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- I. Opening Prayer, Maggie Allen, *Flaberty Hall Senator*
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. We were given an overview of the Race Relations Week events; were updated on the Title IX Committee, which is supposed to have the final guidelines formulated by November 20th; were updated on the discussion with Father Jenkins and the Provost in the Student Advisory Group for Campus Reopening, with topics including Father Jenkins addressing the student body on his actions as well as the need for some sort of break during the semester. The Campus Life Council met for the first time, with topics mainly centering around mental health, the need for a break, and student actions on campus.
 - B. Minutes passed.
 - IV. Executive Announcements
 - A. Title IX Procedures and Policies Update
 1. The final decision on how Notre Dame's Title IX Procedures and Policies will be changed will be finalized by the end of the Fall semester.
 2. If you have any questions or thoughts, Sarah would be happy to raise these to the board as the final touches are made.
 - A. [Senate Apparel Update](#)
 1. Fill your size out so that Sarah can get the different designs quoted for us to choose from!
 2. Do not let price be a concern, for the sweatshirts are included in the Senate budget

V. General Orders

A. Presentation by Chris Abayasinghe, Senior Director of Campus Dining and Auxiliary Programs; Cheryl Bauer, Director of Sourcing and Sustainability; and Luis

Alberganti, Director of Residential Dining

1. A focus on personal servings, rather than pre-packaged servings.
Improvement of the desert experience
2. Continued focus on plant-based foods
3. Rolled out silverware through the residence halls, but if there is a better way you feel going forward with new initiatives that would allow the student body to be hit more efficiently. The vegan line has really expanded in options, and it has been a huge hit. Next month is Vegan Month in the US, so there may be an associated program with this. We are looking to have extra self serve amenities possibly next semester, such as cereal.
4. Campus Dining has been trying to pair the dining experience and events with the season and holidays occurring, as was done with the Harvest Fest. With Halloween coming up, there will be a special Halloween Spooktacular dining experience.
5. The last late night football game, there was late night breakfast offered, which seemed to be a huge success. We are continuing to think of ways we can improve and create exciting dining experiences.
 - a) Many head nods and thumbs up offered in response to this.
6. Questions and Comments:
 - a) Neils Casperson: Last time were you here, you guys discussed a new type of plastic container. Where are you guys at with that?

- b) Cheryl Bauer: Thanks for reminding me of that, they should start rolling out to the dining hall facilities in just a couple weeks.
- c) Michael Murakami: How have Indiana regulations changed that would affect self-serve food?
- d) Cheryl Bauer: I have located dispensers that are no touch that would allow us to do that. I am now looking into the possibility of us acquiring those.
- e) Ricardo Pozas Garza: For me and my social circle, we had a very positive experience with Harvest Fest. It was not only the food, but the perspective of having something fresh and new to break up the autonomy was incredible. Thank you so much for your work this semester.
- f) Neils Casperson: I was wondering what was preventing the return of wing night, I have some constituents concerned about that?
- g) Luis Alberganti: The wing market has been extremely unstable at best. We have not really gotten to a spot where the price and quantity in the market are right for us, but this will certainly be something we work on making happen. We could all use the return of wing night!
- h) Alec Breiler: Any chance lime cilantro or chipotle ranch will return for Southwest Salad?
- i) Luis Albergatini: Yes, that is a possibility. We shall work on this.
- j) Neils Casperson: I noticed the name of the tomato soup changed from last year to this year, and I do not know if they are different, but I was wondering if there was a change in recipe.

- k) Cheryl Bauer: Yes, there was a change in recipe. We previously teamed up with a vendor that was not able to produce everything we wanted at the time we needed it due to Covid and market instability. Because of this, we had to mix up vendors and use a different soup recipe. We hope for the market to stabilize soon and get back to our preferred vendors.
- l) Lainey Teeters: I think it would be nice if the menu days were switched around, so that different meals were offered different days of the week rather than the same day of the week. This is because people tend to go to the dining halls the same times each week so they are having the same foods each week.
- m) Cheryl Bauer: Would mixing around lunch and dinner help with this you mean?
- n) Chris Abayasinghe: Yes, I believe so. That is an interesting point. We are beginning to work on the scheduled menu for next semester, and will consider this.
- o) Michael Murakami: Is there a way you could make the nutrition and allergen warnings on deserts more clear and better labeled? I am allergic to nuts, but none of the deserts ever really say what is in them, so having the ingredients available would really help with peace of mind, particularly for those with more severe allergies.
- p) Luis Albergatini: How severe is your allergy? The bakery facility the deserts are prepared in has exposure to nuts, so if it is a severe allergy I would definitely steer away from these deserts.



