Sibonay Shewit:** Please remember to collect pop tabs!
- V. General Orders
 - a. Presentation Re: Changes Regarding Housing Policy
 - i. Margaret Morgan, *Director of Residence Life*
 - ii. **Helen:** This is my 20th year in Student Affairs and Margaret Morgan in Res Life
 - iii. **Helen:** This will not be the only conversation about the Housing Policy. We want and need as much information and feedback as possible. Residency life has been in a listening strategy with three tiers. For the first tier, we met with many student groups including but not limited to Diversity Committee on Climate on LGBTQ and HPC, and the conversation tonight with the Student Senate is a crucial piece of that. The second tier is going to be conversations with ARs, Rectors, and other hall staff, and our third tier will be drop in's in the Duncan Student Center with Directors of Student Life. All students are welcome to join the conversations with Hall Staff as well as attend the drop in sessions. There are some suggestions put down on paper already from students. We want to be transparent by telling you all that a waiver process hasn't been built yet. This new housing policy will not affect any of you all, so we have some time to construct a waiver system in service of the Class of 2022. The listening sessions have been about what students think the waiver should look like. There have been 2 diverging student views on this issue. Some want a very easy and user friendly waiver with boxes to check in an effort to make it as clear cut and simple as possible. The second and larger group of students want the waiver system to be a subjective process, meaning that each of the requests should be followed with a personal conversation to hear about their experience and why the student should be waived from the housing policy. These students commented that the experience should be documented to limit the retraumatization that may be triggered by repeating the trauma or description multiple times. By the end of the semester, we will be putting a proposal to submit to Erin Hoffman Harding with our recommendations. If you have questions, tonight may not be the time to do this. This is your time to share your suggestions with us.
 - iv. **Sibonay Shewit:** To give you all a timeline, Prathm met with Brian Coughlan, and he'll be sharing his feedback with you all soon.

- v. **Chris Scott:** I think the conversation around the subjective versus the objective process is very interesting, but is there a way you all can combine these two concepts into one waiver? There are many compelling reasons to want to be waived from the housing policy including but not limited to discrimination, sexual assault, and mental health, but I like the subjective element because it gives the students the opportunity to have a conversation and tell their story to help administrators understand why they need to move off campus.
- vi. **Morgan Peck:** The conversations in my dorm have been around the issue of financial need, meaning those who don't qualify for financial aid but are still uncomfortable with the price of housing.
- vii. **Jackson Herrfeldt:** The only thing I worry about with a more subjective option is that it might be too vague and leaves it up to the university in a lot of ways. An objective element would give it less malleability and would limit the power of the administration in a very personal process.
- viii. **Morgan Williams:** A couple of senators created a waiver system. Our fear with the objective element is that it limits someone's experience to a box that they have to check, which is damaging. The damage with the subjective element is the fear of retraumatizing survivors with the repetition of their story. We tried to work around both of these issues. It's all in the proposal.
- ix. **Jim Deitsch:** With some students, the stories and reasons for moving off campus are experiences that they don't want their name attached too. If a student doesn't want to share it with an administrator, there needs to be some way to do it while maintaining the anonymity of the student.
1. **Helen:** We have talked about have Residential Life partner with allies→ administrators or other people who students would feel comfortable talking to in order to preserve the anonymity of the student. For example, with Title IX cases, letting students know how mandatory reporting works and the terms of a required investigation. Educating students so that they aren't surprised after the fact is an important factor of this. We have people on campus who are not mandatory sources.
 - a. **Jim Deitsch:** Could these confidential sources be involved in the waiver process?
 - b. **Helen:** Yes, some confidential resources available would be ideal.
 - c. **Jim Deitsch:** Necessitating an investigation would be very problematic.
- x. **Claire Saltzman:** When you first introduced the topic, you said that you wanted stories to match up with a second, third, fourth person reviewing it. How many people do you expect to be reviewing these waivers?
