

- I. Opening Prayer, Carsen Thompson, *Pasquerilla East Hall Senator*
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. [A Presentation on the Scope of Off-Campus Council's Work](#) was given by the OCC officers about the work they do and how to get involved in OCC. [SS 2021-22: A Resolution Recommending Increased Student Resources and Transparency for the University's Study Abroad Programs](#) and [SS 2021-23: A Resolution Calling for a Greater Emphasis on Student Mental Health](#) were both passed. [SS 2021-24: A Resolution Requesting a Change in Quarantine Protocols for COVID-19 Vaccinated Students at the University of Notre Dame](#) was also passed.
  - B. Minutes approved
- IV. Executive Announcements
  - A. [Vote!](#)
    1. Sarah Galbenski: If you have not voted yet today, you have 14 minutes to do so. You do not have to exercise your right to vote, but it is a recommendation.
  - B. [Walk the Walk Week](#)
    1. Sarah Galbenski: We are undergoing a virtual Walk the Walk week this week, which is unfortunate, but there is a tremendous array of programming available this week. There is something that suits every interest and curiosity, so highly recommend participation in this as we undergo this walk for justice throughout our nation. There is so much more learning we can always be doing, and it is so great to have the opportunity to do so.

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C. [Menstrual Product Drive @ Lafun Elevator Lobby](#)

1. Sarah Galbenski: Between the Gender Relations department and FemenistND. It was in Duncan, but is now in LaFun. It is very easy to go and use flex points on menstrual and hygiene products and then drop them off right outside the Huddle. It is a fabulous cause, so if you can participate, please do.
2. Sarah Galbenski: \$29,000 was raised for the center of the homeless through Day of Man, and this can be a continuation of that contributing to supporting the needs of the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

D. Student Advisory Group for Campus Reopening

1. Sarah Galbenski: Testing compliance continues to be more and more amazing, with more than 99% of tests being shown up for. This is really awesome because it is such an instrumental part in ensuring our campus community remains safe.
2. Supplemental testing continues to have more issues. I just want to clarify that when you get a supplemental test it is not because they suspect something is wrong. Perhaps there is a clump in your class or your dorm, so it is just to take additional precautions and survey potential trends.
3. Last week's communication about not being able to meet in person I know was a bit of a shock if we can go back to how we felt then, but we know that it was a necessary measure to take. It is exciting that outdoor activities could open even before March 1, and then classroom spaces being opened up next hopefully. As cases go down, we hope to loosen restrictions more and more. Hopefully we will be together in person again soon.

4. One thing students are often unclear about is whether contact tracing is confidential or not. Anything that you say in that contact tracing process is completely confidential; nothing you say will be used to incriminate you or sent to OCS. I would just continue to urge you that if you get one of those contact tracing calls to be honest. It helps the University in their data and it will not hurt you in any way.
5. Two more updates down the line, we are still very hopeful that the state of Indiana will allow Notre Dame to be a distribution site. The county just went to 60 plus, which is great for some Notre Dame faculty, and the numbers of vaccinations here have most definitely increased.
6. Graduation will probably just be one mass gathering, with many modifications. The University has committed to providing a safe, in person gathering, so we are just having to get a little creative. Graduation is of course very much on the minds of the Seniors, so just keep that in mind.
7. We will have another meeting the second week of March. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know and we will be more than happy to bring those to the table.

## V. General Orders

### A. [SO 2021-20: An Order to Appoint Senators to Serve the Rest of the Term](#)

1. Thomas Davis: I was going to request that we table that for after SS 2021-26 because I have to close the polls in just a few minutes.
2. Ben Erhardt: I motion to table this until after SS2021-26.
  - a) Seconded
  - b) Vote passes

- B. [SS 2021-25: A Resolution Advocating the Enduring Importance of Diversity of All Forms in the Academic Colleges at the University of Notre Dame](#) - read by Lauryn Pugh, *the Director of Academic Affairs*
1. Sarah Galbenski: One thing I would also like to highlight is that unfortunately department members cannot co-sponsor resolutions because they are not members of the Senate. I thought it was super exciting that Brian, a FUELEr, really stepped up and spearheaded this resolution, leaning on Lauryn as his director to provide that institutional knowledge and channels. Very excited to have a first year taking initiative and writing legislation.
  2. Questioning:
    - a) Motion to end questioning and move into debate
      - (1) Seconded
      - (2) Passes
  3. Debate:
    - a) Grace Franco: Motion to end debate and move into a vote
      - (1) Seconded
      - (2) Passes
  4. Vote:
    - a) SS 2021-25 passes!
    - b) Sarah Galbenski: Thank you so much to Lauryn, Brian, and the entire department of academic affairs. I think this is really important in terms of diversity in all of these academic fields, as well as to invite

academics to present on all of these topics, so thank you both so much for all your hard work.

c) Lauryn Pugh: Thank you Sarah.

5. Sarah Galbenski: We do not not have a Parliamentarian. Thomas is proxying and just multitasking in multiple roles. Wait, Madison is here! We do not have to worry about Nerf Gun Wars anymore, but thank you Sam for your levity.

