

- I. Opening Prayer - Creed Leathers
- II. Roll Call - In one word, what is your opinion on the GrubHub robots?
- III. Approval of Minutes - [25 January 2023](#)
- IV. Executive Announcements
  - A. Election Reminders
    1. Sofie Stitt: The election is coming up for Student Body President and Vice President. Please be kind and respectful to one another. If you don't know whether or not to say something on the internet, probably don't. If you need a voice of reason, feel free to reach out to me.
  - B. Senate Reports
    1. FUEL
      - a) AnnahMarie Behn-Link ([abehnlin@nd.edu](mailto:abehnlin@nd.edu)) & Joey Kositzke ([jkositzk@nd.edu](mailto:jkositzk@nd.edu))
      - b) AnnahMarie Behn-Link: Hello Senators, our names are AnnahMarie Behn and Joey Kositzke and we serve as the Directors of FUEL. For those of you that may not know, FUEL stands for First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership and provides a select group of freshmen with a first-hand look into the Student Union experience.
      - c) Joey Kositzke: 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. Today, we would like to briefly highlight the initiatives we and our FUELers have accomplished. At the beginning of this school year, we advertised FUEL to first-years through hall council promotions and information sessions. We then reviewed all 97 applications and conducted interviews, which were performed in a holistic manner to determine this year's FUEL cohort. To kick off the FUEL experience, we presented the intricacies of the Student Union and other executive leadership organizations to the 25 freshmen we selected. This allowed the FUELers to have a better understanding of how ethical leadership on campus works. After learning about Student Government, each FUELer was assigned to an Executive Cabinet department that matched their shared interests. They attend department meetings and assist in carrying out their department's initiatives.

- d) AnnahMarie Behn-Link: In addition to working on respective Executive Cabinet departments, our FUELers have broken into five subcommittees of unique pursuits based on initiatives they wanted to personally enact, including compiling a cumulative list of dorm restaurants, expanding the diversity of films shown in DPAC, creating a hub for campus transportation information, offering halal signage for food in the dining halls, hosting a midterms wellness and destress event, and updating recycling

accessibility for each of our 32 dorms, among other smaller ventures. As we have guided them in creating long-term goals for this year, we continue to provide assistance as they seek to accomplish their respective initiatives. Additionally, we are guiding them through the various election timelines, the definition of enumerated positions, and the workload associated with leadership opportunities on campus so that they have the proper background to select a role for next year. 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 continues to work on.

- e) Joey Kositske: If you have any questions please feel free to contact us via email at [jkositzk@nd.edu](mailto:jkositzk@nd.edu) or [abehnlin@nd.edu](mailto:abehnlin@nd.edu).

2. Diversity and Inclusion: First Generation & Low-Income (FGLI)

- a) Tavin Martin ([lmarti25@nd.edu](mailto:lmarti25@nd.edu))
- b) Tavin Martin: Hello Senators, my name is Tavin Martin and I serve as Director of First Generation Low Income (FGLI) this term. As part of Patrick and Sofie's reinstatement of weekly Senate Reports, I will present a brief update on events and initiatives we have completed thus far, as well as upcoming events and initiatives in progress. Today, I would like to briefly highlight the accomplished initiatives of Football 101, Registration Night Q&A, FGLI Week, and the Golden Generation. At the Football 101 event, members of

the Transformational Leadership Program were informed about the basics of football and Notre Dame's specific game day traditions, such as chants and band walks. Our department also supplied "Game Day Swag Bags" to students that included game day amenities such as The Shirt and necklace beads. During the virtual Registration Night Q&A event, students were given the opportunity to talk one-on-one with current students to receive real, unfiltered advice on the college course registration process. FGLI Week took place from November 7–November 11. We hosted a variety of events throughout the week celebrating First Generation and Low Income students, such as the Golden Generation dinner and providing pins to faculty who identify as first generation. The Golden Generation: First Under the Dome is a podcast produced monthly. Host Erik Finch-Soto and various guests explore topics with advice on how to thrive as a first-generation college student. Additionally, I would also like to highlight a few of my department's upcoming initiatives. Our department is continuing to work with First Year Advising to increase and promote resources provided to First Gen-Low Income students as they transition to university life. We are also working with the Office of Student Enrichment to support and promote their events which are open to the entire student body. Thank you all for your time. I 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 me via email at [lmarti25@nd.edu](mailto:lmarti25@nd.edu).

### C. Exec Cab Events

1. Coffee Chats: Tuesday, February 7th at 8:30 AM
2. 50 Years of Women at Notre Dame Hat Distribution: Tuesday, February 7th at 11:00 AM
  - a) A group of women from the first cohort of undergraduate women to attend Notre Dame has donated more than 4,200 hats for distribution among current female-identifying students to celebrate the 50th anniversary of co-education. Student Government will be distributing these hats to female residence calls on the evening of Monday, February 6th. For female-identifying students who are unable to receive a hat from their residence hall, Student Government will be tabling in Duncan Student Center on Tuesday, February 7th, and Wednesday, February 8th from 11:00-3:45 PM.
  - b) Lane Obringer ([lobringe@nd.edu](mailto:lobringe@nd.edu)), Director of Gender Relations - Title IX and Women's Initiatives
  - c) Lane Obringer: A group of women from the first class at Notre Dame, the Class of 1972, donate 4,200 of these baseball caps that say "1972" on them. I am really excited to be working with Development to distribute these hats. On Monday, we will be

distributing the hats in the lobbies of each female residence hall around 7pm or 8pm. Please communicate with your Hall Presidents about that. For those Off-Campus or female-identifying students in men's dorms, we will also be doing hat distribution at the tables in Duncan Student Center from 11am–3:45pm on Tuesday and Wednesday and again in the Student Government Office on Thursday from 1pm–5pm. Students can fill out a form to pick up their hat. They are really cute, and I am very excited to see everyone wearing them. The group of women that purchased the hats did so to put their money toward the Hesburgh Women of Impact Fund, which provides scholarships for women at Notre Dame. This was a super generous gift to the community.

V. General Orders

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

1. Questioning

- a) Sofie Stitt: Just letting everyone know, this did go through ComCon.
- b) Luca Ripani: When it says “current term”, does that mean that someone who resigned couldn't run two weeks later as a Sophomore or would they have to wait until Junior year?
- c) Madison Nemeth: It's not a lifetime ban, it's just for that year. If you are a Junior and resign or get removed from your position, you

cannot fill that same position for that same term. You can return in the next term or pick a new position in that term, you just can't hold that same term again.

- d) Paul Stoller: Is there any precedent for this?
- e) Madison Nemeth: People have threatened it.
- f) Dan Law (proxy for Patrick Enochs): This happened in Dillon. I ran against the guy that got impeached. Everyone was confused because they thought he was already the Senator.
- g) Jessica Vickery: Is this specifically for if someone is impeached? Is this supposed to be a disciplinary action?
- h) Madison Nemeth: That's the problem, no. If someone gets a SUEC violation, they can resign, and then return and get the position back in the vacancy election. It can be the same if they resign while having a Bill of Impeachment.
- i) Jessica Vickery: Still, it sounds like the reason for resigning is because something bad had happened before.
- j) Madison Nemeth: Potentially.
- k) Jessica Vickery: Does it have to involve an allegation?
- l) Madison Nemeth: Initially, we wanted to close the loophole there, but it is also making it so that you cannot resign for *any* reason and try to take the office back in the same term.
- m) Sofie Stitt: This was talked about in ComCon. If someone has family concerns and needs to step back, this is usually something

figured out with the Chair of the Senate. My answer to that would never be that they should resign.

- n) Madison Nemeth: If there needs to be an exception, if Senate deems appropriate, they can suspend this rule by a five-sixths vote.
- o) AnnahMarie Behn: Can they run for a different office?
- p) Madison Nemeth: Yes.
- q) Jessica Vickery: What is the reasoning to allow them to go into a different office?
- r) Madison Nemeth: For example, when I was a Senator, the current JCouncil President was running for Student Body President, so they had to resign. The Parliamentarian then became the President, so I resigned as a Senator to become Parliamentarian. There can be shifts in the Student Union where positions become available.

## 2. Debate

- a) Jessica Vickery: I feel like, within the Constitution, it should be specific. I know there could be a situation where I may have family problems, and I can go to the Vice President and say that I can't be here, and we could figure it out. If we are trying to resolve the situation like what happened in Dillon, the Constitution could say that if there is an allegation against you, you can't resign and rerun. I think it needs to be specific because there are many personal reasons I might not want to talk to the Vice President about, but



still want to serve my community. Is that something that could be amended to be more specific?

- b) Jared Schlachet: There are already systems in place for this, like being able to send a proxy in case things like that occur. Changing this order to account for that is not necessary. Because of the policy on proxies, if you have to send too many and go to SUEC, you can give an acceptable reason, and they should provide no sanction. If there is an issue that serious that it gets to that point, like taking a month or two off for family concerns, that's half a semester. At that point, maybe resignation is the best choice.
- c) Bobby Spence: It would be hard to conceive of a situation where someone would resign and want to come back in the same period of time. I feel like that issue wouldn't be a problem.
- d) Griffin McAndrew: I was on ComCon when this was decided. I fully agree with this, it just makes sense. Having done research into impeachment for our peer universities, a pretty significant number of our peer universities already have this in their Constitution. This isn't super controversial. We can agree to suspend the rules in the case of extraordinary circumstances.

### 3. Voting

- a) The order passes.

## VI. New Business

- A. [SO2223-22](#): An Order to Suspend Senate Vacancy Elections

1. Madison Nemeth: I would like to move this up so that Farley can have a Senator.

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

1. Derick Williams: We are going to meet about this.
2. Connor McCloskey: It'll be on Saturday at noon in Duncan Student Center.

C. [Upcoming Topics & Collaboration](#)

1. Derick Williams: I think we all saw an email about Fischer and was curious if there was any more information on this. Is it going to be a co-ed dorm?
2. Sofie Stitt: The information I have is what you have.
3. Derick Williams: Which isn't much.
4. Sofie Stitt: It was an email saying that what was formerly Fischer Grad is going to be a co-ed community that has a rector. If you have questions, Student Government is here for you, and you can reach out to the Division of Student Affairs. Is there anything else we want to bring to attention?

VII. Announcements

- A. Connor McCloskey: There are 22 days until the Keenan Revue. If everyone could take one or two of these and put them on the bulletin board in your dorm, that would be great. I also have personal posters.
- B. Joey Kositzke: Be there at 8am to get in line, ticket sales start at 2pm.

- C. Ginny Gouldin: I am one of the Co-Chairs of Hall President's Council. Hall of the Year season is coming up, and all Senators are asked to help grade Hall of the Year presentation. You will be hearing from Lauryn and I in the next few weeks about signing up for these.
- D. Renee Pierson: Is Off-Campus involved in this?
- E. Ginny Gouldin: Yes.
- F. Tomi Ogunleye (proxy for Kate Jackowski): On Saturday in Washington Hall, Welsh Fam is hosting Minute to Whirl Win It. Prizes include things like speakers and airpods, and proceeds go to Girls Who Run.
- VIII. Adjournment
- A. The meeting is adjourned.