

- I. Opening Prayer, DC Morris, *Fisher Senator*
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Presentation on the Center for Student Support and Care, Margaret Morgan, *Director of the Center for Student Support and Care*
 - b. A Follow-Up Conversation on Senate Effectiveness
 - a. A Resolution to Remove a Redundant Clause
 - i. Passed
 - b. A Resolution to Suspend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Postpone Student Body Elections to Grieve the Loss of Annrose Jerry
 - i. Passed
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - a. SO1920-29 - This resolution is in new business, but I recommend that we bring that to general orders. If we postpone the original election, then we have to postpone the runoff election.
 - b. Diversity Council Debate - I want to shout out the Diversity Council Debate this evening from 7:30 - 9 pm. They will discuss policies and priorities that support the Diversity and Inclusion on campus.
 - c. The Inclusive Campus Climate Survey- Take it yourself and share it with your halls. Talk about it with your dorm communities as the more people we can get to take the survey, the better.

- d. Action Items from Last Week- I have lots of next steps and contacts from last week's presentation.
- V. General Orders
- a. SO1920-29: A Resolution to Suspend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Accompany Passing of Resolution SO1920-28
 - i. Read by Thomas Davis
 - ii. Motion passed
 - b. SS1920-06: A Resolution Formally Requesting Unclassified Documents from the Division of Student Affairs Pertinent to the ID Card Access Policy
 - i. Read by Jack Rotolo
 - ii. Luke Stringfellow- Has there been contact with the division of student affairs?
 - iii. Jack Rotolo- Yes, we want to make sure we are taking all of the routes we can. Patrick and Elizabeth worked with the division of Student Affairs and spoke with HRR last semester, and we are hoping to pass this resolution now.
 - iv. Thomas Davis- To clarify, Jack and I originally worked on this on October 15 and Patrick reached out, but we haven't received the response back.
 - v. Megan O'Gorman- In the 5th whereas, Notre Dame is different from these institutions such as Duke in terms of the swipe policy. I know that Duke students can swipe into every dorm. I know that they are calling out Duke to prove that students are not swiping into dorms, but that is not the reality. My best friend goes to Duke and I know they can swipe in.
 - vi. Jack Rotolo- I was not aware that is the case at Duke.

- vii. Megan O’Gorman- If they are comparing us to Duke, wouldn’t they choose a school that doesn’t enforce the same standards?
- viii. Jack Rotolo- I could go either way on that.
- ix. Thomas Davis- The intention is that we are not Duke. I could go either way. That would be a great detail to bring up.
- x. Megan O’Gorman- Yes, it is more of a detail.
- xi. Henry Bergstrom- How does a formal request work?
- xii. Jack Rotolo- We are asking for the documents. Elizabeth would hopefully sign the resolution and then it will go to the Student Affairs Office. After this, HRR would hopefully give us the documents.
- xiii. Thomas Davis- We are requesting that they shed some light on the studies they are referencing.
- xiv. Karen Kennedy- It is not a pre-established thing.
- xv. DC Morris- Why did we not name Heather Russel instead of Residential Life?
- xvi. Jack Rotolo- We are trying to be as correct as possible with the titles of administrators on campus. For example, we should technically call Patrick the Chair.
- xvii. Andrea Lebron- Also, I just looked and Crayton also allows students into their dorms.
- xviii. Gabby Grant- Are the documents you are asking for national surveys?
- xix. Thomas Davis- We want to see any studies used in a 9-year deliberation period. For instance, I asked what types of documents they reference. She was

able to give 0 items they refer to in their studies which we see as a failure in transparency.

xx. Jack Rotolo- We would like to see any of these important documents used, but we also want to be respectful of any information that is confidential.

xxi. Gabby Grant- Have you investigated if the documents are general records or if they are university documents? Are we able to search these on the internet as a public record?

xxii. Thomas Davis- These documents are documents from other universities about their own policies which are generally not public records, but the University of Notre Dame has access to them. As such, we believe students should have access to viewing the documents as well.

xxiii. Karen Kennedy- Could a benchmark be done by students by searching on your own? Yes, for sure.

xxiv. Allan Njomo- What difference does it make to have access to the information?

xxv. Thomas Davis- We believe that this shows transparency. Students think that the decisions have been made without input from students.

xxvi. Jack Rotolo- For something that impacts so many students, we want to know the specific information that will impact them in these major decisions.

