



- I. Opening Prayer, Jack Rotolo, *Alumni Hall Senator*
- II. Roll Call: Where are you going for fall break?
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - a. Resolution Fest/General Updates
 - i. Patrick: Thank you everyone for coming! It was a very productive session
 - ii. Welcome to Sierra (FCC President)
 - iii. Deb Acry is moving departments tomorrow - be sure to pop up and say thank you.
 - iv. Karen Kennedy: Deb's role will be covered, and we are currently in the process of planning what that will look like and will get back to you soon to make sure that you all are updated.
 - b. Access-Able Panel: 8 PM Duncan 246
 - i. Patrick: Panel on disability at ND; please show up
 - c. [Sustainability Resolution](#)
 - i. Patrick: "This is kind of a fun one" McGuire
 - ii. Patrick: congratulates the university on cutting/eliminating it's coal emissions
 - d. ID Card Access Policy Resolution
 - i. Patrick: We are not going to hear this resolution yet today because we want to continue working on it and will hear it later.
- V. General Orders



- a. SO1920-18: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Reform Student Union Organization Financial Accountability Standards
 - i. Eric: Let me give an example to supplement the question I have. Concerts are a long process and take a large part of our budget. During the monthly process, would we have to meet to make sure that we are okay?
 - ii. Sam: You would meet with your treasurer and make sure that you are on task given the particular timelines.
 - iii. Quenton: Does this give discretion when filing?
 - iv. Sam: Yes they would have to supply a report so yeah this is the whole idea
 - v. Christine: Can you define “violation” versus “mismanaged?”
 - vi. Mike: We wanted to distinguish between smaller mistakes in the budget that are slightly over or under allocated and actually intentionally abusing funds.
 - vii. Quentin: Does this conflict with CCC policy in which you have to specify certain purchases?
 - viii. Sam: I think we would be open to an amendment that would narrow the scope of this amendment.
 - ix. Jordan: Friendly amendment to make the A part “Many student union organizations’ in order to exclude clubs considering the exhaustive process clubs go through in the CCC .
 - x. Patrick: All co-sponsors must respond to that friendly amendment before it is voted on.

- xi. Jordan: I'm not sure what jurisdiction Senate has over clubs because they are SAO and Senate derives power from Constitution but clubs are constantly being reviewed by the CCC so I don't see the need of giving this redundant power to Senate
- xii. James: After you first state "Student Union," it gets a little confusing on whether or not you are referring to just organizations within the Student Union or all clubs.
- xiii. Sam: We need something to review the complete budget of any Student Union organizations receiving funds and then clarify after that that all other references - - I think organization is pretty clear especially if it is at the top but I am fine with an amendment addressing that
- xiv. Halena: Senate cannot subpoena a club about a budget anyways, but this amendment should be specific on narrowing the scope to only organizations within the Student Union under a friendly amendment.
- xv. Thomas: I yield my time to Mike Dugan
- xvi. Mike Dugan: There is a clause in the constitution which says you have to exclude special interest; Knights Debate Team, JPW, Prism, and others, like bookstore basketball. Because you haven't informed us, I do not think it is constitutional to vote on this without a clarifying amendment that also excludes special interest organizations. Is the Senate taking the authority to subpoena Prism right now or is it only for student government organizations? "Student Union organization" does not exclude special interest parts of the

student union organization. That is my concern right now otherwise I do not think it is constitutional .

- xvii. Luke: These sound like pretty sweeping changes, but I think this may want to move back to being tabled.
- xviii. MOTION: move to question and go to discussion (PASSED)
- xix. Patrick: Now in debate on resolution and on friendly amendments
- xx. Sam: In response to tabling it, I don't think a friendly amendment fundamentally changes the bill and means that we have to table the entire thing. I think this friendly amendment does enough to make it clear and avoids us tabling it.
- xxi. Christine: FMB acts as the CCC for student union organizations so I just find it interesting that you are treating the two different. If this goes through, then Senate supersedes FMB total. I do think accountability standards are important but with this in mind this renders FMB useless. Why should Senate have the right to review these budgets because that is what FMB does
- xxii. Danny: I want to clarify the focus of this legislation. We are not here to attack individual clubs. This is necessary to make sure that we do not run \$30,000 to \$40,000 over budget. I would want specifics on exactly how far we were running over the budget.
- xxiii. Patrick: I do not think that is accurate—there is flux based on who is going over and under the most recent number - \$77k - was under budget. That was also with about \$20k from senior week which was an anomaly.

