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  - A. Exec Cab Senate Report Presentation
    1. Ben Nash ([bnash2@nd.edu](mailto:bnash2@nd.edu)), Director of Faith
      - a) Hello Senators, my name is Ben Nash and I serve as the Director of Faith. As part of Patrick and Sofie's reinstatement of weekly Senate Reports, I will present a brief update on events and initiatives I have completed thus far, as well as upcoming events and initiatives in progress. Today, I would like to briefly highlight the accomplished initiatives of the September 11 Memorial Mass as well as the Hallow App. Regarding the memorial Mass, President Emeritus Fr. "Monk" Malloy presided over a mass in remembrance of the lives lost on September 11, 2001. The mass took place in the Basilica and both students and faculty alike attended. In addition, my department worked with the Hallow app to provide Notre Dame students premium subscriptions, allowing access to Hallow's services, free of charge. The Hallow app is a Catholic meditation app that provides audio-guided Bible stories, prayers, meditation, and Christian music, and is a valuable

resource for all students. Additionally, I would also like to highlight a few of my department's upcoming initiatives. We intend to create a faith inclusive database for all students. This database will provide students with information about faith-based student organizations as well as transportation options for off-campus worship. Another initiative of my department is hosting a vocations fair, which will provide an opportunity for all students to learn about the diversity of vocations in the Church, from religious life to missionary work and more. Finally, we plan to strengthen the Interfaith Council. This council gives students and faculty the opportunity to engage in interfaith dialogue here at Notre Dame. Thank you all for your time. I appreciate the ability to share some of the very important and impactful work that my department has accomplished so far and is currently working on. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email at [bnash2@nd.edu](mailto:bnash2@nd.edu).

2. Progress Tracker linked [here](#)

B. [Senate Chats with Sofie: Office Hours](#)

C. GreeNDot Training

1. A final notice has been sent out to all pertinent members of the Student Government, including multiple senators, who have not been trained as of yet.

2. If the session is maxed out, please email me at [jschlach@nd.edu](mailto:jschlach@nd.edu) and I can get you added to the session on my end. Also please email me if you are able to sign up for this session and have signed up for a session in the Spring Semester so I can remove your name from attendance at the later session.

#### D. Residential Life Hall Visits

1. The Office of Residential Life and Student Government's Department of Student Life will be hosting Residential Life Hall Visits over the next few weeks in 5 dorms across campus. These visits will be an opportunity to learn more about what residential life does and ask questions you may have about Residential Life. Pies and other fall desserts will be available!
2. Here is the schedule of events segmented by dorms:
  - a) Wednesday, 11/9 at 8 PM in Welsh Family Chapel: Duncan, McGlinn, O'Neil, Welsh Fam, Keough, Ryan, Baumer
  - b) Monday, 11/14 at 8 PM in Lewis Basement Lounge: BP, Alumni Community in Zahm Hall, Carroll, Lewis, Sorin, Walsh
  - c) Wednesday, 11/16 at 8 PM in Johnson Family Chapel: Dunne, Flaherty, Johnson Family, PE, Knott
3. Please reach out to Mary ([mmassma2@nd.edu](mailto:mmassma2@nd.edu)) and Sarah ([smahone2@nd.edu](mailto:smahone2@nd.edu)), Co-Directors of Student Life, with any questions or concerns.