1. Passed

- c. SO1920-27: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Empower Student Clubs

- i. Thomas Davis- There will be a discussion, and I want everyone to abide by Parliamentary Procedure. I would ask that you relay specific questions about wording until we move to debate and I ask that you wait to speak in debate until Patrick calls on you. You may yield your time to anyone who wants to talk. If you are getting off-topic, Patrick can tell you to get back on topic. You can close and move to vote, refer to committee, or postpone and move the debate to a future meeting. You may interrupt anyone for inquiry.
 1. Read by Jordan Isner (CCC)
- ii. DC Morris- What is it currently at? It was 37% in the past and now it is higher?
- iii. Jordan Isner- We are currently at 40% clubs and 59% to other organizations.
- iv. Keegan McArdle- Do you still have the spreadsheet?
- v. Jordan Isner- It is in the Senate drive under presentations.
- vi. DC Morris- What is 6% in a dollar amount?
- vii. Jordan Isner- Approximately \$60,000 dollars.
- viii. Where did you get the \$150,000 number between Georgetown and ND?
- ix. Jordan Isner- SUB hasn't been transparent with their funding, but that number came from other students.
- x. Eric Kim- Young the Giant cost \$75,000, the production cost \$26,776, hospitality costs were \$2,632, and transportation for a vehicle was \$110 through ND transport. The total was \$114,518.
- xi. Patrick- \$123,000 was for a request, but the allocation was actually \$75,000.

- xii. Mike Dugan- We were invited here as members of student organizations so can we act as nonvoting members?
- xiii. Thomas Davis- You would be able to speak if what is discussed is pertinent to special interest organizations. We want to give you that privilege.
- xiv. James Bathon- Isn't the dynamic at Georgetown in regards to clubs drastically different than ND?
- xv. Jordan Isner- Yes, the student government plays a very different role there. For instance, their Exec Cab received \$2,000 last year which is significantly less than the amount at ND. The year before they received \$20,000 but this was cut down. Their student government and student union board are not as prominent as at ND.
- xvi. James Bathon- Is their student government as fundamentally integrated?
- xvii. Jordan Isner- No. They have a similar programming board to ND.
- xviii. Karen Kennedy- My understanding is that different schools have different models about activities fees and funding based on the amount that the University will cover for certain events. I am wondering why you only chose one school?
- xix. Jordan Isner- Elizabeth, Patrick, Eric, and I have been working since October, but there have been problems reaching out to the schools. They have not been focusing on the schools that they were supposed to work on benchmarking.
- xx. Patrick- Yes, the schools were Rice and Washington University.

- xxi. Connor Whittle- Is there an end goal number that you guys are trying to reach since way back in DC's day? Is there an end goal in mind?
- xxii. Jordan Isner- I think the end goal is when we get to a point when clubs and student union organizations have a balanced amount of funding. 46% seems non-arbitrary. As far as I'm concerned, clubs and the student union should be getting the same amount of money. With the system we have now, 7% goes to the student union bookkeeper salary, but when you take off that number, its 46% on each side.
- xxiii. Christine Arcoleo- 46% is the highest I would go.
- xxiv. Jordan Isner- 46% is a minimum.
- xxv. Halena Hadi- When you talk to them, the \$114,00 or the \$84,000, how does that change based on the location of the University or type of event. Also, how many new clubs do you create per year?
- xxvi. Jordan Isner- In FMB bylaws, they don't let it go to greater than 40% in spring allocation. Also, 46% is not as arbitrary as 40%.
- xxvii. Halena Hadi- That's probably more of an error in the constitution. We should talk more about the logistics of that as being a minimum.
- xxviii. Mike Dugan- this will touch on special interest student union organizations although they are given a small piece of the pie. The FNB is given the authority in the 59% and the approval of the Senate, they can do what they want. You cant give clubs more than 40% in spring allocation. Special interest student union organizations couldn't.

