I. Opening Prayer - James Baird

II. Roll Call – What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

III. Approval of Minutes - 9 November 2022

IV. Executive Announcements

   A. Senate Chats with Sofie: Office Hours

   B. General Reminder: Leaving Senate Early

      1. Please try to stay after the one hour mark so we can reach quorum.

   C. GreeNDot Training - this Sunday

      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. You can sign up here.

   D. SpeakOut: November 16th, 6:00-8:30 PM

      1. Student Government’s Department of Gender Relations: Title IX and Women’s Initiatives is hosting a Speak Out in the LaFortune Ballroom. This event is an evening where survivors and allies can share their stories, learn more about resources within the tri-campus community, and stand in solidarity with those who have experienced sexual violence or abuse in any form. All members of the tri-campus community are invited.

      2. Understanding that not everyone may be able to attend or feel comfortable speaking in public, survivors can share their stories anonymously with the form linked here and in the @ndstugov Instagram bio. Responses will be read at the event in conjunction with hearing from the in-person attendees.
3. Please reach out to Lane Obrginer (lobringe@nd.edu) with any questions or concerns.

E. Game Time: November 23rd, 1:00-3:00 PM

1. Student Government's Department of Community Outreach invites all Notre Dame, Holy Cross, and Saint Mary’s students to engage with local 5th-8th grade students in a team-based game fundraising event where they can register a team, compete, and 5th-8th graders can win prizes. All proceeds will be donated to the Local Cup SB, a pay-it-forward coffee shop. Click here to get your ticket!

2. Please reach out to Lala Petty (cpetty@nd.edu), Director of Community Outreach, with any questions/concerns.

3. If you are free and available, please come to attend or volunteer!

F. 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. Below is the last remaining session:

   a) 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) and Sarah (smahone2@nd.edu), Co-Directors of Student Life, with any questions or concerns.

G. 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 the Dining staff at the end of the week!

2. Please reach out to Mary (mmassma2@nd.edu) and Sarah (smahone2@nd.edu), Co-Directors of Student Life, with any questions or concerns.

H. No Meeting Next Week:

1. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! We will meet when we get back from break on Wednesday, November 30th.

V. General Orders

VI. From the Committee on the Constitution

A. Committee on the Constitution Memo Regarding SO2223-10b

1. Questioning

   a) Connor Patrick: Question for Jared, I know you want to table this. I didn't know about it until the memo was sent out. A lot of us may not know what this is. What is the current situation?
b) Jared Schlachet: That’s why we were reluctant to change. We think it’s better to grasp what these things mean, and then once we figure that out, if it makes sense to change voting requirements, we will look into it further.

c) Madison Nemeth: We were looking at what petitions and referendums do, and each time, we came to a different conclusion. That entire article was poorly written and not defined or written the way it should be. The recommendation is to look at that whole section of the constitution and clarify it, and change the threshold potentially, as it’s never been looked at before.

d) Connor Patrick: If someone did petition and it got signatures from 15% of the student body, what would that mean? Would it be an initiative?

e) Madison Nemeth: That’s the difficulty. Initiatives are framed at peer institutions as amendments to the constitution. In ours, it’s a “higher-level petition,” which makes Senate look at it within a certain time frame. It would be a resolution, not an amendment. But initiative is a questionable term. It would cause Senate to take “swift action,” and we don’t understand what this means entirely—posted to a website, discussed in Senate, voted upon? It’s so unclear. If an initiative came up, we would need all of Senate to decide what to do with it.
f) Derick Williams: So, approving the memo would mean tabling SO223–10?

g) Jared Schlachet: It would be a motion to go with the recommendation and table SO2223–10. Tabling means that this bill cannot come back into consideration in Senate because the whole article in general is unclear. Based on how the constitution is currently written, this would not be a good change to make.

2. Debate

3. Voting

 a) The recommendation is approved.

4. Jared Schlachet: The next steps are to set up a subcommittee to research peer institutions and see how study body petition referendum systems are set up, how that language is written, and how it compares to our Article 14.

5. Sofie Stitt: We will update you all as changes come through.

B. SO2223-10b: An Order to Amend Article XIV of the Constitution re: Voting Requirements

  1. The order was tabled.

C. SO2223-13: An Order to Amend the Constitution Regarding the Election Timeline

  1. Questioning

   a) Madison Nemeth: ComCon approved this last week and thought it was a sound amendment to the constitution.
b) Paul Stoller: I assume that this helps Judicial Council. What was the thought process behind this?

c) Madison Nemeth: We are required to do an info session, and we can’t have an info session right after where people could ask specific questions. With Class Officers, doing those elections before March 3 is really congested. It would be moved to the same date as for Senators. Class Officers would still know if they got the position before Spring Break, and would know at the same time as Senate, so there would still be enough time for the transition. This would allow the Vice President of Election to be smoother in their transition, especially considering that the Vice President is also a student.

