

- I. Opening Prayer, Sarah Galbenski, *Student Body Vice President*
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Read by Sarah Galbenski, pending approval of Student Union Secretary
- III. Executive Announcements
 - a. Senators' (Virtual) Coffee Chats with Sarah! [Sign up here](#). Individual Zoom links will be sent before each chat.
 - b. [Creation of the ad hoc Department of National Engagement](#).
 - i. Read by Sarah Galbenski
 - ii. Senator Carsen Thompson has agreed to serve, so the Department has been formed.
- IV. Oaths of Office
 - a. Rachel Michelle Ingal, *Student Body President*
 - i. Administered by Judicial Council President Matthew Bisner
 - b. Sarah Grace Galbenski, *Student Body Vice President*
 - i. Administered by Judicial Council President Matthew Bisner
 - c. Senators
 - i. Administered by Chairwoman Sarah Galbenski
- V. Nominations
 - a. [Nomination for Chief of Staff](#). - Aaron Benavides
 - i. Read by President Rachel Ingal
 - ii. Questions:

1. Michael Dugan: Thank you for being mass chair for JPW, you were very helpful. I do have one question, you did resign as press secretary this past semester. What has changed that ensures you are prepared to serve this whole term?
2. Aaron Benavides: Thank you for that question. I did serve from the start of Elizabeth and Pat's term until October, but I resigned for reasons of personal health and wellbeing. When Sarah and Rachel offered me this opportunity, I made sure to give it a lot of thought and consideration about spending my senior year in this position. I am confident in my ability to serve in this position.
 - iii. Nomination approved and confirmed
- b. [Nomination for Student Union Secretary](#). - Katherine Relick
 - i. Read by Sarah Galbenski
 - ii. Nomination approved and confirmed
- c. [Nomination for Executive Controller](#). -Ameena Jovonovich
 - i. Read by Rachel Ingal
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Michael Dugan- One of the responsibilities that you would have is overseeing the executive spending, how do you plan to approach this?
 2. Ameena Jovonovich- I think the most important thing is just staying transparent in the process. I think the best thing to do is to look back at the history of department spending to ensure we are not allocating too

much or too little. With Sarah and Rachel's platform, I think the most important thing is remaining transparent and student-focused.

3. Michael Dugan: Just to quickly follow up with the transparency, would you commit to publishing the spending so that students can more easily stumble upon the information? This way students could be more aware of where their money is going and increase that level of transparency.
4. Aameena Jovonovich: Yes, I would most certainly make an effort to do this given it is desired by the student body.

iii. Nomination approved and confirmed

d. [Nominations for Executive Cabinet Department Directors.](#)

i. Director of Academic Affairs nomination of Lauryn Pugh read by Sarah Galbenski

1. Nomination approved and confirmed

ii. Director of Athletics nomination of Jack Stump read by Rachel Ingal

1. Nomination approved and confirmed

iii. Director of Campus Technology nomination of Michael Prieto read by Sarah Galbenski

1. Questions:

a. Sam Cannova: Did your bookstore basketball team win?

b. Mike Pietro : Oh actually I was not a player in bookstore basketball, I helped organize it in the past. I was going to play

this year, but it got cancelled. So, I guess we did not lose, but did not win.

2. Nomination approved and confirmed

iv. Press Secretary and Director of Communications nomination of Chris Russo read by Rachel Ingal

1. Nomination approved and confirmed

v. Director of Community Engagement and Outreach nomination of Tommy Han read by Sarah Galbenski

1. Questions:

a. Michael Dugan: You mentioned in high level terms what you would do. Is there a certain program within the South Bend community that you would like to be seen done, and if so could you describe what this would be?

b. Tommy Han: I would like to see some sort of engagement with the public school system. I spent 12 years in the public school system, and I think fostering this engagement would be extremely beneficial on both ends.