- xxix. Christine Arcoleo- In the Spring, clubs can only receive 40%. In winter reallocation, they get 40% and maybe more.
- xxx. Jordan Isner- In regards to Halena's 2nd question about comparing the costs at Getroegton vs ND. It's not a perfect parallel as it's easier to bring someone to perform into DC vs ND. However, we should not worry about smaller details but more about the larger issue. In each semester, about 50 people apply to SAO for a new club and 5-10 are made into new clubs. Then they go through a 2-year phase with a \$300 limit. Clubs are being deactivated as well, but there are more clubs made.
- xxxi. Karen Kennedy- In the spring, we have fewer numbers of students applying. A certain number of clubs never actually fill out an application, we only pass out eligible applications to the CCC. That 50 number also includes post-bac clubs such as law clubs and graduate clubs which are separate.
- xxxii. Jack Rotolo- Out of curiosity, I know Georgetown has \$100,000 more available to them in general. Did anyone look to secure more funding at ND for organizations?
- xxxiii. Jordan Isner- Obviously club funding has been looked at for the past few years, and we have looked at expanding student activities fees, but the administration says no.
- xxxiv. Karen Kennedy- I looked up the number to clarify and we passed along 16 clubs and 12 were approved this year. The student activities fees have not been raised for years because we have the Shirt Foundation as well as ND Day. The

Shirt endowment has funds that support the Student Union, and we also have Notre Dame day to bring in funding for clubs and organizations. Because those have continued to grow, there has not been a discussion to have the amount increased.

xxxv. Jack Rotolo- Are the numbers from ND day included?

xxxvi. Karen Kennedy- No, that's separate. Note that the revenue generated is substantial.

xxxvii. DC Morris- It's a recurring issue that clubs need more money and this is a recurring debate. The question I have is why we haven't just said to clubs to raise more money on their own.

xxxviii. Jordan Isner- Actually, they fundraise a lot. We allocate \$350,000 and clubs fundraise almost a million dollars a year.

xxxix. DC Morris- It's not that every club fundraises equally. Also, some clubs get more money.

xl. Gabby Grant- When you factor in ND day money, does the discrepancy in the club funding differ greatly?

xli. Karen Kennedy- I can find that out.

xlii. Allan Njomo- You spoke about how a percent goes to the bookkeeper's salary. If we increase the allocation, does she get a raise?

xliii. Karen Kennedy- No, she doesn't get a raise. It's based on the University's annual increase.

- xliv. Spencer Kale- So 46% is the general increase, how does that show up for clubs individual funding?
- xlv. Jordan Isner- This increase is generally spread across all clubs, and going from 40-46 is a 15% increase for clubs.
- xlvi. Spencer Kale- Is it allocated evenly between all clubs?
- xlvi. Christine Arcoleo- No, it's proportional. Some groups get larger amounts of money.
- xlvi. Halena Hadi- How many clubs go to defunct and why some get turned away?
- xlix. Jordan Isner- If they are a club, they are eligible for funding. However, we require they raise 20% of what we give them.
- i. Karen Kennedy- I found from ND Day 2018 that the total amounts from clubs is \$345,000, but I don't have a breakdown from undergrad to postgrad.
- ii. Jackson Oxler- Does that include dorms?
- iii. Karen Kennedy- No. CCC votes on making clubs inactive to defunct and we set a requirement for clubs that they send someone to the training session. If they didn't, then they are deactivated as of 2019. We are trying to help clubs that need a little help to extend the deadline and help them get up and running. If they never respond, then they will be inactivated.
- liii. James Bathon- Can you clarify, you mentioned percentages are not arbitrary, how is the 46% not?

liv. Jordan Isner- When you take out 7% from student bookkeeper who works for clubs and student organizations, it's 46% to clubs and 46% to student organizations. We want an even split.

lv. Daniel Feldmeier- I would motion to end questioning and move to debate.

lvi. Emma Tamer- On the 2nd whereas, could you just say underfunded?

lvii. Jordan Isner- No, you could be equitably underfunded by the same proportion, but I'm saying clubs are inequitably underfunded even more than student organizations.

