

- I. Opening Prayer, Elizabeth Hughes, *Flaberty Senator*
- II. Roll Call - If you were a plant, what plant would you be?
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Voted to postpone SO19-20-27, Moved to a closed discussion
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - a. The election is today, please vote!
 - b. Inclusive Campus Climate Survey, please take it and encourage others to take it.
- V. General Orders
 - a. A Presentation on New Campus Dining Meal Plans and Initiatives, Chris Abayasinghe, *Senior Director of Campus Dining*
 - i. Chris Abayasinghe- We are preparing for the coming fall. I want to walk through the logic for why we are doing what we are doing. Thank you for the kind words about the food. I am the Senior Director for Campus Dining from Sri Lanka. We began this journey 4 years ago, and talking through interactions with the Senate, we are wondering how students dine on campus? This journey has been transformative of what we are doing now in the dining program. We used to only have North and South as well as a few restaurants around campus, but the meal plans we have today were formulated in 1997. In 1997, we began to add restaurants around campus in response to increased programming during lunches. As such, we added Grab and Go and flex points. We heard common themes from the student advisory boards about enhancing the on-campus dining options. In campus dining, we also do your laundry. We

heard from the focus groups that flex points are a currency on campus. We also heard in our meal plans today that there are a lot of interactions in Grab and Go on Friday. Just in North alone on Friday, we had 3,400 transactions. We need to get the value of grab and go. There is a disconnect between buying RX bars for meals versus paying meal swipes. We also heard we want more flexible meal options. We sought to address the fact that flex points expire on a semester by semester basis. As a first-year, you have the unlimited option, the block 250 with 250 meals and 500 flex, and the 250 upgrade. With the green plan, you have flex points and Domer Dollars on that plan. For this plan, you have options for students to dine as they please and not create the issue of food insecurity. As you become a sophomore and junior, you can have the block 230 with 230 meals as well as a credit per semester, so we would credit that back to you. As a senior, you have those options or a block 180 plan with \$1000 flex or a block 150 with no meals and \$1,540 credit per semester.

- ii. Andrea Lebron- For the Green Plan, is that 282 per semester, what is it now?
- iii. Chris Abayasinghe- It is pretty close now.
- iv. Danny Feldmeier- Why do no other plans involve domer dollars?
- v. Chris Abayasinghe- With domer dollars, you can use them off-campus. How we designed the flex points is using the dollars in lieu of eating on campus. If we allowed this off-campus, we would have to adjust the on-campus meal pricing.
- vi. Keegan McArdle- How do guest swipes work?

- vii. Chris Abayasinghe- We want guest meals in the meal plans. This year, we don't want to restrict it. Using what we saw and heard from student feedback, we opened this up.
- viii. Megan O'Gorman- Can someone switch their plan mid-semester?
- ix. Chris Abayasinghe- We want to learn what we don't know. We would look at it by the semester by semester opt-in, looking at the first two weeks to change the plan if necessary.
- x. Keegan McArdle- What would happen if you change the plan mid-semester?
- xi. Chris Abayasinghe- We give you the first two weeks to change the plan, but you must keep it for the entire semester. You won't have the credit for the next semester, but it can roll over if you have additional flex.
- xii. Thomas Crooks - For block 250, how many meals does that include?
- xiii. Chris Abayasinghe- You get 260 as we are counting the breaks and orientation for freshmen.
- xiv. Jackson Oxler- Why are there not more plans for on-campus students?
- xv. Chris Abayasinghe- These are all on-campus meal plans. If you are a Senior, you get the option for the additional two meals. What I wanted to ensure is that we are open to changing what we don't know.
- xvi. DC Morris- Is there a discussion for on-campus students who are not on a meal plan? What is the university's stance on that? I think that GrubHub and UberEats have changed how people eat. People may prefer to work through restaurants on campus.

- xvii. Chris Abayasinghe- As I come into it from my role in campus dining, we want to learn from how students see and have access to food. There are institutions that transitioned into block plans and there were issues with those block plans. Speaking from the perspective of a dad, I think that it would be very hard to go a whole semester without eating and if you have to go somewhere to eat and I would be curious as to how you would eat.
- xviii. Spencer Kale- My constituents have voiced this question and people are wondering why the Dining Hall closes at 7:30?
- xix. Chris Abayasinghe- The students did not show up late at night. We made a data-driven decision. We are ensuring that we have restaurants open at that time.
- b. SO1920-27: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Empower Student Clubs
- i. Jordan Isner- I have to leave at 6:45 so I would like to motion to limit debate to 30 minutes and limit speaker time to 1 minute.
1. Motion passed.
- ii. Jordan Isner- As a reminder of where we left off, I encourage you to be as unbiased as possible. I am passing out a chart that shows the unspent money in the student organizations this year. The red bar shows freshmen, sophomore, and junior class council and the green is the senior class council. Taking money wouldn't corrupt these programs, and we can cut funding without sacrificing too much programming. This came from the numbers that Christine gave us.

