

# UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC STUDENT SENATE

APRIL 5th, 2018

Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes: because it's a new term, no minutes
- IV. Executive Announcements
  - A. Welcome
    1. **Corey Gayheart (*Vice-President*)**: Next week we are co-sponsoring Take Back the Night. There will be more information on these announcements after this, which will be emailed out after the meeting. We will keep these brief but there will be more information to come. Take Back the Night is coming up. This is a really important event; we are requiring the Executive Branch to attend, and the Senate is strongly encouraged to come.
    2. **Corey Gayheart**: Next is Back the Bend, which is not this weekend but next weekend. This is a huge day of service in the community where Notre Dame students partner with students of other communities. Houses in the neighborhood of south bend have a high concentration of lead in the paint which becomes airborne. The project is to get the lead out of the air, so we strongly encourage to do Back the Bend as well.
    3. **Corey Gayheart**: Am I forgetting anything else?
    4. **Briana Tucker (*Chief of Staff*)**: I don't think so.
- V. Oaths of Office
  - A. **Shady Girgis (*Judicial Council President*)**: At the beginning of each term, the Judicial Council will ask the President and Vice-President to take the Oath of Office, so we will do that now.
    1. **Shady Girgis**: Gates McGavick, Student Body President-elect, by Article 3, Section 5f, at the first Senate meeting each term, the Judicial Council President shall ask the Student Body President to raise his or her right hand and repeat the following Oath of Office: I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of Student Body President of the

University of Notre Dame du Lac, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body. So help me God. (*Gates McGavick repeats*)

a) (*Applause from Senate*)

2. **Shady Girgis:** Corey Gayheart, Student Body Vice-President-elect, by Article 3, Section 5f, at the first Senate meeting each term, the Judicial Council President shall ask the Student Body President to raise his or her right hand and repeat the following Oath of Office: I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of Student Body President of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body. So help me God. (*Corey Gayheart repeats*)

a) (*Applause from Senate*)

3. **Corey Gayheart:** Senators, please raise your right hand and repeat the following Oath of Office: I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of Student Body President of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, that I take this obligation freely, that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of which I am about to enter. So help me God. (*Senators repeat*)

4. **Corey Gayheart:** Congratulations!

a) (*Applause from Senate*)

VI. Presentation: Notre Dame Day Presentation from Development Department

A. **Corey Gayheart:** Matt, if you would like to come up?

B. **Matt Gelchion** (*Director of Volunteer Leadership and Participation at Annual Giving*): Is there a best place to stand here? (*Senators laugh*) So this is really exciting, I think this is the first time I've seen that many people take the Oath before, or even hang around the courthouse. My name is Matt Gelchion, and I have been working for ACE for about 5 years now, and I have transitioned to Annual Giving Development. I will be brutally honest, when I made the transition I didn't have the best impression of Notre Dame Day. I didn't understand it, it didn't exist when I was a student so that doesn't count. My roommate still refuses to acknowledge the building that were built after 2009. (*Senators laugh*) I thought it was important that you student leaders have a better insight into the day than I did. When I saw it up close first hand, I came to the conclusion that it is an awesome event. To get a sense of perception, does anyone know how Notre Dame day works?

1. **Shady Girgis:** I think the way it worked last year was a twenty-nine hour live broadcast of fun live events to the rest of the university and people at home, and it's basically has the goals of raising funds for the organizations on campus like residence halls, clubs, and teams. People who have graduated will donate to their favorite things. Hopefully you will donate to Senate...
2. **Matt Gelchion:** So I think I can leave now...No, no, thank you very much Shady. People will made donations, \$10 to anywhere they want, and they will receive five votes to anywhere on campus, and the percentage of votes that each organization gets means they get that percentage of the 1.1million challenge fund to their organization. The cool thing about the way we do is is that ten dollar gifts get the same votes as a thousand dollar gift. We designed to be equitable. That is just a broad overview of Notre Dame Day. Giving days across the country have become popular in higher education and it has started to trickle down to high schools. Most universities have giving day for two reasons: to raise money, and to bring in as many donors to university as they can. These are the two metrics they're assessed on. More specifically, undergraduate alumni donors. Something you may not know is that the percentage of undergraduate alumni who make a gift back to their alma mater is one of the seven criteria that go into college rankings. So that's why there's a big emphasis on it. What I think is really cool about Notre Dame day is, and believe me I'm not an Notre Dame apologist, but I think there are five components: one, we are focused nearly exclusively on student initiatives, so it is not a university priority campaign. It is for what students want to raise money for, and we send money directly to that. Our software company goes nuts because of the voting involved. The third thing is that most schools have no more than twenty areas where you can donate to. At Notre Dame this year, we have over 850 different areas. This is putting meat behind claim that people can give vote to whatever they love. As Shady mentioned, there is a live component: people think that Notre Dame is out of their minds for this twenty-three hour straight live content--that is more live content than a local ABC station does in a week. Actually, if you add up the live content excluding sporting events, Notre Dame blows NBC and ABC out of the water. On this day, 207 of the best stories are going to be shared with the Notre Dame families, there will be over 40 live performances, and we try to shed light on things that make Notre Dame special. The final component, we we have done a poor job of so far, is publicizing the events that are put on for students to celebrate. A lot of

people think, “yeah, don’t go LaFortune then,” but there is really cool stuff on the calendar, and I want to highlight two:

- a) **Matt Gelchion:** First is that there will be four members of this musical called Hamilton who are going to perform on Notre Dame day. We will house them in DPAC, and there are going to be 500 tickets that are totally allotted to students, first-come first-serve. They will be the actor who plays Hamilton, woman who plays Eliza, Lafayette, and another utility player.
- b) **Matt Gelchion:** The second is my personal favorite event, the Second Annual Fighting Irish 40. It is a blast. We will have a competition, a forty yard dash, with a representative from each dorm. The winners of the qualifying heats will run in Notre Dame Stadium against the two fastest players on the Notre Dame football team. Last year, I don’t think they sent us the very fastest, because a freshman in Dunne last year won. They sent the running back and...no it was not Dunne but Duncan...they sent a running back and a wide-receiver, and he beats them in the 40! His friends are there, they mob him, and they go up to interview him and bam, backflip. It was electric. So once the performance ends from Hamilton, go down to field and watch the Second Annual Fighting Irish 40, and see if James can defend his title..
3. **Matt Gelchion:** If there are any questions, I am happy to answer them, otherwise I will get the heck out of here and leave you alone.
4. **Corey Gayheart:** Anybody have any questions? (*NONE*)
5. **Matt Gelchion:** Thanks for coming, thanks for having me. I will leave some magnets on the back table. I also left some business cards, so if you’re involved with a club and you are interested in some way to fundraise on ND day, shoot me an email. I’m going to sprint to DeBart to talk with the Right to Life about how they’re fundraising, and tomorrow I’m meeting with Baraka Bouts. But thank you!
6. **Corey Gayheart:** if you’re involved in clubs or in your dorm, I know this is how St. Ed’s keeps Yacht Dance. You can make a lot of money for your organization, so get in touch with me, I work for the Development Office and we can get ND day going for your organization.

## VII. Approvals

- A. **Corey Gayheart:** Do we just need to go one by one?
- B. **Colin Brankin (*Former Parliamentarian*):** Shady is going to read his nomination letter.