1. **Helen:** We anticipate that the process will be rare because those who are admitted in '18-'19 are aware of this housing policy shift. We might be surprised, but the expectation is that the waiver use will be rare. Vanderbilt has had a four year residential life for 50 years; when students enter a school with that expectation, they will be more accepting of it. The number of people who would be reviewing the waiver applications is conjecture. If there is reason for stories to be told multiple times,

documentation would preserve the real story and would limit rehashing the story.

- xi. **Linde Hoffman:** Do you all have a relative timeline for the decision of a waiver? I can see there being problems with the necessity of a streamlined process for emergencies.
 - 1. **Helen:** We recognize that some reasons will require an expedited process. One of the things we have heard from students is to also consider the interhall transfer applications.
- xii. **Helen:** Please join us the listening sessions and drop in sessions.
- b. **Sebastian Lopez** motioned to close Senate
 - i. **Finbar Berry** seconded this motion
 - ii. Voting
 - 1. Motion fails
- c. SO1718-13: Duncan Student Center and Campaigning Policies
 - i. Matt Ross, *Judicial Council President*
 - ii. Colin Brankin, *Student Union Parliamentarian*
 - iii. **Colin Brankin:** We are going to go amendment by amendment with questions, discussion, and a vote.
 - iv. **Ellison Rooney** motioned to limit discussion to 7 minutes for each amendment.
 - 1. **Brittany Cahill** seconded the motion.
 - 2. Voting
 - a. Motion passes
 - v. **Colin Brankin:** For this amendment, we simply added the Duncan Student Center to this because Duncan Student Center is funded by SAO. They wouldn't be allowed to campaign in Duncan without this→ Same general idea as Lafun.
 - vi. **Matt Ross:** This is the policy we used for this past election. We are also adding a qualification of the class period and passing period.
 - vii. **Morgan Peck:** With the venue, “before, after, and during classes”? Is it clear/specific enough?
 - viii. **Molly McGraw:** We could just include a qualification→ “within the venue of the class.”
 - ix. **Sebastian Lopez:** Is it every single time?
 - x. **Matt Ross:** It was just before, during, or after a class period. The phrasing, “while occupying a classroom” helped with the time period discrepancy.
 - xi. **Sebastian Lopez** motioned to amend the wording in the amendment to add 20 minutes?
 - 1. **Claire Saltzman** seconded this motion.
 - 2. **Sibonay Shewit:** I would hesitate putting a specific time in the wording.
 - 3. **Claire Saltzman:** I think it would be helpful because it would give the tickets an idea of what to do and what not to do, and Senate can suspend this rule if necessary.
 - 4. **Matt Ross and Colin Brankin:** Senate can't retroactively suspend an election rule.
 - xii. **Matthew Gartenhaus:** What if we left the interpretation of “before, after, or during” up to the current election committee.

- xiii. **William Huffman:** Based on the presentations that Matt gave to the candidates before election season this year, I think it would be laid out enough to make it reasonably understood. It wouldn't be beneficial to add a minute count.
 - 1. **Morgan Williams:** I agree, and I trust Matt and Colin.
- xiv. **William Huffman** motioned to vote on the wording amendment (if you want to add 20 minutes to the wording)
 - 1. **Christian Femrite** seconded this motion
- xv. Voting on adding 20 minutes before or after classes
 - 1. Fails
- xvi. Regular Discussion on "within the classroom venue"
- xvii. **William Huffman** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote
 - 1. **Sebastian Lopez** seconded this motion
- xviii. Voting on "within the classroom venue"
 - 1. This passes
- xix. In discussion on the amendment with the addition of "within the classroom venue"
 - 1. **William Huffman** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote
 - 1. **Nick Lucci** seconded this motion
- xxi. Voting
 - 1. Passes
- d. SO1718-14: Petitioning During Elections
 - i. Matt Ross, *Judicial Council President*
 - ii. Colin Brankin, *Student Union Parliamentarian*
 - iii. **Matt Ross:** This is copying 13 but making it about petitioning → 1) a sentence on DSC petitioning for petitioning 2) to add "within the class venue"
 - iv. **William Huffman** motioned to add the Duncan Student Center and the "within the class venue" wording to the amendment
 - v. Discussion
 - 1. **Nick Lucci** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote on the two additions above
 - a. **Claire Saltzman** seconded this motion
 - vi. Voting
 - 1. Passes
 - vii. Discussion on resolution including changes
 - viii. **Sebastian Lopez** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote
 - 1. **Morgan Williams** seconded this motion
 - ix. Voting
 - 1. Passes
- e. **William Huffman** motioned to change "petitioning" to "campaigning" in 2nd sentence of amendment SO1718-13.
 - i. **Eve Takazawa** seconded this motion
 - ii. **Nick Lucci** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote
 - 1. **William Huffman** seconded this motion
 - iii. Voting
 - 1. Passes
- f. SO1718-15: Release of Election Results
 - i. Matt Ross, *Judicial Council President*

- ii. Colin Brankin, *Student Union Parliamentarian*
- iii. **Matt Ross:** We want to make it required for every student body, class council, and hall election data to be released to the student body, the class, or the hall rector respectively in order to increase transparency.
- iv. Discussion
 - 1. **William Huffman:** To the current class council presidents, do you think this would be okay to release to the class?
 - a. **Sara Dugan:** Yes, it's in line with the student body elections.
 - b. **Paul Stevenson:** We don't really know, we've run unopposed twice.
 - c. **Sam Cannova:** We got handed the folders with the data, Judicial Council asked if they could release it, and we said yes.
- v. **Morgan Williams** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote
 - 1. **Thomas Assad** seconded the motion
- vi. Voting
 - 1. Passes
- g. SO17178-16: Senate Constituencies in Runoff Elections
 - i. Matt Ross, *Judicial Council President*
 - ii. Colin Brankin, *Student Union Parliamentarian*
 - iii. **Matt Ross:** With Senate Constituencies→ 3) and a) are changing. This amendment describes exactly how senate constituencies operate.
 - iv. **Colin Brankin:** This is how we would have interpreted senate constituencies if it had come to that during this past election. This institutionalizes the process.
 - v. **Christian Femrite:** Is this like the electoral college in a tie of a run off?
 - 1. **Matt Ross:** Yes, this would be voting within each hall.
 - 2. **Sibonay Shewit:** This is how it is now, this is simply a clarification.
 - 3. **Matt Ross:** If there is a tie within the hall, a senator votes, and then if there's another tie with the senators, the chair of senate decides.
 - vi. **Katie Hearn:** Why is off campus (2000 people) getting the same vote as one hall?
 - 1. **Matt Ross:** We thought it was important to have representation based on location.
 - 2. **Colin Brankin:** Why we didn't include class council is that we would be double counting your votes→ the same goes for off campus council. It's based on the residence communities, so each gets one vote.
 - 3. **Sam Cannova:** Why do class councils vote now?
 - 4. **Colin Brankin:** To make sure vote enfranchisement only happens one→ you make decisions based on class council opinion.
 - vii. **Matthew Gartenhaus:** For the option for a runoff election, why are the off campus president and senator included in this?
 - viii. **Matt Ross:** Off campus senator and president are voted on by current off campus council and the incoming off campus community. In hall elections, if there's a tie in a run off, there's another run off.
 - ix. **Morgan Peck** motioned to strike off campus president and off campus senator from the list.
 - 1. **Sebastian Lopez** seconded this motion

2. **Sibonay Shewit:** Having senate constituencies vote for off campus senator and president doesn't make sense at all because no one in the hall would have voted in the first election.
- x. Voting
 1. Passes
- xi. **Thomas Assad** and **Nick Lucci** motioned to extend discussion time by 5 ½ minutes
 1. Passes
- xii. **Matt Ross:** I would say class councils could still be handled in this way because it could be broken down by class for every hall. Judicial council would just look at the breakdown of the class within the hall.