- iii. Christine Arcoleo- I went back and went line by line through the documents to figure out what was wrong with the numbers. The new graph reflects the accurate values.
- iv. Keegan McArdle- What was inaccurate in the previous values?
- v. Christine Arcoleo- They put the ending of senior week instead of the balance so I had to change that.
- vi. Patrick- The blue bars are the correct surpluses.
- vii. Eric Kim- Clarification for the 2017-2018 year. That value listed was the \$36,236 surplus from the canceled concert and that was out of our control.
- viii. Henry Bergstrom- What happens to the money?
- ix. Christine- That goes into the Carry Forward account and then goes back into the endowment which then earns interest.
- x. Sam Cannova- Thank you, Christine. I met with Jordan two times for 3.5 hours and to ensure we are working with the accurate numbers. For two weeks we talked Descartes and now we are talking Euclid. It's interesting that geometry wasn't what he was big on, but rather he was focused on the method. He said, "Let no one who doesn't know geometry enter here." With every premise, he was able to claim something significant. Now, we should build a premise of moving \$60,000 dollars away from student unions and to clubs to see if this process applies. Last year, we shifted 3% from the student union to clubs. That's about \$30,000. We should take that out. Then, the middle bar shows the remaining for SUB. In the last three years, HPC has run over \$3,500

and \$3,600 but they said it's a problem with requesting the funds without knowing if they get the funds in the first place. If all the HPC funds were used up, then that amount would be used. Now, turning to the clubs that are actually in need. We learned that only 106 clubs out of 400 request money. About 52% of their projected expenses are filled out of their request. The CCC then breaks them down into realistic requests. Is that need more significant and dire than the student union when we compare the 67% to the 52%? What we see is that there is a need that is comparable to the student union but not as dire. So, where would the money go? We have heard of clubs that have fantastic missions, but we don't know where the additional funding would go. Given the historical data, 44% would go to athletic clubs but only 7% and 9% would go to clubs such as Health Brigades and College Mentors for kids or other minority or health groups. We are not totally sure this would reach all clubs.

- xi. Jordan Isner- Yes, you are taking out \$36,000 from SUB, but you are adding in \$20,000 wasted from student government. We should not ignore rollovers. You don't realize there are 400 clubs on campus because some aren't active. We need to keep funding active clubs. We are comparing apples to oranges. Student union organizations are funded at a higher amount than the clubs. There is a large discrepancy between 52% and 67%. As a survey showed, 97% of club leaders agree with this, and the club leaders also left comments.

- xii. Samuel Delmer- When I talk to my constituents, most of them don't know what student government does. Student gov doesn't use its money in a way to reach 8,000 people. Clubs do a lot better with the money they are given and we should allocate more to them.
- xiii. Sam Cannova- If you went to the Keenan Revue and read New York Times, then you are using the Student Union programs and funds. Also, we do not see clubs being strapped for cash when there is a quarter of a million dollar rollover.
- xiv. Jordan Isner- Responding to the statement that clubs having \$250,000 rolling over, clubs don't operate with rollover. Clubs fundraise at a higher percent and they don't zero out each year in order to become self-sufficient.
- xv. DC Morris- I think there is a notion that the clubs that get funding are the most active. Yet, the clubs such as SIBC and glee clubs don't get any funding. Also, the side that shows the 52% does nothing with their money, but our dorms are taking money for events that make a huge impact. So much of the money is going to small clubs instead of dorms which are at the heart of the community,
- xvi. Jordan Isner- I am the co-chair of HPC and we did have a surplus, but we try to put all of our money towards dorm events. We are requiring students to live on campus for 3 years and it doesn't make sense to take money from HPC which helps fund signature events.

- xvii. Eric Kim- How many people know we are showing Knives Out this weekend? How many know we planned over 70 events for the student body? Yes, we have a surplus, but, for example, 1,500 dollars is an overestimate and goes down to 500 for event security at events. How many people know we worked to bring Yusef Salaam to campus. We want a diverse source of events.
- xviii. Patrick Henry- To read a quote from a club leader, “Our club doesn’t get any funding from the CCC, and we plan our budget knowing we won’t get funding. If we give the CCC more funding, we don’t know where it will go. They will say our finances are secure and we can share them.”
- xix. Quentin Colo- The CCC keeps these numbers confidential. You would be bored within three seconds to see the finding allocations and audit them.
- xx. Linde- It’s important to take numbers from other fundraisers such as the Shirt and ND day. Student gov had 0 dollars from ND day. Yet, I have a friend from club lacrosse and they had so much money donated that they treated their players to a steak dinner. That’s not what student gov does with our money.
- xxi. Keegan McArdle- Club funding needs to stay confidential, and it is a huge conflict of interest if that’s released. I think we interact with people who share common interests, and the student government is not spending money.
- xxii. Luke Stringfellow- We don’t know the results of the 3% increase. Is it rash to double the increase if we don’t know the results from last year?
- xxiii. Christine Arcoleo- I’ve had the monthly meetings with student union organizations, and the advice I gave out is that you need to spend more money.

