

- I. Opening Prayer - Erin Coyne
- II. Roll Call - What is something you did over break that you think no one else in the room did?
- III. Approval of Minutes - [7 December 2022](#)
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - A. [Sofie's Reminders about Decorum](#)
 1. The Student Senate does not debate the merits or actions of individual members of our campus community, including Students, Faculty, and Staff.
 - B. We will be in Mendoza 160 for the remainder of the term.
 - C. The term ends on March 31st, 2023.
 - D. Jared Schlachet: Last semester, we passed something to change the bylaws allowing non-Senators to send other individuals from their organization in their stead if they have significant conflicts. If this pertains to you, email Ryann and Sofie explaining your significant conflict and name who will be coming instead.
- V. General Orders:
 - A. [SO2223-14](#): An Order to Suspend the Off-Campus SUB Representative Vacancy Election
 1. Questioning
 2. Debate
 3. Voting
 - a) The order passes.

B. [SO2223-16](#): An Order to Amend Article XV to Expand Required Campaigning Reimbursements

1. Sofie Stitt: This is about campaign reimbursements, and the campaign period for Student Body President and Vice President has begun, so the threshold to pass this order has changed from meeting $\frac{2}{3}$ approval to $\frac{3}{4}$ approval.
2. Madison Nemeth: If I may, we didn't change any of the campaign limits, but just moved some things around so they made more sense.
3. Questioning
 - a) Sofie Stitt: We should clarify exactly what the change is here.
 - b) Madison Nemeth: Judicial Council is only required to reimburse candidates running for Student Body President and Student Body Vice President as of now. We do not have to reimburse for hall elections, like Senator and SUB Representative, Off-Campus Council, Class Council Officers, or FYCC candidates. For the past two years, we have decided to reimburse these candidates at our own decision because our budget allows it, and we believe that finances shouldn't keep students from running in an election. Whether you pass this or not, we will continue to reimburse all candidates, this is just to make sure that whoever the Judicial Council President is or whoever the Officers are, all will get reimbursed.
4. Debate

5. Voting

- a) The order passes.

C. [SO2223-17](#): An Order to Amend Article XV to Adjust Campaigning Locations

1. Questioning

- a) Derick Williams: Question to Madison, are there any changes that we may not be aware of that are being made?

- b) Madison Nemeth: Either way, we will operate the same way.

Because the Student Government Office got moved from the second floor to the main lobby, we are just clarifying exactly where in LaFortune you can campaign, making it explicit rather than up for interpretation.

2. Debate

3. Voting

D. [SS2223-11](#): A Resolution to Address Concerns with Class Registration for Students in Notre Dame's ROTC Program

1. Questioning

- a) Connor McCloskey: Do you know what times ROTC students are needed?

- b) Derick Williams: I have some testimonials and survey results I think would be good for this question. Thanks to some work by Jessica, we sent a survey to ROTC students to get more facts on stuff like this even though we already knew this was an issue.

Some of them shared their thoughts. We got 82 survey responses,

34 from Army, 31 from Navy, and 17 from Air Force. 62.2% of respondents reported being unable to find courses that fit their schedule. 82.9% of respondents gave creating a schedule a difficulty rating of 7 or higher. Here are some testimonials. We found that on Tuesdays and Thursdays, ROTC students have trouble with their schedules due to labs. One student said: “Having PT early in the morning makes it sometimes difficult to attend a class if it’s an 8am. Any Tuesday/Thursday class (or a lab) on Tuesdays is pretty much not doable if it’s after 2pm due to ROTC class. I’ve literally had to call the Registrar's office to beg for a slot in a required engineering lab because it was the only section I could take and it was full.” Another said: “I had a very stressful situation last year because I had a late registration time, so I wasn’t able to get into the only tutorial section that worked for my schedule, and so I had to go through the whole process of emailing the department and my ROTC leaders and having them contact the department and open a spot for that section. This has happened multiple times now, and I have heard of more difficulties like this from my ROTC friends.” “ROTC is a big time commitment, and in Army, it’s very draining to have 8:20s after waking up at 5am. Also, you can’t register for any classes on Tuesday/Thursday in the afternoon because of the ROTC class.” “If I did not have early registration I legit would not have been able to make a schedule.

Early registration is a must. Please help out me and my fellow cadets so that we can actually take the classes we need to take. We are trying to serve you and our country and early registration would be a small service the university can do to assist ROTC cadets. Please help us serve our country. Early registration please.”

I hope these answer your question, Connor.

- c) Griffin McAndrew: Two things. Am I allowed to propose a friendly right now?
- d) Sofie Stitt: You’ll need to wait until debate.
- e) Griffin McAndrew: In your discussion with the Provost, how willing did they seem to implement this?
- f) Derick Williams: I’m unsure how much I am able to talk about that meeting, but it was good, and the Provost was open to taking a look at this issue. We have another meeting soon to talk about that further. I think that’s the best response we could have gotten. Taking a passed resolution and all of these testimonials should be a huge help. They don’t always get to hear directly from the students, so the testimonials should be really cool. Their voices will be directly heard by the Provost. I am looking to continue working with the Provost on how to implement this.
- g) Connor McCloskey: How many ROTC students are there?
- h) Derick Williams: 300, with about 100 per branch.

- i) Connor McCloskey: So for early registration, it would be 10–15 students across registration times?
- j) Derick Williams: The Registrar does this for a living and should be able to figure out how many people to put in each slot. That should be manageable given the small number of students this would pertain to.
- k) Jessica Vickery: Would it be possible to have this be dependent on their schedule? Like if a student only has one required class, they don't get early registration, but a kid with four required classes would get it?
- l) Derick Williams: What we're seeing is that this is universal across the board. A third of the program answered the survey and said they hated the registration system. There are underlying issues in it whether students have one or four required classes. Thus, I think taking the universal approach is best. The best we can do as Senate is to support the Provost and Registrar looking into this further. We should play highball to see if they give us the full amount.
- m) Griffin McAndrew: Have you looked at other universities? Do they have priority registration for ROTC?
- n) Derick Williams: A had a conversation with the Registrar about this. He is a good guy, and I appreciate his honesty. There are a few examples, but this is not the most common among our peer universities, and because not every peer university does it, I think

that's why we haven't made it happen quite yet. There are other universities that the Registrar told me about that provide early class registration for other things, like being in the band or specialty clubs. We take pride in our strong ROTC programs here at Notre Dame, so even though other peer universities don't give them early registration, I think we should. Our large program and support for it warrants that.

- o) Megan Mikuen: Is the ROTC time slot the same for every semester?
- p) Derick Williams: I know it is common by grade level. It seems like, across the board, regardless of grade, Tuesday/Thursday after 2pm seems to be the trouble spot. By passing this resolution, we bring the issue to light with the Provost and Registrar, which I think, regardless of the resolution, needs to be looked at.
- q) Abigail Donahue: Have you talked about reserving classes for them?
- r) Derick Williams: I think that's a valuable option for further conversation if they don't end up implementing this. I would rather ask for this first. That will be something I bring up in my conversations with the Provost as an additional option.

2. Debate

- a) Griffin McAndrew: I made a friendly amendment to change the spelling of Air Force.

(1) The friendly amendment is approved.

- b) Peter Herrmann: As a current ROTC student and Senator, I wanted to take the time to individually thank you, Derick, Jessica, Mia, John, Hunter, and Zach. This is really beneficial for all ROTC students. Those testimonials represent things you would hear by all ROTC students, and especially those engineering students whose labs are at that time. This should be good for recruiting and very helpful to those already in the program.

3. Voting

- a) The resolution passes.

E. [SS2223-13](#): A Resolution to Increase LGBTQ+, Racial, and Ethnic Minority Representation in the University Counseling Center Counselors

1. Questioning

- a) Zach Geiger: You said that 47.7% of students of color and 35.5% of LGBTQ+ students declared they have been hesitant to reach out for UCC support as a result of their identity. Do you have numbers on how that compares to white and heterosexual individuals?
- b) Briana Chappell: I do. Let me pull up that survey real quick.
- c) Marshall Smith: Do you feel that this sample size was big enough to draw these conclusions?
- d) Briana Chappell: Ideally, we would have a larger sample size, but we found that those demographics are close to that of the Notre

Dame campus in general. Responses still satisfy the requirements to be a good sample.

- e) Bobby Spence: What does the process of getting a counselor look like? How much choice or input does a student have to who they see?
- f) Briana Chappell: How it works is that you go into the UCC and sign up to be in their system. Then, you go in for a drop-in visit, which lasts 45 minutes to an hour. They assign you to a random counselor, and you get introduced to the UCC and you tell them why you want their services. You have no agency in this drop-in meeting and can be placed with anyone, which isn't ideal. After that, there is some wiggle room, and you can say if you would prefer, say, a woman or a counselor of color, but they do inform you that the staffing capacity is low. The line to get help and receive support is often very long.
- g) Paul Stoller: Two questions. One, do you know how many counselors of color or LGBTQ counselors there are? Two, does the UCC have current efforts to expand their staff? I know that was an idea that was brought up last year.
- h) Eliza Smith: Going back to Zach's question—a majority of the people saying they were likely or very likely to reach out were straight individuals. All except for five or less said they were not hesitant to share.

- i) Briana Chappell: Paul, we can't answer that question because they are currently facing staffing changes. We did meet with Dr. Conway and talked with her and the Director of Health and Wellbeing, Sisy Chen. She looked over this resolution and the places we were looking for increases in staff, and they were behind it. They are looking to expand their DEI networks and bring more DEI people on their full staff. They are also looking at offering group sessions for those in certain identity groups. In this resolution, we are wanting a verbal and written commitment to increase inclusion efforts.
- j) Derick Williams: I am glad you got to talk to Dr. Conway. In those conversations, did she talk about any work we can do in the future to help the UCC?
- k) Briana Chappell: A lot of this comes down to miscommunications between the UCC and the general student body. I learned a lot about how much they care and have started working on these DEI issues. There is certainly work to be done connecting the student body to the UCC, and they need input on what services of theirs are useful, like what sorts of group sessions students would be interested in. Generally, they are open to additional feedback and advice on how they can continue expanding their services.

- l) Bobby Spence: What would the final end-goal be? That surveys stop coming up with disparities? That the percentage of minority counselors matches the percent that comes into counseling?
- m) Briana Chappell: I think successful implementation would be close to that. More on the quantitative side, yes, we would want demographics to be similar to that of the student body. We also generally want the UCC to make that information more publicly available for students so they can see the people they will be meeting, the demographics of the center, and what they are approaching so they can see if that is a place they feel supported. We want to see the percentage of minority counselors increase and see that continue to increase in publicly available information hopefully on their website.
- n) Kate Jackowski: Do you know any numbers of the student to staff ratio at the UCC in terms of counselors?
- o) Briana Chappell: I don't have that ratio on hand, but they have been increasing hiring even in the past couple weeks. I am sure that ratio has been decreasing as of now.
- p) Sofie Stitt: Exec Cab is working on a UCC wait time tracker platform to assist with that since there have been issues regarding HIPAA violations.

2. Debate

- a) Eliza Smith: I make a friendly amendment to strike Faith Woods' name off the resolution and adjust Eliza Smith's title to "Director".
- (1) Jessica Vickery: Did Faith work on this resolution?
 - (2) Briana Chappell: She sponsored it, but we have fully authored it.
 - (3) Connor Patrick: Would someone need to motion to offer this as an amendment?
- b) Connor Patrick: I motion to make the amendment to strike Faith Woods' name off the resolution and adjust Eliza Smith's title to "Director".
- (1) The amendment passes.
- c) Kate Brandin: I want to say, regardless of your politics, this bill is really important. We don't have counselors in the supply that we need, and hiring more diverse counselors helps everyone, not just those from certain demographics.
- d) Ayden Ellis: I know you can't deny hiring people on the basis of race or sexual orientation. Can you hire people on that basis? Is that something that the university is able to do?
- e) Briana Chappell: We are more so asking them to expand their professional networks and and reach out to and join DEI networks to reach out to those professionals. The UCC wouldn't be hiring them on the basis of just being Black, but for the holistic vision of their resume, and them having an expertise in multicultural

counseling that can help them bring students what they are looking for here.

3. Voting

- a) The resolution passes.

F. [SS2223-12](#): A Resolution Calling for the Reaffirmation of the University's Pro-Life Values

1. Sofie Stitt: John and I talked before this.
2. John Soza: I was going to make a motion to table this. Since the resolution has been in the agenda, Father Jenkins has done what we were asking in the Chicago Tribune. Because of this, the resolution is now asking for Father Jenkins to do something he's already done, so that's why I would motion to table this.
3. Madison Nemeth: Is there a reason you aren't outright withdrawing it?
4. Jared Schlachet: Yes, we want to remove it from this agenda.
5. Madison Nemeth: Withdrawing would make it clear that this wasn't just put aside, but instead removed by the person who was offering the resolution.
6. John Soza: I motion to withdraw the resolution.
 - a) The motion passes.

VI. New Business

- A. [SO2223-18](#): An Order to Amend the Student Union Constitution to Empower Diverse Student Groups

1. Connor Patrick: If this is still in New Business, do I need to say anything about this today?
2. Sofie Stitt: If we don't move it up, you can just give an update on it and say what its goal is.
3. Connor Patrick: Hi, I'm Connor, and I am President of Club Coordination Council. We handle all things clubs. Tomorrow starts Walk the Walk Week, and that lasts until next Friday, the 27th. This is a great opportunity to look at what we can do better at Notre Dame. What is outdated so we can build a beloved community on campus? This amendment would strip away something that is not used in practice at all by the CCC and seems to be a relic of a bygone era. We haven't referred to clubs by "ethnic groups" since 2001 or 2002. It basically says in Article XVI, Section 4(d): "Ethnic organizations are eligible for funding provided that their programming will promote greater cultural awareness and understanding within the Notre Dame community." Our practice is to consider funding for all student groups to apply for funding that is in line with their mission. It does not need to support or educate the community as a whole. To single out "ethnic groups" and say that they can only get funding if events are open to everyone when no other group is held to that standard seems to be rather discriminatory. I would be open to moving to general orders, but we can hold it off to next week, that's your prerogative.
4. Sofie Stitt: Diversity Council was invited to Senate next week to hear this, so out of respect for that intention, we want to withhold this to next week.

5. Connor Patrick: Diversity Council doesn't fall under the CCC, they're a special interest organization. Does FMB consider Diversity Council an ethnic group?
 6. Mo Doyle: Diversity Council's membership is made up of club representatives, which is why we decided to invite them. I clarified this with MSPS to make sure.
 7. Sofie Stitt: Unless a motion is made, we can continue.
- B. An Order to Amend Article XVI (Fiscal Policy) To Clarify Usage of Funds to Reimburse Campaigns
1. Madison Nemeth: Because of the amendment approved today regarding campaign reimbursements, Kevin read my amendment and was going through the Constitution and found in the fiscal policy section that we can't use funds for political reasons or campaigns. This is clarifying that Judicial Council can give money for reimbursements, but no other group can.
- C. A Resolution Calling Upon Campus Dining to Make Available Cooking Classes for Students
1. Derick Willaims: Connor and I will be meeting on Friday to go over some of the recommendations and suggestions and comments, so hopefully we should see this pretty soon.
- D. [Upcoming Topics & Collaboration](#)
1. Sofie Stitt: Does anyone from the doc want to provide any updates or bring anything to the floor? I understand there was a break, so no problem

if not. Please talk to your hall councils. As election season comes around, please think about the things that they want.

2. Jessica Vickery: What can we say to people coming up to us with questions about Senate?
3. Sofie Stitt: Can we wait for announcements?
4. James Baird: I have a question. My friends were complaining about how they had to work during the study week before finals. Is there something we can do about that? One of them was working at Rockne. I just wanted to know if this was at all possible.
5. Kate Brandin: I think it's department specific. I worked in First Year Advising, and it was optional to come in. It may be more essential for buildings that people come in. I am wondering if there is something that can be done about that.
6. Rachel Stockford: I work for RecSports, and everyone is required to work a certain number of shifts during finals week. For the Rock, it would be up to them to talk to their supervisor. It depends on where you work.
7. Hunter Brooke: Campus Dining sets its own policies for reading days and finals week too.
8. Derick Williams: I was going to defer to Isabella... it's Isabella, right?
9. Isabelle Grace: It's Isabelle.
10. Derick Williams: I know you talked about Worker Appreciation Week, is this something of interest to some of the work you are doing?
11. Isabelle Grace: I have not worked on that in particular.

12. Sofie Stitt: If anyone is interested in working on this, reach out to James.

VII. Announcements

- A. Madison Nemeth: Election season has started. If you are not allowed to endorse, you also cannot sign a petition. This is interpreted as a form of endorsement. If you have already done so, don't worry about it. From here on out, though, don't do it. Petitioning is going on through next Friday, then we know who the candidates are on the 30th. Campaigning begins on Tuesday the 31st. The debate is on Sunday, February 5th. Election Day is Wednesday, February 8th.
- B. Kate Brandin: Is this about petitions on people's campaigns or in general?
- C. Madison Nemeth: Just for candidates and tickets.
- D. Jessica Vickery: Is the Powerpoint with campaign information in some Senate folder?
- E. Madison Nemeth: No.
- F. Jessica Vickery: When are elections for Senators?
- G. Madison Nemeth: Hall elections will be on Thursday, March 2nd. There are no petitions for that.
- H. Jessica Vickery: Can I hold a meeting for people in Ryan to explain?
- I. Madison Nemeth: No, we can do that.
- J. Jessica Vickery: If people ask me questions...
- K. Madison Nemeth: Tell them to go to JCouncil.
- L. Lauren Taylor: Self-scheduling has been expanded. You can now schedule a little over 50 appointments, pretty much for everything besides cold and flu symptoms. If all goes to plan, that will eventually happen too. The Student Government

Instagram should be posting something about it soon. Let people know about it in your halls, too!

M. Madison Nemeth: If someone asks about what it's like to be a Senator, you can answer, but you can't say anything about the process of elections or anything.

N. Connor McCloskey: There are 36 days until the Keenan Revue.

O. Eliza Smith: Walk the Walk Week is starting tomorrow. This has been a huge uptaking, and we have been working a lot with the President's office. All of Student Government and my department have been working hard. Tomorrow at 5pm in McKenna Hall, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Natasha Tretheway will be hosting a Why I Write meditation. On Saturday, there will be the Walk the Walk Week Service Project, which we are collaborating with the President's office on. We are collecting funds to buy products to donate at a drive and send to organizations in the area helping with populations who are facing homelessness or housing insecurity. It will be at 10am in Duncan, and there will be food, drinks, and shirts while supplies last. The Annual Prayer Service will be on Sunday at 6:30pm at the Basilica. There will be transportation services to get there from off-campus, as well as a reception to follow at 7:30pm with ice cream. There are three Student Government events. On Tuesday, there is a panel discussion on Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline in Carey Auditorium featuring two Notre Dame Faculty Members and two community organizers. On Wednesday, there will be the Black@ND live podcast taping on Black Excellence in DPAC. ON Thursday, we are hosting the Celebrating Black Excellence Dinner featuring a keynote address by Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP at the

Morris Inn. RSVPs are required, and the attire is black tie/formal. RSVPs should be coming out soon. I am really excited and ask you all to attend. For more questions, feel free to check out Notre Dame's Walk the Walk Week website.

- P. Sofie Stitt: Eliza has been working incredibly hard on this, and it is all super impressive. The President of the NAACP coming is a huge deal! Big round of applause for that. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to her or any of us.
- Q. Rachel Dorfner: Back with your SUB update for the week! Acousticafe will be starting back up on Thursday at 8:30pm at Hagerty Family Cafe.
- R. Sofie Stitt: To the people who step out early, please be sure to let me know before Senate if you need to leave at a certain time. There will be Senate Dinner right after this at South Dining Hall.
- S. Jessica Vickery: When is the end of the term?
- T. Mo Doyle: March 31.
- U. Sofie Stitt: I know the transition back to campus and work can be stressful. As always, we are all here for you.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting is adjourned.