

- Opening Prayer, Erin Fennessy, *Walsh Senator*
- I. Roll Call - What's a piece of advice for your incoming Senator (the sappier the better)?
 - II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. SO1920-35: A Resolution to Ensure a Proper Student Union Transition Amid COVID-19 - Passed
 - b. SO1920-36 - A resolution to amend the Constitution regarding the position of the parliamentarian - Passed
 - III. Executive Announcements
 - a. An Update on the On/Off-Campus Differentiation Policy Conversation-
 - i. Patrick- Last week I mentioned that I invited Erin Hoffmann Harding to the meeting, and she actually talked to me today to share her thoughts. She was saying that given what is happening in the country and the world with COVID-19, the conversation is being put on hold. However, the conversation will start up again later under more normal conditions on campus. All the conversations we had at the last meeting will continue, and the feedback that was given will be taken into consideration. She wants to express her gratitude for our work and commitment and wants us to know that this is not going away. Rather, she wants to give a lot of time and consideration to this topic so that is why she feels she can't do that at this time.
 - b. We have the authority to hear SO1920-38 to couple with SO1920-32.
 - IV. General Orders

a. SS1920-12: A Resolution Addressing Concerns Regarding the First Year of Studies

Academic Program

- i. Read by Alix and written by members of FUEL writing about their first-year academic experience.
- ii. Patrick- Alix, I may start by asking how this came about?
- iii. Alix Basden- One of our goals was to write and pass a Senate resolution in FUEL this year. We brainstormed what parts of the first-year experience could be better worked through and what elements they feel could affect change through a Senate resolution. We want to urge the First Year of Studies to be more conscious about how stressful it is to come in as a First-Year taking the maximum credit hours allowed. We started with an idea of lowering the maximum credits allowed during their first semester. However, after discussion, we decided to move it to a discussion about communication for the first years.
- iv. James Bathon- I'm confused about exactly what they are asking for. It appears to be more peer advising programs and more connections with an advisor the summer before their first year. Also, I believe the resolution references the college of the First Year of Studies, but next year there is no First Year of Studies.
- v. Alix Basden- It doesn't reference the First Year of Studies, it's the first-year advising in general. The resolution is focused on working with the first-year

advising group, and the FUELers this year don't have the First Year of Studies at all.

- vi. Jim Broderick- One of the elements in the first-year advising was peer advising when we first came to ND. For example, I was matched with a student mentor, and we met for coffee one day and went over what I hoped to get out of my first year at ND and out of the next four years. The FUELers and I all through the program could be useful to hear feedback from students who were in their major and college and had experience. That program was not implemented this past year because the First Year of Studies was rebranding and decided to cut the peer advising component out. We are trying to figure out a way to reinstate that program and offer advice about how to reimplement that.
- vii. James Bathon- Were there issues with scheduling? I don't see what the resolution is asking for specifically. Is that a virtual meeting with an advisor before school begins?
- viii. Alix Basden- I believe it is increased transparency in the schedule making process.
- ix. James Bathon- Four years ago it was just filling out a form.
- x. Alix Basden- FUELers were confused about what classes they were placed into and they were very overwhelmed as some of them were in 19.5 credits during their first semester which is a critical transition time.

- xi. James Bathon- I will comment, they do a good job with students registering for courses. However, I think that you should have the opportunity to speak to your advisor before they submit the courses for you.
- xii. Alix Basden- They did a very good job, but I know our FUELers encountered difficulties.
- xiii. Sierra Stinson- I guess it was pretty confusing. The form we filled out had a specific category or type of class, but you didn't get to choose what class you wanted to be in. I think that is a great idea to offer greater advising.
1. Resolution passed
- b. SO1920-37: [An Order Regarding the 2019-2020 Hall of the Year Selection Process](#)
- i. Read by Thomas Davis
 - ii. Thomas Davis- Corrections in section 1.5 addresses the correction that the outgoing Senators are required to sit on the review board. Section I.6. and 1.7. state that the outgoing judicial council and directors of student life are responsible for that. There is also a small stipulation removed from section 5.
 - iii. James Bathon- How are the current Senators going to be a part of the process?
 - iv. Thomas Walsh- Similar to the original process, we need a group of 10 people to score the presentations, but now they will zoom over April 18th and 19th from 10 am to 7 pm eastern. We will send out a sheet similar to the sheet that was handed out for the presentations in-person. We will send out a zoom meeting invite to whoever wants to help create the presentations.

- v. Luke Stringfellow- What was the declared discretionary allotment and why are we not doing it?
- vi. Thomas Walsh- Actually, we are still doing it. It's 5% to allot to an important group or topic that is important for the halls to pursue each year. This year we chose GreenNDot and participation in hall events. We are going to scale it back based on the shortened year. We have not been able to grade each dorm's hall council, so we can't focus on that 5% grading for the dorms.
- vii. Andrea Lebron- So the dorms that couldn't do their event of the year wouldn't lose points?
- viii. Thomas Walsh- That's not a requirement for the dorms, but a lot of the dorms do have their event in the last few weeks. We are taking the number of events held versus the number of events they could have held into consideration. However, it will be scaled down significantly to be a fair adjustment for everyone. We think it's important in the growth of hall communities that they are acknowledged for GreenNDot and participation in events for their dorm.