- q) Michael Murakami: It certainly is not severe, I just have to be careful.
- r) Cheryl Bauer: Also, there is the new “Nutrition” function on Campus Dining’s website. This displays ingredients lists and allergens.
- s) Mairead Pfaff: I have been having very positive experiences with Thursday Night Hot Chocolate!! It is a nice, hot cup full of delicious cocoa! The line also does not take too long, and the atmosphere is great.
- t) Karen Kennedy: SAO has really involved the partnership with campus dining. It has been a great way to connect programming with related foods to make it more festive and fun. Harvest Fest and the upcoming Spooktacular have been great and lots of fun, so we are greatly appreciative of this partnership.
- u) Thomas Davis: At the beginning of the semester, we received 200 extra flex points. Will this be the same next semester, or should I be rationing those?
- v) Chris Abayasinghe: The flex points will roll over, but I can neither confirm nor deny whether 200 additional flex points will also be provided next semester.
- w) Sarah Galbenski: A huge thank you to Campus Dining for being here with us tonight and for their commitment to providing nutritious meals while accommodating students’ needs and desires. They also brought chili, which is so kind and so delicious!

B. [CCC Presidential Presentation, Ricardo Pozas Garza, Club Coordination Council](#)

[President](#)



1. Discussion on the status of club funding, current methods of club funding, and challenges presented to clubs due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
2. 40% of the Student Union Budget is distributed to clubs. All guidelines about club funding and how allocation works is linked to the CCC website for easy access to clubs.
3. The CCC Spring allocation process starts with Spring Allocation Meetings, held with every club interested to explain the process and timeline to them. Clubs then submit their budget sheets including all of their financial records to the CCC, and they will then meet with their division reps to correct and finalize their budget sheets. CCC division reps compare their budget sheets to those of other divisions, and CCC Exec looks over all of the sheets. Internal SAMs then occur in which all of the final allocation decisions take place. The final allocation decisions are forwarded to FMB for approval.
4. Requests for Student Union club funding are high compared to available resources (\$2.4M vs. \$371K), so only a fraction of what is requested can be provided. Most clubs are receiving a smaller amount of money, with very few clubs receiving more than they requested. The CCC voted to use a ceiling of \$18,000 for any individual club to have a set framework of what request is too much. \$2.4M was the initial ask, but it was a \$660k ask after primary cutting by the divisions, and then \$361K ask after the second cutting by the internal SAM.
5. There are other ways clubs can gain access to additional funding if they present a need. Clubs cannot apply directly to the recently passed Covid-19 Response Financial Account, but they can send a request through us to gain

- access to some of the funds in this emergency account. There are also Student Government Grants available for clubs to apply to for up to \$1000.
6. We do not have a great idea or solidified data on how Covid-19 has impacted clubs since we are still in the midst of this first semester. Club activities and programming is down this semester, but the virtual club fair and club recruitment have actually been very successful, so thank you to SAO for helping make that happen. There are no restrictions for clubs as described in SAO's Fall Programming Guide. These restrictions are mainly affecting service clubs that engage in the community typically as well as athletic clubs that involve physical activity and/ or off campus travel.
 7. Spring 2021 clubs will likely have very similar restrictions to those this semester. There has been a rise in collaboration between clubs, particularly College Dems, College Republicans, and BridgeND, that we hope to see continue and grow into the next semester. Winter reallocation will likely look a little different this year, but I would defer any questions about this to FMB.
 8. The C6 initiative is the CCC Committee on Club Consulting that identifies opportunities for club mentorship and collaboration. Notre Dame Disabilities Club Forum is coming up, which is the first major project of this initiative. It helps to promote community building and programming within clubs.
 9. Questions and Comments:
 - a) Benjamin Erhardt: Thank you--wow! Will the Student Union Treasurer be able to provide us with a more detailed budget of how the Student Union Budget was broken down and allocated.