- xxiv. Christine: When I was looking at making accountability standards, I didn't necessarily mean that everything should now go through senate. I'm uncomfortable with senate reviewing all these numbers because it could also make FMB useless.
- xxv. Sam: I understand that concern. That first clause is useful because it only applies in the case that the FMB is not doing its job right. If FMB is acting constitutionally, then there isn't a need for senate to take action. However, since we are student representatives, we can have the ability to step in and make sure that our budget remains sound if things are starting to go wrong.
- xxvi. Christine: One of the reasons why it was not operating the best is because we did not have explicit steps which is why I like the second clause. I do not think the answer is just "Senate can do that" because then it makes my job pointless
- xxvii. Joe Witt: I want to speak on what Christine was saying - part of the accountability that FMB holds is the fact that Christine and also all the financial officers from other organizations. No offense to senate, but I think the senior class treasurer knows better how the classes should be spending versus me standing up to all of you. The best way for accountability is through FMB.
- xxviii. Mike: The first clause does not give senate any power to change the budget. We could change something to allow for the Student Union treasurer

to simply have to give a report each semester in order to make sure that they are doing their job right.

xxix. Christine: That's a safer idea. There is a current amendment in the constitution that allows for any student to look at the budget upon request. I think that an amendment like this current one may be a little extreme.

xxx. Sam: I am going to defend the right thing. There are times when Senate needs to step up and a lot of this comes from talk in the Senate about organizations perhaps not 100% effectively using money and difficulties with getting budgets of those organizations. Because we have to make a broader decision on how that money is spent it is hard to decide where the 53/47 line goes when we cannot see how they are using this. That is why we need this to decide how the reports are and best judge how to split this and we should not give this job out to other. It is the Senate's one important job. We should take this with more severity.

xxxi. DC: Just to clarify, you are saying that every student has the right to look at the budget upon request so what would be the problem with this amendment then?

xxxii. Chrisitne; It's redundant. It is different if one student asks me versus the whole student body. If the student body asks then they can make serious changes happen. I do like the second subclause. I prefer that gradual step rather than going straight to Senate. Also I was an assistant treasure for a year and treasurer for five months so you could say that I am an expert in the room

so I feel more comfortable with someone in my position making that decision rather than a group of Senators.

xxxiii. DC: One of the big issues is that no one knows how all the financial decisions are made. There are narratives that say that SUB is wasting money. I heard rumors that we once dropped \$1,000 on a Chick-fil-A party for senate. The point I'm making is that there is a lack of transparency in the budgetary process. This process makes sure that we are able to go back to our constituents about what is going on in these budgetary decisions.

xxxiv. Patrick: I might float the idea of a parallel requirement of the CCC.

xxxv. Quentin: This might not be related but Christine do you think there is a conversation to be had about structure? There appears to be over representation of certain blocks and maybe not everyone is being represented.

xxxvi. Christine: Based on the questions I have had before, I think that is an internal issue. Say student government overspent, I don't think that is a senate constitution issue, it is a spring allocation problem that needs to be fixed internally.

xxxvii. Quentin: How can we represent clubs equitably? They make up 40 percent of the budget but only have one vote at FMB.

xxxviii. Christine: I like the concrete steps behind this amendment to try and hold financial decisions accountable, but I think the problems are still more internal.

xxxix. Patrick: I think we need to close questions on this and move to debate.

Last few questions.

xl. Sam: I do trust FMB, but there could be situations in the future where the treasurer is not necessarily doing its job. Senate does not want to have constant reviews of budgets. This is just an amendment to act as a safeguard for if something goes awry in the future.

xli. Christine: what would make you think that something is awry?

xlii. Sam: This is pretty much a long term plan to make sure that senate is prepared to act in case something does happen.

xliii. Jackson: Were you involved in the formation of this amendment, Christine? I think we should table this and allow for her to be included in the conversation and go back to committee.

xliv. Thomas: The constitutionality is up to debate. Let's wait on that.

xlv. Mike: Christine made a good point earlier and I think that we are really not going to have that many indicators of what makes the Senators think something is awry. once a semester thing creates reports and in that we might see it more under that circumstance versus passing it now and Senators in the future might not know.

xlvi. Danny: You said there are 9 members of the FMB. How are they selected?

xlvii. Christine: 11 actually. So myself and I had to interview and then there are two assistants, the other 10 members some of them are internal - like Class



Councils every year and then that treasurer is part of it. But SUB, that is interviewing . University election is interviewing process

xlvi. Jack: What is in the budget for senate Chick-fil-A parties? I'm out of Flex Points.

xlix. Patrick: About \$500.

l. James: Can someone clarify what power senate has to make these changes? Is this just to make sure that senate has review of the budget and where we are in the process?

li. Thomas: This discussion needs to be officially closed

lii. Jackson: Motion to move discussion to debate

liii. Patrick: Friendly amendment vote?

1. friendly amendment fails; one co-sponsor fails

liv. Jackson: Motion to end debate and move the resolution.

lv. Halena: Can I take questions on this in order to provide a little bit of clarity?

Everything we discussed is 59 percent of the budget that goes to the organizations under the Student Union Board. I don't see special interest clubs being an issue with this amendment. There were a lot of arguments here, and I don't personally have an issue with this amendment. I do agree with Christine that this is redundant, and it should go back to committee.

lvi. Jack: Motion to end debate and send the resolution back to the committee on finance regarding the status of this resolution, specifically the first clause.

lvii. Patrick: Debate is closed.



lviii. Thomas: I would ask that you send table this and send it back to the finance committee to review the first sub clause in its entirety.

lix. Patrick: This motion passes and is moved back to the finance committee.

b. Discussion on Senate guests and presentations

i. Patrick: I would like to invite more guests and presenters to come to the senate meeting.

ii. Elizabeth: I recommend Kendrick Peterson.

iii. DC: To what end? Could we invite the athletic director?

iv. Patrick: This is open to anyone. Any other recommendations?

v. Joe: Two senior week chairs.

vi. Patrick: Please let me know at any time if you have any other ideas of who we could invite to senate?

vii. DC: Invite whoever trains and hires ushers at the stadium.

viii. PE: Motion SS19-20-7 into general order (PASSES)

ix. Patrick: We are now hearing a resolution to congratulate the university on its move to be coal-free.

x. Patrick: We are now voting on SS 1920-07. (PASSES)

VI. New Business

a. SS1920-06: A Resolution Formally Requesting Documents from the Division of Student Affairs Pertinent to the ID Card Access Policy

b. Suggestions on Impeachment Reform from the Committee on the Constitution



- c. SO1920-19: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Codify a Standard Procedure of Impeachment and Removal

VII. Announcements

- a. Eric: Acouticafe thursday at 10 in haggerty Family Cafe. SUB has no affiliation with Billy Joel concert they only sent out the email about student pre-sale ticket. I appreciate your feedback about SUB so please come to me to talk about it instead of attacking SUB. We are more than happy to listen to feedback just approach us
- b. Jack: Dawg-tober fest was canceled on Friday and moved to November 1
- c. DC: Fisher Hall Car Smash did happen despite inclement weather and they raised a lot of money. Thank you!
- d. Thomas: We have been looking at attendance records for people. Try to make an effort to make sure you come or if you can't, fill out the proxy form.
- e. Patrick: Have a great fall break!

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Jack: Motion to adjourn

PASSES





Dear God,

We thank you for our opportunity to serve Our Lady's entrusted community. May we, members of the Student Senate, be servants of hope and instruments of great change. May we listen and lead with humility, kindness, courage, and love. May we develop a community that inspires all to engage in our daily vocation to be the truest brothers and sisters we can be. Through our dedication, may we call this community our family and this university our home.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen