

- I. Opening Prayer, Ricardo Pozas Garza, *Club Coordination Council President*
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Madame President Rachel Ingal gave a State of the Student Union Address. SO 2021-14: An Order to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Revise the Hall Presidents' Council and SO 2021-15: An Order to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Revise the Student Union Board were passed. Parliamentarian Thomas Davis gave a presentation on the Progress of the Committee on the Constitution in conjunction with the Student Union Ethics Commission.
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - A. Student Advisory Group for Campus Reopening Update
 1. Aaron Benavides: The Student Advisory Group for Campus Reopening will continue to meet periodically through the Winter session. 98% compliance on surveillance testing. There was some really encouraging news on the mental health and mindfulness app that we and the Director of Health and Wellbeing have been pushing for. We are not sure which one it will be, but likely one of the mainstream ones will be made available to everyone. We were very glad to see the campus climate be very respectful during this election season and that there were no divisive events that occurred like in 2016 on campus. We did bring the petition we voted on in the Senate to the Academic Council and different administrators, and their position is pretty much the same. We also brought it to the Director of Academic Affairs to

discuss. The pass/ fail option is likely not going to be something that happens. The task force that handles the matter pretty much rejected the petition. Lastly, the Provost is trying to encourage students to be well prepared and mindful when picking their Spring classes. She wants students to keep in mind the stress and poor mental health that is likely to continue next semester, given circumstances will not have changed. She hopes students will avoid overloading themselves and spreading themselves too thin. Erin Hoffman Harding informed us we will likely convene together over the Winter term, but those dates have not been set yet.

2. Sam Cannova: I heard some rumors they might delay our return to campus, have you heard anything like that?
3. Aaron Benavides: Not to my knowledge; it is nothing we talked about. Again, it depends where we are at though as we get closer to coming back to school.

B. Senate Apparel Update

1. Sarah Galbenski: The sweatshirts are not yet available, but good news is when you come back in February there will be a cozy Senate sweatshirt for you to stay warm in the South Bend winter.

C. Spring Semester Senate Update

1. Sarah Galbenski: Do not let the current Thursday 6-7:30 time deter you, for this will not necessarily be the time. I plan on sending out a doodle poll like I did for this semester to see when students are available and when you are not, and hopefully we can find a time that works for everyone or at least just about everyone without having to change individual schedules much.

V. General Orders

A. Presentation by Christine Caron Gebhardt, Assistant Vice President of Student Services, on Fighting Irish Care

1. Christine Caron Gebhardt: We started looking at third party telehealth options that we now have accessible in case we ever do go virtual again. Because of certain circumstances, students might not have the same access to medical care at home as they do here, so we started looking at different programs that would allow for continuity of care. How you access Fighting Irish Care is going on Inside ND under Fighting Irish Care. This gives students access to 24/7 telehealth care, and you can even access this platform online or on your mobile phone via the app. We sent them a list of all of Notre Dame students so that you all are eligible to answer. When you are not feeling well and you do not want to go to urgent care or make the trek to a doctor, then you can receive care through this. This will put you in touch with a Doctor who can diagnose, prescribe, etc., and this information will be made accessible to UHS so there can be continuity of care. There are also health and wellness coaches, as well as psychologists for if you are experiencing stress and difficulty with stress management. You can see all available providers for whatever time it is when you get on, and you can read about them. You can see wait times, as well, so you are aware of the time, but you can describe what you are there for while you wait. In all honesty, there is not a very proportionate number of care providers of color on this platform, but you can read about each of them and find someone who may share an experience or be from an area of importance to you. Hopefully the platform will continue to grow and to diversify. Starting November 25th,

students will have access to scheduled counseling, with at least 12 free appointments per year. Our hope is that students will see this as an extension of our services. UHS will be here before, during, and after break, but it will be closed for part of the holidays. Fighting Irish Care will go with you wherever you are. Our hope is that you will feel that we are always there for you and that you will spread the word about this new service.

2. Sarah Galbenski: Be sure to grab those cards on the way out folks. This is a really great resource for you and your peers, especially as we prepare to go home for an extended period of time.

B. [SO 2021-16: An Order to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Revise and Consolidate Article I of the Same](#) - read by Thomas Davis

1. Questions:

- a) Michael Murakami: Motion to end questioning and move into a debate

(1) Seconded

2. Debate

- a) Michael Murakami: Motion to end debate and move into a vote

(1) Seconded

3. Vote:

- a) Sarah Galbenski: I believe we can just do a hand vote for this

(1) Order passes

- b) Sarah Galbenski: Thank you Matthew Bisner for this incredible work

C. [SO 2021-17: An Order to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student](#)

[Body to Adopt Concise and Consolidated Election Regulation](#) - read by Thomas

Davis

1. Thomas Davis: This is extremely important, so I am going to assume you have read it, or that is at least what I tell myself.
2. Aaron Benavides: Aww Thomas it is important, I've read it.
3. Thomas Davis: Well, thank you Aaron.
4. Thomas Davis summarizes the contents of the order for the Senate body.
5. Thomas Davis: Section H- Social Media #2 should be struck, I just forgot to do that beforehand. This will need to be revised.
6. Ricardo Pozas Garza: Friendly motion to strike the part of the order as you suggested.
 - a) Seconded; friendly amendment approved
7. Questions:
 - a) Neils Casperson: I think we can all recall from earlier in the Semester a Senator leaving, and the Ethics Commission was able to analyze the situation as they saw fit. I wasn't sure if there was a breach of legislation or anything of that nature.
 - b) Thomas Davis: That instance that you are referring to would fall under impeachment and removal processes, and it falls under the Judicial branch and the determination of the Student Union Ethics Commission.
 - c) Neils Casperson: Okay, so then how does it work?

