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 - A. Executive Cabinet Senate Report: The Department of Student Life
 1. Mary Massman: Hello Senators, our names are Mary Massman and Sarah Mahoney and we serve as the Directors of Student Life. As part of Patrick and Sofie's reinstatement of weekly Senate Reports, we will present a brief update on events and initiatives we have completed thus far, as well as upcoming events and initiatives in progress.
 2. Sarah Mahoney: Today, we would like to briefly highlight the accomplished initiatives of Flick on the Field and the Residential Life Visibility Events. Regarding the Flick on the Field event, our department worked alongside the Student Union Board and Student Affairs to put on the annual screening of "Rudy" on the football field. This yearly event was a great opportunity for students to kick off the fall semester. In addition, we have had the opportunity to work with Residential Life in hosting a number of visibility events. Residential Life administrators have been visiting the halls to discuss their initiatives and gain valuable feedback and insight from students living on campus. These discussions have provided more visibility from administrators and have allowed students to make their voices heard. Dining Staff Appreciation occurred

the week of November 14. We recognized the dedication and hard work of our dining hall staff through gratitude banners signed by students and thank you cards. We have also created a dining hall survey that will allow students to give their personal feedback on the food and structure of the dining halls.

3. Mary Massman: Additionally, we would also like to highlight a few of our department's upcoming initiatives. Next month, we are hosting an ice skating event on February 10th from 3-5pm at the Compton Ice Arena. This will be a fun winter activity that all students can participate in. We also plan on partnering with the Snite for programming in the upcoming months to bring visibility to our student artists.
4. Sarah Mahoney: Thank you all for your time. We appreciate the ability to share some of the very important and impactful work that our department has accomplished so far and is currently working on. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us via email at [mmassma2@nd.edu](mailto:massma2@nd.edu) or at smahone2@nd.edu.

B. We will be in Mendoza 160 for the remainder of the term.

C. The term ends on March 31st, 2023.

1. Sofie Stitt: There are many elections coming up, including those for Student Body President and Vice President. I ask that you guys maintain a high level of behavior and decorum. Elections can be very emotionally charged for the candidates themselves, their friends, their family, and other students. Please think before you say things and uphold the values of

kindness, fairness, and honesty. I am happy to serve as a judgment call if you are questioning whether to post something online. I also hope that you encourage other people on campus to uphold the same values and standards.

D. Please fill [this](#) out for FUEL.

1. Jessica Vickery: Where is this information going once it's been input?
2. Joey Kositzke: The FUELers are going to make a fancy report out of the information and are tasked with the distribution of it. I'll let you guys know once they figure it out, but it's in their hands for now. I'll let you know as I learn more.

V. General Orders

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

1. Jake Lowry motions to dispense with the reading.

a) Debate

(1) Hunter Brooke: I know that Connor and others have worked very hard on this and that is important. I think we should let him read it if he wants to.

(2) Connor Patrick: Our partners from Diversity Council have generously showed up to hear this today, and it's really quick. Please don't dispense with my reading.

b) Voting

(1) The motion fails.

2. Questioning

3. Debate

- a) Connor Patrick: I seek to yield the floor to Jo’Vette Hawkins from Diversity Council.

(1) Jo’Vette: I think what he’s trying to push for is beneficial. I am in Diversity Council, and all members are in full support of this and its support for diverse culture groups on campus.

- b) Derick Williams: I just wanted to congratulate Connor for writing his first resolution, and I am hoping to see this pass.

4. voting

- a) The order passes.

B. [SO2223-19](#): An Order to Amend Article XVI (Fiscal Policy) To Clarify Usage of Funds to Reimburse Campaigns

- 1. Kevin Wang: I would much prefer to move this up today.
- 2. Connor McCloskey motions to move SO2223-19 from New Business to General Orders.

- a) The motion passes.

3. Questioning

- a) Derick Williams: This just makes sure that Judicial Council can constitutionally reimburse candidates?
- b) Kevin Wang: Yes, this decreases the barrier to Judicial Council reimbursing candidates.

