

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC **15 April 2019**
STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer, Patrick McGuire, *Student Body Vice-President*
- II. Roll Call: If you could ride any animal into battle, what would it be?
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - A. Patrick- No meeting next week
 - B. Department Member Form
 - C. Gun Violence Prevention Week-
 1. Patrick- There is also linked in the agenda, today from 7 to 8 personal stories from responders of gun violence. There are a lot of really cool events and we hope to see as many of you as possible.
 - D. Senate BoNDing Activity
 1. Patrick- A requirement bonding meeting to get to know each other, an hour in the student government office with food. I put it in the group chat, also I had a great conversation about the Senate with each of you and discussing membership in departments. We are hoping to have links in the agenda with the department member form, the department you want to be on.
 - E. Proposed New Residential Life Policies
 1. There has been talk about this subject in the Senate Groupme, but this is just in the new business and would require a unanimous vote. We do appreciate a lot of the new incentives from the administration, and we applaud the administration's ability to hear students input. But we are disappointed by the policy to make a policy separating off and on-campus seniors. This afternoon we met with EHH and we are grateful for the meeting and their fruitfulness. We are currently working on scheduling or potentially having an emergency meeting so we can do this before the end of the year.
 - F. Back the Bend- Please consider signing up for a project and tell people in your dorms about this initiative that has been taken on by a large number of campus leaders and feel free to share this with your dorm.
- V. General Orders
 - A. SS1920-01: A Resolution Bestowing Emeritus Status on Patrick Gates McGavick
 1. Whereas, Patrick Gates McGavick has served faithfully and dutifully the office of the University of Notre Dame Student Body President during the 2018-2019 term, putting forth his utmost efforts to advance the interests of the University of Notre Dame student body; Whereas, Gates served as an unwavering advocate for the student body in his role by working on dorm reform, Campus Dining initiatives, and increasing club funding in order to better the student experience at

Notre Dame; Whereas, Gates utilized his role in Student Government as Student Body President and through past positions as Keough Hall Senator and President to further build a more inclusive university; Whereas, Gates's devotion to the overall student body experience and his diligent commitment to working with administrators to represent the student body has greatly enhanced campus life and student culture; Whereas, it is clear that Gates has fostered strong teamwork and inspired great participation with the entire Notre Dame community; Whereas, Gates has demonstrated the poise, professionalism, wit, and steadfastness necessary for his leadership position; Whereas, Gates's role at the University extends far beyond that of Student Body President; now, therefore, be it resolved, that in recognition and appreciation of his dedication and contribution to the University of Notre Dame, the title of Student Body President emeritus be bestowed upon Patrick Gates McGavick.

- a) Farley- motion to end the debate and move into a vote
- b) Motion: Passed

B. SS1920-02: A Resolution Bestowing Emeritus Status on Corey Jackson Gayheart

1. Whereas, Corey Jackson Gayheart has served faithfully and dutifully the office of the University of Notre Dame Student Body Vice-President during the 2018-2019 term, putting forth his utmost efforts to advance the interests of the University of Notre Dame student body; Whereas, Corey faithfully and dutifully chaired the University of Notre Dame Student Senate, promoting active participation and open discussion among not only the members of Senate but also amongst all members of the student body; Whereas, Corey's lasting impact on and service to the University will be defined not only by the many important resolutions that have been passed during his chairmanship, but also by the legacy of his good character, professionalism, accountability, and commitment to the service of students and the mission of the University; Whereas, Corey utilized his role in Student Government as Student Body Vice-President and through past positions including St. Edward's Hall Senator to further build a more inclusive university and a better Notre Dame for all; Whereas, it is clear that Corey has fostered strong teamwork and inspired great participation with the entire Notre Dame community through his positive attitude, passionate leadership, and love for Notre Dame; Whereas, Corey's role at the University extends far beyond that of Student Body Vice-President; now, therefore, be it Resolved, that in recognition and appreciation of his dedication and contribution to the University of Notre Dame, the title of Student Body Vice-President emeritus be bestowed upon Corey Jackson Gayheart.

- a) Jackson Oxler: Motion to end debate
- b) Motion: Passed

C. SS1920-03: A Resolution Bestowing Emeritus Status on Briana Nicholle Tucker

1. Whereas, Briana Nicholle Tucker has served faithfully and dutifully in the office of the University of Notre Dame Student Government Chief of Staff during the 2018-2019 term, putting forth her utmost efforts to advance the interests of the

University of Notre Dame student body; Whereas, Briana has brought to her office a distinct character of dedication, integrity, enthusiasm, and collaboration in order to further the mission of Student Government; Whereas, Briana served as a selfless advisor, organizer, and friend to Student Body President Gates McGavick and Student Body Vice-President Corey Gayheart; Whereas, Briana worked tirelessly to achieve the goals of the McGavick-Gayheart administration; Whereas, Briana utilized her role in Student Government to advocate for the entire student body, especially by working tirelessly with administrators on issues regarding campus life and diversity and inclusion; Whereas, Briana's ability to connect students, willingly serve as a resource, and always bring a spirit of optimism and collaboration to Student Government in serving the student body has had a lasting effect on this campus; Whereas, Briana's role at the University extends far beyond that of Chief of Staff; now, therefore, be it, Resolved, that in recognition and appreciation of her dedication and contribution to the University of Notre Dame, the title of Chief of Staff emeritus be bestowed upon Briana Tucker.

- a) Carissa Salamatin- Motion to end debate
- b) Motion: Passed

D. Presentation on Resolutions and Amendments - Thomas Davis, Student Union Parliamentarian

1. Patrick- a really dope resolution
2. Thomas Davis- Thanks for everyone who came to meet me and for all of your questions. Basically, there are three types, a resolution, an order, and a letter. A resolution is a call for action and something that we want to change or implement immediately. An order is the execution of explicitly stated powers which are included in the constitution such as fiscal policies, addresses allegations or the use of CLC to communicate with administrators or approve nominations, establish election regulations, and determine any duties that you choose in the future. A letter is a point of communication with the administration to request information about certain issues. How many hours does it take for resolutions to be submitted - 48 hours? Who do they have to be submitted to- Patrick. More than 48 hours is better for Patrick to get out ahead of time so Patrick can have them prior to the meeting. So now into statements and orders, a senatorial statement is a statement that concerns a topic that requires change and senators can communicate to the administration in an official business matter. This is about specific things that are going well, such as bestowing emeritus status on the current administration or recognizing our championships in sports or other club teams, or requesting that the Columbus murals are removed. Orders call a change to the amendments of the sections of the constitution and rewriting phrases for clarity. We will be doing a lot of these to make the document more concise and I hope to work with all of you. If you appeal a section or a clause. How to write a resolution or an amendment starts with identifying what you want to change, garnering from people in the Senate who agree, and gathering the factual and

relevant information to make your resolution stand out and help your senators better understand what you are proposing. Need to be clear and concise about the purpose of the resolution. Then, formatting the resolution. Make sure to check with Judicial council to make sure everything is prepared. Part 1 is identifying what you would like to change and being very specific about the issue as well as writing down the specific elements. Strength in numbers helps to get majorities in a resolution so you are not working alone. If your topic or resolution pertains to a particular department, reach out to those members to ensure teamwork. Research is gathering relevant information helps people better understand your point and make sure you have hard facts to help have the resolution receive the attention it deserves. Department directors usually know where to find this information and suggest a logical argument. Explicitly define your objective and what you hope to change or what will the new amendment read? Also, be direct and use simple language and phrases when drafting the resolution. The main things are the standard header, the date that will be proposed in Senate, SS is a senatorial statement, SO is an order, and need to make sure you use the correct one. Then, the number will be 1919 or 1920. Authors with titles and have an explicit title for the resolution that is being proposed. We want it to be simple and clear but specific and ensure that the numbering is accurate based on the week. Father Jenkins would encourage you to incorporate elements of the mission statement into the resolution. In terms of amendments, before proposing, they may be proposed to any one of you, make sure you meet with parliamentarian or judicial council president. Once it comes down to a vote, requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority and then goes to the president, and the president can sign or veto. If it is vetoed, it can be overwritten by a $\frac{5}{6}$ vote by the Senate. Overall, ensure that your language is clear so it can be well interpreted now and in the future. All resolutions will be posted on the website of the Senate and then can be used for reference. We need 3 senators on the committee for the constitution so please let me know if you are interested. I want to meet with you before you draft your own resolution. Please contact me and ask questions if need be.