#### E. DineTogether ND Launch: November 13th

1. The Department of Health and Wellbeing is piloting a program for solo eaters in both dining halls on Sunday! In NDH, join other students at the round tables past the grill. In SDH, designated tables are those nearest to the fireplace.
  2. Please reach out to Sisy ([schen27@nd.edu](mailto:schen27@nd.edu)), Director of Health and Wellbeing, with any questions or concerns.
- F. Campus Dining Appreciation Week: November 14-18th
1. Student Government's Department of Student Life We will be tabling in NDH and SDH on Monday, November 14th and Wednesday, November 16th during dinner hours with cards and posters for students to sign. The banners and cards will then be presented to Dining staff at the end of the week!
  2. Please reach out to Mary ([massma2@nd.edu](mailto:massma2@nd.edu)) and Sarah ([smahone2@nd.edu](mailto:smahone2@nd.edu)), Co-Directors of Student Life, with any questions or concerns.
- G. Club Coordination Council Presentation
1. Annual CCC Presentation to fulfill the Constitutional Requirement
  2. Connor Patrick ([cpatric3@nd.edu](mailto:cpatric3@nd.edu)), President of the CCC
    - a) Connor Patrick: My name is Connor Patrick. I want to be as quick as possible and be conscious of our time. I am one of the few Seniors in the room and am serving as the President of the Club Coordination Council. I have served in Student Government for the past 3 years, two years as Executive Cabinet department members,

my freshman year diversity dorm commissioner, and Sophomore Class Council. I am required to be here according to the Constitution. What is the CCC? We are a branch of the Student Union, and our mission is to help clubs succeed and thrive. We are mostly known for—especially with COVID—club funding. We also help them plan big events, advisor and officer transitions, and gain SAO approvals. Follow us on Instagram, [@clubcoordcouncil](#). We just put together a Marketing Committee that will make it look nice. Next Tues and Wednesday are club info meetings. Clubs are required to come to receive allocation. There is an open invitation if you all want to hear all the club and SAO info that we want to share. Who here is in a club? Does anyone have a favorite club?

- b) Trista Brantley: The Bee Club.
- c) Griffin McAndrew: The French Club.
- d) Paul Stoller: The Astronomy Club.
- e) Mia Moran: Club Figure Skating.
- f) Jessica Vickery: Rock climbing.
- g) Kate Brandin: Baraka Bouts.
- h) Connor Patrick: Those are all great. We used to have more clubs, but we are at about 350 right now and waiting on an updated list from SAO. They are all doing great stuff. We have four executive officers, including me, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and Secretary. We have six divisions each run by a chairperson and along with

two to four representatives. We group clubs into six families based on their function. Special interests is a miscellaneous group that includes our political and religious clubs. Everyone on CCC has to be in a club and paying dues. New CCC members can apply to serve in the Fall and must be elected and re-elected every Spring by clubs themselves. They are appointed to begin, and then elected every year. We allocate funding, and I will focus on this, as per the Constitution. Our money comes from all of us! There is a \$95 activity fee in our tuition, and we also get some proceeds from The Shirt, plus interest on the Student Union endowment. This is distributed to clubs, activities, and Student Union organizations. “Student Government” is not in the Constitution, but I call the Student Union “Student Government” at times. The Constitution, on fiscal policy, specifies where the money goes. The money goes 40% to student clubs and activities, 59% to Student Union organizations, and 1% is fixed, which goes to special interest organizations like Diversity Council, PrismND, the Knights of Columbus, etc. Think of it at 60/40, 60% Student Government, 40% clubs. How do our funding processes work? Most money is allocated in Spring Allocation in March and April of every year. We have other ways of distributing money, such as contingency and collaboration appeals. This is for clubs that want to host new events but don’t have the money for it. Because of the fixed

amount we are given, we have to be strict about funding. Clubs project to spend \$2 million every year, and we only have around \$400,000 to give. We only cover about 15% of clubs' projected expenses per year; this year, specifically, it is 18%. We have to be strict in our rules and how we prioritize spending. Clubs are asking for so much, but we have so little, so we have a thorough process to allocate funds. Our process is rigorous and takes dozens of hours. Clubs are asked to submit budget requests, and we hold meetings to explain the process. They submit budget sheets with projected expenses for the upcoming academic year. We then meet with the club. Clubs would meet with their division heads and talk through more of the details. For transparency, someone from another division reviews the budget sheets as well. At the end, we meet for 15–20 hours to finalize all decisions. These are infamously long, it's kind of our thing. It is very stressful right before finals. There are lots of requirements for funding. The budget sheets must have line item expenses listing the exact things they plan on purchasing, not just saying that they want to put on a whole event. It is similar to applying to a real grant in the real world. Clubs have to meet with us and show up, which they usually do. These are club info meetings; they have to go each semester to get policy information. New clubs must meet to talk about how things are going. They have to hold at least one

fundraiser a year—this is usually NDDay. New clubs need to put on a separate fundraiser from NDDay to prove their financial sustainability. Clubs must also collect dues of \$10 per person per year for 75% of members. There is a high bar because of the finite amount of money we can give. Some unsettling statistics: Matty Bisner set up a fact-finding delegation in Senate to look into Student Union organization funding. Through the CCC, we meet 15% of the projected expenses that clubs report. For Student Union organizations, they meet 80% of their projected expenses. This is wildly different. We have been forced to create our own system of strict requirements, and others to adapt to this reality. We don't use 15%; we use other processes to project a different need. Fifty to sixty percent of adjusted expenses are met—not real expenses, but adjusted expenses. We get there through our requirements, rollover balances, fundraising, and tiering down expenses/expense types. Expenses need to be in line with club missions. Each expense type gets a percentage based on the division, and everything gets curved down—such as going from \$600 to \$300 for a food budget. The max amount we gave to a club was \$25,000. This is approximately 2–2.5% of the total pool. This club raised over \$12,000 through NDDay. On the other hand, the Student Union organization that received most money received \$260,000, which is 20-25% of the Student Activity Fee pool. This organization only raised \$260 via



NDDay, and aren't required to fundraise or collect dues. The exception is dorms. Dorms have to do ridiculous fundraising during NDDay, and most dorms did a great job and raised up to \$45,000. You knocked it out of the park. Dorms are held to that standard, but the system is that clubs have to do a lot of work to get money, but Student Union organizations have a different bar. There is not an equal playing field. It is not fair in terms of standards. In terms of club funding at peer universities, we are at the bottom. We have around \$400,000, and other universities allocate \$1 million to clubs, based on their newspapers and publications. We don't give all of our money away at Spring Allocation. At Boston College, they now have a massive outcry because they gave away all their money at once. Our treasurer is a quant god and would never let that happen; we keep some money on the side for appeals and Winter Reallocation. In March, club leaders don't have everything planned for the following March. Through emergency funding, we have made many events happen this year. We are working on streamlining processes for club leaders and for us. We want it to be easier for everyone, cover more costs, and do more for clubs. In an ideal world, we would get more money, but there are just different standards. I would love to work together to find a common ground. We did the Cultural Showcase, and we want to do more, and clubs rely on our help in cases of finding new advisors, rocky officer

transitions, and financial struggles. We want to work with all of you, and I have already had many great conversations with many of you about what we can do better as a CCC and as a Student Union. We don't want 60–70% of the pie, just fair standards for everyone to abide by, similar to what our peer universities are doing. We even have a CCC Division Chair here in the room. We want to establish fair standards and ensure that clubs and the Student Union can thrive together and no one is being left behind. I will take questions now. I am not a quant god, just a history major, so if I can't answer your questions immediately, please reach out to me. Also, come to club info meetings!. I will be around after to answer any questions.

- i) Paul Stoller: Can you go back to the university comparisons? What are these other schools' funding bodies?
- j) Connor Patrick: For clubs or for everyone?
- k) Paul Stoller: In general. Like, does Columbia have a similar organization where one like FMB distributes a pool of money?
- l) Connor Patrick: They all have similar FMB-type institutions. It's really a case-by-case basis for each school. Some SAO employees here were on these sorts of boards at their previous universities. The CCC is unique because we do not just do funding, and other universities don't have things like this in place. I would be happy to do more benchmarking—they paint a consistent picture, but still

have their intricacies. You can see me after if you have more questions.

m) Sofie Stitt: Connor has been everywhere in the Student Union, so if you have any questions, be sure to go to him.

## V. General Orders

### A. [SO 2223-12](#): An Order To Amend The Senate Bylaws To Ensure Informed Debate And Effective Agendas

#### 1. Questioning

a) Derick Williams: Have there been any changes to this since the last meeting?

b) Jared Schlachet: No. I cannot change it since it was on the agenda last week.

#### 2. Debate

a) Madison Nemeth: I don't have thoughts, I just think if you do pass the order, the language should be clarified. It could be simpler. I sent Jared a potential change. I would like it to be put as a suggestion into the document versus me saying it all out loud. There should be sections and subsections, as well as language clarifications.

b) Jared Schlachet: Would you like to suggest that amendment?

c) Madison Nemeth: I can't make a motion, but if someone else wants to do that...

d) Griffin McAndrew: I motion to make an amendment.

## (1) Questioning

- (a) Connor McCloskey: Where is the change?
- (b) Jared Schlachet: This is in the bylaws. The change is to the language of Section 4.8.
- (c) Jessica Vickery: I don't see why this requires unanimous consent—why not  $\frac{2}{3}$ ? If the majority of Senate wants to move something forward, I feel like we should not let one Senator stop it from being moved.
- (d) Jared Schlachet: I'm going to defer this to Madison.
- (e) Madison Nemeth: This is already in Parliamentary Procedure that unanimous consent is needed. This would just be clarifying what the rules already are.

## (2) Debate

## (3) Voting

- (a) The amendment passes.
- e) Paul Stoller: I really liked it last week and only voted “no” because the contradiction was hilarious. I will be voting “yes” today.
- f) Connor Patrick: I am old. This makes sense. I will be voting “yes”.

## 3. Voting

- a) The order passes.

## VI. New Business

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- A. A Resolution to Increase LGBTQ +, Racial, and Ethnic Minority Representation in the University Counseling Center Counselors
1. Briana Chappell ([bchappel@nd.edu](mailto:bchappel@nd.edu))
  2. Sofie Stitt: This is being brought to the UCC this week. We will have a link in the agenda next week.
- B. [Upcoming Topics & Collaboration](#)
1. Sofie Stitt: What have you guys been talking about at your hall councils?
  2. Mia Moran: This was not at hall council, but I thought and talked to SPC to look into making a land acknowledgement during football home games or having all professors have a land acknowledgement in their syllabi.
  3. Sofie Stitt: I will add that. Is there anything else anyone wants to bring to the Senate floor? I know there is a lot already, so no pressure. Creed, did you decide to pursue the flex point in dorm restaurants initiative?
  4. Creed Leathers: Luigi said last week that it would be pretty impossible, so no.
- VII. Announcements
- A. Connor McCloskey: On North Quad from 7–7:03pm, Keenan has a .5k run for our spirit week. We are selling shirts, too.
  - B. Paul Stoller: Patrick Smart would want me to announce the Sophomore Slam. There is an event before the basketball game and they are selling really cool t-shirts for it.
  - C. Madison Nemeth: The Spring Election Showcase on the 15th at 8pm in the LaFortune Ballroom.

- D. Jamil Allan (Rachel Dorfner Proxy): There is one SUB event this week:  
Acousticafé will be on Thursday from 8:30–10:30pm.
- E. Patrick Lee: On Monday in the Student Government Office, we will be hosting Coffee Chats, planned by Ryann. It is a great chance for students not in the Student Union to get to meet you. If you want free Dunkin' donuts and coffee, be there.
- F. Nicole Baumann: It is still FGLI week to celebrate FGLI students and their accomplishments. Sign up for the Golden Generation Dinner on Friday, where we will have food catered!
- G. Trista Brantley: The second round of Baraka Bouts is at 7pm in Dahnke Ballroom tomorrow. Come out and support, especially Jessica!
- H. Connor Patrick: Club Info Meetings are on Tuesday and Wednesday in Debartolo 101 at 5pm!
- VIII. Adjournment
- A. The meeting is adjourned.