

I. Opening Prayer

II. Roll Call

A. Roll Call Question: Which fictional team is the best team of all time?

III. Approval of Minutes - [29 September 2021](#)

IV. Executive Announcements

A. GreenNDot Reminder!

1. Matthew Bisner: I will tentatively promise you a compliance form for next week. If you are not trained by January 1st, you are deemed non compliant.

B. Race Relations Week

1. Matthew Bisner: Tomorrow there is a conversation on art and empowerment at 6 p.m. exploring art of power and liberation. On Friday, at 3 p.m. there is a race and immigration resource fair, a conversation on art and empowerment, and a showing of Between the World and Me by SUB.

C. Resolution Advising

1. Matthew Bisner: Feel free to approach Madison or me, we are always open to advise you on writing your resolutions or contacting anyone. We can even spend time in a meeting going over how to write a resolution.

V. General Orders

A. Discussion on change to gateway housing

1. Matthew Bisner: Our general orders today will be informal discussion.

2. Benjamin Erhardt: Motion to move forward on discussion of gateway and transfer housing.
3. Madeline Smith: Could you give a general overview of what is happening?
4. Matthew Bisner: Residential life has announced that Gateway and transfer students will no longer be guaranteed housing on-campus.
5. Timmy Gallagher: Does that include people already there or just new students?
6. Benjamin Erhardt: Gateways and transfers are always told there's never a guarantee of housing for sophomore year. It's not a new policy. Due to high yield rates and an expectation that next year's freshman class will be big, they cannot guarantee not enough space in residence halls for the 70-100 Gateway students. There's a clear issue here of Gateway and transfer students need that residential life community, especially coming in as sophomores. It's very different from the residential life experience they're looking for. It's also interesting that there isn't space for Gateways, while there are upperclassmen living on campus who would prefer to live off-campus. That led to conversations in CLC about the six semester housing policy and it was getting a bit circular. Notre Dame did not flatly withdraw a promise. If this is an issue with yield rates, it seems like an admissions issue than Residential Life. It would be interesting to see if space is going to come back or level out.

7. Paul Stoller: We should be addressing short-term solutions, but considering that this is an admissions issue, that's something that is distant from the realm of student government, even more so than housing. I think we should make our voices heard here because admissions is a more difficult battle than a housing issue. You don't want to decrease the number of Gateway students, so you would have to make Notre Dame more difficult to get into, which is beyond our realm.
8. Maddie Tupy: The entire Gateway community is really upset by this decision. A lot of people have said that they might not have chosen Gateway if they knew they wouldn't get housing. Does anyone know why they made this decision so early?
9. Thomas Davis: Getting off-campus housing in the short-term can be difficult. It's a supply issue. If it's looking like a low possibility that they'll have housing, then they should know before fall break when a lot of leases are being signed. The policy didn't change. It's also not a problem of admissions, but enrollment. The best solution is getting these sophomores off-campus housing. From our end as off-campus, it's about engaging more transfer students. It's supply, not admissions or change of policy.
10. Will Kennedy: Since Gateways can't live on campus as sophomores, will they still be required to live on campus for three years?
11. Caroline Cameron: No, since they are being asked to move off.

12. Maddie Means: Is the differentiation policy still in place for off-campus students?
13. Caroline Cameron: No.
14. Danny Schermerhorn: Baumer has a lot of Gateway students and a lot of them are telling me how much they hate this policy. I am shocked because sophomores recently got an email about a stipend for staying on campus as seniors, and we don't have room for these younger students.
15. Veronica Slevin: There are enough juniors and seniors willing to go off-campus, so why would we force younger students to not be part of a community?
16. Maclane Farrel: There could be a lottery for juniors to live off-campus, and lottery spots could fill up really quick. Residence halls are where you meet people, so if people really want to live off campus, the desires of those students should be prioritized over students who have never experienced what is a lot of peoples' favorite parts about being on-campus.
17. David Haungs: In terms of solutions, Fischer Grad is the temporary solution that has been used last year and this year. Does anyone know why that's not a solution?
18. Benjamin Erhardt: We did talk about that, but there was no definitive answer given. One thing that rectors discussed was a program that connects transfer and Gateway students with a dorm community. The

rectors voiced a lot of support for that program and that's a possible solution.

19. Isabelle Keren: A lot of our rooms could be a triple or could fit more people in Johnson Family Hall and people want that. I think there are opportunities within dorms where we could put more people in a room. That's another possible avenue.
20. Maclane Farrel: Is there the same requirement for transfers to have a roommate? I know Fisher has singles available.
21. Benjamin Erhardt: It was mentioned that women's halls are tighter on capacity than men's halls.
22. Will Kennedy: Notre Dame has a lot of housing that they own, like on Eddy Street and The Landing. I don't know what they plan to use those for.
23. Caroline Cameron: In terms of short-term solutions, a hall connections program was mentioned in The Observer. Mabry and I are trying to figure out how we can develop this program. We're just focusing on short-term right now, like getting them on listservs.
24. Benjamin Erhardt: Are you meeting with Residential Life?
25. Matthew: We're looking at meeting the week of fall break right now.
26. Isabelle Keren: How will these students get to campus? Would scholarship be able to help you with off-campus housing?

27. Zachary Cortez: I think another issue is that there's less of an appetite to be an RA in the next year or two. Is there a good solution to that issue?
With fewer applicants, there's less capable RAs.
28. Thomas Davis: Something that I think is a short-term help is comping an on-campus meal plan. The dining hall is where you get to know people, meet your friends, and have meals.
29. Paul Stoller: Maybe if the University could determine which hall the gateway student could be in their junior and senior year, that could foster community between that resident and that hall.
30. Caroline Cameron: I asked why they couldn't get rid of the six semester rule and I was told by a rector in CLC that the University worked too hard to get this six semester policy passed to change it. I want to understand the reasoning behind it being in place.
31. Cooper Scholl: I had a meeting about the senior incentive credit to live on campus. So much of the experience comes from all classes being in the dorm, so they're trying to reinforce upperclassmen leadership. With trying to preserve upperclassmen living in a space, they're trying to prevent a dorm full of sophomores. They're trying to maintain that spread of juniors, seniors, sophomores in the dorm. They believe that is why dorm life is so strong.
32. Caroline Cameron: If you were planning to move off campus as a junior, you're probably more resentful and less likely to participate in dorm activities.

33. Paul Stoller: From the administration perspective, maybe they understand that the cycle is four years and if it's been around for four years, it could've been around forever. We didn't know the six month thing was new.
34. Matthew Bisner: Six semesters.
35. Paul Stoller: I'm assuming the University fought really hard for that and is trying to wait it out so it's not even a point of discussion.
36. Will Kennedy: Does the University have plans to connect transfer students, especially as sophomores, to meet each other.
37. Matthew Bisner: I believe there is transfer orientation during Welcome Week.
38. Lizzie Martin: This would affect next year's transfer students and I think this could affect our transfer rates. At least the Gateway community has each other.
39. Mary DeVoe: I think transfer orientation does little when they have to determine their housing plans long before that.
40. Matthew Bisner: Maybe something along the lines of prematriculation and community building would be helpful.
41. Mary DeVoe: Maybe giving them a second orientation would be helpful, but I don't know if it would help with housing arrangements. By the time they make the decision to transfer here they will be behind on housing.
42. Brian Kerns: Maybe Notre Dame could make transfer groups for Notre Dame more structured to help with housing arrangements.

43. Maclane Farrel: I think it would be hard in July to find housing for an August start. These transfers won't have the chance to start looking until July.
44. Elizabeth Gonzales: I think international student programming does a good job of building community and mentorship. I think it is applicable in the mentorship for transfer students.
45. Paul Stoller: It would be worth asking the administration if the same communication will be extended to transfer students. You can't notify people who haven't applied yet, but when they do, will it be the same?