- c) Hunter Brooke: I'm just curious as to why this amendment did not appear before ComCon.
 - d) Kevin Wang: I am not sure what happened there. I believe I sent this amendment to the right people who needed to see it. I don't have control over ComCon and what is presented to them.
 - e) Jared Schlachet: I didn't think it was substantive enough of a change to send to ComCon.
 - f) Sofie Stitt: What does get sent to ComCon?
 - g) Jared Schlachet: Usually any substantive change to the Constitution gets sent to ComCon. Another thing that didn't get sent was Connor Patrick's order. I felt ComCon didn't have the expertise or knowledge to debate on it and know if it was a good change or not. I try to only bring substantive changes to ComCon that change the organization of the Student Union as a whole.
 - h) Hunter Brooke: That makes sense. I want to make sure I know exactly what's changing. In the first line, there is just a minor language change, and in the second, you are adding the part about Judicial Council?
 - i) Kevin Wang: That's correct.
4. debate
- a) Madison Nemeth: I want to clarify that this needs a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to pass, at least.

- b) Claire Sison: Judicial Council already reimburses candidates, and we pay them back. There is nothing changing behind the scenes with the money, this would just be making that an enumerated process.
- c) Madison Nemeth: In the campaign finance section of the Constitution, Judicial Council has to reimburse candidates. These two sections of the Constitution are in conflict with one another, and this is just clarifying that Judicial Council can reimburse candidates.

5. Voting

- a) The order passes.

C. [SO2223-21](#): An Order to Amend Articles I, V, and XV Regarding the Role of Student Union Board Residential Representatives

- 1. Madison Nemeth: I definitely think we should move this up because it needs to be approved in time for the next election cycle and before Hall Elections Commissioners are trained. This went through ComCon, by the way.
- 2. Connor Patrick motions to move the order from New Business to General Orders.
 - a) The motion passes.
- 3. Questioning
 - a) Connor McCloskey: Is the only change proposed to remove Hall Representatives from SUB?

- b) Rachel Dorfner: We aren't removing their position, we are just removing it from the Constitution and back into our own bylaws. That way, we can decide how we want the interview and application process to go.
- c) Luca Ripani: So SUB Hall Representatives will no longer be elected at the same time as Senators and hall leadership?
- d) Rachel Dorfner: We will still have the application open every year, it just wouldn't be an elected position.
- e) Peter Herrmann: Who would decide what applications get chosen?
- f) Rachel Dorfner: Absolutely. Currently, SUB dorm representatives sit under the Director of Operations. Them, the Community Engagement Coordinator, and the Chair in charge of coordinating dorm representatives as a group would probably make the decision.
- g) Patrick Enochs: Can I ask for the reason why you want to make this change?
- h) Rachel Dorfner: In the time I have been in SUB, dorm representatives have not been as effective as they could be, but the position has a lot of potential. The Executive Board has talked a lot about this since the beginning of the term. We surveyed current dorm representatives about it and got some notes. Forty-five percent of them responded, which is a very good rate for how many of them actually show up and participate. Most people said they applied because they wanted a Hall Government position in

general or no one else would apply. They just want a position and don't understand the commitment behind it. Someone said they don't like their required participation in SUB. One girl said she know that a lot of other dorm representatives as well didn't expect the position to be as involved in SUB as it actually is, so she came up with the idea of us conducting interviews making sure the representatives are actually interested in programming and being a part of SUB as a whole.

- i) Kevin Wang: Do you anticipate changing the number of people in SUB as dorm representatives? Can you accept fewer or more representatives now?
- j) Rachel Dorfner: As a target, we would still want one from each dorm and off-campus. We have noticed there are a lot of girls from Johnson Family Hall in SUB, and ideally this change would give us the freedom to have multiple dorm representatives, but we would not have to cut back the number, ideally. This shouldn't change the number of SUB members overall.
- k) Zach Geiger: I am just a little confused. If the number of members won't change, and you want every dorm to have a representative, why don't you just have an election?
- l) Rachel Dorfner: It's less about an election and more about why people are running for the position. People go through elections to be involved in their hall council but don't want to actually go to

SUB meetings. We have been electing new SUB representatives since the first week on campus. People ran and didn't respond already back in May. We are not getting people who are engaged, and this system is not working.

m) Madison Nemeth: From an elections perspective, it is nice to have one representative in each dorm, but in some dorms, no one wants to do anything, while in others, there are four or five people who want to do it. Instead of forcing someone to do it, SUB can have people who are interested go to other dorms because they want to be engaged in SUB that badly.

4. Debate

- a) Madison Nemeth: If you approve this, it would be really helpful on the Judicial Council side. We have to hold vacancy elections all the time, almost every week. For one form, we still can't fill out the position to this day. We have already gotten messages from SUB representatives asking to resign because they just aren't interested. Because they are elected, they have to be GreeNDot trained. Because they have no interest and won't check their emails, we have to go through other processes with them, and they don't care. They don't anticipate their expectations to be as high as in hall government.
- b) Trista Brantley: In BP, the SUB representative election was super competitive. Our representative is great, but it seemed like a

popularity contest and had nothing to do with why they wanted to be a SUB representative. A lot of people wanted it, so opening the opportunity for them to be involved in different ways would be very beneficial and make it so that it is not just a popularity contest.

- c) Hunter Brooke: I supported this in ComCon. I think it is very beneficial to give SUB more control over the way they do things, which is what I understand you are asking for, is more control over how you pick your people. I know this is hard on JCouncil, so it makes sense to move this to the SUB bylaws and give them more control and flexibility with their people. I support this.
- d) Patrick Enochs: I was involved in SUB as a representative and Chair, and it is very frustrating to see the elected representatives' lack of involvement. There is no point in holding the elections when they is a less than 50% participation rate in their jobs. It makes it really hard for the Executive Board and Chairs, as they are trying to track people down all the time that simply won't get involved.

5. Voting

- a) The order passes.

VI. New Business

- A. [SO2223-20](#): An Order to Amend Article XIII Regarding Resignations and Removals

1. Madison Nemeth: We can move this up if you guys want to.
2. Connor McCloskey motions to move the order from New Business to General Orders.
 - a) The motion fails.

B. A Resolution Calling Upon Campus Dining to Make Available Cooking Classes for Students

1. Derick Williams: I still need to go through this and do some revisions.
2. Connor McCloskey: The meeting last Friday didn't happen, so we are hoping to meet next week.

C. [Upcoming Topics & Collaboration](#)

1. Sofie Stitt: I added James's protecting student workers during finals week initiative. Are there any other updates?

VII. Announcements

- A. Sofie Stitt: Right now, there is a live taping of the Black@ND podcast. People will be getting off the waitlist for dinner with Derrick Johnson soon.
- B. Connor McClocksey: There are 29 days until the Keenan Revue. Ticket distribution will be the day before Valentine's Day, and if you check Instagram, a theme reveal video is posted.
- C. Rachel Dorfner: Here is your SUB update for the week. Acousticafe will be on Thursday in Hagerty Family Cafe from 8:30–10:30pm. All the spots are filled, but if you reach out to me, I can add you to the waitlist. There is also a New Year, New YouGa class that is also full, but you can be added to the waitlist for that.

- D. Madison Nemeth: Don't endorse potential candidates. Campaigning starts next Tuesday. If you have any questions about anything, just let me know.
 - E. Connor Patrick: McGlenn Casino Night is on Friday. I have gone the past few years, and it's super fun.
 - F. Lane Obringer: Hi, I'm Lane, I am the Director of Title IX and Women's Initiatives. I am in the Sheedy Family Program for people in Mendoza and Arts and Letters. They are paying for me to go to New York for Spring Break, and it's a really cool opportunity. Reach out to me if you have questions.
- VIII. Adjournment
- A. The meeting is adjourned.