d. Debate-

- i. Jordan Isner - I think its important to be representative of the student body, and Senate is usually representative. By virtue that you are on the senate, you are probably on fewer clubs and are more involved in student gov so you have some bias. Keep that in mind. Also, I understand I'm biased to Clubs. Everyone else up here is biased toward student union organizations. We talk about the great dorm system and not taking money away from the dorms. Each of you found a community in your dorm, but that's not the case for every student. I know so many students find the communities in clubs at ND and I want to make sure every student feels welcome in some community. Lots of students who don't find community in dorms are not heterosexual and it's important that we are supporting students.
- ii. Quentin Colo- The problem is a \$77,000 surplus with student union organizations and they didn't spend that money. When discussing clubs

generally, think about Global Medical Brigade, Wishmakers who aim to make lives of children facing illnesses better, She's the First, and 20+ religious clubs. 7,800 students are in clubs and there's a good case of why clubs should get more money. The numbers speak for themselves. SUB gets 77%, all class councils 33.8%, and clubs get only 16% of their projected spending.

- iii. Karen Kennedy- This is when any submit a budget. The projected expenses are the denominator, but the top is what they are actually allocated. In this case, only 16% of projected spending is given to clubs and SUB got 83% of what asked for.
- iv. Sam Cannova- As Jordan shows off on the sheet, I am going to tell you what I am doing now in my PLS major. We read Descartes, so let's ask every fundamental question until we know everything for sure. Is the student union using money they are allocated? Let's test the foundation of our house, we may rebuild it the same or not. (referring to the document) The first page indicates what's in that 6%. All numbers are using the 2019 values of allocations. 6% is \$55,800, but what does that mean? Look to see all of the budgets. In the bottom, see all the other organizations that could fit in that box, FMB wouldn't do that, but this communicates the gravity of the situation. 6% is all of the class councils, the CCC, and others. The FMB, student organizations, then clubs. This process happens in the spring and winter. On the next page, class presidents and Jordan Isner sat down to talk about funding. In the club

funding process, we start with a proposal of anything we want and it is narrowed down from there.

- v. Jordan Isner- They write anything you want, but we take out anything you want such as a bouncy house.
- vi. Sam Cannova- Moving down, the breakeven total is fundraising, dues, ND Day.
- vii. Jordan Isner- Breakeven total is \$720,000. It is actually less than the breakeven total. But I will let Sam continue on his soapbox.
- viii. Sam Cannova- To give insight into student union organizations, this is the most comparable number. JCC pitched our petition, we took the money to apparel sales and JPW, and we broke it down to the breakeven total. Of the \$436,000 to allocate to them, they fulfilled \$690,000. Essentially, one take is to say we should go for the 16% but that's not something that takes into account club costs and income. FCC doesn't do requests. Clubs request fulfillment lands in the same as all student organizations, but we can still ask ourselves, how do they actually use the money? One of the best ways is a per-person basis. If we break down, the total allocation goes down to 54\$ per person. It's not as if every person goes to flick on the field or dances, but you have done things such as Snow Ball, Stress Relievers, Hall signature event, or read the NY times article which means you are getting your money back from the student union. We don't know how many active members there are of clubs. The CCC financially supports 150 to 200 clubs while the others are self-sufficient. We

will go with conservative estimates and say half get money from the CCC and their membership is distributed evenly. Only 4,000 students would be in a club that is getting money from the students. Half or less than half of clubs get funding from the CCC.

ix. Keegan McArdle- Can we speed it up or put a time limit to move to debate?

x. DC Morris - I think what sam is saying is important.

xi. Jackson Oxler- He is more prepared to talk about this than a lot of students in the room.

xii. Sam Cannova- Senate can be tedious at times. Half of all clubs getting CCC sums say the club population is distributed evenly, but there is reason to suspect that larger clubs are more self-sufficient. We are making the assumption that there aren't more than 4,000 students supported by the CCC.

xiii. Jordan Isner- We can ignore the 4,000. It is totaled to 8300 students, and on average in the clubs funded by CCC funds, you have more than one student per club. I think its closer to 8,000. It would have been nicer if you asked me, Sam.

xiv. When say active numbers, is that listing the members who paid dues.

xv. Jordan Isner- Clubs are required that at least 75% of their members pay dues.

xvi. Sam Cannova- We can see the breakdowns, but it still seems like a cloudy number. Some clubs may say its built off a listserve, but in this case, SIBC would be a kingdom. If there are just 1,000 students, then it would be \$370 per student, but what we are getting at here is that we should consider things by

students and how is money getting back to students. If just trying to give money back to the students, the Student Union is using every dollar as far as they can. As we flip to our next, you may ask yourself, we may not use all of the money. We could say halfway through to kick money over to clubs. This would give clubs funding and it isn't wasted. That's already in place. The CCC receives money to build up its contingency fund. The CCC gives money to them, for example, if an athletic club goes to nationals, they can apply to the CCC and go to the contingency fund. The contingency fund is there to pad clubs to help them with the extra money they may need. The \$77,000 is large and scary for many reasons. Class council and Senior Week numbers aren't accurate. In the class councils, the money rolls over so it is not wasted and it is used. These surpluses shrink down significantly.

- xvii. James Bathon- For class council, when they have a surplus, they roll over to save for their senior year. If there is money left over for seniors, the money is left to senior week.
- xviii. DC Morris- Is this taking into account the resolution from last semester about financial accountability where they will stay on track with their budget?
- xix. Keegan McArdle- So senior week runs a deficit?
- xx. Sam Cannova- Senior week is the week post-finals.
- xxi. Joe Witt- It's an extension under class council and its a week of events after finals. There are events such as commencement ball and last class trip to

the grotto. The tickets are expensive. Any money that SCC has at the end over \$1500 goes into Senior week.

- xxii. Jordan Isner- Half of these pages have wrong numbers on them, and it would have been helpful to work together Sam.
- xxiii. Sam Cannova- There is no way to peek through the CCC curtain, we don't know about allocation and between each division, etc. Moving 6% over is a rash move and it won't definitely help.
- xxiv. Jordan Isner- I think that this could be informative if I could say this is accurate. I am working with the Class Council reps and we have talked before. I have been transparent and they have not. The 6% may equal what the three branches get, but there are three branches that get most of the money and that's where a lot of the shift has come from. The denominator for club requests is already cut out for CCC. The reason that the club revenues are so high is that athletic clubs charge hundreds for dues, and it's ridiculous to pay \$500 for a club sport. The number of students in clubs is wrong. In terms of transparency, I asked for any questions on clubs and I got none when I presented. I am trying to be as transparent as possible and could have gotten more data from Sam. He wants to paint the CCC as a black box that has no transparency about funding. As another point, Sam went into philosophy, I want yes or no. Elizabeth, were you happy?
- xxv. Elizabeth- No
- xxvi. Jordan Isner- Eric, were you?

- xxvii. Eric Kim- We work with what we have.
- xxviii. John - I am happy.
- xxix. Jordan Isner- Clubs are never happy with what they are given. In a good compromise, both groups should go away slightly dissatisfied. Student union groups aren't crying when they are given out money. They want to give out doughnuts someday of the week, not every day. There is a lot of unspent money this year, and as you see there are big negatives that decrease the rollover balance. Now we can move into the debate.
- xxx. Keegan McArdle - If we vote now can we move it to next week?
- xxxi. Mike Dugan- JPW mentioned during Sam's speech, but I would like to say something now.
- xxxii. Kendrick Peterson- I have a vested interest, and I am sorry I have not responded to a lot of emails recently. A lot of the organizations that were brought up partner with many clubs and organizations. That's all I want to say, the budget isn't as cut as you are presenting it.

1. Resolution postponed

VI. New Business

- a. SS1920-11: A Resolution Addressing Concerns Regarding the First Year of Studies Academic Program

VII. Announcements

- a. ND Club Debate- Feb 9th at 6pm.
- b. SUB- Showing Joker this week for SUB.

- c. Student body presidential debate is at midfield commons on the 10th.
- d. ND Puerto Rico Fundraiser at Five Guys tomorrow.
- e. McGlenn Casino Night Friday
- f. The Day of Man
- g. SIBC meeting on Feb 10th

VIII. Adjournment