1. **Shady Girgis** speaks to the character of new parliamentarian, Halena Hadi.
- C. **Corey Gayheart**: Do we have any questions for Halena? You can ask her anything, about her favorite pizza toppings...
1. **Zach Spitzer**: Pineapple on pizza, yes or no?
  2. **Halena (New Parliamentarian)**: No, definitely not.
- D. **Shady Girgis**: Now what we would do is motion to discuss about approving her...Nope, we just move right into the discussion. Halena you leave and can you close the door? (*Halena leaves*)
1. **Michael Conlon**: Motion to move to a vote.
  2. **Brittany Cahill**: Second.
  3. **Shady Girgis**: All in favor of Halena Hadi as Parliamentarian please raise your hand.
    - a) Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstaining.
    - b) (*Halena returns, applause from Senate*)
- E. **Corey Gayheart**: First on the nomination, we are going to read individual letters, starting with Chief of Staff
1. **Corey Gayheart** speaks to the character of new Chief of Staff, Briana Tucker.
  2. **Corey Gayheart**: Any questions? (*NONE*)
  3. **Corey Gayheart**: Briana, will you leave the room?
  4. **Corey Gayheart**: We are now in debate for nomination of Bri to the position of Chief of Staff.
  5. **Zach Pearson**: Is there a way to make a sweep confirmation?
  6. **Zach Spitzer**: Motion to move to a vote.
  7. **Patrick Paulsen**: Second.
  8. **Corey Gayheart**: All in favor of moving to a vote, say aye.
    - a) All in favor, none opposed, none abstaining
  9. **Corey Gayheart**: All in favor of Briana Tucker as Chief of Staff?
    - a) Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstaining.
    - b) (*Briana Tucker returns, applause from Senate*)
- F. **Corey Gayheart**: Next, we will be nominating Isabel Edgar to the position of Student Union Secretary.
1. **Corey Gayheart** speaks to the character of new Student Union Secretary, Isabel Edgar.
  2. **Corey Gayheart**: Any questions? (*NONE*)
  3. **Corey Gayheart**: Isabel, will you leave the room?
  4. **Corey Gayheart**: We are now in debate for nomination of Bri to the position of Chief of Staff.

5. **Sam Cannova (SCC President):** Motion to move to a vote.
  6. **Mark Spretnjak:** Second.
  7. **Corey Gayheart:** All in favor of moving to a vote, say aye.
    - a) All in favor, none opposed, none abstaining
  8. **Corey Gayheart:** All in favor of Isabel Edgar as Student Union Secretary?
    - a) Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstaining.
    - b) *(Isabel Edgar returns, applause from Senate)*
- G. **Corey Gayheart:** Next, we will be nominating Dylan Jaskowski to the position of Executive Controller.
1. **Corey Gayheart** speaks to the character of new Executive Controller *Dylan Jaskowski.*
  2. **Corey Gayheart:** are there any questions?
  3. **Alyssa Ngo (Diversity Council President):** With the last student election, after Alex running for student body president after being the previous Executive Controller, there have been questions about how the Executive Controller is planning on lowering tuition, and how come nobody in student body knew this was under talks? How are you planning on creating accessibility of finances of Student Government?
  4. **Corey Gayheart:** We really want to get people involved in the initial planning of Student Gov. We agree there's misunderstanding by the student body because people don't understand what happens and what the different positions do. One of our plans is to have videos of the different directors, should they be approved, and have them explain their roles and what they do. We are going to have listening sessions with students across campus to set agendas for the year and answer questions. Beyond that, to address the election concerns: we have done a decent job of moving past it. We have met with the other candidates and previous department members, and we have a very strong working relationship and have mended anything that happened during that time. Does that answer your question?
    - a) **Alyssa Ngo:** Yes.
  5. **Corey Gayheart:** Any other question? *(NONE)*
  6. **Corey Gayheart:** We are now in debate about nomination of Dylan Jaskowski to the position of Executive Controller.
    - a) **Zach Spitz:** I move to vote.
    - b) **Patrick Paulsen:** Second
    - c) Vote: 31 in favor, 1 opposed, none abstaining

H. **Corey Gayheart:** We are going to do the rest of the nominations at the same time for efficiency: does anyone have a problem with this?

1. **Paul Wilkinson (proxy):** Will you not take concerns?
2. **Gates McGavick (President):** We are going for expediency for time standpoint, but we will take concerns about each nomination, should they come up.
3. **Corey Gayheart:** Do I hear a motion to do all nominations at one time?
  - a) **Matt Jennings:** Motion.
  - b) **Zach Pearson:** Second.
  - c) **Corey Gayheart:** All in favor of reading all the nominations at the same time?

(1) Vote: All yes, none opposed, none abstaining.
  - d) **Corey Gayheart:** I will scroll down and read names, then take questions for each individual, and then we will move to debate.