- E. SO1920-08: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body to Revise Clause Outlining Eligibility for Office
1. Jackson Oxler: Revise the clause outlining the eligibility of office
 2. Subclause I(4)(b) is hereby amended to read as follows: All elected officials (including those within the Hall Presidents Council, Student Union Board, and Senate), as well as all Executive Officers enumerated in Article II, must be present for their entire term. All members must be included, hall president and vice president, Student union board, and Senate must be present for their entire term.
 3. Executive officers are student body president, vice president, parliamentarian, student union secretary. There is a distinction between elected officials and the executive officers have duties that must be fulfilled on campus. The cabinet department members are unique in that they can work from abroad.

4. Lexi - Any ambiguity should be clarified, adding class councils
5. Sam: Some dorms the VPS can switch from semester to semester, does that play a role in that amendment
6. Patrick- the implication of the term would change, that term would be understood as the semester you are working on campus
7. Tom- HPC co chair- when you run for vice president, you must declare that you will switch off and must be present in the office when on campus
8. Nicole- Does this only apply to the elected people?
9. Patrick: Yes
10. Eric Kim- If there are no elected officials, does this apply to SUB? I am fine with keeping it. Dorm reps for SUB are members of the student union board.
11. Patrick- this means that SUB can serve while abroad
12. Samuel Delmer: If we pass this resolution, this means that our nominees from abroad would be confirmed?
13. Patrick: Yes
 - a) Vote: The motion passes

VI. New Business

A. A Resolution Responding to the Proposed New Residential Life Policies-

1. Based on what Thomas said, this can only be brought in if there is a motion to move into general orders
 - a) Moved into general orders
 - b) Vote to hear the resolution - Passed
2. Luke Sheridan-Rabideau- resolution- a spirit of inclusion based on our Christian tradition, life in a res hall is a rich foundation and framework for community building, leadership development, and faith development. Whereas, Notre Dame res hall flourishes when upperclassmen provide guidance to their peers and underclassmen. Whereas Notre Dame has promoted inclusion in hall dances, sports, etc. Whereas prohibiting seniors to actively engage in their hall would prevent the flourishing of residence halls. Whereas this does not match the general administration statement on housing policies.
 - a) Carissa and Walsh Cosponsors.
3. Kaleigh Perrier- Is this to amend every policy or just the exclusionary policy?
4. Luke Sheridan-Rabideau- If people are more comfortable if we reference other policies we can do that.
5. Jackson Oxler- Why is this a resolution?
6. Thomas- a resolution is a call to action and this is specifically a statement that you are issuing and sending to a particular body in the administration
7. Is there a way to let the student body know that the Senate is working on this?
8. Luke Sheridan-Rabideau- We are hoping to have this passed this week as there is a lot of pushback. We are hoping to add a clause that the pushback is coming from all grades. There was pushback that the underclassmen were not showing concern about this.

9. Make sure that there is a strong agreement, whether this can occur today or over the next week communicating with the constituents in your hall.
10. Alumni- can you explain about coming to the Senate, the threshold of the petition
11. Thomas Delmer- You must do something with it, and you guys worked on a resolution so that has been done, but an initiative is necessary and this is what you have been working on.
12. Tim: Do we have only one senate meeting or more?
13. Jack Rotolo- If we have an emergency meeting, we have reached out about the 29th, but they are eager to make their schedules work and if we can all be flexible, then this will move the process along.
14. Lyons- Given the strong response of the student body, is this better as a call to action?
15. Thomas Delmer- This is the same thing.
16. Jackson Oxler- There is a google doc with some testimonies, is there a way to share those with EHH.
17. Abby Smith- Can I suggest a friendly amendment? In the 5th whereas, can we add students from the LGBTQ community and members of diverse backgrounds
18. Megan O’Gorman: A friendly amendment in the resolve section, can you specify the sub clause instead of in totality, can we differentiate just the off-campus
19. Jordan- A friendly amendment, going off campus would further ostracise them from the community, so add possibly “reasons outside of their control”
20. Jack Rotolo- Did they bring up their points at the meeting?
21. Patrick- I don't want to put words into their mouths but they expressed that they want to highlight the consequences of leaving their community and the advantages of staying on campus and the issues around that
22. Daniel Feldmeier- When we say that financial limitations are living off campus, can't that be countered by the 3,000 credit that has been added? Don't we want to eliminate that phrase from the resolution?
23. Patrick- for a lot of students, that amount of money would not make a difference
24. Megan O’Gorman: Motion to end debate
25. If it fails you can bring it back, but you cannot change the language.
26. Patrick: This is just expressing how the student Senate feels and what the student body would encourage the administration to choose.
27. Meg Brinkman- Friendly Amendment, adding that it was detrimental to students who “already” feel marginalized
28. Erin Fennessy- I think that the petition numbers should be included, past 5,500 students
29. Sam Cannova: Do we want to reconsider the inclusion for “for understandable reasons”
30. Eric Kim: For the last whereas, should we talk about which one, their policy to differentiate in off-campus experiences
31. Jack Rotolo- I am concerned about the residential life enhancement policy, should we make a specific reference to the other policies that we have instituted?

32. Thomas Davis- If the Senate is trying to add a resolution, then make it as specific as possible.
33. Patrick- It is best that I am not making changes to this amendment.
34. Luke Sheridan-Rabideau- there was a document from the department of student life compiling the experiences of first-year students.
35. Jack Rotolo- Sorry, I'm a big pages guy. I don't use google frequently.
36. Emma Tamer- Amendment to change LGBTQ members to students
37. Kaleigh Perrier- If we were to table this, then we can move it to the committee
38. Thomas Davis- Then whoever does this they can move this to the department of Student Life. Then this can move into the hands of Connor and Abby on Student Life.
39. Aaron - In my past experience, I worked on a Resolution to make it exactly on one resolution, and it was beneficial to take it and work with it so it was exact and has the greatest effect possible.
40. Kaleigh Perrier: I have a motion to move this to the department of student life
 - a) Motion to move to the department of Student Life
 - b) Patrick: Thank you Luke, Erin, and Carissa

B. Discussing and Deciding Committee Structure

1. Patrick- this took shape last year in the fall, so we are hoping to solidify this in the Summer so that we can give those committees more of a vision moving into next year.
2. Jack Rotolo- if we are senators, then we can have as many cosponsors as we need

VII. Approvals

- A. Thomas Davis: Alina Peterson is the nominee for the position of Judicial Council Vice-President of Peer Advocacy for the 2019-2020 term. Matthew Bisner, my nominee for the position of Judicial Council Vice-President of Elections for the 2019-2020 term.
- B. Keegan Mcardle- what are specific improvements?
- C. Have some changes, you have to train to be a peer advocate by OCS which is ineffective so we need to have a team drive to refresh their memory
- D. Sam: What is the biggest threat to democracy?
- E. Alina- Speaking of political discourse on an institutional level and our political landscape is polarizing.
 1. Approval: Passed
- F. Thomas Davis: I would like to nominate of Matthew Disner to serve as the Vice President of Elections due to his experience on election committees and knowledge of the Judicial Council.
 1. Approval: Passed
- G. Director of Student Empowerment:
 1. Patrick McGuire: We respectfully ask for your consideration in confirming Godsee Joy to be Director of Student Empowerment in our Executive Cabinet for Student Government's 2019-2020 term.

