

- I. Opening Prayer, Anisha Jaipuria, *Ryan Hall Senator*
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Ricardo Pozas Garza gave a Presentation Regarding Winter Reallocations and Spring Allocations. SO 2021-23: An Order to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Establish the Nancy J. Walsh Irish Clover Award was passed. SS 2021-30: A Resolution Addressing Consistency in the Dining Hall Accommodations for Students with Severe Allergies and SS 2021-32: A Resolution Requesting the Reinstallation of the Basketball Rims to the Bookstore Basketball Courts at the University of Notre Dame were both passed.
- IV. Executive Announcements
  - A. Student Advisory Group Updates
    1. Sarah Galbenski: Some topics of discussion at this week's meeting were the Governor's announcement about vaccinations, discussion about commencement, Zahm and the end of their dorm community, and housing policies. Governor of Indiana released yesterday that all people over the age of 16 will be able to get vaccinated very soon. No word on our own closed pod vaccination yet. University advises you to get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect the community. It is still being debated whether guests will be allowed at commencement, and they are considering doing it outside.
  - B. CLC Updates
    1. Aaron Benavides: The two resolutions we had passed in the Student Senate to be sent to the CLC were tabled in this week's meeting. We formed a

working group to work on the resolutions and make them indicative of what we want to see happen and make them very actionable for the direction we are heading in as we finish this semester. The CLC will now be meeting on a weekly basis.

- C. Multicultural Food Truck Fair! @ North and South Quads on 3/25 from 5-8 p.m.
- D. Women's Leadership Forum on 3/28 from 2-3 p.m. ft. Karen Kennedy!
- E. Sign up for [HOTY Presentations!](#)
  - 1. Sarah Galbenski: We **need to have two Senators at each**, sign up for any remaining time that fits your schedule and is not for your own hall.
  - 2. Curt Gouldin: You can do it with a friend and it can be fun!
  - 3. Lainey Teeters: Is there any word about the senior differentiation policy and if there will be changes to that?
  - 4. Sarah: There was no update on that policy aside from the housing application going back into place next year. It is a conversation that we can have in CLC or other groups, but we are hoping that COVID-19 will be trending in a positive direction next year so it will likely be in place.

## V. General Orders

- A. [SS 2021-33: A Resolution Requesting a Formal Statement to All University Teaching Staff Regarding Mini-Break Classwork](#)
  - 1. Questions:
    - a) Michael Murakami motions to move into debate
      - (1) Ben Erhardt seconds
      - (2) Passes
  - 2. Debate:

a) Michael Murakami motions to move into a vote

(1) Ben Erhardt seconds

(2) Passes

B. [SS 2021-34: A Resolution Encouraging the Adaptation of the Moreau First Year Experience Course to Tell a Fuller and More Inclusive Version of the History of the University of Notre Dame](#)

1. Presented by Lauren Klein and Jules Downing:

a) Lauren Klein: Hi everyone! Thank you so much for having us in the Senate today. Jules and I are coming in to propose a Senate Resolution to modify the Moreau First Year Curriculum to better include native voices, history, and culture. I had previously been working on it with another student who graduated. We want students to be more aware of native history, especially the Pokagon band of the Potawatami. In some of our other classes, we realized we had not been told the full story of Notre Dame's history in our Moreau First Year Experience Course. Since then, I have been working with Jules to move the project along. We have been able to speak with Lauren Donahue and Andrew Wittington who have been willing to work with us in this. We are hoping to move forward with this and get you all's support. We are hoping to draft resources that are incorporating native voices and faculty from the University who are knowledgeable in this area, and otherwise promote critical thinking and a more inclusive campus environment for students through Moreau curriculum.

- b) Jules Downing: Hi folks, I am Jules Downing. I am a Junior and am on the Moreau Student Advisory Group. I am really here because I am very passionate about Moreau and what I love about Moreau is that it is an ever-evolving course and program. The point of that is that the different iterations really allow us to improve what we are teaching and to use the power it has as the only course every Notre Dame student has to take. Thank you so much for having us here today.
- c) Kaya Lawrence: Y'all were all Senators who I am guessing were mostly all here back at the beginning of the term when we introduced a similar resolution. Since that one did not pass narrowly, we have put in a lot of work and had a lot more conversations with the people involved in the program. This is really just asking for your support and calling for the University to educate Notre Dame students on Notre Dame's history with native people because that is really just missing from the Moreau FY experience.
- d) Sarah Galbenski: Awesome, I just want to add one last remark, taking off my legislative hat and putting on my executive hat. Rachel, Aaron, and I co-sponsored this resolution, it was an original part of our platform. This resolution has only been strengthened since then by serious student work, and we continue to give our full support with this second iteration. With that, I will open it up to any questions you may have.

## 2. Questions:

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- a) Eliza Smith: Motion to move into debate
    - (1) Lainey Teeters seconds
    - (2) Passes
  3. Debate:
    - a) Eliza Smith: Motion to move into a vote
      - (1) Lainey Teeters seconds
      - (2) Passes
  4. Vote:
    - a) Passes! Great work!
- C. [SO 2021-24: An Order to Suspend Class Council and Hall Elections](#)
1. Presented by Thomas Davis
  2. Questions:
    - a) Lainey Teeters: Can the hall election coordinator run for positions?  
In my dorm the hall election commissioner is running for a position.
    - b) Thomas Davis: What hall are you?
    - c) Lainey Teeters: McGlenn
    - d) Thomas Davis: I believe they opt out, but see me afterwards.
    - e) Proxy for Daniel Schermerhorn: Does Baumer opt out?
    - f) Thomas Davis: I believe they do... they did last year.
    - g) Sarah Galbenski: While Thomas is looking for that, I would just like to say it was so exciting to see so many Senators running for positions in your hall. I am sure many of you are running in elections right now, and not just the ones listed on this page here. It is very exciting to see some of you becoming Vice Presidents and Presidents

in your hall. I know you guys have learned great lessons here and will be great leaders for your residence hall communities. I felt like a proud mom, so great job guys. Truly incredible!

- h) Thomas Davis: Update, Baumer does opt out, but McGlenn opts in, so I will definitely need to see you after.
- i) Ben Erhardt: There is the same ticket running in different halls listed twice. I am friends with Amanda Teresa in Welsh Fam, but it is also listed for Ryan Hall?
- j) Thomas Davis: While I am looking this up, one suggestion you may want to give to your incoming senators is that the hall election process in the constitution really stinks. This has been super stressful, so I would really talk to them about making amendments about how hall elections work. As you can see there is a lot going on here, and we should not be making mistakes.
- k) Ricardo Pozas Garza: Could we table this to the end of the meeting?
  - (1) Ben Erhardt seconds
  - (2) Passes to be tabled to the end
  - (3) Sarah Galbenski: Great idea Ricardo!

D. [SS 2021-35: A Resolution Requesting the Integration of Notre Dame ID Card into Smartphone Wallet Applications](#)

1. Questions:

- a) Michael Murakami: Motion to move out of questioning and into debate
  - (1) Second

(2) Passes

2. Debate:

a) Michael Murakami: Motion to move out of debate and into a vote

(1) Ben Erhardt seconds

(2) Passes

3. Vote:

a) Passes!

b) Sarah Galbenski: Great job on your first resolution Mike. well, actually Mike's first resolution was eliminating a redundant clause from the constitution as a FUELEr, so he's two for two. Good work Mike.

E. [SS 2021-36: A Resolution Responding to the Disbandment of Zahm House](#)

1. Presented by Henry Bates:

a) Pretty much this resolution is not aimed at reversing the University decision to disband Zahm. I do not think that is within our grasp, and I do not think the University is going to do that. What it does do is go at the idea that the University can simply take down a community and act swiftly at a residence hall with no dialogue with that community and no transparency in the process. I think we can all agree that this is an area of disconnect between the University and students, and this is just another move of not taking our input into consideration. Additionally, in this COVID-19 year where interactions have been pretty much put at 0. It has been very difficult for students, especially first year students, to meet new people. I think

it is a great idea to increase the number of students that can move in a group and how we can best keep friend groups together, keep support systems together, and to just keep mental health as our first priority. I put a particular emphasis on first year students because they have been most affected making friends during this time, so I think this is most important. Finally, just trying to open a dialogue between Zahm and the rest of the University is important because that is the only way we are going to figure this out together and only way we are going to heal that division.

2. Questioning:

- a) Danny Schermerhorn's Proxy: Can you explain your usage of the "due process" wording?
- b) Henry Bates: That wording was pretty much meaning this does seem like a punitive measure at the Zahm community by not giving it any conversation or discussion of what could have been done preemptively and alternatives to resolving the issues. I do not know if "due process" was the right phrasing, but it seemed like the University taking action without trying to get any of the reasons behind some of the concerns they had or not putting any effort into healing those concerns in a more pastoral way.
- c) Miles Kelly: What is the maximum number of students you all are allowed to bring with you into another community?
- d) Henry Bates: Each person can bring with them three other people, so a maximum of four. I know to me this sounds like a small number,

and the people I have talked to agree. We get to put our first choice and second choice, and you are not guaranteed your first choice, but are guaranteed at least one of these two is what we gathered.

- e) Eliza Smith: Can you expand on the third point? What type of dialogue are you expecting?
- f) Henry Bates: The invitation to dialogue pretty much stems from an open letter that Zahm house government wrote to the University through the Observer. I think this would just be any sort of communication about moving forward and how the University intends to ease this transition and what they plan to do. We got one email and one presentation, so just knowing what we can do better ourselves and the administration.
- g) Connor Delaney: Do you have any insight into how many students are going to choose to stay on campus as opposed to off campus?
- h) Henry Bates: I do not have an exact number. It is a majority of the Freshmen class. The form is not due for submission for another few days, but I would estimate around half of the current sophomore class will stay on campus.
- i) Eliza Smith motions to move out of questioning and into debate
  - (1) Seconded
  - (2) passes

### 3. Debate:

- a) Ricardo Pozas Garza: I have never seen anything quite like this, and I really cannot reemphasize how important it is to pass this and what is



happening to the Zahm community, especially with points 2b and 2c. People have been breaking down in the hallways, standing in tears by statue of Father Zahm. I cannot stress the importance and need of mental health resources and financial resources heavily enough. Please consider strongly voting in favor of this resolution. It is coming at it with a collaborative and workshopping approach, and it will help further reduce tensions and ensure those who need help will have access to that help. We hope to engage in productive dialogue with the University.

- b) Sarah Galbenski: Thanks so much for your perspective Ricardo as a member of the Zahm community.
- c) Ben Erhardt: I am one of the cosponsors of this resolution. I want to commend Henry for all he has done to set this up and walk us through what it has been like for the men of Zahm hall. One thing I want to call our attention to that we mention in the whereas statements near the second page or so. The secondary issue we are trying to address is not only the factors that led to this decision and the way it was carried out and announced, but also the underlying motivation and goal and to prevent troubling culture... this decision is not going to prevent those things from happening. Those sorts of things are happening in most residence halls across campus, certainly most men's residence halls. That is an unfortunate disparity and reality, which is not fun to admit. If the University's goal was to make Notre Dame a better place for future generations, then our concern

is this does not necessarily prevent the underlying issues plaguing Zahm, other residence communities, and off campus communities. We are skeptical that this decision will do anything but cause stress for Zahm residents and hurt the relationship between the University and students. There are individuals in Zahm who are really hurting right now and will continue to the rest of their time at Notre Dame. This is important to show that we support them across campus.

- d) Lainey Teeters: Motion to move out of debate and into a vote
  - (1) Michael Murakami seconds
  - (2) Passes

4. Vote:

- a) Passes
- b) Sarah Galbenski:

F. [SO 2021-25: An Order to Reappoint Senators to Serve the Remainder of the 2020-2021 Academic Term](#)

1. Questioning:

- a) Michael Murakami: Motion to move out of questioning and into debate
  - (1) Seconded
  - (2) Passes

2. Debate:

- a) Michael Murakami: Motion to move out of debate and move into a vote
  - (1) Seconded

(2) Passes

3. Vote:

a) Passes

G. Return to [SO 2021-24: An Order to Suspend Class Council and Hall Elections](#)

1. Thomas Davis: Sorry, the Welsh fam repetition was a mistake. It has been fixed.

2. Questioning:

a) Michael Murakami: Motion to move out of questioning and into debate

(1) Dan Law seconds

(2) passes

3. Debate:

a) Michael Murakami: Motion to move out of debate and into a vote

(1) Michael Lynch: Seconds

(2) Passes

## VI. New Business

A. State of the Student Union Address, Rachel Ingal, *Student Body President*

B. SO 2021-26: An Order Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Establish Diversity Council as a Special Interest Organization

C. 2021 Student Union Awards

1. Frank O'Malley Undergraduate Teaching Award

2. Michael J. Palumbo Award

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3. Irish Clover Award

VII. Announcements

- A. Thomas Davis: Hall elections, please be sure to meet with incoming hall senators, would be awesome to have knowledgeable senators coming in. Try to get them up to date. All of the resolutions are on the website. Get them on the resolution writing track. We are still going to be dealing with the same issues, so please every effort you put in try to instill that in them moving forward
- B. Sam Cannova: The Senate theme next week is Criss Cross- Atlanta based rap duo- so wear your clothes backwards

VIII. Adjournment