B. Staffing issues

1. Colin Murray: I know in Dillon our rector has expressed to a lot of juniors that they will likely have to find RAs from other dorms because our juniors don't want to be RAs.
2. Veronica Slevin: I know we had more people in Pasquerilla West applying to be an RA for this year.
3. Paul Stoller: I can only talk upon Carrol, but I can tell you It's going to be a major issue. For sophomores, we didn't know what an RA was other than someone who policed HERE policies. We had that vision of an RA, like a little police. We still have that in our head. Hopefully that diminishes for the freshmen class.
4. Daniel Schermerhorn: Baumer has to get people from other dorms because we still don't have a senior class. They could think about letting juniors apply.

5. Isabelle Keren: One of my friend's brothers was an RA as a junior here, and it's something that other schools do.
6. Faith Woods: I think letting juniors apply to be RAs is a viable option. There are colleges that let sophomores apply. Speaking for BP, last year it was competitive, but this year we had to get three people from other dorms. I think there would be people wanting to live off-campus senior year who would be down to be an RA as a junior.
7. Maclane Farrel: If the school is offering incentives to live on-campus as seniors, you could probably incentivize committing to being an RA as a sophomore or junior.
8. Emma Eckstein: I could commit to being an RA now, but it's a pretty intensive process that they go through and you may not be a good fit, so I think that would be hard to enforce.
9. Zachary Cortez: Instead of having them commit, you could just raise incentives. If you raise incentives, you'll get more applicants.
10. Matthew Bisner: I think the RA incentives are meal plans and free St. Michael's laundry.
11. Will Kennedy: I'm sure there have been issues with finding RAs before and I think rectors have systems in place to look for RAs in other dorms.
12. Mia Moran: I think it's an issue of dorm culture. Less people were attached to their dorm last year, so less people wanted to be an RA. Maybe talk about building spirit with hall council representatives so that people want to be an RA.

13. Zachary Cortez: I think this is a unique situation because the last year has really negatively affected people's thoughts of living on-campus and being an RA. Especially with the six semester rule, good quality RAs are going to help build that culture.
14. Madeline Smith: Badin has a new rector. Our former rector was beloved and they always had a lot of applicants. We saw the number of RA applications diminish recently and I think that trend is going to diminish. I think it should be open to juniors.
15. Timmy Gallagher: Is there an actual trend in decreasing applicants? I think numbers jump around.
16. Matthew Bisner: Maybe the action item here is asking for numbers. Thank you for zooming us out.
17. Zachary Cortez: I think, as an underclassmen, there is a trend because of the COVID year effect on students.
18. Madeline Smith: I think that the trend will decline because two classes have such a negative idea of being an RA. I think that could feed into the freshmen image of being an RA.
19. Patrick Galligan: I don't think what happened three years prior will have that much of an impact at the time of application.
20. Zachary Cortez: I think that if sophomores are already committing to off-campus housing now, it is an issue.

21. Thomas Davis: Senior housing will be available. Don't fall for predatory leasing. Just be conscious of that. The Foundry will always have rooms to move into within a month.
22. Jake Lowry: The Foundry is plentiful, but it is because it's very expensive. The immediate ones that people want to get are the best bang for your buck.
23. Maddie Means: A lot of juniors haven't found housing, it is better just to wait.
24. Matthew Bisner: I think we've come to a good action step in requisitioning Residential Life to see if their applicants have indeed gone down and what trends they're seeing.

VI. New Business

VII. Announcements

- A. Veronica Slevin: PDub's closet is October 29th and you can donate items for raffle tickets.
- B. Kate McLaughlin: No Acousticafe this week but In the Heights is playing Friday and Saturday and Between the World and me is Friday at 6pm. The fall concert is October 28th.
- C. Jake Lowry: The junior class Council fall formal is this weekend. Please buy your tickets
- D. Mia Moran: Farley Fall Fest is this Friday and GreeNDot training is this Sunday at 1:30.

VIII. Adjournment