This is why I agree with Jordan. When we had winter reallocation for the student union, at first \$45,000 was budgeted for, and then when people realized there was an extra 25,000, they asked for more. When I saw that I got upset.

- xxiv. Meenu- I am in the Executive cabinet and I want to say a narrative. I was in the FedEx office and a group needed pamphlets for a show and could not pay for them. Kenzie and I combined our resources to help with the problem. I just want to make that comment.
- xxv. Spencer Kale- It's very important to think about why we are here. We are comfortable in our dorm communities. Clubs are an important outlet for students who don't fit into their dorm communities or for the people who feel that they don't have a spot on campus being from a lower SES. As such, people can join clubs and have a better experience on campus.
- xxvi. Jordan Isner- I put all the responses on the sheet. To Linde's point, yes that's bad about the lax team, but if we look in the past, student gov has spent money on formal and Patagonia jackets in the past. We are not trying to cut funding for dorms, but we are trying to cut waste.
- xxvii. Jack Rotolo- When moving the money, is it coming out of the hall government. I would love for people to talk about where the money is coming from and to get clarification to know Alumni won't be hit.
- xxviii. Jordan Isner- FNB decides where that money goes. Christine examines the financial health of the student orgs and she talks about financial health.

- xxix. Samuel Delmer- I don't want to cut funding from dorms, but funding from student gov that needs to be transferred. I would love to see more funding for hall govs and class council.
- xxx. Karen Kennedy- To clarify, the funding is not for the hall government, but the finding for HPC is for signature events. Also, to Jack's point, unless we have another resolution, we don't know how that is actually divided for clubs.
- xxxi. Megan O'Gorman- This is related to the beginning of the year with the bus problem on campus. I am wondering what happened to the bus that we talked about? There was not a lot of financial oversight.
- xxxii. Patrick- The deficit from the bus is not included, and that \$30,000 was subtracted from the surplus deficit. There is no mechanism from that happening.
- xxxiii. Jackson Oxler- Christine made a comment when student orgs had a lot of money and had to spend it, and I am in SCC and had a similar situation. When we got to the end of the semester, our leader said we need to spend money or else we will not get more money to spend. We ended up getting pies to give to people, but they have so much money that is not being spent in an opportune way.
- xxxiv. Daniel Feldmeier- I think the center of the debate is whether student union orgs spend money for students. I think the way to go about this is to know how much money is spent per student for each event. The FMB must

track how much money is being spent per student on larger projects and I think until that begins, we won't know what we are talking about.

xxxv. Quentin Colo- I wrote on this resolution, I think that SUB and Class council serve important jobs, but clubs are in a pinch and are given only 16% of expenses that they need. They are performing essential functions for orgs on campus.

xxxvi. Gabby Grant- We are going back and forth on this issue. Is there a way to take a more broad look and restructure it? A lot of us don't know how funding works and a vote for shifting 6% is very large. Is there a different approach instead of simply moving the money?

xxxvii. Jordan Isner - We know about how this works and we have collaborated about it.

xxxviii. Tiffany Rojas- Speaking to the point that halls are important, halls are a source of community. I think that funding for club sports is fair as students can find their outlet outside of academics. It shouldn't come to the point that student gov should have to give funds to print posters. The clubs should have those funds.

VI. New Business

- a. SS1920-10: A Resolution Encouraging the University to Participate in an Earth Day Teach-In
- b. SS1920-11: A Resolution Asking the University to Eliminate Single-Use Plastic

VII. Announcements

- a. McGlinn-Keough Teaching Mass - Thursday, Feb. 20th @8pm McGlinn Chapel
(Insomnia Cookies, Hot Chocolate, and Milk to follow)(Fr. Brogan and Sr. Mary)
- b. *Knives Out* - Thursday (7:30pm), Friday (7:30pm & 10:30pm), Saturday (7:30pm & 10:30pm), DeBart 101
- c. Department of Community Engagement and Outreach scavenger hunt for the SB
adventure guide

VIII. 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.