- a) Godsee Joy: We are hoping to work closely with the CCC and working on improving the arts. Also, with international students and those studying abroad, these are the four main areas that we are working on.
 - b) Thomas Davis- being that you are setting a precedent for this department, how can you manage the other activities while also being a leader?
 - c) Godsee Joy: I am no longer committed to many of these tasks.
2. We respectfully ask for your consideration in confirming Anne Jarrett to be Director of Gender Relations in our Executive Cabinet for Student Government's 2019-2020 term.
- a) Sam: In light of the horrific fire, do you think that the university should improve the fire resources?
 - b) Annie Jarrett- Any more recommendations are out of my jurisdiction.
 - c) Keegan McArdle- What are your thoughts about the effects on your department in regard to title 9?
 - d) Annie Jarrett- I want to continue working with the regulations on Title 9. I think that we can find a compromise to advance everything on campus. My sophomore year I was working on the university policy department and have knowledge of Title 9 regulations. I have also seen and read surveys about different policies since freshman year.
 - e) Samuel Delmer- How do you defend your tweet from 2019?
 - f) Annie- I think that regardless of what I think, I am not here to preach my own agenda but am here to ensure that I am working to better the daily lives of every student on campus.
 - g) Kaleigh- considering you are going to be abroad, how will you best serve?
 - h) Annie Jarrett- I am working to have meetings to lead them every week and use google forms to send the agenda and conduct the meeting.
 - i) DC Morris- Can you speak about this tweet?
 - j) Annie Jarrett - that was a response to the Notre Dame leggings protest and got replies from women. I was feeling very sad and alone; as a director of Gender Relations, I want to ensure we have discussions about other genders on Campus. I think that if someone feels scared or threatened, we need to look at the reasons why they feel that way. I think a better way to phrase that is that "I don't want to have sex with them" and it felt uncomfortable to have people coming at me.
 - k) Jack Rotolo- How is Paris? It is amazing but very somber today.
 - l) Keegan McArdle- What do you see as the biggest issue facing gender relations at Notre Dame?
 - m) Annie- Domer Fest tensions exist and the lack of discussion or awareness between genders and everyone in having conversations about Gender issues. We need to address sexual assault and tolerance during ally week and at all times. There are traditions but we need to understand that changes need to be made without changing the spirit of Notre Dame.

Whatever we can do to be more open about gender relations issues is something I hope to emphasize.

- n) Samuel Delmer- She has a lot of negative views of Catholicism, but the fact that she sees the faith as against female empowerment, she sees that as counteracting the Catholic faith. This person is a radical and this is not the person that we want to run the Gender Relations Council.
- o) Jackson- This does not reflect how she will perform on the department and her capabilities.
- p) Elizabeth- I know Annie well and I have seen her leadership on campus and her internships. She organized the leggings protest from abroad and has shown far and above from everyone else.
- q) Patrick- Ee know she is a progressive person and we understand this concern, and I was on the department with her last year, and she has remarkable abilities to put her own beliefs aside.
- r) Luke Stringfellow- Do you think that these personal views can impact her performance-
- s) Elizabeth- The idea of the diversity of thought is extremely important
- t) DC Morris- Is there a line? How far does this stray from the core beliefs of Notre Dame?
- u) Elizabeth- If you are saying or doing something that goes against the wellbeing of the student body.
- v) Keegan McArdle- I would like more time to talk to my constituents about my reservations.
- w) Luke Sheridan Rabideau- She says she doesn't want people to feel threatened or alienated, but where can she draw this line? I think these things have to be factored in.
- x) Ashley Burkholder- Her experience and her knowledge about the issue are extremely refreshing and important.
- y) Connor- Pat and Elizabeth see the people that are best fit for this role and they ultimately arrived at the best conclusion for their administration. These are two people who are very open to new ideas.
- z) Samuel Delmer- This candidate is not an ethical leader based on her tweets.

(1) Her nomination is confirmed

- 3. Consider the nominations as a block: We respectfully ask for your consideration in confirming Nicholas Marcopoli to be Director of Campus Technology and Innovation in our Executive Cabinet for Student Government's 2018-2019 term.
- 4. We respectfully ask for your consideration in confirming Alex Yom to be the Director of Community Engagement and Outreach for Student Government's 2019-2020 term.
- 5. We respectfully ask for your consideration in confirming Nicholas Ottone to be Director of University Affairs in our Executive Cabinet for Student Government's 2019-2020 term.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment