

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Roll Call Question: What's your guilty pleasure movie?
- III. Approval of Minutes - [15 September 2021](#)
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - A. Advisory Committees on Climate Relating to Race and Ethnicity and LGBTQ Students
 1. Matthew Bisner: The Advisory Committees on Climate Relating to Race and Ethnicity and LGBTQ Students met this past week. At both those meetings, Fr. Gerry Olinger shared his three thematic priorities for Student Affairs: the pandemic, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and religious disaffiliation. He also expressed a willingness to work with student leaders on updating the procedures related to the discrimination harrassment policy. If you're interested in working on that, let me know.
 - B. Community/Campus Advisory Coalition Updates
 1. Matthew Bisner: The Community/Campus Advisory Coalition met yesterday. We updated city leaders on campus projects and initiatives, but also residents brought concerns over noise ordinances and nuisance ordinances. Jay Caponigro, who handles community relations with South Bend residents and leaders, expressed the support of the University in splitting up large yards. We're working with the off-campus council to continue that conversation on campus safety off-campus and to promote

good neighborliness in the South Bend community. If you have any interest in that work, let me know.

C. Office hours

1. Allan Njomo: I have office hours this week from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday.
2. Matty Bisner: I will have my office hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Duncan Student Center.

V. General Orders

A. [SO 2122-11: An Order Continuing The Existence Of The Financial Response Account](#)

1. Meenu Selvan: I'm recommending that you guys push this off to next week. It would be great if I could talk to FMB first about how to move forward with this. We'll have a clearer picture on how others feel.
2. Abraham Figueroa: Motion to table this order until next week.
3. Motion is tabled

B. [Nomination for Assistant Student Union Treasurer](#)

1. Christian Quilon: I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the letter be dispensed with.
2. Maclane Farrel: I can guarantee that Andreas will do a really good job in this role and be committed. I strongly suggest voting in favor of his nomination.
3. Madeline Smith: I worked with Andreas last year on the Marketing Committee. He did a really good job of managing sales in FYCC.

C. Discussion on Proposed Student Activities Break Days

1. Matthew Bisner: We want to engage interest in break days with no programming or club meetings. I hope we could weigh those options and convey that to our advisor.
2. Benjamin Erhardt: This is just a break day from student activities, not exactly like what we had?
3. Matthew Bisner: It would be just a programming break day, I don't think we would get classes off.
4. Maclane Farrel: If we don't get classes off, I am not sure what it would accomplish. The majority of our days are spent in class or doing work for class.
5. Allan Njomo: The nature of the idea is that students put a lot of time into programming, and the meaning of this is that students could catch up on work or take care of their mental health and rest.
6. Mary Devoe: I think the programming that would be planned for clubs that day would just move days. I don't know if it would give students a break.
7. Maclane Farrel: A lot of students actually like the programming and clubs they do.
8. Abraham Figueroa: If you're not an executive officer, and just a member of the club, you could also just not go to programming that day.
9. Matthew Bisner: Is there something that would be helpful for relieving stress?
10. Colin Murray: A day of no classes.

11. Annika Barron: I remember a point in the semester last year when they recommended teachers lay off their assignments for a week or even just one day. I know that is tricky for teachers, but it was really helpful.
12. Jacob Lowry: I feel like that's not something you can mandate. I had a lot of professors that didn't change anything at all.
13. Maddie Means: Would the break in programming apply to varsity athletics?
14. Allan Njomo: It would only be clubs.
15. Maclane Farrel: I do think that anything helps. I have a lot of professors who sometimes show why they're teaching what they're teaching and why it's relevant. Maybe they could advise all professors to take a day and do that type of class.
16. Caroline Cameron: Maybe advising faculty to do something next semester of the sort we're talking about would be helpful. McWell is trying to teach students what it means to actually take a break from schoolwork efficiently. Maybe doing something with McWell would serve students.
17. Madeline Smith: Maybe reminding faculty to prioritize mental health instead of revising the workload could help.
18. Danny Schermerhorn: When we had restoration week last year, I could see that teachers were annoyed by it. Did it really help that much? I feel that education and other things might be a better way to go than not having class or clubs.

19. Benjamin Erhardt: Molly Walsh in CLC talked about how professors are cognizant of student needs. Going from the top down is not easy. I think it's important to keep a feel on how students are feeling this year and apply things next semester. It's hard with peer pressure in this communal environment to take a break. Maybe having McWell come to every dorm and giving presentations would be helpful. Canceling activities for a day probably won't solve the root issue. There's gotta be improvements in execution.

20. Jacob Lowry: Maybe every professor takes 5 or 10 minutes to give a reminder that mental health matters and to remind students that they have options and can talk to their professors.

21. Alix Basden: Our Directors of Health and Wellbeing Austen and Julia are working on standardizing that mental health message from professors.

D. [SS 2122-04: A Resolution Supporting St. Mary's College Community Members](#)

1. Matthew Bisner: I think it's our duty to call out inappropriate behavior, which this is.
2. Abraham Figueroa: Motion to move SS 2122-04 to general orders.
3. Motion passes
4. David Haungs: This looks like the type of thing where University response would also be welcome.
5. Matthew Bisner: I'm not sure that is needed. We had a meeting with Fr. Gerry and Fr. Gerry brought this to us immediately. It's my understanding

he is in conversation with his counterpoints at St. Mary's of how we can craft a response.

6. Christian Quilon: Could you explain the incident?
7. Matthew Bisner: Yik Yak is back on campus and a number of comments were made on Yik Yak disparaging St. Mary's for a number of reasons. Fr. Gerry said this is the worst we've seen in a while. This resolution was crafted alongside programming such as a SMICK rally.
8. Tavin Martin: Is there any action being taken other than this?
9. Matthew Bisner: I can't speak to Fr. Gerry's actions specifically, but Student Government has been planning a rally to build community. Field day games and events, as well as a prayer service.
10. Alix Basden: The rally is being held at St. Mary's and we're hoping to also bring Notre Dame students.
11. Elizabeth Gonzales: If my residents want to help, how can I inform them of ways to help?
12. Matthew Bisner: Let's talk after the meeting, right now it's been a lot of me, Alix, and Allan talking to their student government. A walkover from Ryan would be fantastic.
13. Lizzie Martin: I know a lot of St. Mary's students. This makes me happy to see and I hope we see more collaboration going forward.
14. Jacob Lowry: Is there a possibility of representatives from Saint Mary's coming over and talking to us to get a firsthand opinion on what we can do?

15. Matthew Bisner: I can definitely ask Ellie or Adriana if they would be willing to come individually or send a representative.

VI. New Business

- A. Presentation on Student Health and Well-being, Dr. Christine Caron Gebhardt and Dr. Ed Junkins

1. Matthew Bisner: We're hoping to have Dr. Christine Caron Gebhardt and Dr. Ed Junkins come in. I know there was an Observer piece recently about COVID testing. We will be talking to them about where they see challenge points.

- B. MiNDful Training, Multicultural Student Programs & Services

1. Matthew Bisner: We're looking forward to welcoming them in the coming weeks.

VII. Announcements

- A. Abraham Figueroa: Every Wednesday from 9-12 Knott sells waffles.
- B. Danny Schermerhorn: Baumer has ice cream mass on Wednesday.
- C. Jacob Lowry: Keenan has pizza every night.
- D. Benjamin Erhardt: Keough kitchen is at keokitch.com
- E. Caroline Cameron: HPC is going to compile a list of dorm food things.
- F. Kate Mclaughlin: A Quiet Place 2 is playing this weekend. Acousticafe is tomorrow.
- G. Thomas Davis: October will be Crime Prevention and Safety Month. It's gonna be a priority for us as an off-campus council.

H. Dane Sherman: October is LGBTQ history month, there will be a whole bunch of events on National Coming Out Day. I encourage you to follow those Instagrams and get that history.

VIII. Adjournment