2. Nomination approved and confirmed

vi. Director of Diversity and Inclusion nomination of Kaya Lawrence read by Rachel Ingal

1. Questions:

- a. Sam Cannova: I know we have had the chance to get to know each other on hall council, and I have seen how amazing and dedicated you are. Given that these are qualities of roller derby players, what would be your name on a roller derby team if you were to join one tomorrow?
 - b. Kaya Lawrence: That might be the hardest question to ask tonight: “A bad girl with the need for speed”.
2. Nomination approved and confirmed
- vii. Director of Faith and Service nomination of Sabrina Curran read by Sarah Galbenski
 1. Nomination approved and confirmed
- viii. Director of Gender Relations nomination of Meredith Wilson read by Rachel Ingal
 1. Questions:
 - a. Michael Dugan: I sent these letters out to my constituents before this meeting. The letter that was written does not describe anything regarding initiatives towards sexual violence. Do you have any experience with or ideas for bringing attention to sexual violence?
 - b. Meredith Wilson: Yes, definitely that is a very important issue to me. One plan in motion is for all welcome weekend

- ambassadors and captains to be Greendot trained because I believe strongly about the responsibility of bystanders.
- c. Michael Dugan: I know that Rachel and Sarah had campaigned on an exchange program with local hospitals. Do you have plans to get a sexual assault nurse on campus if it is feasible?
 - d. Meredith Wilson: Absolutely, I think it is feasible. I plan to work with the Department of health and wellbeing to establish a system for eventually having these resources available on campus.
 - e. Michael Dugan: How do you go about improving on campus resources for victims of sexual violence and assault?
 - f. Meredith Wilson: Just publishing the resources that already exist for survivors. For one thing, having these published around dorms as well as making students aware of the reporting process so they know of their resources and how non-confidential and confidential resources work.
 - g. Sam Cannova: I have it on good authority that our recently nominated president Rachel Ingal said “Girls go to college to get more knowledge, boys go to Jupiter to get more stupider”. How do you plan to address this gender divide?

- h. Meredith Wilson: I think one thing will be fostering a closer and healthier relationship between men and women and all genders of the community. One way I want to do this is by having a balanced spread of genders on the department to have all voices be heard.
- i. Anisha Jaipuria: In Moreau we were going through the inclusion survey. One thing we saw was that the transgender and non-binary people generally do not feel welcome, so how do you plan to address this?
- j. Meredith Wilson: I would love to match them up with a rector who matches up with their gender identity, so that they feel that they have resources and a mentor to help them make connections. This would make them feel more welcome on campus.
- k. Matthew Bisner: So besides being Judicial Council President, I will also be president of PrismND. You said you would be matching students up with rectors identifying with their gender identity. How do you plan to do this given the dorm system and culture are a part of the binary system?
- l. Meredith Wilson: Sorry I misspoke, I meant pairing up transgender students with rectors that match the gender they identify with. I think it is so flawed that we do have that binary

here at Notre Dame that restricts people on what they feel like they can be or where, and I think this is definitely a topic that needs to be addressed.

- m. Michael Dugan: I know the GRC has at least started brainstorming for programs regarding hookup culture. Is this something you want to approach or combat?
 - n. Meredith Wilson: One of the first steps is starting a conversation about it. I would love to open some panel discussions to see how we can better create programming and culture change for how gender relations and hookup culture are a part of ND's campus. Student input and their dialogue are important.
2. Debate:
- a. Benjamin Erhardt: I have great confidence in her passion, especially in terms of sexual assault. The connections she made through our participation in FUEL I think will definitely help her achieve the difference programs she mentioned.
 - b. Michael Dugan: When I sent the letters, one of my constituents was concerned sexual assault was being moved out of the gender relations department. Is your involvement with sexual violence going to remain within gender relations or be more of student empowerment?

- c. Sarah Galbenski: No, it will definitely continue to remain focused within gender relations. I apologize if that was not clear from the letter.

3. Nomination approved and confirmed

ix. Department of Health and Wellbeing nomination of Grace Dean read by

Sarah Galbenski

1. Questions:

- a. Sam Cannova: Grace, do you believe in love?
- b. Grace Dean: Sam, there is nothing I believe in more than love.
- c. Sam Cannova: Second, you seem like a lovely person. Do you dislike or like letting people down?
- d. Grace Dean: I dislike letting people down.
- e. Sam Cannova: Given how beautiful you are, you clearly will eventually be the bachelorette. You will obviously accept this because you believe in true love, so how do you plan to balance this with your dislike of disappointing people?
- f. Grace Dean: I think this is more of a question for Chris Harrison, but I think I am going to need to consult Hannah Brown.
- g. Michael Dugan: There is an interim director of St. Liam's currently. Given this leadership change, how do you plan to maintain or foster the relationships you have made?

