



- I. Opening Prayer, Katherine Relick, *Student Union Secretary*
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Discussion of Senate Protocols for the fall semester was established. President of the Student Body Rachel delivered a call to responsibility as student leaders. Michael Dugan was chosen to serve on the Campus Life Council. Michael Murakami, Madison Nemeth, and Ricardo Pozas Garza were chosen to serve on the Committee on the Constitution. An order to suspend vacancy elections in Alumni Hall was passed. Resolution to call for Notre Dame to commit to surveillance testing within the Notre Dame community was passed. Resolution expressing the Student Senate's support for former Mayor Pete Buttigieg's appointment to faculty was passed.
  - B. Minutes approved

IV. Executive Announcements

- A. A Call to Action for Student Leaders
- B. Update on the First Year Leadership Showcase, Kevin Gallagher and Fritz Schemel, *Co-Directors of FUEL*
  - 1. Application just opened, so we are trying to get the word out
  - 2. Showcase will now be on zoom, explaining how first years can get involved in student government
  - 3. Advertising within the dorms and hall council
  - 4. Email being sent to all first years in the scholars program
  - 5. Feel free to shoot them an email if you have any questions or ideas!



V. Oath of Office, Daniel Schermerhorn, *Baumer Hall Senator*

VI. General Orders

- A. Motion to cap meeting time at 90 minutes is passed.
- B. Motion to cap individual speaking time at two minutes per turn is passed.

1. Debate:

- a) Michael Dugan: While we have already capped the meeting time to ninety minutes, I do not think it is necessary to cap speaking time. I do not even foresee this meeting lasting more than forty minutes.

2. Motion passes after vote.

- a) Sarah Galbenski: However, if there is more that you would like to say, you can most certainly ask for an extension. It is more for cohesion and flow of our meeting.

C. [SS2021-13: A Resolution Calling for the University of Notre Dame du Lac to Regularly Publish COVID-19 Modeling for the Fall Semester 2020](#) - read by Michael Dugan

1. Questions:

- a) Patrick Lee: Mike, did you want to see this be done for a particular reason or just out of personal curiosity?
- b) Michael Dugan: There are two reasons: one of which is transparency, the other is students have the right to know the risk. As a private University, there is no way for us to know this without Notre Dame choosing to share this on their own.

- c) Benjamin Erhardt: What would you say about a friendly amendment for Notre Dame to add some of these statistics to the dashboard rather than sharing models? I have heard from a lot of students that the dashboard shares a lot of information, but there is still a lot not known.
- d) Michael Dugan: I completely agree, and I would be one hundred percent for it, as long as my cosponsor Ricardo signs off on it. Is there any particular way you would like to phrase it?
- e) Benjamin Erhardt: I do not have an exact process, but I did look at UNC Chapel Hill's dashboard the other day and for one thing it showed how many cases and how many active cases to show how many are recovered. I think this would be good to know for the student body, as well as for outsiders who are not as aware of the environment on campus.
- f) Grace Franco: I have not looked at what Cornell released, but are you asking to see the cap of cases Notre Dame can have before being sent home? I am afraid if you release a cap of how much Notre Dame is willing to allow that it might result in students becoming more lax. I really like Ben's idea to just add statistics to the dashboard.
- g) Michael Dugan: I do not think Notre Dame has a set cap, they seem to be pretty flexible. They have already made clear that cost is not a

barrier. They started out with isolation beds in Fischer grad housing, ran out of those and moved into the Foundry, and are now moving on into the Embassy Suites and Morris Inn.

(1) Further explains the [Cornell modelling information](#) published, which weighs scenarios of in what case it would be better to have students back or not.

h) Elaine Teeters: I have a question for Rachel, Sarah, and Aaron about the meeting they were at this morning. I was not sure if they mentioned anything about being more transparent and changing the dashboard?

i) Michael Dugan: I yield my time to Sarah Galbenski.  
j) Sarah Galbenski: This morning, EHH discussed adding a slide bar to show the clusters and the first, second, and third waves within these clusters. In this way, students could have more information and be able to see the data first hand about how decisions on campus can directly affect major health outcomes.

k) Grace Stephenson: Are there concerns about student hysteria in relation to internal plans? I am completely in favor of informational transparency relating to data that could be publicly released on a dashboard but are there concerns with making other internal decision making information publicly available?

l) Michael Dugan: I think I think the University has been doing a lot of messaging about situations that are unclear. I know a lot of people have gotten covid from off campus parties, but I know of people who genuinely have no close contact linking to how they got the virus.

m) Maggie Allen: I really like the idea of Ben's friendly amendment. Another thing I would like to see is how many students are quarantined, seeing as the number of cases is not the same as those being isolated.

n) Isabella Garcia: Do you know if there is any approval or special protocols we have to follow to avoid any HIPPA violations in adding more data to the dashboard?

o) Anisha Jaipuria: Some of my constituents were worried about dorm statistics, so would it be possible to provide on some platform information about dorm infections?

p) Michael Dugan: I am not an expert, but it is information that UNC had released. As a result, I do not see it being a problem.

q) Motion to end questioning and move into debate passes

2. Debate

a) Michael Murakami: Now that we have added these friendly amendments, I am very in support of this resolution, especially the addition of dorm statistics.

- b) Benjamin Erhardt: I want to justify why I think this is a good idea. I am very glad to see the support of you all in adding statistics to the dashboard. With so many universities going online, Notre Dame is facing a lot of public scrutiny. A lot of outsiders are calling for Notre Dame to close, so adding this information could paint a better picture of the current situation. We as students are ready to commit to flattening the curve, but we just need outsiders to see this. Father Jenkins providing us with a two week deadline to turn things around really snapped those of us who were not taking this seriously out of it, so I think having extra information would really be encouraging to students.
- c) Elaine Teeters: I completely agree with Ben, and I have heard a lot of questions going around about how many people are in quarantine and other things we have discussed. Especially in the dorms, it would be good to know if your dorm is having a spike and to be more careful.
- d) Natalie Ortega: Are there any HIPAA concerns with posting dorm statistics since it might be easier to decipher people's identities?
- e) Karen Kennedy: I am not aware of this exactly, but you guys posing this recommendation is not a problem at all. It still shows the students concerns and interests, and the University can most certainly explain to you all if there is a problem legally.

- f) Elaine Teeters: I have a similar thought, but there are a couple people being quarantined in my dorm. They have signs all over their door, so numbers being posted would likely not be a problem.
- g) Michael Dugan: I have had similar encounters in Dillon, making it very clear who and what it is about. It does not seem to me that posting numbers would be of concern. I would like to make a motion for these friendly amendments.
  - (1) Ricardo Pozas Garza: Is there anyone lacking the ability to see the document and the friendly amendments?
  - (2) Matthew Bisner: Can you put the link to the document in the chat?
  - (3) Friendly Amendments pass
- h) Resolution passes!

VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment