

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

September 24th, 2018

Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Motion: Zach Spitzer
 1. Second: Jack Usher
 2. Vote: All Approved
- IV. Executive Announcements: Corey Gayheart
 - A. Multicultural Competency Training will be on October 6th. That should have been in an email, but I should get more information, and I will send it out later.
 - B. In most states, the voter registration deadline is tomorrow, and we will discuss that in a little bit.
- V. General Orders
 - A. Presentation: *Halena Hadi on Drafting Resolutions, Parliamentary Procedure, and Senate Organizational Matters*
 1. You have six proxies, and that counts for all of your excused and unexcused absences, so they would all technically be excused. They have to stay the duration of the meeting, and they have to sign the agenda with your voting preferences.
 2. Tardies count as being ten minutes late, and three tardies count as one absence. We are okay with you leaving early as long as it doesn't endanger quorum.
 3. A resolution is a call for action, whenever we want a change to happen. Any other type of action would be an order. A letter is an inquiry or point of information to Student Affairs to see what can be done student wise, and these are the actions that can be done.
 4. A resolution is an official statement through which we enact change. An amendment is when we change the constitution or when we need to revamp the constitution. With the times changing we need to change the constitution.
 5. All resolutions must be sent to Corey forty-eight hours ahead of time and they have to have my approval for the formatting to be right and to be put

on the agenda. You all have the right to know what's happening and will be discussed. Things can be brought to discussion if there is unanimous consent by present and voting members, and not just voting members. Authors of the resolution get priority in speaking, and proxies can only vote if they are given instructions.

6. Steps to writing a resolution:
 - a) Identify what you want to be changed and what you want to see done.
 - b) Gather support (have at least one other senator that agree with you). Maybe go to a department it relates to
 - c) Research and gather relevant information, and numbers are really helpful to have hard facts
 - d) Explicitly define your objectives and your resolve statement. You are making a request so be as clear as possible.
 - e) Talk to Halena about formatting for writing resolutions.
Incorporate part of your mission statements and administration
 - f) Do a final check
7. Amendments are very similar, and they need to be approved by me, Shady, SAO, the Student Body President, Vice President, and Chief of Staff. It is something that does not necessarily pertain to the student body right now, but to a change to the Constitution. It's a little more technical: it could involve references to different sections, duties of a specific person, creating a new department, and would be explicitly written out.
8. Article III: Section 3A says we need $\frac{2}{3}$ of Senate to approve of a resolution or amendment for it to be adopted officially. It has to be signed by the Student Body President, and if it isn't, then it has to be approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ of voting members. The Chairperson of Senate can assign a resolution to any department to be put under for that meeting, so please give us 48 hours notice so that can happen.
9. Article XV: A petition by 200 members of student body would force Senate to consider a specific resolution within a week of the presentation to the Senate.
10. Alyssa Ngo: What kinds of things are open to resolutions?
 - a) Halena Hadi: Stuff that's not under the Constitution, but pertains to the student body and is within our reach. Something that we would present to administration rather than us changing a doctrine that applies to us.
 - b) Alyssa Ngo: So it's anything that could be conceived of to change?
 - c) Halena Hadi: If it's something that is attainable, write about it.

11. Zach Spitzer: For example, last year, they did a resolution on the murals in the main building.
12. Meghan Howat: Where do they go?
 - a) Halena Hadi: It depends on what specific administrative office you're writing it to, but it would go through Exec Cab and then to whichever office it applies to.
13. Corey Gayheart: Once the web updates, all resolutions and amendments will be posted on the website. .

VI. New Business

- A. Corey Gayheart: If you would like to table breakout sessions until next week, we could have better discussion on voter engagement, but I am okay to keep them.
- B. Mark Spretnjak: Motion to table breakouts sessions to next week.
 1. Second: Zach Spitzer
 2. Vote: All approved
- C. Discussion: ND Votes and Voter Registration...How can we get campus engaged for the Midterm Elections?
 1. Michael Marotta: ND Votes is a non-partisan voter registration and participation task force. Our goal is to make the biggest push we can to make sure students are registered to vote so they can take part in the midterm elections because they are the most important in our nation's history. Once a month, we put on Pizza, Pop, and Politics, where we bring in a professor to talk about a hot issue in politics. We got a grant to work with non-profits in the city to engage women voters. Tomorrow we are going out in the community to register people to vote. We had a voter registration competition in the dorms and we registered over 1,100 new people. For most states, tomorrow is the deadline. TurboVote can give you reminders about absentee ballots, information about the election, or anything you need.
 2. Corey Gayheart: If your state does voter purging, you might have been removed from the polls.
 3. Alyssa Ngo: Some kind of instruction or help about how to request your absentee ballot might be helpful because a lot of people don't know that.
 - a) Michael Marotta: Through the TurboVote link, there is a lot of information about how to do that and keep you informed.
 4. Zach Spitzer: Are there any other events that ND Votes is doing outside of their drive?

- a) Michael Marotta: We are tabling at the dining halls and student centers, and we sent out emails through dorm liaisons to get out there as much as possible.
5. Zach Spitzer: But are there any events?
- a) Michael Marotta: There will be a celebration for voter registration and a Constitution Day celebration. Speakers come in to explain how ND voted in the previous election, with a graphic diagramming the differences between colleges and majors and genders.
6. Corey Gayheart: Are there any ideas for events before November?
- a) Caila Lindsay: I'm not sure how this would work, but there are a lot of big things that happen in each state, and maybe you could talk about those with students to see if they want to change it, and push that your voice matters in your state issues.
 - b) Erin Hiestand: It might be good if you provided information on each candidate, because sometimes people just vote based on the party, but don't know the platforms.
 - c) Mark Spretnjak: If you wanted to do it by state basis, reach out to the state clubs to see if they can gather the information and tell them what's going on in-state and they can send out information to the people in their states.
 - d) John Cresson: There is a group on campus trying to bring "Converge" to Notre Dame. You take a test about your partisanship and then it pairs you with someone who's on the opposite side. You sit down with them and talk with them in the weeks that lead up to the midterms.
 - e) Erin Hiestand: Something just to ramp up excitement is to have a professor or someone who studies voting trends give a presentation or lecture about how the young demographic has influenced past elections.
 - f) Caila Lindsay: You could have something that explains the lingo around politics and voting in elections so that you can figure out what some words mean and it becomes less scary.
7. Corey Gayheart: What are some things that we could do to go dorm by dorm?
- a) Erin Hiestand: There could be a section competition within dorms where you send in something and whoever has the most signatures by the end of the Voting Day could get a prize.

- b) Shady Girgis: Something we do in St. Ed's is to have a once a month debate about topics in politics, so you could reach out to dorm liaisons about things that are on the platforms.
 - c) Zach Pearson: In Keenan, Michael was downstairs showing people how to register to vote and was someone to go talk to. We could talk to someone in each dorm and see if there can be someone to be accountable to.
 - (1) Corey Gayheart: You are supposed to serve as those leaders in dorm, but by getting in touch with dorm liaison, we can connect you to the right person, but voting in midterms is very important.
8. Corey Gayheart: The Center for Social Concerns just released information about how Notre Dame students voted in the 2016 election.
 9. Zach Spitzer: Can we get the information relatively soon because the deadlines are tomorrow?
 - a) Corey Gayheart: You should be able to pull up the Turbo Vote link via the ND Votes website. It helps you to vote but also with requesting and getting absentee ballots, especially when college students don't have the time to go do that on their own, and everything differs by state.

VII. Announcements:

- A. Bethany Bogges: Acoustic Cafe is on Thursday at 10pm. The movie this week is Skyscraper on Thursday and Friday nights.
- B. Caila Lindsay: Michigan Club's first meeting is this Thursday at 6:30 in the Duncan Student Center. You don't have to be from Michigan to come.
- C. Caila Lindsay: The Snite is working on a project for their sculpture park during fall break. If you have time to come, there is a wrap party, and it's going to be great. Please contact me if interested.
- D. Emma Ziegler: Walsh's Mr. ND is Thursday at 7. You can buy tickets at the door.
- E. Zach Pearson: Opera ND is putting on an opera this Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 7pm and it's free. Keenan Hall is having their first annual Knight Fever Spirit Week and we're having the Keenan Hall .5K from Keenan to Stonehenge and back. There will be food and games, and that's next Thursday.
- F. Zach Spitzer: Keep an eye out for the Shakespeare Company's Rotten Tomatoes Fundraiser. We will be reciting Shakespeare while people are throwing water balloons at us.

- G. Michaela Kocher: Totter for Water is this Thursday from 4pm to 4pm on Friday. There will be free tater tots and succulents to buy, and if they raise enough money our hall staff will be getting a lip tattoo.
- H. Michael Conlon: This Sunday, Senior Class Council will be having their first monthly event called Senior Sundays. It's in Dahnke Ballroom, and it's free food, hanging out, studying, and relaxing before the week gets going.
- I. Laksumi Sivanandan: Junior Class Council is having the semi-annual letter writing abroad event from 4-7 in Duncan Student Center. There will be Chik-Fil-A and we are paying for all the postage.
- J. Zach Pearson: This Friday at 7:30 is AcaFest at Washington Hall.
- K. Brendan Watts: Stanford's Spikeball tournament is on October 6th, and then Keough's chariot race is on October 6th on South Quad.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Patrick Paulsen: Motion to adjourn
 - 1. Second: Mark Spretnjak
 - 2. Vote: All approved