- h. Grace Dean: There are a lot of changes happening in St. Liam's and especially the UCC. I do not see this as a problem but an opportunity to get new perspectives from new leadership and to continue to work on what we have already started.
- i. Michael Dugan: Sarah, if i may have a quick follow up. So, for survivors of sexual violence there are three confidential resources. Regarding sexual violence, a large reason of why students have chosen not to report were because they were unaware of how to do so or they were scared. How do you improve access to these confidential resources? Do you see any way student government could leverage any structural change?
- j. Grace Dean: I think you are hinting at information disparity between those resources and the students. I would love to work with Meredith and Chris on this by pushing out more accessible resources to students in a way that is more transparent than you may find on the direct websites.
- k. Madison Nemeth: I know this past year the UCC was backed up. Do you have any plans on how to work with the UCC to fix this or to have the care consultants take on a bigger role?
- l. Grace Dean: This is a conversation I have been having with the UCC for over a year. They now have more drop in hours, so we are currently seeing how this plays out. I am also working

with administration to get more UCC counselors. I feel like there can never be too many resources to make available to students.

m. Michael Dugan: There was a changed model for the UCC that Grace described. There is a crisis line, but it is only a warm line at hours students are most likely to need it. So how do you approach this?

n. Grace Dean: The UCC does have a 24 hour crisis line, I can point you towards it. A problem we are going to face coming up with the next semester will be the unpredictable times that students are facing, so I do want to work towards having a more flexible schedule for the UCC. I think we can definitely do better at getting more off-campus resources on board.

2. Nomination approved and confirmed

x. Director of Social Concerns nomination of Abu Mian read by Rachel Ingal

1. Nomination approved and confirmed

xi. Director of Student Empowerment nomination of Meilin Scanish read by Sarah Galbenski

1. Debate:

a. Michael Dugan: How do you see student government as effectively implementing club engagement and outreach?

- b. Rachel Ingal: Outreach to clubs and that student government is making sure all clubs feel empowered is very important. One of her responsibilities will be making sure that all clubs feel connected and provided for, so that we will really be able to have a greater presence on campus.

2. Nomination approved and confirmed

xii. Co-Director of Student Life nomination of Ian Baker read by Rachel Ingal

1. Questions

- a. Sam Cannova: Ian, is it true that your name is Ian Baker?
- b. Ian Baker: Yes, that is correct.
- c. Sam Cannova: So it would be correct to say you are a Baker?
- d. Ian Baker: Yes, I am a Baker.
- e. Sam Cannova: Will you provide breads to the Student Union?
- f. Ian Baker: I can assure you any programs of the student life will have “the food stuffs”

2. Nomination approved and confirmed

xiii. Swearing in of Dan Baudendistel into the Senate due to late arrival from time-change discrepancies.

xiv. Co-director of Student Life nomination of Izzy Edgar read by Sarah Galbenski

1. Questions:



- a. Sam Cannova: Izzy rhymes with Dizzy Gillespie, a famous jazz trumpet player. How many songs will you play for us to maintain this legacy?
- b. Izzy: I do not know how to play the trumpet, but I did briefly play piano in a jazz band at my school. So, if anyone is interested, I would love to play some keys.

2. Nomination approved and confirmed

xv. Director of Sustainability nomination of Dana Plagenz read by Rachel Ingal

1. Questions:

- a. Patrick Lee: Dana, I have known you for a while and your passion of sustainability has shown through. Do you have a favorite succulent, I just wanted to get some guidance from the top?
- b. Dana Plagenz: I do not know the plant names for my succulents, but I have given them names. My favorite succulent is named Timmy Turner and he is very poky, and you can come see him next year if you want to.
- c. Sam Cannova: As some of you might know, there are succulents in the student government office. We have all devoted love and time to them. With the Covid-19 outbreak, do you think they will be okay on their own?

- d. Dana Plagenz: No, probably not because succulents need to be watered every couple of weeks. But there are lots of places around South Bend you can get succulents, so we will get you new ones next year.
2. Nomination approved and confirmed
- xvi. Director of University Policy nomination of Abby Wolfe read by Sarah Galbenski
 1. Questions:
 - a. Michael Dugan: What are your top three priorities for your department?
 - b. Abby Wolfe: I am really looking to move forward in making changes important to the student body and making sure that the student body is aware of different policies. The recent non-discriminatory and non-harassment clause are really important, and I want to make sure this change is getting appropriate awareness and transparency with the student body. I also want to bring awareness to the students about the policies as issues and new policies arise, especially with the presidential election coming up. Bringing attention to parietal amnesty is also important to keeping students safer and more comfortable on campus.
 2. Nomination approved and confirmed.

xvii. Co-Director of FUEL nomination of Kevin Gallagher read by Rachel Ingal

1. Questions:

- a. Sam Cannova: There is another rising senior named Kevin Gallagher. Why have you not attempted a Freaky Friday switch yet, but if you were too what would you do?
- b. Kevin Gallagher: When I heard there was another person with the same name, I tried to find him. I think we met at a food truck during welcome weekend. I would go sail because he is on the sailing team, but I have no talent.
- c. Michael Dugan: Both nominated co-directors for FUEL are rising seniors, but historically it has been someone who was a freshman in FUEL the previous year. Given lack of experience with what the current cohort has been involved in and changed, how do you plan to be prepared?
- d. Kevin Gallagher: Fritz and I were in FUEL together and it was a very meaningful experience for both of us. We have a lot of great plans for this upcoming year. One of our plans is more outreach to diverse groups because FUEL has been primarily made up of white students in the past. We want to develop policy and programming with the FUEL cohort that align with Rachel's and Sarah's platform. We also plan to establish a

strong mentorship program with members of the student union.

2. Nomination approved and confirmed.

xviii. Co-Director of FUEL nomination of Fritz Schemel read by Sarah Galbenski

1. Questions:

a. Sam Cannova: Do you have a tape measure in your house?

b. Fritz Schemel: I do not, and I don't like where this question is going.

c. Sam Cannova: Are you taller or is your wingspan wider?

d. Fritz Schemel: I am not sure, but we will measure next year.

e. Michael Dugan: It is important for co-leaders to have a complimentary skill-set. How do you compliment Kevin's skills?

f. Fritz Schemel: We do know each other well and have served together in the past. We know we are on the same page with our plans. Kevin is really excited about club engagement, while I am more excited about mentorship programming. These are both valuable to us, so together we will carry out this collective vision even though we are seniors and have different experiences.

2. Nomination approved and confirmed.

xix. Director of National Engagement nomination of Riya Shah read by
Rachel Ingal

1. Questions:

- a. Michael Dugan: Everyone has their own political beliefs. With the upcoming debate on campus, there will be a presence of the republican party and democratic party. What do you think your role is in either moderating the contrasting opinions?
- b. Riya Shah: Voter mobilization is very important to me. No matter who you are voting for, it is your right to vote and something you should do.

2. Nomination approved and confirmed

e. Nomination of an Acting Parliamentarian for the Student Senate

i. Matthew Bisner nominates Thomas Davis to be Acting Parliamentarian given the Covid-19 pandemic delaying Parliamentarian application release.

ii. Debate:

1. Noelle Dana: Do we have a specific date of when he would serve until?
2. Matthew Bisner: The applications will be available and due within a few days, so my guess would be for the next two weeks.

VI. New Business- moved to next week April 15

- a. A Resolution Bestowing Emeritus Status on Elizabeth Anne Boyle.
- b. A Resolution Bestowing Emeritus Status on Patrick Reilly McGuire.
- c. A Resolution Bestowing Emeritus Status on Linde Ann Hoffman.



- d. A Resolution Bestowing Emeritus Status on Halena Alexandra Hadi.
 - e. Nominations for Assistant Student Union Treasurers.
 - f. A Presentation by Ricardo Pozas Garza, President of Club Coordination Council, on the status of club funding at Notre Dame.
 - g. A Presentation by the Acting Parliamentarian for the Student Senate on resolutions and amendments.
- VII. Announcements
- a. Sam Cannova: Senior class council will be having zoom trivia some time next week. It will be about popular, binge-worthy Netflix TV shows.
 - b. Matthew Bisner: Applications for Judicial Council Officer position is open and on the Judicial Council Website. Please consider and share with your constituents to help us get some awesome candidates for next year.
- VIII. Adjournment