

# UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME STUDENT SENATE

February 25th, 2019

## Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Motion: Zach Spitzer
  - B. Second: Jack Usher
    1. Vote: All approved
- IV. Executive Announcements
  - A. Gates McGavick: The dorm maintenance is in progress. We had a meeting with the Residential Life part of the administration. We want to let them have a say. They asked that we include something so that you can give feedback to them, so we're writing the form that we will send out to you, and that will be out soon.
  - B. Gates McGavick: We're doing a State of the Union in March sometime, but I'll be addressing you sometime in person, as well as the other Student Union branches and administration, and we're trying to make this a big event. Hopefully this will be a bigger event for years to come.
  - C. Bri Tucker: Student Government is hosting an event with Harlan Cohen called "Getting Comfortable with the Uncomfortable," on February 28th in the LaFun Ballroom. It's also Love Your Body Week. Back the Bend is happening on April 27th, and we will begin some outreach engaging you guys, and we have Storm the Stadium on April 27th from 9:30-2:00. Keep those dates in mind.
  - D. Corey Gayheart: That's after our term ends, but it's one of the biggest service events, so please attend if you're able. On Thursday, there will be free Chick-Fil-A.
- V. General Orders
  - A. Resolution SO1819-11: A Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Update the Prescribed Hall of the Year Competition Scoring in Article VII, Section 5(e)
    1. Brendan Watts: (*reads resolution*)
    2. Patrick Paulsen: Would this go into effect for this year's Hall of the Year race?

3. Brendan Watts: This has already been made known to the Presidents, since Fall Break. This allotment I told you about in November, with regards to GreeNDot participation. Essentially, Halls are trying to reach 15% of the dorm to be GreeNDot trained, and then that hall will receive that 5%.
4. Patrick Paulsen: How can it be known to the Presidents that this was the scale?
5. Corey Gayheart: The scoring rubrics have been different the past two years or more, but it's never been updated to the constitution. The reason for the new 5% allocation rewording is so if there are future programs for the University that HPC deems worthy, that's why it leave it up to the Discretion of the Exec Board.
6. Joe Trzaska: Every given year, if they choose not to have the allotment, it goes back into the presentation category.
7. Erin Hlestand: What goes into the Hall Council Visit Score?
8. Brendan Watts: The Constitution hasn't been updated, but it's been in place for a while. The reason it hasn't been updated is because the Hall of the Year allotment hasn't been outlined in the HPC Bylaws. We didn't think it was in the Constitution. They're graded on a rubric out of 10, and you recuse yourself from the Hall Council if you believe that you couldn't be impartial. It involves attendance, participation by the dorm, and relaying of campus events.
9. Joe Trzaska: It's just to check that you're actively engaging the members of the hall.
10. Corey Gayheart: This has been part of the criteria since my freshman year.
11. Patrick Paulsen: What is the difference between the new bill and the way things have been done?
12. Joe Trzaska: The way things have been done is exactly like this except for the GreeNDot training.
13. Brendan Watts: That used to go to the Hall Presentation Score.
14. Corey Gayheart: The GRC has said that there has been an immeasurable increase in GreeNDot training because of this competition aspect.
15. Brendan Watts: We started the year with 2 dorms at critical mass and now we're at 10 with many trainings to go.
16. Evan Nunez: Are Halls given time to reach that critical mass?
17. Joe Trzaska: Yes, April 1st.
18. Zach Pearson: Motion to end discussion and move to debate
  - a) Mark Spretnjak: Second
  - b) Vote: All approved
19. Jack Usher: Motion to end debate and move to a vote

a) Zach Pearson: Second

b) Vote: All approved

(1) Vote on resolution: All approved, one abstaining,

Resolution PASSES

20. Joe Trzaska: As outlined in the Constitution, for the end of the year presentations near the end of March, the board evaluating that consists of the Exec Board as well as two Senators, a Judicial Council rep, and a representative from Student Life. We will be sending out sign ups for that at the end of March, and you will not be allowed to judge your own Hall's presentations. It's a good opportunity.