I. **Corey Gayheart:** I nominate for the position of...

1. Co-Directors of FUEL: Clark Bowden and Rachel Ingal
2. Director of Academic Affairs: Caroline Cloonan
3. Director of Athletics: Katherine Wallace
4. Director of Campus Technology: Thomas Krill
5. Co-Directors of Communications: Peter Seidner and Vivian Nweze
6. Director of Community Engagement and Outreach: Fritz Schemel
7. Director of Diversity and Inclusion: Mita Ramani
8. Director of Faith and Service: Aaron Benavides
9. Director of University Policy: Maria Palazzolo
10. Co-Directors of Student Life: Claire Marie Kuhn and Eduardo Luna
11. Director of Gender Relations: Elizabeth Boyle
12. Director of Health and Wellness: Grace Dean
13. Director of Social Concerns: Jim Deitsch

J. **Corey Gayheart:** We are now in discussion for those nominations.

1. **Alyssa Ngo:** Before someone motions to end discussion, I am the Chair of Diversity Council, so I am not a voting member of the Senate, but as a non-voting member, I find a bit of concern that you guys are motioning to end discussion so early. I want to express that these nominations are important. I feel perturbed that we don't go to masses where debates are taking place. If you have questions about sexual assault, ask about the Director of Gender Relations, and the same with housing policy. As Chair of the Diversity Council, I'm going to ask my question about Mita, who is going to be Director of Diversity and Inclusion.. I know that last year's vice-chair of Diversity Council was displeased with how the Department

was organized because he felt that there are two groups on campus trying to do the same thing. The Diversity Council is democratically elected so we have a strong voice on these issues. The Department on Student Gov is wasting student resources, but we didn't see the collaboration with the Diversity Council...Is she here?

2. **Corey Gayheart:** No.
3. **Alyssa Ngo:** So I'd like to ask about her plans to meet closely with us, to express concerns of Diversity Council, which is actually democratically elected.
4. **Gates McGavick:** The fact that you are here is important because it is an important point you are making. One of the things we ran on was a collaborative approach to Student Gov. We want to take advantage of the ability that each branch brings, speaking on their expertise. This is the process that we want you involved in. If there's a problem, we want to facilitate you, not step on your toes. We have an open relationship with Mita, and she agrees with that approach. We will help where it's needed, and not get in the way.
5. **Corey Gayheart:** Speaking to her experience, she has served in the department before and has a good relationship with the previous head. It's a learning experience; people who become directors and get promoted they learn from being in a department, so she's learned from being in the Diversity and Inclusion Department--they operate in different bubbles. It was brought up in her interview, and she wants to focus on a collaborative relationship. To focus on you two doing that to determine, we want to add you as a non-voting member. We think that's important. And to speak to her experience, she has a plan that she discussed in her interview to have the department have more focused commissioners on diversity and inclusion issues. She very much acknowledges the issues on campus that she feels are lacking right now.
6. **Corey Gayheart:** Any other questions on the nominations? I'm going to echo what Alyssa said. We would be glad to answer any questions you have.
7. **Zach Spitzer:** Which department is focused with activities on campus, more specifically communications with Student Activities Office? In the past year, and with previous issues on campus, you've heard me voice this concern. Who do we look to?
8. **Corey:** We are looking to implement a student-audited SAO, so that would be organized by the Department for University Policy and Student Life. We want to improve SAO, the administrators, event plannings...we

are looking to do SAO leadership training, bringing in club leadership and Hall Presidents to train them to make SAO work better and better understand how it works. We want it to be better distributed to student body so you don't hit the road bumps

9. **Matthew Harris:** What is the timetable for a student-run audited SAO? I know that Hall Presidents and Welcome Weekend Captains are looking to organize events for next year and are running into problems with SAO and forms.
10. **Corey Gayheart:** As you know, we just transitioned literally three days ago, but the Student Trainings for SAO 360 for all leaders, that's by the end of the year, because we know things are happening for next year already. The audit will be late fall and early winter because we want to put a lot of time and thought into it, and work with SAO and not in spite of them to make improvements.
11. **Gates McGavick:** Another minor addition, we will be working with Hall Presidents; Council, Welcome Weekend on similar concerns, drawing on other student leaders to take more time to marshal the support of different leaders around campus so we can approach with a more holistic vision for change. Also, they're open to Office hours for SAO 360. Also a resource.
12. **Alyssa Ngo:** Is that more like auditing SAO? Who can change SAO rules? Something distressing for cultural clubs is rules with food, and I don't think anyone on campus wants us to stop serving food.
13. **Corey Gayheart:** That is definitely under jurisdiction. Not in Student Gov, but we can initiate conversation and work with staff to evaluate rules. But the ultimate decision goes to SAO.
14. **Alyssa:** Do you think they have experience with saos?
15. **Claire Marie Kuhn (Nominated Director of Student Life):** As the Vice-President of McGlinn, I know that HPC works with SAO a lot, but within University Policy we want to meet with different clubs and talk to people that are in leadership roles to bring perspectives that I can't bring, and then take them to SAO.
16. **Gates McGavick:** You can trust us to bring it SAO.
17. **Corey Gayheart:** If you have concerns, the SAO staff is extremely kind and they have the best interest of us at heart. Go upstairs and introduce yourself, and establish a relationship with them.
18. **John Cresson:** I noticed that the nominated Director of Sustainability and Social Concerns has a lot of experience with Social Concerns, but what experience does he have with Sustainability, and can he expand on that?

- a) **Jim Deitsch** (*nominated Director of Sustainability and Social Concerns*): So last year, my roommate was the Sustainability Commissioner in Fisher, so I got a lot of experience working with him on projects. I have already started to staff my team and we have 6-7 carryovers from last year. I am working with last year's director and we are meeting soon to discuss details. He put me in contact with people already. I definitely more social concerns in terms of experience, but we already have a good staff working on it and will continue to do so.
  - b) **Lindsay McCray**: I have another question for the Co-Directors of Student Life, sorry to put you on the spot again. One of the things that keeps coming up with constituents is the six semester on campus policy. There is no waiver in place yet, and students are already signing saying they will go here. So what's the plan for the waiver process? I know that Senate last year came up with one, and do you plan to push that forward?
  - c) **Corey Gayheart**: The student came up with good waiver system, with good perspectives on campus Heather Russell presented to Senate last term and garnered feedback. They actually presented the system to her, and they are working on a waiver almost sure that will be in place in the coming months, or at least by 2018-19 school year. It is at least a minimal thing they can do given the new requirement. Definitely happening.
  - d) **Alyssa**: So because she already came to Senate meeting last term, she is planning coming to a Diversity Council meeting, so if you weren't there and want to hear her, come to our meeting and talk with her.
19. **Claire Marie Kuhn**: Also, the Department of Student Life will talk to the University, because if you're going to make us stay, there should be improvements to dorms, free laundry, and so on. We are definitely going to do a dorm maintenance survey, planning on doing a dorm storm to see specific problems, and compile body of evidence, and bring that to office of housing because this should be addressed. This is a huge goal is for us, especially because St. Mary's has free laundry. Huge Goal.
20. **Eduardo Luna**: We are also working on addressing adjacent issues, such as talking to the dining halls on expanding their menu, doing things that don't just apply to university policy, but if we're forced to be here for three years, to make the aspects that go along with it much better. We are going to a focus group and then a survey when we get settled in.

21. **Paul Wilkinson (proxy):** I have a brief question for Caroline Cloonan, director of Academic Affairs: I would kind of like to see what you think are current problems and goals of department, and what experiences she has had.
- a) **Corey Gayheart:** One of the big experiences she has had is being abroad, and that whole process. She will be working to increase transparency with application and selection process for that. We all also know that Moreau is a constantly evolving class, and so she will be working with First Year of Studies to evaluate that. We would also like to add a Senator for each Academic College of the university, or an option working closely with that. Her vision is for the agenda to be set by students. She will be hosting listening sessions and publishing surveys pertaining to academics. She also has reached out to former head of Academic Affairs, because we would like the programming side to be very familiar. We looking to continue that and add it with things like Majors Night.
22. **Samantha Scaglione (Chair of Club Coordination Council):** I have a question for the Directors of Student Life: training for club leaders? Will you be working with Club Coordination Council with that?
- a) **Claire Marie Kuhn:** Yes, we would like to get list of every club leader so no one is overlooked. Ideally we would like to work with them, and we still want to figure that out this spring.
  - b) **Samantha Scaglione:** Talk to me about it later.
23. **Corey Gayheart:** Any other questions?
24. **Lindsay McCray:** How are we voting? Are we voting each individual one?
- a) **Corey Gayheart:** We can do big block, we can do smaller blocks as indicated on the agenda.
  - b) **Lindsay McCray:** Motion to vote for each individual.
  - c) **Zach Spitzer:** Second
    - (1) Vote: In favor, 30, opposed 2, none abstaining.
25. **Corey Gayheart:** Ignore that vote. We are in discussion now about how we are going to vote on the Department Director positions. .
- a) **Sam Cannova:** Can we do specific people separately?
    - (1) **Zach Pearson:** I agree with that.
  - b) **John Cresson:** I think that's a good idea. I think it's tedious to have discussion on each person, but I adhere to her strategy that we should do a quick voice vote for each person.
    - (1) **Colin Brankin:** A voice vote is not possible.

- c) **Corey Gayheart:** We can vote on other people individually as long as we move quickly.
  - d) **John Cresson:** We should have them all leave at the same time.
  - e) **Alyssa Ngo:** What happens if someone gets turned down?
  - f) **Corey Gayheart:** We have to go back to drawing board and present new candidate.
  - g) **Meghan Howat:** Is it a majority vote?
    - (1) **Corey Gayheart:** Yes?
    - (2) **Colin Brankin:** I think.
  - h) **Lindsay McCray:** Motion to vote for voting individually.
    - (1) Vote: 31 in favor, 1 opposed, none abstaining
  - i) **Corey Gayheart:** Now we are voting for each individual one. Will everyone please leave the room? (*Department directors leave*)
    - (1) (*General chatter and discussion*)
26. **Corey Gayheart:** Sorry everyone, we are still figuring out procedure. Is there a motion to approve the Co-Directors of FUEL?
- a) **Matt Harris:** Motion. **Sam Cannova:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?
    - (1) Vote: 31 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstain
27. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to approve the Director of Academic Affairs?
- a) **Zach Pearson:** Motion. **Erin Hiestand:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?
    - (1) Vote: 31 in favor, one opposed, none abstain
28. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to approve the Director of Athletics?
- a) **Zach Pearson:** Motion. **Lindsay McCray:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?
    - (1) Vote: 31 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstain.
29. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to approve the Director of Campus Technology?
- a) **Zach Pearson:** Motion. **Zach Spitzer:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?
    - (1) Vote: 31 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstain.
30. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to approve the Co-Directors of Communications?
- a) **Mark Spretnjak:** Motion. **Zach Pearson:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?
    - (1) Vote: 31 in favor, 1 opposed, none abstain.

31. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to approve the Director of Community Engagement and Outreach?
- a) **Mark Spretnjak:** Motion. **Zach Pearson:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?  
(1) Vote: 31 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstain.
32. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to approve the Director of Diversity and Inclusion?
- a) **Mark Spretnjak:** Motion. **Zach Pearson:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?  
(1) Vote: 31 in favor, 2 opposed, none abstain.
33. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to approve the Director of Faith and Service?
- a) **Mark Spretnjak:** Motion. **Zach Pearson:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?
  - c) Vote: 31 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstain
34. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to approve the Director of University Policy?
- a) **Mark Spretnjak:** Motion. **Zach Pearson:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?
  - c) Vote: 31 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstain
35. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to approve the Co-Directors of Student Life?
- a) **Zach Pearson:** Motion. **Zach Spitzer:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?  
(1) Vote: 30 in favor, 2 opposed, none abstain.
36. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to approve the Director of Gender Relations?
- a) **Mark Spretnjak:** Motion. **Zach Pearson:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?  
(1) Vote: 31 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstain
37. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to approve the Director of Health and Wellness?
- a) **Zach Pearson:** Motion. **Zach Spitzer:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?  
(1) Vote: 31 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstain.
38. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to approve the Director of Social Concerns?
- a) **Zach Pearson:** Motion. **Zach Spitzer:** Second.
  - b) **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any objections?

- (1) **John Cresson:** Do I get to say something?
- (2) **Corey Gayheart:** Go ahead, of course.
- (3) **John Cresson:** Today, a constituent seeing the list, brought an ethical concern to my attention. I didn't want to bring it up in discussion with everyone here, but now because its more private, we can vote subsequently.
- (4) **Corey Gayheart:** What's the concern?
- (5) **John Cresson:** Last year, this person, Jim, was a Senator during the election during the election allegations. He was in the room for every appeal, and thus had a say as to whether the appeal of punishment was there for each candidate. For each one, there was a concern that he was promised a position before election had concluded. I wanted that address that in senate
- (6) **Corey Gayheart:** I can promise that we didn't promise anyone a position. We have been around since sophomore year and that's a big no-no.
- (7) **Shady Girgis:** Since it was during an appeal, we can't bring it up, so if anyone else doesn't have confidential information, we can move on.
- (8) **John Cresson:** I didn't say what he said, just that he was in the room.
- (9) **Shady Girgis:** Attendance is confidential.
- (10) **Corey Gayheart:** To the generic question if we promised position anyone a position, we did not. With my utmost sincerity, we did not.
- (11) **John Cresson:** I just felt it was fair since it was addressed.
- (12) **Zach Spitzer:** One question regarding this position, do we know who this candidate will be working with on sustainability side, because I feel concerned with his lack of experience.
- (13) **Corey Gayheart:** One of the people who working with us, who didn't want to have an additional role because she was chosen to be an RA, she's the sustainability guru. If you know here, she knows her stuff. Her name is Brittany Benninger. She will be helping us with sustainability. I can get you her credentials. We want the directors to talk more to campus clubs, and so we asked them in interviews, will

you be working with them more, like the Department of Sustainability, the Community of South Bend, Fossil Free ND, Green ND. She will definitely contribute to the sustainability aspect.

- (14) **Gates McGavick:** I know that two people who have already expressed interest into joining the department, one was, until a week ago, Keough Hall's Sustainability Commissioner, and he's an expert in the field. The other is a member of Fossil Free ND, and he has expressed serious interest and will be joining the team if pushed through. There will be a real wealth of expertise to address this issue of importance.
- (15) **Zach Spitzer:** Specifically can you speak to his work on sustainability?
- (16) **Gates McGavick:** As the Fisher Senator, he did projects in Student Government and has a breadth of experience in Student Government, and we are finding people to add their expertise as well.
- (17) **Corey Gayheart:** That being said, the position is more than just sustainability. His experience in social concerns is outstanding. We did a lots of interviews in fifteen minute slots, from eight am to eight pm on Saturday and eight am to six pm on Sunday. We interviewed a lot, and he stood out to us. I think he's going to do a good job.
- (18) **Daniel Rottenborn:** As a brief final word, the department is broken down into Global Affairs and Sustainability. Last year, I was in the department, and the the head of the Department was very interested in Sustainability and less versed in the other, so about mid-year, he was doing a great job, we had meetings on different days and such, but midway, another leader stepped in a head of Global Affairs, and Austin took over as head of Sustainability. This sounds like a similar situation. Even though they had more expertise in one area, this didn't take away from his knowledge. There was a smooth transition, think it will be the same this year.

39. **Lindsay McCray:** Motion to move to the vote. **Mark Spretnjak:**

Second.

- a) Vote: 28 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstaining.

- K. **Corey Gayheart:** This means all are approved, and I promise we will get procedural kinks worked out soon.
- L. **Gates McGavick:** Thanks for being cool with going over time today guys.
  - 1. *(Department Directors return, applause for all, as well as some snaps)*

VII. General Orders

- A. **Corey Gayheart:** Seeing none, we will move on.

VIII. New Business:

- A. **Corey Gayheart:** Any new business? Seeing none, let's move on.

IX. Announcements:

- A. **Corey Gayheart:** This is the time for you to talk about events happening in your clubs or dorms, and Bethany to talk about SUB.
- B. **Calia Lindsey:** I started the Michigan Club this year, and so our first meeting will be April 19th at 6pm in Duncan Student Center.
  - 1. **Samantha Scaglione:** Yay! New Clubs.
- C. **Corey Gayheart:** Any other?
- D. **Bethany Bogges (*Sub Executive Director*):**
  - 1. Acoustic Cafe tomorrow, April 5th at 10 pm in Duncan Student Center in the Haggarty Family Cafe
  - 2. At 8 pm before Acoustic Cafe, comedian T Murph will be on same stage in Duncan Student Center. The first 150 students get a coupon for free coffee or gelato;
  - 3. The SUB movie is tomorrow at 8 pm, Friday at 8 and 10:30, and Saturday at 8 and 10:30. This week it is The Darkest Hour.
  - 4. OreOMG is happening next Thursday, April 12. There will be 1000 different oreos, so if you like cookies, you should go.
  - 5. Ruth Carter, the costume designer for Black Panther and Selma will be coming on April 12 at 5:30 pm to talk about her experiences.
  - 6. The SUB concert will be Friday the 13th at 8pm in Stepan Center. Keep an eye out on Facebook for the artist.
- E. **Corey Gayheart:** I just wanted to introduce Peggy as our SAO advisor. She will be behind the scenes, helping us get situated, and will be at all Senate meetings.  
*(Applause)*
  - 1. **Corey Gayheart:** Next week, Izzy and I will work together to make the Senate binders. That will be in next email for next meeting. We are going to have assigned seats for the remainder of this year, just so you get to know different people because that's important. And some other

announcements that I forgot at the beginning...Take Back the Night is Wednesday, April 18th. We are also sponsoring Ally Week which is April 9-13, and Izzy will send out with the minutes a sign up sheet for volunteer slots, and for t-shirt giveaway, so please sign up if you are able.

2. **Corey Gayheart:** You can come to Student Gov Office anytime. It is chaotic right now, but please come hang out. We've been in there a lot to get situated. Definitely stop by. Nancy's, our secretary, daughter-in-law is having a child, her first grandkid, but she will be back next week. She is literally the best human I have ever met, like my mom away from home, so you should get to know her.
3. **Alyssa Ngo:** This is a big weekend: it is the Spring Visitation and Reilly Visitation, so diversity clubs have a lot of events going on, like Latin Expressions this Friday, which is an awesome show, and BCAC fashion on Saturday, so you can really get your cultural artistic weekend. Also, Ally Week is next week, which is really important for Diversity Council, so please volunteer and come to events. LGBTQ is underrepresented stigmatized on this campus. I guarantee that you have someone in your community even if you don't know it that you need to represent faithfully. There is uncomfotability but I strongly encourage you too come out and learn something.
4. **Corey Gayheart:** Are there any other announcements?
5. **Samantha Scaglione:** Wishmakers ND is hosting a fundraiser variety show at 7 pm in the Carey Auditorium. It is a pay as you wish for Make-a-Wish, just come and support even if you're not going to donate.
6. **Meghan Howat:** When are we getting assignments for committees or departments?
7. **Corey:** Look for that coming out in the next week from me. It has been a quick transition from Easter Break, but be on the lookout for that in the next week.
8. **Ben Muller:** Do we get input on which committee we join?
9. **Corey Gayheart:** I will send out Google Form, and will do best to give first choices.
10. **Sam Cannova:** This Saturday on South Quad, FCC will be sponsoring a fun even with games and dogs and berries so you all should check it out.

## X. Adjournment

- A. **Corey Gayheart:** Is there a motion to adjourn?
- B. **Daniel Rottenborn:** Motion. **Zach Pearson:** Second.
- C. Motion is approved, meeting is adjourned.