



- I. Opening Prayer, Ashley Grace Burkholder, *Cavanaugh Hall Senator*
- II. Roll Call: What is your favorite spot in South Bend?
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. A Resolution Bestowing Emeritus Status on Gates, Corey, and Bri
    - i. Resolution passed
  - b. Presentation on Resolutions and Amendments by Thomas Davis
  - c. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Revise the Clause Outlining Eligibility for Office
    - i. Resolution passed
  - d. A Resolution Responding to the Proposed New Residential Life Policies
    - i. Motion to move to the Department of Student Life
  - e. In approvals
    - i. Alina Peterson was approved for Judicial Council Vice President for Peer Advocacy and Matthew Bisner approved for the VP for elections
  - f. Director of Student Empowerment, The Director of Gender Relations, Director of Campus Technology, Director of Community Engagement and Outreach, Director of University Affairs were all approved
- IV. Executive Announcements
  - a. Special Senate Meeting tomorrow at 6 PM
    - i. Patrick: Tomorrow we will have a meeting at 6 pm, with a hard cutoff at 7 pm, which will be a great opportunity to hear from Erin Hoffmann Harding and the executive director of residential life on campus. Note that this is not an official meeting and we are not bound by parliamentary procedures and we do not need a quorum. This is open to the public so if there are members of the residence halls please reach out.
    - ii. Spring allocation budget meeting after this meeting in this room to approve the FMB spring allocation after this meeting. If you are unable to make this meeting, just let us know.
  - b. Judicial Council Vice-President Approval
    - i. The VP for peer advocacy actually held the position for the SUB dorm rep, and that nomination is not approved; however, she is reapproved at the end of this meeting.
  - c. A Note on Meeting Length

- i. Patrick: I want to say thank you all again for bearing with us for some very long meetings at the beginning of the term but we will get into a shorter time rhythm and hopefully, we will get along the right track in the future.
      - d. TeamND and Senate Retreat
        - i. Patrick: I appreciate those of you who were able to attend yesterday, it was absolutely electric. At Team ND, all senators are invited and encouraged to come to make connections and collaborate with all groups within student government and student life and think of ideas for work to come in the coming years. You will have to miss moving day for the welcome weekend but I am happy to talk to you about it if you have any questions. Depending on how many senators you have there, we will see if we will have a Senate retreat.
      - e. [Department Member Form](#)
        - i. Patrick: We are looking at 20 respondents, but please fill that out if you have not already. You can find this on the agenda. You will receive an email from the department directors in the coming days with more information.
- V. General Orders
  - a. SO1920-09: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body Regarding Hall Presidents Council Co-Chair Attendance at Executive Programming Board Meetings
    - i. Amendment to Subclause VII (3)(a)(4): At least one Hall Presidents Council Co-Chair shall attend all Executive Programming Board meetings.
    - ii. Megan O’Gorman: How is that different?
    - iii. Halena- In another clause it says that both should be required to go, but in another clause, it says only one has to go. Because there are 2 chairs, only 1 has to go.
  - b. SO1920-10: A Resolution to Allow Senators to Digitally Submit Proxy Designations and Voting Instructions
    - i. Thomas Davis: Article 3 Section O is amended as follows: In the event that a voting member of the Senate should be absent from a meeting, that member may designate a proxy to attend the meeting in his or her place. The proxy can count towards the quorum and the proxy shall be submitted, via an online proxy form, to the Chairperson and Student Union Secretary prior to the meeting and added to the meeting’s official records. The online proxy form must include the name of a senator, the name of proxy, the specific instruction on what vote to cast for each measure stated on the meeting agenda or the option to allow the proxy to vote as the proxy so chooses, and a digital signature of the senator. If the measure the proxy’s vote pertains to is significantly altered, as determined by the Chairperson, then the proxy’s vote



- will become invalid unless stipulation was made on the proxy's agenda for alterations.
- ii. Patrick: I put the form on the agenda if you have any questions
  - iii. DC Morris: If you have a resolution that is significantly altered, then the proxy could lose their voting rights?
  - iv. Thomas Davis: If there is a big change, this could change the vote of the actual Senator. Thus, if someone can't be there to sign a proxy form, this allows any senator to designate a proxy and streamlines the process of Grace, Patrick, and I to see how they would vote.
  - v. Nicole Marcinkus: Do you still want a signed agenda?
  - vi. Thomas Davis: A digital signature is fine.
  - vii. Thomas Davis: The 24-hour requirement has been removed entirely, so even if you submit a proxy form before the meeting, it is valid
  - viii. James Bathon: Does there have to be a clause in there getting rid of the 24-hour requirement?
  - ix. Patrick: No, we would abide by the new clause rather than the 24 hours.
  - x. Luke Stringfellow: Motion to end the debate:
- c. SO1920-11: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Clarify the Role of the Committee on the Constitution
- i. Halena Hadi: Article 2 section 5 amended as follows: The incoming Judicial Council President shall nominate a Parliamentarian to the Senate at the first Senate meeting of the term. The Senate shall review and approve this nomination and advise the Chairperson of the Senate and Campus Life Council regarding the parliamentary procedure and The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure. The Parliamentarian shall act as the Director of the Department of Constitutional Procedure ex officio. The Committee on the Constitution as outlined in clause III.4.q shall operate under the direction of the Department of Constitutional Procedure. In addition, the Parliamentarian shall monitor the transition, internal review, and overall process of the Student Union as outlined in this Constitution and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate.
  - ii. Jack Rotolo: Does that move the committee under the jurisdiction under the department?
  - iii. Halena Hadi: No
    - 1. Megan O'Gorman: Motion to end debate and move to a vote
    - 2. Passed
- d. SS1920-04: A Resolution Bestowing Emeritus Status on Shady Girgis
- i. Halena Hadi: Shady Girgis faithfully and dutifully served as Judicial Council President for the 2018-2019 term, has actively contributed to and furthered

discussion within Student Senate and Campus Life Council, and has established communication between the Student Union at large. Shady's perspective and insight continue to influence Judicial Council at Notre Dame. The title Judicial Council emeritus is bestowed on Shady Girgis.

1. Jackson Oxler: Motion to end debate
  2. Passed
- e. SS1920-5: A Resolution Urging the University to Directly Implement Student Feedback on the Proposed New Residential Life Policy Regarding Differentiating On-Campus and Off-Campus Experiences
- i. Patrick: Coming out of the department of student life and here to present
  - ii. Luke Sheridan Rabideau: Whereas "the University of Notre Dame strives for a spirit of inclusion among the members of this community for distinct reasons articulated in our Christian tradition," the residence hall model flourishes when members of each class year are active participants in the hall, with upperclassmen poised to model servant leadership and character formation and underclassmen benefiting from the guidance of their peers in preparation to pass on their knowledge in the years ahead," the residential hall community does not end when students move off campus, financial limitations can prevent students from moving off campus, 39% of students face adversity because of their sexual orientation, such as verbal comments, mocking/offensive jokes, prejudiced stereotyping, and exclusion within their residence halls, and students moving off campus for the aforementioned reasons may feel unsafe, underrepresented, or isolated from the dorm community, therefore separating them from these activities may remove the few positive elements of living on campus for them. Likewise, whereas victims of sexual assault may choose to move off campus because 56 % of reports reported that the incident took place within a residential building on campus. Be it resolved that in order to best promote consistency between the University of Notre Dame's Mission and Vision statement and their housing policy while recognizing the valid reasons students have for moving off-campus, the student senate urges the university to increase transparency and to reconsider the University of Notre Dame Residential Life policy differentiating on and off-campus experiences.
  - iii. James Bathon: There seemed a lot of points referring to moving off-campus students that you would allow them to move off campus before 6 semesters? Is this to modify that clause of the Housing Policy?
  - iv. Patrick: This was drafted in response to the recent proposal which prompted the writing and a response from anyone living off campus.

- v. Connor Whittle: We wanted to address the differentiation policy because if we address another policy, we would go down a rabbit hole with the administration. If there are any other complaints we would be happy to discuss them, but this is focused specifically on section 3.
- vi. James Bathon: Some of the whereas in the resolution seem to pertain more to the 6-semester housing requirement, such as the students who desire to stay on campus for particular reasons.
- vii. Abby: those have been included because this includes anyone who lives off campus for any reason, not just seniors but someone who has experienced sexual assault or other specific groups, and to show that they are still a part of this community that has moved off campus. We want them to understand that some people need to move off campus for these reasons.
- viii. Nicole Marcinkus: The differentiation policy does say that anyone moves off, so we want to make sure to cover everyone
- ix. Jackson Oxler: Can someone explain the 9% quote?
- x. Abby Smith: It is more expensive to live on campus versus off campus so we wanted to include this to show that it is indeed cheaper.
- xi. DC Morris: There is a lot of language about the former residence halls, so I don't think it should be considered to be former residence halls because it is their home and that will continue whether they are living on and off campus. If you move on campus you are still very much a part of residential life.
  - 1. Friendly amendment to remove "former" is approved
  - 2. Jackson Oxler: Motion to end debate
  - 3. Passed
- xii. Patrick: I will be sharing this at my meeting with Erin Hoffmann Harding tomorrow so if anyone has any questions, please feel free to respond.
- f. Resolution SO1920-12: Thomas noticed that there is a part of attendance policies that can be moved from new business into the agenda
  - i. Thomas Davis: The only changes are the 24-hour requirement
  - ii. John Kling: Motion to end debate and move to a vote
  - iii. Passed
- g. Informal Debate on Committee Structure
  - i. Committees have been structures where they can choose the committee they wish to be on and focus on collaboration within those committees. They each have a co-chair which the committees each elect and that is what we will do this year. People can shout out the committees they hope to have this year. The four from last year are student finances, wellness and safety, sustainability, and residential life.



- ii. We need to keep the committee on residential life so that would be very important to have this Senate committee.
- iii. Keegan McArdle: I think a finance committee is prudent so student government can have knowledge where the finances are going.
- iv. DC Morris: An academic affairs committee in regards to the academics of the university as I know last year there was a mandate on mental health in classes. This would be a new addition but this would be an interesting route to take.
- v. How is the work that Senate committees do differently than a department?
  1. DC Morris: I was in the finance committee, at the meetings we discussed projects we were working on and there was a leader who reported to Gates and Corey last year.
  2. Halena Hadi: It is more about legislation or other speakers that you can bring into Senate like CCC who can discuss what we need to know and legislation we can pass.
  3. Luke Stringfellow: Departments are planning events and policy. For example, if you are on student life, you can be the voice in Senate and in your department and across both.
  4. James Bathon: We can add to safety and wellbeing to be safety, wellbeing, and help to involve resolutions such as those from St. Liams. We could also add service and community engagement and outreach.
  5. Patrick: Yes, that could be a lot of good overlap. Since we have the department of sustainability, would this be helpful to have one to act as a bridge between the Senate and the executive cabinet? I am down to wrap up this conversation now.
  6. James Bathon: Now we have the department of sustainability, is it just social concerns now?
  7. Patrick: It is separated now, so there is one separate department for each.
  8. Jack: What will the plan look like to make these committees?
  9. Patrick: I will set the committees and be in touch over the summer and look for people to join those committees. I will not spring them upon you.

## VI. Approvals

- a. Patrick: A nomination for Vice president for Peer Advocacy is coming and you all have it in your email inbox. If anyone has any questions for Alina, ask now.
  - i. Jackson Oxler: Motion to move to vote.
  - ii. Passed

## VII. New Business



- a. Megan O’Gorman: Tomorrow at the Senate meeting can other people ask questions?
- b. Patrick: I was going to say no, but you can yield your speaking privileges to that member of the residence hall.
- c. Halena Hadi: You can also use a google doc to read questions from your dorm.
- d. Keegan McArdle: Is all of Senate required to be there?
- e. Patrick: You don’t have to be here.
- f. Michelle Sobolewski: So if you are not going to be here you do you not need a proxy?
- g. Patrick: Yes, you will not need a proxy but you can.

VIII. Announcements

- a. DC Morris: 2020 Fisher Regatta 365 days!
- b. Bethany: The last subevent of the year is with bracelet making and stuff a teddy bear. It is my last sub-event of my year in Lafun from 12-3 in the Dooly room.
- c. Patrick: Note next year we will be meeting at 5:30s on Wednesday in the Notre Dame room.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Jackson Oxler: motion to adjourn the meeting
  - i. Passed