2. Debate

3. Voting

   a) The order is passed.

VII. New Business

   A. SS2223-11: A Resolution to Increase LGBTQ+, Racial, and Ethnic Minority Representation in the University Counseling Center Counselors

      1. Sofie Stitt: The original plan was to bring this to Senate this week, but there were questions regarding a survey linked in there. We want to make sure this resolution is perfect before it comes to Senate.

   B. Upcoming Topics & Collaboration
1. Isabelle Grace: I am working on a resolution recognizing Worker Appreciation Week. Feel free to sign up on the document or email me if you want to co-write.

2. Sofie Stitt: I will add that tonight if people want to throw their name there.

3. Griffin McAndrew: We have an update on Flex Points. It didn’t turn out as well as we had hoped. A lot of new things came to light that were not previously considered, like how room and board are taken into account and food insecurity issues. We will still look into this and try to go another route, but going through Campus Dining is not an option.

4. James Baird: They are sympathetic, though, and will bring our concerns higher up.

5. Sofie Stitt: And it’s James, Griff, and Derick working on this?


7. Sofie Stitt: If anyone wants to work on that, it is on the document. We appreciate your work on this. Sorry it did not go well. Let me know if I can be supportive of any of you through office hours or whatever it may be.

VIII. Announcements

A. Sofie Stitt: With the loss of Jake, it never gets easier. There is support through the UCC and Campus Ministry as well as through me and other members of Student Government. We are all here for you, and we would rather you reach out and ask for help than if you didn’t. There will also be no Senate Dinner tonight, as I have to attend Interfaith Council.
B. Rachel Dorfner: I talked to a few of you guys at the election showcase and just wanted to let everyone know that I have Office Hours—tea time—every Wednesday right before these meetings in the SUB office for about an hour and a half to two hours. If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions for clubs we could collaborate with, my door is always open. I want to hear your ideas and thoughts, so feel free to stop by anytime. Right now, at Hagerty in Duncan, FLIP is throwing Happy Birthday Notre Dame with cupcakes to celebrate 180 years. We have an SNL comedian coming tomorrow in Carey Auditorium at 7pm. Student from the Stand-Up Comedy Club are opening for him. It is first-come, first-served tickets, and doors will open at 6:30pm. We also have Acousticafe tomorrow from 8:30–10:30pm, it will be called O’Cousticafe as a collaboration with O’Neill. Friday, we will be having a Gold-Out Giveaway to celebrate the last home game. We will be giving away a ton of gold merch in the LaFortune lobby. Next Monday is the Turkey Time Throwdown. There will be Thanksgiving decor decorating, apple cider, prizes, and giveaways.

C. Mia Moran: Tomorrow from 7–8:30pm, Farley is throwing an UndocuAlly training and a MiND training.

D. Caroline Potts: Badin is hosting a Type 1 Diabetes walk on Friday at 11am on South Quad. We are trying to walk 184 laps combined. We will also be hosting a bakeoff between all of the dorms on Sunday from 12:30–3pm outside of Carey.

E. Paul Stoller: Come get free food from 6:30–8:30pm tomorrow and volunteer for the Children’s Hospital. We will be making blankets in Duncan, and there will be Chick-fil-A and Insomnia Cookies.
F. John Soza: On Saturday before the game, come by the Knights of Columbus building for steak sandwiches.

G. Sofie Stitt: Sorry there has been so much switching of the Senate rooms. This room is going away due to renovations. The Notre Dame Room is also going away. It looks like we will not be able to meet in LaFortune next semester. I don’t think we want to go to a room in DeBart… I know you offered the basement, Creed, but that’s not going to work.

H. Paul Stoller: I didn’t know there was a basement of DeBart.

I. Sofie Stitt: It’s gloomy.

J. Paul Stoller: I don't mind Duncan.

K. Derick Williams: You could do Midfield Commons.

L. Mo Doyle: You can’t have Senate in a public space.

M. Luca Ripani: I think we should go somewhere where we can all see each other, like how it was in the Notre Dame Room.

N. Mia Moran: I like the room in Duncan where we swore people in.

O. Sofie Stitt: I like that because we can’t hear weights as much.

P. Connor Patrick: What about Remick?

Q. Sofie Stitt: I tried, but they wouldn’t let me. We also can’t go to McKenna.

R. Madison Nemeth: I wanted to second Duncan, on the other side. When we first had that, we had a lot more people that weren’t normally there, so it shouldn’t be as busy as it was.

S. Megan Mikuen: Is that the room in the middle part or on the edge?

T. Sofie Stitt: By where the ND Film stuff is.
U. Megan Mikuen: I don't like the edge one with the weights, I like the middle one better.

V. Sofie Stitt: If you have other suggestions, let me know. Are there any other announcements? Please be safe at the BC game.

IX. Adjournment

A. The meeting is adjourned.