- d) Thomas Davis: In terms of procedure, like how long each side gets to talk, that is all very well documented. Procedures are available in bylaws, which do need to be addressed but with the bylaws. That is something that Matthew is looking forward to hopefully implementing, potentially next semester, where there are students who do know a student and officer's rights and responsibilities, to make sure everything is appropriately followed.
- e) Miles Kelly: I want to thank you for everything you have done, you obviously know so much about the Constitution. Why do you think this section is worth being about a third of some of the sizes of other University's Constituions?
- f) Thomas Davis: That is the best question I could have had anyone ask for this order. This doesn't belong in the constitution, it belongs in the election code. That is the question we are trying to answer- who has discretion in different situations. This is a step towards developing an election code but it cannot be a jump from how the Constitution currently is frameworked to this, but that will be something coming in the future.
- g) Patrick Lee: I know we are not allowed to endorse anyone running for a campaign, but are we allowed to campaign for someone?
- h) Thomas Davis: I would be very careful with that. In terms of giving advice, I think it would be okay to use your own professional experience but it is not up to me it is up to the election commission. In terms of actively campaigning, I would avoid that. We would like

for you guys to be able to use your experience and expertise to help others, but as things are now we cannot have this be done. You guys have gone through the election process this year, you likely will again next year. Please do not just pass over this and forget about it.

- i) Benjamin Erhardt: What would happen if someone was found guilty of an election violation?
- j) Thomas Davis: Once the election committee goes through the process of having a hearing determining if there was a violation levying a sanction, the alleged party can always appeal that sanction and at that point in the process there is an appeal hearing in the Senate of which the Senate by a certain voting margin would decide if they would like to back the election committee for reassessment. So, yes that is contained in there- it is always a possibility and it is in the Senate article. The Senate kind of plays the overarching role of if something goes wrong- there does have to be a procedure of sorts before being able to go to the senate- but as far as details of the procedure it is outlined in the Constitution. It could happen in the future, but it is something that I want to work on making a clear outline of what would happen in that situation in the Senate.
- k) Sarah Galbenski: Another awesome question, does anyone else have something they are wondering?
- l) Michael Murakami: Motion to end questioning and move into debate.

(1) Seconded

8. Debate:

- a) Aaron Benavides: As someone who has gone through too many elections during my time here, I am really glad Thomas discussed the endorsements issue. It is something that has deeply bothered me the last couple years. I encourage you to pass this, please pass this! I do want you guys to continue thinking critically about the endorsements issue because I think your voices are so valuable. As Senators, I think your voice is missing from elections, and I think that you guys have more knowledge on the process and potential candidates than other people may. This next election cycle will still have the endorsement ban, but hopefully we can put in motion for it to be changed for the year after that. Even if it may not affect you much, like for example I am on my way out, but it is still incredibly important for the Notre Dame student body.
- b) Michael Murakami: Motion to end debate and move into a vote.
- (1) seconded

9. Vote:

- a) Order passes with a vote of 26-1.

VI. New Business

- A. SO 2021-18: An Order to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Revise the Class Councils

VII. Announcements

- A. Mairead Pfaff: Acousticafe tonight, it is the last one and Christmas themed. There will also be Insomnia cookies.

- B. Sarah Galbenski: If you guys haven't gone to Thankful Fest, I would highly recommend it. The food is phenomenal... you should go!
- C. Thomas Davis: GreeNDot if you haven't been trained. You have three opportunities to do so virtually. Please do so if you want to be a Senator next semester-- it is required of all members of the Senate
- D. Sarah Galbenski: If you have any concerns over Winter break, please reach out so we can bring it to the Student Advisory Committee. There are no obligations of the Senate over Winter Break or January term. We will be coming back together in the beautiful month of February.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Michael Murakami: Are we recessing or adjourning?
- B. Thomas Davis: We can go into recess
- C. Sarah Galabenski: We can do an official vote on a recess if you would like. I would smile upon a motion to enter a recess until the first week of February.
 - 1. Michael Murakami makes a motion to enter recess until the first week of February.
 - a) Seconded
- D. Sarah Galbenski: First week of the Spring Semester would be the language. Do I hear a second for that?
- E. Madison Nemeth: My only concern is that for some reason the rumor is true and school gets pushed back and then we have to revise the election stuff, but we would still be in recess. I am a little concerned about this, you know?

- F. Sarah Galbenski: This is definitely not saying we cannot have an emergency meeting Madison, that is always on the table. If five senators come together and want to call an emergency meeting you have every right to do so.
- G. Thomas Davis: You may recall last time we had a nice motion to recess unless the Chair or advisor deemed a meeting necessary.
- H. Sarah Galbenski: So if five Senators come together and think we need to have an emergency meeting, you can come and petition to me and Karen. Then if we are like yes agreed, let us call the meeting. I mean Karen and I could have some fun and just call you all together.
- I. Sarah Galbenski: Now that we have that all clarified, Michael Murakami do I hear a revised motion?
1. Michael Murakami motions to enter recess until the first week of the spring semester.
 - a) Motion seconded.
- J. Motion to adjourn
1. Seconded