C. [SS 2021-26: A Resolution Recommending the Expansion of a Reliable](#)

[University-Sponsored Bus Service to Chicago Airports](#) - read by Izzy Edgar

1. Izzy Edgar: Essentially asking the university to expand this ride service, given how busy it typically is in non-COVID years. We will also be sending out a survey to the Student body about the former Coach USA program and the new Royal Excursion program to get student feedback.

2. Questioning:

a) Sam Cannova: Do you know what the cost structure was or what the contract really entailed from the University? I wonder if this could be run entirely through a student organization?

b) Izzy Edgar: Yeah so again I am not sure specifically about the cost structure. To be honest, I think cost is why the initial contract ended. Coach USA was running all the time. Any given day of the week buses would come from the airport, with times just being increased around the breaks. I know Royal Excursion prices are approximately five dollars more, but they have said if more students want to ride the buses they will provide more buses. The point of this resolution is to

show the University that there is a student interest in having more buses be available for transportation to and from the Chicago airports to alleviate pressure of paying for an Uber or South Bend flights.

- c) Sarah Galbenski: I will also mention like I did for Lauryn that, though they cannot cosign the resolution because they are not members of the Senate, Izzy and Ian also had a lot of help from their department members, with a whole transportation squad. There are lots of great people behind this!
- d) Eliza Smith: Motion to end questioning and move into a debate.

(1) Seconded

(2) Passes

3. Debate:

- a) Ben Erhardt: Just a quick comment. I think this is an excellently written resolution Izzy and I wanted to thank you and Ian and the rest of your department. As someone who used to take the bus to and from campus to go home for breaks, I know that making it a more integrated system with the University and making it more accessible is definitely important, particularly for first year students. I think this is really a great initiative.
- b) Izzy Edgar: If you have taken the bus, be sure to fill out our survey as it comes out. The bus also would still go to both airports; it just would not be making other stops in places like Gary.
- c) Isabella Garcia: Motion to end debate and move into a vote.

(1) Seconded

(2) Passes

4. Vote:

a) Another unanimous vote for the Department of Student Life!

D. Return to [SO 2021-20: An Order to Appoint Senators to Serve the Rest of the Term](#)

1. Read by Thomas Davis

2. Sarah Galbenski: Awesome, I really appreciate that Thomas. I have invited both James Forsen, who goes by Will, and Peyton Mueller to attend this meeting. Unfortunately, since it was the last order of business, they were not able to vote. I am excited to swear them in, pending the vote of course.

3. Questioning:

a) Ben Erhardt: Motion to end questioning and move into a debate

(1) Seconded

(2) Passes

4. Debate:

a) Ricardo Pozas Garza: Thank you Thomas for presenting this order before us and for enforcing the statues of the constitution. I think, with the recommendations of their hall presidents, this should be a very straightforward vote and encourage you all to vote yes. I also want to give a shout out to the very funny shenanigans going on in the chat.

b) Grace Franco: Motion to end debate and move into a vote.

(1) Seconded

(2) Passes

5. Vote:
  - a) Unanimous approval!
6. Oath of Office by Peyton Mueller and Will Forsen.
  - a) Sworn in as Senators- congrats!!
  - b) Sarah Galbenski: Please welcome our two newest Senators!

## VI. New Business

- A. Presentation by Margaret Morgan, *Director of the Center for Student Support and Care*
  1. Sarah Galbenski: People who have Masters in Education and who are really devoted to Student success in school, their mental health, and the way different circumstances like Q and I might be affecting students. Really looking forward to this presentation!

## VII. Announcements

- A. Mairead Pfaff: SUB is having a movie showing this weekend in conjunction with BSA. We are watching *Just Mercy*, and you just have to submit your email and can access it until Saturday evening. Also Acousticafe Thursday night!!
- B. Miles Kelly: Thank you all for what you did for Day of Man yesterday. We did not think we were going to raise that much money since we were not able to advertise how we normally did, so we were just so shocked when we saw that number this morning. I and the men of Siegfried are just so appreciative of everyone who helped us achieve this, and I hope you know how far that will go for the South Bend Center for the Homeless.
- C. Thomas Davis: I encourage you all to go and watch the livestream about the election results. I also want to thank David Haungs for his role in putting together that role this evening. I also want to thank you all for putting up with all of the Judicial





Council emails the last few days. It was also great to see the Student Body talking about an important issue and standing up for it, so thank you all for that. Just continue to speak with your constituents and make them aware of current issues.

1. Sarah Galbenski: Yes, shoutout to David Haungs! Remember when he brought an 11 page order to the Senate meeting. That was amazing! He is a good dude.

D. Michael Murakami: I want to give a big shoutout for Thomas in this election cycle. He has really put in so much workout, much of which he does not receive much credit for. Thank you so much, and I hope you get some relaxation in the coming week.

1. Sarah Galbenski: I also echo that. Great job Thomas, and I hope you get some sleep tonight.

#### VIII. Adjournment

A. Michael Murakami: Motion to adjourn

1. Seconded
2. Passes