I. Opening Prayer, Carissa Salamatin, Breen-Phillips Senator

II. Roll Call: Where can you find the best coffee on campus?

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Executive Announcements
   A. Cabinet Nominations of Katherine Wallace and Tiffanie Cappello-Lee, confirmed
   B. An Update From the Department of Community Engagement and Outreach, Alex Yom, Director of Community Engagement and Outreach
   C. No-Shave November Resolution Passed

V. General Orders
   A. Majors Night - Thursday, November 7th from 6-8 PM, South Dining Hall-
      1. Patrick: If you are a member of the Academic Affairs department or are passionate about majors and want to help people determine a major, please come and help out!
   B. Cultural Awareness Training - Sunday, November 10th from 1:30 - 3:00 PM -
      Training will be hosted by Paige Jackson on November 10th from 1-3 (this Sunday).
      This is for Cabinet and Senate. Please sign up if you are able to make it as it will be a valuable training for us.
   C. Impeachment Reform Resolution-
      1. Thomas Davis- Framing for discussion will include suggestions from the Committee on the Constitution. Depending on how it goes, we may hear the resolution today or wait until next week.

VI. General Orders
A. SO1920-18: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Reform Student Union Organization Financial Accountability Standards

1. Read by Samuel Delmer

2. Sam Cannova: Early on in Subclause G, it states that any grounds may constitute impeachment from office. Do the subsets under that define “any violations” in general, or are “any violations” including just those explicitly stated?

3. Samuel Delmer: I am not well versed in the specifics of what counts as a violation.

4. Samuel Delmer: It seems that those violations are described in greater detail.

5. Mike Dugan: In light of Subclause II, regarding ineffectively using funds, is that a reasonable interpretation of how that is phrased?

6. Patrick: That is in the Constitution and was not changed. The main clause G is exactly the same. Roman Numerals I, II, III, IV are all new.

7. DC Morris: I am proposing a friendly amendment in regards to subclause 11.3.a.4. I would be in favor of amending it to change it from “or” to “and.” I personally believe that that neuters the power of the clause.

8. Christine Arcoleo: I put “or” in because in the fall semester the groups generally haven’t spent money yet, but in the spring they can dive into the numbers based on how much has been spent.
9. Samuel Delmer: Also, that still requires the Student Union Treasurer to come and speak to the Senate to discuss the financial allocation plan. In that way, that does not completely hamper it.

10. Proxy: In a simple definition, who does this resolution benefit?

11. Samuel Delmer: This benefits everyone. The bill was created as there was no formal oversight over Student Union Organizations. If they spend over their allotted amount, there was no framework to regulate that. Now, they can address these problems and spend the money that they are given.

12. James Bathon- Would they be willing to add a clause into the first part about making a presentation each semester? What about adding something along the lines of “if the senate requests more presentations.”

13. Patrick: This is meant to parallel the clause that is contained in the CCC, but I will let sponsors respond.

14. Samuel Delmer: We wanted to introduce this presentation at least once a semester, but the Senate can request it. The idea is to give a general update to the Senate biannually. However, if the Senate really deems this necessary, it could be possible. I think this is a question for the Student Union Treasurer.

15. Mike Dugan- I would recommend keeping a parallel structure of what’s in the Constitution.

16. James Bathon- So if the Senate requests to have a presentation beyond just the one per Semester, could they refuse?

17. Mike Dugan- The Senate can remove people who are not acting in their role.
18. Daniel Feldmeier- To clarify, this is just increasing it from 0 to 1 presentation, and we are making it so Senate can now have a presentation from the FMB.

19. Patrick: James, is this a friendly amendment?

20. James Bathon- I did not propose the friendly amendment, but I was asking the Senate about it.

21. DC Morris: Motion to change the “or” to “as well as.”

22. Samuel Delmer: Would it change the process that Luke is not here?

23. Thomas Davis- No. He is not here, but this would be on behalf of the sponsors who are present.

B. A Discussion on Impeachment Reform led by Thomas Davis, Parliamentarian, and Director of the Committee on the Constitution

1. Thomas Davis - When I was spending the summer watching SVU and reading the constitution, I looked at issues surrounding impeachment and I want to get your feedback. The document that Patrick shared with you was our initial go at the idea, but the process is changing in terms of removing the term impeachment and having someone removed. It doesn’t have to do with the current political situation world now, but the Student Government doesn’t have the role of a political tool in the constitution. In this way, if you are being malicious you should be removed. If there is a complaint, this goes to the ethics commission, then this is moved to the Senate, and then it is again voted on removal which requires a ⅔ majority. With this system, the same body will look at the same issue two times. Also, there is the potential that it may be skewed
against the person. Right now, I have it planned that it goes to the ethics commission and this is a Bill of Removal. They, then, refer it to the Committee on the Constitution. You may think, Thomas, this is going to your committee. However, if you want another body looking at the constitutionality of an issue, this would be a good body as we deal directly with the constitutionality of issues. Then, if there are reasonable grounds, it goes to the Senate for one vote requiring a Super Majority. Does anything seem fishy?

2. Mike Dugan: A thought experiment: Suppose a bill is being tabled, if the Constitution Committee doesn’t act on these and are inept, how can you impeach members of the Constitution Committee when it requires their removal?

3. Thomas Davis: If any accusation is placed against anyone, they must recuse themselves.

4. Mike Dugan- What if I accused the entire senate or the other 6? Does that create a redundant pattern?

5. Thomas Davis- If there truly are malicious acts being performed, there is a greater problem at hand. It is possible to draft individual bills of removal.

6. James Bathon- Amendments being brought to the committee on the constitution?

7. Mike Dugan- It would appear it takes away the ability of the Senate to act on the Committee on the Constitution.
8. Proxy- Why is this a 2 step process? Have there been any recent impeachments? If this is a 2 step process, I think the prior student governments had a reason.

9. Halena Hadi- A contradiction exists in the Constitution currently. Article 3, mentions the 2nd step of a hearing, but in Article 14, it calls for a bill of impeachment but not a hearing. Yet, this is modeled after how our government works. A bill of impeachment appears in new business and if people vote to discuss it or it has merit, then it appears as a hearing in the Senate next week.

10. Jack Rotolo- In Clause 4 Subsection G, I am just reading it over and it says that the impeachment part has been removed from this Clause. Is that because the Committee on the Constitution would handle that?

11. Thomas Davis- Anything starts with the Ethics Commission. It may be a minor issue that didn’t rise to the grounds of removal. Any complaint should start there.

12. Jack Rotolo: Would go right to the Student Ethics Commission?


14. Halena Hadi- In the Ethics Commission, if any rule is broken, the individual will get a warning or go to a hearing. We determine if it has merit and we may make a recommendation to go through the Senate. In article III, it says Senator or the Student Union Ethics Commission can see it.
15. Mike Dugan- Clause 4 in the bill would change 93D, would that be stricken from anything we vote on in the future?

16. Halena Hadi- I don’t think it should go through the Committee on the Constitution. If the Student Union Ethics Commission finds that you’re in violation, the fact you are brought forth to the senate is the highest ground. If there is an appeal to the senate, this is the highest ground. This is both the appeal and the judging platform.

17. Thomas Davis: Any senator, not the senate itself, would bring a bill of impeachment. We need to take it out from article 3 if we already have article 14 dealing with impeachment.

18. Halena Hadi- Would you think any complaint can rise to removal or must it be made by a specific body?

19. Halena Hadi- It must be through a Senator.

20. James Bathon- Is there a clause that would permit a number of students?

21. Halena Hadi- Yes, a petition.

22. Samuel Delmer- Is there any way to recall people from the Committee on the Constitution.

23. Thomas Davis- Yes, the process would be recalling the Senators by the dorm.

24. Samuel Delmer- But is there a way to remove those on the committee by the Senators?

25. Halena Hadi- No because they were elected.
26. Thomas- It appears that we are not ready to go through today, but we will discuss the resolution again soon.

C. New Business

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

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

D. Announcements

1. For SUB, there is a showing of Men in Black this week on Nov 7, 8, and 9th: the Thursday show is at 9 and Friday and Saturday is from 7:30 - 10:30.

2. Cookies and Canvas event on Thursday at 7 pm in the Lafun ballroom

3. Senior Sunday this Sunday from 1-5 pm, seniors only, free chicken wings and study spaces

4. Sam Cannova- JCC game watch against Duke in Duncan with food at 7:15, including trivia games with ND football. Students can win 2020 student tickets!

5. Mike Dugan- I am here representing CCC, shoutout to Barakabouts!


7. Circle K has “Turning over a New Leaf” on Saturday from 9:30-12:30

8. Humor and Show- tomorrow at 7 pm in Kerry Auditorium

9. SCC is having a food giveaway tomorrow. We will have rise and roll and some coffee
10. PW Closet this Saturday

11. Fisher is raising money for St. Adalberts, can come to fisher to order some tamales and will hand them out after the Navy game, can pay cash (not venmo)

12. Jack Rotolo: Motion to impeach DC Morris

13. Informal discussion about gun policy tomorrow at 7

14. PW’s Closet is their hall participation event of the year so attend for dorm points!

15. Keenan Hall 0.5K this Saturday, can run ½ lap around North Quad and eat food!

16. Patrick- I encourage you to share the ExpaND application with anyone interested

E. Adjournment

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