- b) Ricardo Pozas Garza: The CCC is not allowed to disclose the individual breakdown by clubs, but can provide aggregate information. If Grace wants to chime in, she can speak more on behalf of FMB.
- c) Grace Stephenson: I can. If you want to email me at my school email or fmf@nd.edu, I can send you a more detailed breakdown of the allocation process. Again, you will not be able to see how each group used their funds, but you will get a more comprehensive aggregate view.
- d) Lainey Teeters: Is there a reason clubs collect dues even if they do not know what they would use that money for or already have money from the CCC?
- e) Ricardo Pozas Garza: It is ultimately a requirement, and it is good for the clubs to have a source of backup funding since the CCC cannot always grant the entire budget request.
- f) Benjamin Erhardt: Which clubs receive \$16k dollars, or are you even allowed to disclose that?
- g) Ricardo Pozas Garza: I unfortunately cannot disclose that. It is genuinely for clubs that have large capital expenses and then not ask money for years after. It is generally for travel, and it would be higher were it not for the ceiling.
- h) Lainey Teeters: What was the reason for the ceiling?
- i) Ricardo Pozas Garza: We implemented the ceiling to make sure we were not allocating too much funds to one club.

- j) Madison Nemeth: Did we already motion to cap the meeting time at 7:30?
- k) Sarah Galbenski: No we did not; we schedule wise are on track for this, but it certainly would be great for there to be a motion of this to make it concrete.
- l) Madison Nemeth: I motion for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:30.
- (1) Seconded
- (2) Vote passes. Meeting is limited to 7:30 pm.
- m) Thomas Davis: What is your forecast for the large amount of money we have in reserves, the low money usage by clubs, the massive rollover, and last minute poor spending on the part of clubs?
- n) Ricardo Pozas Garza: Clubs do not face the same expenditures year to year that other groups do, and it rolls over year to year. They do not feel that same need to spend every dollar excessively.
- o) Thomas Davis: If club spending right now is going down and there will be a lot of rollover, what is your plan for next year's term in adapting those methods?
- p) Ricardo Pozas Garza: I think the position should be taken after we have a bigger picture after this semester. I would be able to comment further next semester, but we are heavily discussing this internally.
- C. [SO 2021-12: An Order to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Replace the Executive Programming Board with the Executive Committee](#) - read by Aaron Benavides
1. Questions:

- a) Madison Nemeth: Is there any reason that you guys chose not to include the special interest organizations?
- b) Aaron Benavides: That fell more in line with the view of the committee as an Executive Programming Board already implemented in the Constitution. This allows for us to have a cohesive group of the Student Union.
- c) Neils Casperson: If I remember correctly, there was a dispute between you and Thomas Davis tossing this back and forth? Was their matrimony or some sort of conversation?
- d) Aaron Benavides: We definitely found a middle path, which I had suggested last time after the Committee on the Constitution's order was rejected. Theirs did not fit the initial image we had of the restructured group. This one maintains that idea but the Committee on the Constitution has helped to make it briefer and has its own section within Article 2 and repealing Article 5.
- e) Thomas Davis: Aaron is a great guy, he's a great guy. Ultimately we did have some disagreements between logistics and organization. I am very pleased with this, and I am in support. We offered our recommendations, and they were rejected, which is fine; it is a matter of practicality. Overall, I am very pleased with how this turned out and agree with Aaron in it being a middle ground and in its opportunity to bring the student body together.

2. Debate:

- a) Madison Nemeth: I feel as if important leaders within branches of the Student Union heavily involved with programming are not included in the membership, why is this so when they seem to be valuable assets and voices.
- b) Aaron Benavides: I would not say this is set like only these people can attend these meetings, but presents the students who are required at each meeting. It is all about cohesion of the student union and making sure we are serving the student body to the best of our abilities. Many groups have events during certain times of the year, so it would be arbitrary for them to be required in attendance the entire academic year.
- c) Mairead Pfaff: I think this committee could be a real asset to the constitution and student union, and like Aaron said really promote the cohesion of the student body. Although it has programming listed, I see it being much more valuable to the student body than just programming events.

3. Vote

- a) Passes
- b) First constitutional amendment of the year!!

D. [SO 2021-13: An Order to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Revise Article VIII](#) - read by Thomas Davis

1. Ricardo Pozas Garza: I motion to friendly amend the strike of 2H from the order as it is currently written
 - a) Co-sponsors approved

2. Questions:
 - a) Motion out of questioning passes
3. Debate:
 - a) Ricardo Pozas Garza: I am the CCC President, and I approve this.
 - b) Motion out of debate passes
4. Vote
 - a) Passes by a vote of 30-1

VI. New Business

- A. Presentation by Diversity Council Executive Officers on Further Student Union
Incorporation
- B. Student Union Ethics Commission and Committee on the Constitution Joint
Presentation

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment