

- I. Opening Prayer, Matthew Bisner, Student Body Vice President
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Roll Call Question: Do you have a favorite plant? If so, tell us about it!
- III. Approval of Minutes - [22 April 2021](#)
  - A. Minutes approved
- IV. Executive Announcements
  - A. Thank you off-campus council!
  - B. State of the Student Union Address
  - C. Upcoming Student and Faculty Voice Summit
    1. Matthew Bisner: Many, if not all of you, have been invited to join us tomorrow at the Student Faculty Voice Summit.
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. Department of Student Life
    1. Maclane Farrel: This Monday, Alix, Ethan Terrell, and me met with Lauren Donahue and Andrew Whittington to express our concerns and the concerns of the student body. We discovered that this plan has been in formation for a number of years now with administrators, hall staff, representatives from MSPS and GRC. The reform is meant to confront hazing issues and make the Welcome Weekend experience more inclusive. The reason for reducing the number of ambassadors is to get the best of the best to welcome new students and allow for more effective training. In tandem with the St. Andre Committee, they expect Hall Staff and hall government representatives to be more hands-on to help the first-years

move in. They did not see an issue with move-in committees and highlighted the discretion that rectors possess in determining who is allotted an early move-in slot. They were particularly concerned about the decrease in representation of students of color on campus during Welcome Weekend. If any of you would like to be part of future conversations, please contact myself or Alix. We also invited Lauren Donahue and Andrew Whittington to speak to the Senate next week. Most changes and adjustments we discussed will not affect this coming fall, but we can shape what the St. Andre Committee will look like going forward.

2. Abraham Figueroa: Was the student body ever informed about the process of making this decision? How can we address the administration to include the student body in their input before they pass policies?
3. Maclane Farrel: They spoke with a number of rectors and hall staff members, so that was their way of including a student perspective. Alix and I felt that Lauren and Andrew have a sincere desire to work with students and to make the Welcome Weekend experience better. I do believe that they think this is in our best interest. They do want to hear from students how we can improve the decisions they make.

#### B. Committee on the Constitution

1. Madison Nemeth: We met yesterday and ComCon approved a recommendation of the senate bylaws with a few small amendments. We also looked at a conjunction with the bylaws amending article 3. We are referring an order back to the senate. The petitions article was talked about

in ComCon and the order to amend it from within one week to two weeks was passed in ComCon.

2. David Haungs: There are 4 orders about elections in new business. Before the committee discusses those, please take a look at those and give suggestions to the committee on them. It's better if the committee can receive your feedback to make a version of the amendment that you're happy with. Please send any feedback to the judicial council email. The first change is creation of electoral code. The election system makes regulations more fit for statutory code, but it's difficult for candidates to find. The first order is moving it into its own body of code that can be amended by the senate. The following orders are to change the endorsement system to allow candidates to compete for endorsements of elected officials. The following ones are to change the allegation and results system to prevent the outcome of an allegation delaying results. The final one is to reduce the election committee jurisdiction.
3. Christian Quilon: Will the electoral code eliminate the elections article from the Constitution or will they go side by side?
4. David Haungs: It will replace it from the Constitution.
5. Connor Delaney: I worry about this new allowance of elected people to endorse new candidates. That makes it seem like student government becomes an insider's game. How do you balance that?
6. David Haungs: As it stands now, there is no way to sanction current officers endorsing. The election committee only has jurisdiction over

people currently running in a race. We might as well make the endorsements a smaller but more enforceable section.

7. Benjamin Erhardt: Do you have plans to announce this news to the student body and hearing their feedback? Do you think a referendum on electoral code would be helpful?
8. David Haungs: I think the more substantive changes are better fit for a referendum than something like the election code. The endorsements issue would be more appropriate for a referendum. That's a choice for the senate, that's a choice you can employ. I don't think it would be inappropriate to have input from voters.
9. Matthew Bisner: Senators would be allowed to endorse with your amendment?
10. David Haungs: Yes
11. Matthew Bisner: In the election allegation procedure, the senate would still be able to hear the vote on appeals?
12. David Haungs: Yes.
13. Matthew Bisner: Is it your intention to put ethical requirements that those senators who do endorse have to recuse themselves?
14. David Haungs: I have not thought of the appeal process, so I appreciate the feedback for ComCon.

#### C. Department of Gender Relations

1. Haille Butterfield: In terms of the department, we are finally all assembled and we will be starting meetings soon. The biggest thing we have going on

right now is the rollout of Callisto. Callisto serves as both a service for survivors of sexual assault to create a report and store that in the system and to possibly enter into a process of matching. Ninety percent of assaults are done by repeat offenders and serial perpetrators commit on average 6 assaults throughout their college career. Through this service, all you have to do is report your name and the state the assault occurred in, and an identifier of the assaulter. You can use the student directory to find someone's email. If there's a match between these identifiers, survivors are put in contact with a legal options counselor to discuss their options. They bring you to the process and tell you what the ramifications could be. Those reports are completely encrypted within their system and survivors don't have to act on it if they don't want to. We've been in communications with St. Mary's and Holy Cross student governments to include them in this process. We want all email addresses to be approved and included in the system. We have talked with Callisto's Assistant Director of Campus Engagement and she recommends that we officially roll out Callisto in the fall so we have more time to inform student leaders and make students aware of the software.

2. Benjamin Erhardt: Have you talked with administrators at Notre Dame? Is this just a student government provided service or will administrators help implement this program?
3. Haille: We're very open to working with administration. Students just have to know about it so we can promote it through our own channels as

student government. Ideally, we can work with administration and as student leaders.

## VI. General Orders

### A. [SO 2122-01: An Order to Approve the 2021-2022 Student Senate Bylaws](#)

1. Christian Quilon: Move to amend bylaws to reflect the changes recommended by the Committee on the Constitution.
2. Matthew Bisner: The only amendments are changing resolutions from passing  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority to a simple majority, the override for the veto is changed from  $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $\frac{2}{3}$ , and one more about referring something to ComCon.
3. Abraham Figueroa: Were there problems with the  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote last term?
4. Matthew Bisner: The necessity for  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority fostered groupthink in the senate and cut down on the amount of debate we had and the number of resolutions. It only applies to resolutions, not orders.
5. Abraham Figueroa: Does the  $\frac{3}{4}$  veto override apply to both resolutions and orders?
6. Matthew Bisner: The  $\frac{3}{4}$  veto override was changed to  $\frac{2}{3}$  for resolutions. The override for orders is still  $\frac{3}{4}$  as written in the bylaws.
7. Christian Quilon: Point of procedure, is it necessary to have debate when the resolution is passed?
8. Matthew Bisner: We didn't actually hold a vote on passing the order.
9. Madison Nemeth: There is no threshold to override the veto orders. Override for amendments is  $\frac{5}{6}$  and that is in the constitution.

10. David Haungs: The  $\frac{2}{3}$  thing doesn't go into effect until we amend the constitution.

11. Benjamin Erhardt: Motion to end debate and move to a vote.

B. [SO 2122-03: An Order to Suspend the Deadline to Approve the Student Union Organization Budget](#)

1. Questions

- a) Christian Quilon: Why is the date May 1st?
- b) Meenu Selvan: Most Student Union Organizations start their terms April 1st, which would give them ample time to have the budget approved. COVID suspending everything and delays from last year rolling into this year affected my term. We decided it would be best to have budget allocation in May to give the new officers time to prepare budgets.
- c) Karen Kennedy: May 1st is a bit close to the end of classes, so make sure it gets done before summer break.
- d) Christian Quilon: Will the budget allocation be a public meeting? Will those numbers be published?
- e) Meenu Selvan: I have to present the numbers to the senate and to a committee on the budget. I've been asking people around about accessibility and it is an ongoing conversation. I'm also looking at how other colleges do that as well.
- f) Elizabeth Gonzales: Motion to move to a vote.

- C. [SO 2122-08: An Order to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Revise Article III](#)
    - 1. Amendment passes
- VII. New Business
- A. [SO 2122-02: An Order to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Lengthen the Procedural Requirements for Petitions to be Considered in the Senate](#)
  - B. [SO 2122-04: An Order to Establish an Electoral Code](#)
  - C. [SO 2122-05: An Order to Amend the Electoral Code's Regulations of Endorsements](#)
  - D. [SO 2122-06: An Order to Amend the Electoral Code's Procedures for Allegations and Results](#)
  - E. [SO 2122-07: An Order to Amend the Jurisdiction of the Election Committee](#)
- VIII. Announcements
- A. Alix Basden: On Saturday, there will be a Chipotle fundraising event for the United Health Services Suicide Prevention Center.
  - B. Cooper Scholl: The Keenan Revue is this Sunday. There will be a lottery Google form sent out. Each Keenan guy has three tickets, but now anyone who doesn't have a ticket will be able to enter the lottery.
  - C. Maclane Farrel: Fisher Regatta will be held May 8th.
  - D. Kate Mclaughlin: There is a SUB Concert held virtually tomorrow night in the stadium.
- IX. Adjournment