21. Katie Gabanic: Can we present for our hall?

22. Brendan Watts: Yes, but you can't judge that presentation.

B. Resolution SO1819-12: A Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Article XVII (3)(b)(1) of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body for the 2018-19 Election Cycle

1. Shady Girgis: We're changing the date that Senator elections will be held from March 1 to March 8.

2. Halena Hadi: This could be a friendly amendment to change the title to "Amend" instead of "Suspend."

3. DC Morris: All the elections used to be held in the same day, so why are we changing it?

4. Shady Girgis: (*reads resolution*)

5. Shady Girgis: We need to change this because when we get interest for who wants to run, we send those names to OCS and the Registrar, and if they don't send it to us in time, we can't create ballots to start the election, and that happened so we have to extend that time for another week. If there was a runoff election, we would be not following the constitution.

6. Megan Metersky: Do you have updates on when these will be held?

7. Shady Girgis: We will talk to each other (Ellen and I), and probably send it out in the next few days, and your dorm will get this information tonight so that we can move forward.

8. Mark Spretnjak: Motion to end discussion and move to debate

a) Jack Usher: Second

b) Vote: All approved

9. Weston Dell: Motion to end debate and move to a vote

a) Jack Usher: Second

b) Vote: All approved

(1) Vote on resolution: All approved, resolution PASSES

### C. Committee Sessions

1. Residence Life
2. Sustainability: Resolution supporting composting efforts on the student level within the dorms
  - a) Erin will take lead on this, aiming for presentation at next Senate meeting
  - b) SAO/ Green Events; can we make this part of hall of the year allotments w/ hpc?
  - c) Is there potential to institute green events as a cause, similar to GreeNDot training?
  - d) Dana's meeting with Moreau tomorrow 2/26 - Discussion of which Moreau modules should get cut
3. Student Safety & Wellness
4. Student Finances: Spoke with Gates about increasing club funding, specifically protections for Class Council funding. Concerns were pretty much assuaged.

### VI. New Business

- A. Bethany Boggess: Just a heads up for next week, per the Constitution, the new Executive Board for SUB is supposed to present next week, but that will be happening later. Our other presentation won't happen until after Spring Break, and so I'm going to propose a resolution to change the deadlines till April 1st, and no later than May 1st for the Executive Board.
- B. Weston Dell: I've been trying to set up a weekly food drive, and I met with Campus Dining to discuss it, and they're starting a project with Campus Ministry to do this, and I would like any help I can get.
- C. Dana Plagenz: My group meets tomorrow with the MOreau people, and they asked us to try and come up with weeks that we would want to condense or get rid of, so please reach out to me.

### VII. Announcements

- A. Bethany Boggess: This week is Acoustic Cafe, and the movie is "If Beale Street Could Talk." If you're going with a group, we can set up a group rate for you. We're doing a Pure Barre stress reliever on March 5th. March 8th is National Get Over It Day, and so we will be giving out stickers.
- B. Dana Plagenz: Lewis Hall's LHOB is this Friday, and there will be cinnamon rolls, cookies, brownies, and much more. The proceeds are going to the food bank.

- C. Mark Spretnjak: Sorin's Spelling Bee is happening and I will be hosting it. Only Sorin guys are allowed to spell.
- D. Laksumi Sivanandan: Letter Writing Abroad is happening this Wednesday from 4-7. It's national Strawberry day, so we will have chocolate covered strawberries to celebrate.
- E. Sam Cannova: All class councils are hosting a food giveaway for Mardi Gras next Tuesday in LaFun.
- F. Shady Girgis: We didn't send a Hall Election vote thing today but we will in the next couple days, so please let your dorms know about that. Encourage everyone to vote.
- G. Corey Gayheart: Please help us set up the room!

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Motion: Patrick Paulsen
- B. Second: Jack Usher
  - 1. Vote: All approved