1. Resolution Passed

- c. SO1920-38: A Resolution to Amend the Student Body Constitution to Accompany [SO1920-32](#)
- i. Read by Eric Kim
- ii. Thomas Davis- If you recall, at the end of February, we passed a similar resolution adding a His/Her designee for the Executive Director clause, but we

overlooked the rest of the group. Thus, now we have made those changes in this Resolution.

1. Resolution passed.

- d. 2020 Student Union Awards

- i. Irish Clover Award

1. Elizabeth Boyle - This should go to Patrick McGuire. He spends nights up to 2 to 3 am in the office ensuring that everything gets done and is extremely dedicated to the Student Union and Student Government at large. I would like to put in my vote for Patrick!
2. James Bathon- I would like to recognize Halena Hadi and Mrs. Kennedy. I hope to recognize how much Halena takes pride in her position. I also think that Patrick does an extremely great job.
3. Quentin Colo- I would like to nominate Elizabeth. She has fought for Title 9 and has done so much outstanding work as president!
4. Samuel Delmer- I hope to nominate Noelle Johnson for her outstanding work for Right to Life.
5. Keegan McArdle- So, we can nominate other people as well?
6. Thomas Davis - Yes, it is an open nomination process.
7. Keegan McArdle- I would like to throw Thomas Davis's name into the ring. He has done a fantastic job with serving as the Parliamentarian, and he literally texted me last week saying this is a constitutional crisis, you can't be the president to Dunne while being a Senator.

8. Luke Sheridan-Rabideau- Yes, he helps us with instruction for making meaningful changes in the Senate and we could not have done the work we did without him.
 - a. The nomination goes to Elizabeth Boyle and Patrick McGuire!
Congrats!!
- ii. O'Malley Undergraduate Teaching Award-
 1. Andrea Lebron- I want to add Bahram Moasser. He is an amazing professor and truly cares about his students' wellbeing. His class is very large, but he knows everyone's names. When this happened, he emailed everyone, including past students, to ensure we are safe and well. He is very conscientious and is aware of the resources we have at home.
 2. I hope to nominate Professor Forrest Spence. He is very caring in the way he teaches Econ, and when this quarantine came out, he reached out to the Seniors and gave us words of encouragement. He is willing to reach out to past students in this time of need.
 3. Eric Kim- I nominate Professor Jeffrey Spoonhower. He is an active videogame developer and is extremely dedicated to our class. I appreciate that while I have no technical skills, he allowed us to develop our own projects and was extremely supportive along the way. I learned more things in that class than any other class in Mendoza.

4. Jackson Oxler - I saw professor Steve Reifenberg on the list. He was an outstanding professor! He teaches international development studies. Every semester he has a huge dinner at his house and he has done work in Haiti and Chile. The great thing about him is that he tries to connect students with real-life experiences in development work.
5. Samuel Delmer- Someone who is an outstanding teacher inside and out of the classroom is Vincent Munoz. He was great at teaching the arch of US history and made the course very engaging. He has also led the Constitutional studies and Tokyo programs.
6. Sierra Stinson- Professor Katy Bugyis is different than any other professor I have ever had! She truly embodies the undergraduate student experience and ensures that there is a community in her classroom where everyone has a place. I admire her for all of her work that she does for her students. Also, right now, she is making sure that students all have financial stability and the resources they need at this time.
7. Erin Fennessy- I would like to nominate De-Anne Goodenough-Lashuna. She is the academic advisor for Biochemistry majors. Nine people went out of their way to say she deserves this award. She zoomed with me at 11 pm to discuss my registration and helped us to manage our demanding curriculum. When she zoomed,

her first question was “how are you and is everyone doing okay?” I am also adding Dr. Moasser because he truly cares about his students!

8. Jack Rotolo- I am nominating Professor Edward Hums. He is one of the nicest people on ND’s campus! I had him for accounting I last semester, and he made it so welcoming and easy to transition into Mendoza. I loved him so much that I took his course again. He gets students to become a part of the class and creates a community.
9. Thomas Davis- I want a speech for Vincent Munoz as well. His class was one of the classes that I got my worst grade in, but I learned the most about myself. I believe that shows the outstanding impact he had on my education and the impact on the institution as a whole. He truly embodies the mission of Notre Dame.
10. Luke Sheridan-Rabideau- Professor Rosato. When my professor was unable to continue teaching, she added an entire class load to ensure we are able to take the class and is very passionate.
11. Megan Brinkman- Professor Joshua Kaplan- He is an amazing professor who holds office hours all the time and is truly an outstanding guy.

iii. Palumbo Award

1. The recipient is Halena Hadi! Congratulations Halena!

e. Closing the 2019-2020 Student Senate Term

- i. Patrick- Thank you to everyone for your commitment to the Senate over the course of the year! I know this is going to be a great term to follow us. Don't hesitate if you are an incoming Senator to reach out for advice or support.

Thank you all, much love and stay awesome!!

- V. New Business
- VI. Announcements
- VII. 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.