- xiii. **Sara Dugan** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote on the amendment as is
 1. **Steven Higgins** seconded this motion
- xiv. Voting
 1. Passes
- h. SO1718-17: Election Committee Meeting Quorum
 - i. Matt Ross, *Judicial Council President*
 - ii. Colin Brankin, *Student Union Parliamentarian*
 - iii. **Colin Brankin:** This amendment clarifies what happens when election committee can't be reached in 24 hours. We ran into this problem this year because the current language says "if election committee hasn't been assembled by the time of the allegation," and "or if the election committee cannot reach quorum within the 24 hours of the submission of the allegation." Within this language, there would be no way to hear an allegation, so we're proposing that the VP of Elections and the President of Judicial Council hear the allegation in this situation.
 - iv. **Matt Ross:** This circumstance would be rare and is mainly in the case of an allegation during Freshman Class Council elections in the rare case that election committee hasn't been assembled for the year.
 - v. **Katie Hearn:** What allegation would be made outside of elections season?
 1. **Matt Ross:** For Freshman Class Council elections.
 - vi. **William Huffman** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote
 1. **Linde Hoffman** seconded this motion
 - vii. Voting
 1. Passes
- i. SO17178-18: Withdrawal of Allegations and Appeals
 - i. Matt Ross, *Judicial Council President*
 - ii. Colin Brankin, *Student Union Parliamentarian*
 - iii. **Matt Ross:** This is clarifying that if you file an allegation or appeal at any point, you can withdraw it at any point before the meeting.
 - iv. **Sibonay Shewit:** There is no language dealing with this yet, and this amendment gives clear guidelines for this situation.
 - v. **Jim Deitsch:** If you have an allegation submitted and it's withdrawn, Judicial Council is sitting on information. Is that allowed?
 1. **Matt Ross:** This happens all the time right now→ I don't have power to launch an allegation

- vi. **Sebastian Lopez:** We should change that, that's not cool.
- vii. **Thomas Assad to Prathm Juneja:** We should create an investigative service for Judicial Council and Elections Committee.
- viii. **Sebastian Lopez:** I have a problem with Judicial Council having to sit on information and not having the power to launch allegations.
- ix. **Christian Femrite:** Should we clarify that a written documentation is necessary for withdrawal?
 - 1. **Sibonay Shewit:** Allegations have to be in writing, so withdrawals should be in writing as well.
- x. **Christian Femrite** motions to amend the wording to include "in writing"
 - 1. **Morgan Peck** seconded this motion
- xi. **William Huffman** motioned to end discussion on the inclusion of "in writing" and move to a vote
 - 1. **Thomas Assad** seconded the motion
- xii. Voting
 - 1. Passes
- xiii. Discussion on amendment as a whole
- xiv. **Sara Dugan** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote
 - 1. **Katie Hearn** seconded this motion
- xv. Voting
 - 1. Passes
- j. SO1718-19: Extenuating Circumstances Clause
 - i. Matt Ross, *Judicial Council President*
 - ii. Colin Brankin, *Student Union Parliamentarian*
 - iii. **Matt Ross:** In any situation, Senate has the ability to suspend election rules with a 5/6 vote and the approval of an advisor.
 - iv. **Colin Brankin:** This is the standard for an overwhelming agreement.
 - v. **Sibonay Shewit:** Can we amend advisor to "Peggy, Queen of Senate"?
 - vi. **Sara Dugan** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote
 - 1. **William Huffman** seconded this motion
 - vii. Voting
 - 1. Passes
- k. SO1718-20: Prohibition of the Promise of Positions
 - i. Matt Ross, *Judicial Council President*
 - ii. Colin Brankin, *Student Union Parliamentarian*
 - iii. **Colin Brankin:** The promising of positions is pretty unethical. This isn't okay. Nobody should do it. If you don't have assurance of winning, you shouldn't promise positions of power. We are adding this to the bottom of the elections clause to emphasize the high level of unethicality and the serious nature of it.
 - iv. **Claire Saltzman:** Is the Chief of Staff technically a promised position?
 - 1. **Colin Brankin:** No one can promise the Chief of Staff position → the campaign manager doesn't have to be chief of staff.
 - 2. **Claire Saltzman:** With a position such as that, it's universally known that the precedent is the Campaign Manager becomes the Chief of Staff.
 - a. **Matt Ross:** All positions such as Chief of Staff and Directors of departments have to be approved the first Senate meeting of the new administration.

3. **William Huffman:** I'm not confident in that check of power because I don't think a new Senate would be confident to deny a nomination.
 - a. **Colin Brankin:** That's a fault of the system as is, but we have that check in place because it should happen.
- v. **Matthew Gartenhaus:** Concerning the "forfeiture of candidacy" as the most severe sanction, would it be beneficial to qualify what the minimum sanction would be for promising positions?
 1. **Colin Brankin:** Matt removed required penalties because we want to give the power of decision making to the Elections Committee and Senate if there is an appeal. Including the maximum shows how serious this offense is, but including a minimum sanction would take some of the decision making away from the Elections Committee and Senate.
- vi. **Jim Deitsch:** Do you require evidence for cases of the promising of positions?
 1. **Colin Brankin:** Within elections committee and the bylaws of judicial council it's assumed that physical evidence is necessary for a viable case.
 2. **Matt Ross:** If you think someone has violated the constitution, physical evidence is necessary.
 3. **Colin Brankin:** Physical evidence is a staple of election allegations to avoid cases of hearsay.
 4. **Matt Ross:** It's a question of whether there is enough evidence to move forward rather than one person's word over another's.
- vii. **Sara Dugan** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote
 1. **Cassie Anzalone** seconded this motion
- viii. Voting
 1. Passes
- l. SO1718-21: Judicial Council Vice President at Senate Appeal Meetings
 - i. Matt Ross, *Judicial Council President*
 - ii. Colin Brankin, *Student Union Parliamentarian*
 - iii. **Matt Ross:** This amendment allows the VP of Elections to attend the Senate appeals. Right now, only Senate members can be in the meeting, so I would have to fill Shady in of everything that happened in the appeal. This amendment eliminates the middle step and helps him understand why Senate did or did not overturn the sanction.
 - iv. **Sibonay Shewit:** It would be helpful to have another voice from Judicial Council here.
 - v. **Cassie Anzalone** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote
 1. **Nick Lucci** seconded this motion
 - vi. Vote
 1. **William Huffman:** I motion for a paper ballot.
 2. Passes
- m. Nomination Re: Irish Clover Award
 - i. Prathm Juneja, *Chief of Staff*
 - ii. **Prathm Juneja:** I hope everyone had a chance to read the nominations for these awards. We will have open discussion on your thoughts on the nominees.
 - iii. **Prathm Juneja:** This award is intended for students, faculty, or staff. Take a couple of minutes to refresh on the nominations
 - iv. **Joseph Witt** nominates **Sara Dugan**

- v. **Sam Cannova** nominates **Joseph Witt**
- vi. **Jim Deitsch** nominates **King Fok**
- vii. **Nick Lucci** and **Morgan Williams** nominate **Sibonay Shewit**
- viii. **William Huffman** nominates **Molly McGraw**
- ix. **Katie Hearn:** Even though it's nontraditional, the description of this award strongly echoes Fr Don's recommendation from a first-year who valued him as advisor.
- x. **Prathm Juneja:** Faculty and staff have won this award frequently.
- xi. **Cassie Anzalone:** The first-year is a friend and she was thinking about transferring but stayed because of Fr. Don.
- xii. **Jackson Herrfeldt:** Audrey has worked really hard.
 - 1. **Morgan Peck:** She's at hall council every week although she lives off campus and is consistently at Welsh Family events.
 - 2. **Jackson Herrfeldt:** She's also a intense science major and doesn't have a ton of time to devote but does anyway.
- xiii. **Christian Femrite:** John Lyke is always on top of things in band.
- xiv. **Morgan Williams:** Elizabeth Boyle is incredibly driven and very genuine and always makes my day.
- xv. **Steven Higgins:** I echo Elizabeth Boyle's recommendation. I was on FUEL with her, and she was always late because she's so involved in campus life. She's still working hard even though she's in DC right now.
- xvi. **Colin Brankin:** Elizabeth was a main driver of the StaND for IX campaign.
- xvii. **William Huffman:** Becca really stands out. When she was VP last year, she knew how much work it was going to be and took on her role of President with devotion and dedication.
- xviii. **Ellison Rooney:** To clarify, we're voting for two people?
 - 1. **Prathm Juneja:** Yes.
- xix. **Colin Brankin:** Vote on two pieces of paper.
- xx. **Christian Femrite:** Motion for secret ballot.
- xxi. **William Huffman** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote
 - 1. **Morgan Williams** seconded this motion.
- xxii. **Francesca Carfagnini:** Write one name on right side of paper, other name on left side of paper so that Colin can rip it easily and no one votes twice for the same person.
- xxiii. Recipients are **Father Don** and **Rebecca Blais**
- n. Nomination Re: Frank O'Malley Undergraduate Teaching Award
 - i. Prathm Juneja, *Chief of Staff*
 - ii. **Jackson Herrfeldt:** I'd like to echo Terry McDonnell's nomination. He's a very nice guy and a super awesome professor.
 - iii. **Morgan Peck:** The amount submissions for Doctor Nancy Michael got was mind blowing.
 - 1. **Eve Takazawa:** She is amazing. She's passionate and helpful, and she's also an advisor in Neuroscience.
 - iv. **Ellison Rooney:** 7/23 are for Doctor Nancy Michael.
 - v. **Sara Dugan:** I motion to vote on this award as a secret ballot for the first round of votes
 - vi. **Whitney Lim** motioned to end discussion and move to a vote

1. **Thomas Assad** seconded this motion.
 - vii. Initial vote
 1. **Doctor Nancy Michael** is the award recipient by majority.
 - o. Nomination Re: Michael J. Palumbo Award
 - i. Matt Ross, *Judicial Council President*
 - ii. **Sara Dugan**: I was the acting chair of the Elections Committee for this award.
 - iii. **William Huffman**: What does the E stand for?
 1. Edmund
 - iv. **Sibonay Shewit**: What was your favorite change to the constitution this year?
 1. **Matt Ross**: I can't pick.
 - v. **Colin Brankin**: There is no one more deserving of this award. He is one of the nicest and most genuine people you'll ever meet. He's done absolutely everything for the Student Union, and he deserves 1000x more than this.
 - vi. **Katie Hearn** motioned to end debate and move to a vote
 1. **Jim English** seconded the motion
 - vii. Voting
 1. Passes
 2. *First standing ovation!!*
- VI. New Business
- VII. Announcements
- a. **Chris Scott**: Monday, March 26th, there will be a movie viewing and panel discussion by BridgeND: *The Burden*. It is about climate change threatening national defense. It's at 5pm-8pm in Geddes basement auditorium.
 - b. **Annie Gregory**: JCC March Madness watch in LaDunc Midfield Commons for 6:09pm game on Saturday. There will be mozzarella sticks and other food!
 - c. **Jackson Herrfeldt**: AcoustiCafe on Thursday at 10:00pm in Duncan Student Center in Hagerty Cafe.
 - i. SUB movie this weekend is CoCo→ Thursday at 8pm and Friday & Saturday at 8pm and 10:30pm in Debart 101.
 - d. **Claire Saltzman**: Ryan Wheelchair Basketball is April 15th.
 - e. **Dillon Wintz**: 5:30pm-7pm Geddes orphanage fundraiser for children HIV and AIDs Dinner.
 - f. **Francesca Carfagnini**: Howard's hosting a walk for suicide awareness, and we are accepting stories now about experiences with suicide. These can be anonymous, and I will send the form in the GroupMe.
 - g. **Christian Femrite**: Morrissey Medallion Hunt starts on April 16th. The prize is \$300 Domer Dollars.
 - h. **Steven Higgins**: Prathm and I are working with Registration Rights in St. Joseph County, and about 10% of county voters were purged, so we are hosting 2-hr shifts from 9am-4pm to register voters on Saturday, March 24th.
 - i. **Thomas Assad**: Nick's looking for a formal date! Hit him up.
- VIII. Adjournment