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    1. Nick Albrinck ([nalbrinc@nd.edu](mailto:nalbrinc@nd.edu))
    2. Nick Albrinck: Hello Senators, my name is Nick Albrinck and I serve as the Director of Sustainability. 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 Sustainability Cup. The Sustainability Cup was a dorm-based competition promoting sustainable living practices in a community setting, including recycling and saving electricity. We were able to promote and drive attendance to several on campus events including the Sustainability Expo, Weigh the Waste Nights, and various talks and presentations. Along with gaining valuable results from surveys and quizzes filled out by students. I thought it was extremely successful!

We have also made progress on several of our other initiatives such as Dining Sustainability, Energy Use, and Material Waste. Our department hosted a tabling event where students were encouraged to fill out surveys about their sustainability and energy use on campus for free donuts. This allowed our department to gather information directly from students and learn more about sustainability habits on campus. Additionally, I would also like to highlight a few of my department's upcoming initiatives and events. We are planning several events related to some initiatives including an upcycling event, where the campus community can sustainably discard and purchase second-hand clothing options, a kickoff event for Dining Sustainability with a food truck and tables with related campus groups, and a panel with ND professors on sustainable investing. We are also continuing work with administrative bodies on material waste, energy use, dining sustainability, and carbon neutrality. 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, and I'll also stick around if you have any questions or ideas after all of the other senate business.

3. Derick Williams: You said you had some changes coming with the recycling program, could you tell us more about that?
4. Nick Albrinck: Currently, there is recycling in all the dorms. There is at least one blue toter in every dorm, and those are specifically for recycling.

They should also be in most campus buildings. Those are the only bins that go towards recycling; everything else that might say recycling on it is lying. The blue toters take bottles, cans, and paper, while the gray toters are for flattened cardboard.

5. Derick Williams: Keough is definitely not on the top of the chain when it comes to recycling. Who is supposed to collect those from the dorms and take them to the marked bins?
6. Nick Albrinck: There should be a blue toter *in* every dorm. It is up to the rector if they want to add any more than that. If there is not a blue toter in your dorm, definitely let me know. Building services should be taking out the contents of the blue toters once a week.
7. Connor Patrick: Are there any of these blue toters in Duncan Student Center?
8. Nick Albrinck: I haven't seen one on the first or second floors. There is a website that has a database that shows where all or most of the blue toters are on campus. If there doesn't show one in Duncan, then there probably isn't one there. Having them is up to the individual building managers now, but the goal is to get at least one in every building on campus here soon.

#### F. Judicial Council Presentation on Elections

1. Slides are linked [here](#)
2. Madison Nemeth ([mnemeth3@nd.edu](mailto:mnemeth3@nd.edu)), President of Judicial Council

3. Madison Nemeth: I have a quick guide to election regulations. This is not comprehensive, so be sure to read Article 15 of the constitution for more information. Judicial Council approves campaign materials, and they must be approved before use. You can only petition during a specified period established by the Election Committee. The whole timeline is being worked on now and will be published by January 30, but will be probably be posted before then. Petitioning consists of any public contact for the solicitation of signatures to get on a ballot. Campaigning consists of any public contact for the solicitation of votes. If you are considering forming a ticket, you can privately converse about who your running mate is going to be, but you cannot call yourself a candidate. Feel free to ask about any of this beforehand. Endorsements are public, formal, or organized communications or appearances indicating support for a candidate or ticket. Department Directors can speak in Senate, but they can endorse. Hall Presidents and Vice Presidents and the halls themselves can endorse. Clubs can endorse. ComCon can endorse. Special interest groups can endorse. Diversity Council can endorse, but the Diversity Council Chair cannot. Other members of organizations that are not a part of Senate can endorse. The CCC Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President can endorse. If you have any questions about this, please just ask beforehand. Former office holders can endorse. The Student Body President, Vice President, Chief of Staff, Secretary, and Parliamentarian cannot endorse. Judicial Council President, Judicial Council Vice Presidents, and Senators cannot

endorse. Candidates may not seek endorsement from these groups either.

If they do, that is a violation, even if the individual says they cannot endorse. Email and group chats can be used. Email is allowed, but not university listservs or university-sponsored group chats. Unofficial hall GroupMes or chats can be used. Please just ask beforehand if you are confused. If you decide to use social media, you must make the page available for Judicial Council to see. You don't need to make private accounts public, just follow Judicial Council and let Judicial Council follow you back. Social media is rapidly developing and is interpreted on an ongoing basis. Spending limits apply to an entire ticket. For a four-person ticket, the limit is applied to the whole group, not to each individual. All receipts and a list of materials must be submitted to the Election Committee prior to using the election material. The penalty is forfeiture of candidacy. If you are running and campaigning, check with the Election Committee and give a list and your receipts before using any materials. Election regulations are all in Article 15, and the overall timeline will be available in December or January. Precedent documents are also on our webpage, and our email is always available for questions. We have specific Office Hours to get campaign materials approved and any questions answered. I can also stick around after Senate, and our email is always open.

4. Jessica Vickery: Say the campaign limit is \$50. If you go over that, do you forfeit your candidacy?

5. Madison Nemeth: Yes. If you lied to us about not overspending, when in fact you did, that would result in forfeiture of candidacy.
6. Jessica Vickery: What about tax?
7. Madison Nemeth: You have to give us the whole receipt, which includes tax. The spending limit does include tax on election materials.
8. Paul Stoller: I have never heard of this happening before, so what is the penalty for overspending if it were to happen?
9. Madison Nemeth: Because that penalty is not explicitly outlined in the constitution, it would be at the discretion of the committee.
10. Griffin McAndrew: Does print quota count towards the spending limit?
11. Madison Nemeth: Yes. You have to let us know how much you honestly used, and we will reimburse you for that. If you are making stuff by hand, you just have to tell us how much that paper costs. You do not need to calculate how much you would pay for shared items available to everyone, like markers, when making those materials.

G. [Sofie's Reminders about Decorum](#)

1. Sofie Stitt: I know we went over this at the beginning of the year, but we will be going over this again. These are the expectations of you via Parliamentary Procedure and the general standards of conduct to be upheld in Senate. I am not concerned at all about you guys, but we do need to go over this periodically. Remember to attack ideas and never people. We are only talking about resolutions and orders when in Senate. I trust you guys.

Everyone makes mistakes, just don't be mean intentionally and you will be fine.

V. General Orders

A. [Nomination for Eliza Smith](#)

1. Questioning

- a) Derick Williams: Hi Eliza. What else do you want to share about any potential projects or goals and aspirations for this position?
- b) Eliza Smith: Hi! I'm really excited to jump on board. I am already a department member in the Diversity and Inclusion - Race and Ethnicity Department, and lately I have been excited to work on Walk the Walk Week. We are working with the university on this and plan to have a more student-focused approach and more student-led events. We really want to empower multicultural clubs on campus and help sponsor them and their events, as well as groups that have not had the spotlight on them a lot.
- c) Mia Moran: Patrick and Sofie, why do you think it would be effective to appoint a co-director at this point in the semester?
- d) Patrick Lee: That is a great question. We have a lot of goals left for this department and are always looking for strong leaders. In order to tackle everything we had left, and based on the work Eliza was doing and what she was already expected to do, it was really appropriate that we appoint her to this position.
- e) Luca Ripani: What's going to happen to other director?

- f) Sofie Stitt: She will become the other co-director. That is relatively common in Executive Cabinet. They will still lead the same team and work on the same projects.
- g) Luca Ripani: So there is no distribution of responsibility?
- h) Sofie Stitt: There will be to an extent, but as we add more projects, the plan is to work in tandem not divide the list down the middle in any way.
- i) Paul Stoller: You look like a great candidate, and I love to see that FYCC representation. If you could pick any one Disney princess to fight, who would it be and why? This will influence my vote.
- j) Eliza Smith: I've got to go with Tangled. Her biggest weakness is her hair, and I could use that against her. I also think she could use a smack of reality at times.

## 2. Debate

- a) Mia Moran: I want to express that I am for this nominee. When I used to be a writer for the Observer, I got to interview Eliza and Cassidy, the Executive Director for Student Empowerment. She truly, to me, showed how much she is able to dedicate herself and create change within the student body. I believe she is a perfect fit for this role.
- b) Sofie Stitt: Eliza is an absolute force. From the first time I talked with her, I recognized her energy is contagious, and we are all incredibly excited to have her on the team.



3. Voting

- a) The nomination is approved.

- B. [SO2223-15](#): An Order to Amend the Senate Bylaws Regarding the Proxy Policy

1. Derick Williams: Point of Inquiry to Jared, how would you feel about moving this up into General Orders?
2. Jared Schlachet: It doesn't matter much to me if this is done this week or next week as long as it is passed before Winter Break. We just want this in place before student leaders change their classes in the next semester.

3. Questioning

- a) Paul Stoller: Maybe I'm confused, but I am a non-senator voting member and I have always been able to have a proxy. Is that not technically allowed?
- b) Jared Schlachet: This is referencing that proxies are absences, and if you had a class during the time of Senate and sent a proxy over and over, that would be a violation of attendance. However, you should be able to send a representative from your organization in your stead to be in Senate without it being an attendance violation.
- c) Connor McCloskey: Would this require a formal system to set this up?
- d) Derick Williams: They would just need to notify the Chairperson.
- e) Jared Schlachet: Like with the proxy form we have now, you would let the Chairperson know you would like to send another

officer of the organization to Senate because you have a class or another significant obligation.

- f) Sofie Stitt: There is a question on the form currently asking if the proxy can vote in whatever way they would like or if they need to vote in a specific way. We would still have that question on the form as well.

#### 4. Debate

- a) Derick Williams: Part of the justification for this is that it is difficult attendance-wise for individuals who may have scheduled a lab 3-6:30pm prior to assuming their role, and now they cannot attend Senate. What we decided to do is put together this order. There is language that allows the Club Coordination Council to elect another officer of the group to attend Senate other than the President, and we thought this should also be allowed for other non-senator groups. We specifically thought that would fix the predicament we have seen with some other members and groups, like seniors, who are trying to get enough credits or requirements to graduate.
- b) Connor Patrick: I wanted to echo exactly what Derick said. The constitution says that, at any time, I can send any designee to come to Senate. It makes sense to extend this ability to other groups.

#### 5. Voting

- a) The order passes.

## VI. New Business

- A. [SO2223-14](#): An Order to Suspend the Off Campus SUB Representative Vacancy Election
- B. [SS2223-11](#): A Resolution to Address Concerns with Class Registration for Students in Notre Dame's ROTC Program
  1. Derick Williams: As author of this resolution, I would prefer for it to stay in New Business to provide ample opportunity for everyone to read it, as there have been significant edits based on feedback we have received. I welcome any feedback, questions, or concerns either after Senate or via email.
- C. A Resolution Calling Upon Campus Dining to Make Available Cooking Classes for Students
  1. Derick Williams: This is in the works. We're excited about it. If Jess or Connor want to add additional thoughts, go ahead. We are also open to taking feedback.
  2. Jessica Vickery: There will be a meeting on Tuesday during SPC to talk about it more and see if this is something we want to see on campus. It would be great if we could send out a survey to hear what people think.
  3. Connor McCloskey: I was also going to talk about the survey.
  4. Sofie Stitt: Could you remind us what SPC is?
  5. Derick Williams: SPC is a fun, come-when-you-can, leave-when-you-need-to collaboration time for StuGov people to hash it out and work on initiatives. We will probably only be having one more

because of finals coming up. It'll be on Tuesday from 7–9pm somewhere in the Hesburgh Library. Maybe I will bring cookies for the holidays.

6. Sofie Stitt: That is an unofficial Senate thing, so no worries if you can't go or make it. Thanks for everyone's initiative on that.

D. A Resolution Calling for the Reaffirmation of the University's Pro-Life Values

1. John Soza: This is in light of national news coverage about the university. We are calling on it to reaffirm its pro-life values in specific verbiage to flesh out what we can and cannot say.

E. A Resolution to Increase LGBTQ+, Racial, and Ethnic Minority Representation in the University Counseling Center Counselors

1. Sofie Stitt: Bri, the Director of Gender Relations - LGBTQ+ Advocacy, is not here, but Eliza is here, and she is the new Co-Director of Diversity and Inclusion - Race and Ethnicity.
2. Eliza Smith: Our update is that we are still meeting with Mo to verify some survey results and the survey's inclusion in the resolution. The resolution will highlight possible training for UCC. We hope to bring this to the floor soon.
3. Kate Brandin: We think while it focuses on increasing visibility for LGBTQ+, Racial, and Ethnic Minority students through the UCC, by increasing the number of counselors will also help benefit everyone, so that will be great to see.

F. [Upcoming Topics & Collaboration](#)

1. Sofie Stitt: Before we jump in, Lauren, can you provide an update?

2. Lauren Taylor: I have an update on the self-scheduling resolution that passed a couple weeks ago. UHS has implemented a pilot program that allows students to self-schedule a physical through the health portal. I will send an email with the steps for you to communicate to your hall. They will start to add more appointments and make sure the system actually works. Getting the word out is going to be really important. Please promote it in the halls. I sent an email to my whole hall walking them through how to do it.
3. Mia Moran: I think, for information spreading, other than through dorm Senators, I think it will be effective to let the Director of Health and Wellbeing know so she can help spread that information.
4. Sofie Stitt: If you have any other ideas, reach out to Lauren, who can also get that to me. Are there any updates for anything else on the document?
5. Griffin McAndrew: The Flex Point resolution is back from the dead, and this time, we are going through the budget office. We will be talking to them at some point soon.
6. James Baird: Always fighting the good fight.
7. Sofie Stitt: Are there any new things to bring to the document?
8. Marshall Smith: I am interested in talking about a way to fulfill the constitutional requirement for “celebrating diversity” that was presented a few weeks ago in Senate. I would be happy to talk about it, so feel free to find me after Senate, shoot me an email or GroupMe, or corner me in the DH.

9. Megan Mikuen: I sent an email to Luigi about this, but have no response yet. Until you get to the 120 mark, you can buy individual meals at a discount that ends up costing less than the block meal plan, which doesn't make sense.
10. Sofie Stitt: I can add myself to that interaction if he doesn't respond.
11. Kate Brandin: For the Flex Point people, when I switched from the 250 to 230 meal plan, I got \$200 back. I wonder if you could funnel those into Flex Points or Domer Dollars.
12. Griffin McAndrew: We asked about that, and they said that wouldn't be possible because of food insecurity issues.
13. Derick Williams: They made it seem like Flex Points were more expensive to their operating costs than meal swipes are. Giving students more Flex Points is more expensive to their bottom line. They want to make sure people have enough meal swipes to eat at least once a day and don't starve because they have run out of Flex Points. This is definitely a big opportunity for student involvement, growth, and leadership.
14. Sofie Stitt: The Department of Student Life would be a good resource for this as well.
15. Derick Williams: One addition to the document is a potential group of resolution surrounding Residential Life. There are a lot of different ways for that to grow, and it could be cool for Senate to take on multiple resolutions surrounding Residential Life. This will probably be on the

backburner until Spring but will be worth considering. I am open to feedback about improving residential life and the dorms.

16. Jessica Vickery: Something we also discussed is the Huddle. There are no prices on bigger merchandise, like ice cream ,which makes it difficult to gauge spending. We called to ask for the manager, and we are in email communications with them. We did a walk-through this morning to come up with a plan on marking the rest of the merchandise. We will give them a few days to do that, and then plan to write a resolution so we can bring it up formally. If anyone wants to hop on that, please do so.

17. Hunter Brooke: I am working with this great FUEler and want to yield my time to him.

a) Saif Elmaleh: I am Muslim, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is one of the things I really want to work on. I want to raise a concern about the dining options provided for Muslim and Jewish students. There are specific requirements for food and meats to be halal and kosher that the dining hall does not provide anymore since before COVID. No clear signs that indicate if foods have pork or not. I want to bring these topics to action, calling on the Dining Halls to have signs indicating whether the food is kosher or halal, like the vegan and vegetarian signs. This would be harder, but I also want to call them to provide more kosher and halal food in general.

18. Hunter Brooke: I am working with Cheryl Bauer and talking to her, and I think we can get pork signs up really soon. We will meet about the other stuff that will be in a resolution also coming to Senate soon.
19. Nick Albrinck: I know Campus Dining is working on re-labeling on their website. I don't know if they were planning on including kosher and halal labels, but I can talk about that in upcoming meetings I already have scheduled with them.
20. Saif Elmaleh: The website is a wonderful tool, but it has not been useful with options like the meatballs, since they are unclear about whether they have pork or not. Clear signs on the food in person would be the most practical thing for students. I am just raising the concern.

## VII. Announcements

- A. Sofie Stitt: The Student Government Office is being moved down to the first floor on the left side. It will be open after Winter Break, and we would love to have an Open House party. The office upstairs will be closed right after Reading Days. If you keep anything up there, it will be locked and torn down, so get that stuff out as soon as you can. You can also go up and say goodbye if you need to.
- B. Derick Williams: Is there an event sponsored by Father Jenkins on Monday, or was that a spam email?
- C. Mo Doyle: Yes, it is actually happening. The reception is for all enumerated student leaders. You are actually invited. Please RSVP to that.
- D. Sofie Stitt: It is super sick, I went last year. Patrick Lee agrees.



- E. Paul Stoller: It's getting cold out. Lucky for you, Junior Class Council is giving away pajama pants next week, first-come, first-served. We are handing out flannel pants, warm socks ,and donuts in Duncan Student Center. Until December 3rd, we will be having candy grams. If you have a crush or anyone else you want to send a candy gram to, there is a form you can fill out!
- F. Mo Doyle: Are those for juniors only?
- G. Paul Stoller: We may be checking for IDs on pajama pants, but for candy grams and socks we may be more lenient. Another big event from last year is coming back this year, Christmas Karaoke. I will be singing "All I Want For Christmas Is You," and there will be free hot chocolate and cookies.
- H. Rachel Dorfner: Acousticafe will be tomorrow night from 8:30–10:30pm in Hagerty. From 4–6pm, there will be a Gingerbread House Making Competition with teams of four. The top two teams will win a 50 inch flat screen TV.
- I. Connor Patrick: Club updates - ND Cultural Clubs and MSPS will be collaborating to host a World Cup Watch all day on Saturday at Midfield Commons. Chicory Cafe and other restaurants will be catered. The US is playing an early game on Saturday. Should be fun.
- J. Max Feist: FYCC is having Christmas Karaoke tonight, and we will not be checking Student IDs. It will be from 6–7:30pm at Hagerty, and I will be singing "Baby It's Cold Outside".
- K. Connor McCloskey: There are 85 days until the Keenan Revue.
- L. Sofie Stitt: Connor got Head Writer for the Keenan Revue!

- M. Mia Moran: Farley is hosting a MiND training tonight from 8–9pm. Please go if you can!
- N. Sofie Stitt: I know this time of the year is tough, so let me know if you need anything. There are lots of resources available to you. There will be Senate dinner after this!
- VIII. Adjournment
- A. The meeting is adjourned.