

- I. Opening Prayer - Luca Ripani
- II. Roll Call – What was your favorite Student Government event?
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 - A. Senate Reports:
 - ~~1. Diversity and Inclusion – Race and Ethnicity~~
 - ~~a) Eliza Smith (esmith43@nd.edu)~~
 - B. Exec Cab Events
 1. [Brain Foods Week](#): Monday, February 27th-Friday, March 3rd
 - a) Did you know that 95% of serotonin is produced in the gastrointestinal tract? What you put into your body can help boost both brain and body health, and there are many staples at ND's dining halls that you can easily and mindfully integrate into your daily diet. During this week, Campus Dining will be offering various brain foods for breakfast and dinner (such as overnight oats, chia seeds, etc) and we will be tabling at both dining halls to promote the importance of a healthy gut-brain axis!
 - b) Please reach out to Sisy Chen (schen5@nd.edu), Director of Health and well-being, with any questions or concerns.
 - c) Sofie Stitt: I will be sending out the Campus Dining survey after Brain Foods Week. Please leave good reviews so Campus Dining

will know how much we value and appreciate having these options in our dining halls!

2. [Steps to Wellness Week](#): Monday, February 28th-Friday, March 3rd
 - a) In partnership with the Division of Student Affairs, Notre Dame Student Government is hosting a week of programming and giveaways to highlight the [Step Care Model](#). The Step Care Model consists of five steps that vary from basic self-care to emergency situations. Wherever you fall on the model, there are resources available to guide you in solution-focused treatment.
 - b) Stay tuned for more details coming soon.... Dogs in NDH, Moon Bounces, 1,000 flowers, 1v1 Basketball with Fr. Pete, and more!
 - c) Reach out to Sofie Stitt (ssitt@nd.edu) with any questions or concerns.

3. [“What Makes a University Catholic”](#) Lecture with Bishop Robert Barron:
Thursday, March 2nd
 - a) Student Government’s Department of Faith is thrilled to announce that Bishop Robert Barron will deliver a lecture entitled “What Makes a University Catholic” on Thursday, March 2 at 8:00 pm in the Downes Club (7th floor, Corbett Family Hall). Bishop Barron is the preeminent episcopal voice in the Catholic Church in America today. His talk will illuminate how Jesus Christ might animate and integrate student life at Notre Dame. All are welcome

to celebrate Mass with the Bishop before the lecture at 5:15 pm in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

- b) Please reach out to Ben Nash (bnash2@nd.edu), Director of Faith, with any questions or concerns.

V. General Orders

A. [SS2223-15](#): A Resolution to Amend Hall of the Year Scoring to Include Sustainable Practices

1. Questioning

- a) Derick Williams: Has this resolution been shown to people from HPC, and if so, what was their reaction?
- b) Creed Leathers: We probably should have sent you these changes, Lauryn and Ginny, but I guess now you're seeing it.
- c) Abbey Donahue: I sent the first edition of these over, but we have since made it broader.
- d) Sofie Stitt: I was CC'd on something in September. There are options for things to be taken off of the agenda in the case we need to consider those.
- e) Derick Williams: Can you give us a rundown on the changes between last week's edition and this week's?
- f) Creed Leathers: Last week, the resolution called to subtract 2% from the current presentation rubric. We didn't want to take anything out.

- g) Abbey Donahue: Also, the points would have been fully on the basis of Sustainability Cup. We wanted to take that out. We want to incentivize sustainability, but not harm dorms. If they do well in Sustainability Cup, they can reference that, but if not, they can decide to talk about other events and initiatives they have put on.
- h) Derick Williams: So, you just opened it up more in sections 2, 3, and 4?
- i) Creed Leathers: Yes. For example, in section 3, Fisher could talk about being more sustainable during the Regatta.
- j) Jack Davies: Isn't that nebulous. How will you quantify this in Hall of the Year?
- k) Abbey Donahue: If you look at the link we included, it would be within "initiative participation". It would not take up a full slide or a ton of time to talk about this. This could happen in a lot of places in the presentation, like talking about their Signature Event or Sustainability Cup. There is no certain number they need to reach, they just need to address some sort of effort.
- l) Madison Nemeth: Did you talk to hall presidents about this?
- m) Creed Leathers: Yes. My roommate is my hall president.
- n) Abbey Donahue: Yes.
- o) Griffin McAndrew: Based on conversations with my hall president, the concern is that this is something that is already kind

of accounted for in Rocknes. I don't know if this makes much of an improvement.

- p) Creed Leathers: Can I pass that to HPC?
- q) Lauryn Pugh: What I will say about Rocknes is that they have a seven page rubric. They are very comprehensive. Yes, sustainability is definitely included in Rocknes in one way or another. I intend to expand on this during Debate.
- r) Hunter Brooke: I was going to ask a similar question to Griff. In the process of writing this, were you aware of the ways sustainability is already taken into account?
- s) Abbey Donahue: Yes. Maybe I should have clarified. The link is for the final presentation, which is worth 40%, while Rocknes are worth 8% each. This would take sustainability into consideration during the final presentation.
- t) Hunter Brooke: So it is already there, but it is small, and you are just expanding it?
- u) Abbey Donahue: Yes.
- v) Ginny Gouldin: How do you know that it is currently not taken into account based on the rubric?
- w) Abbey Donahue: I graded Hall of the Year presentations last year, and this was the rubric we used. I haven't seen the rubric for this year. From my understanding, this is how it's been.

- x) Creed Leathers: When we talked to you guys initially, I didn't get the idea that sustainability was represented.
- y) Lauryn Pugh: We talked about how the rubric is at the discretion of the Co-Chairs and changes yearly. Changes have been made.
- z) Kate Jackowski: Would this be a yes or no or on a spectrum of how sustainable the dorm is?
- aa) Creed Leathers: This is just a recommendation and is not binding, it would be up to what HPC wants to do. We would consider it more of a check-off than a spectrum.
- bb) Zach Geiger: You said it's not binding, but reading it as it is, you are calling to amend scoring to account for sustainability. Is that not binding?
- cc) Jared Schlachet: Senate cannot force another organization to change their bylaws. Because this resolution would affect HPC bylaws, it can only be a recommendation.
- dd) Abbey Donahue: Yes, it's intention was to be a recommendation.

2. Debate

- a) Lauryn Pugh: What I will say is that we did not support the original version of this because it was not quantifiable to score Sustainability Cup. We appreciate the initiative coming from students, as we believe Hall of the Year should come from students. This is no longer the rubric, though. The new one reflects sustainability and DEI. The "initiative participation" category no

longer exists, as last year, discretionary points were DEI-based. This year, our discretionary points are based on partnering with other dorms and campus organizations, called “community engagement”. We also expanded the category called “inclusive programming”. The thing with this issue is that it defeats the purpose of the Hall of the Year presentation. It is meant to be holistic. We grade Rocknes very specifically and have that checklist aspect. Feedback given to dorms throughout the year might say that you need to have a sustainability event or a service event next month. We are making sure they are hitting all of these categories. The Hall of the Year presentation is meant to be a highlight reel for them.

- b) Abbey Donahue: I really appreciate that, and we are open to making amendments. We can get rid of the “initiative participation” part. We just want to make sure that sustainability is consistently included in Hall of the Year. At the end of the day, this is just a recommendation, and we want to make it known to the next Co-Chairs that this is something the Student Body wants.
- c) Lauryn Pugh: I would say that Rocknes are being overlooked. It can be hard to understand the back end of Hall of the Year. You cannot win Hall of the Year if you never did a sustainability event—you would ever get full points on your Rocknes. With something like sustainability, what you are putting forth is a

fantastic initiative for discretionary points. We highly considered that, but went with something different. Things like this are best served through conversations with the Co-Chairs. GreenNDot and MinND trainings are included in Hall of the Year points because dorms cannot program them. You need a trained professional to undertake that. Sustainability commissioners can easily put on sustainability events. With something like sustainability, it is better to go directly to the Co-Chairs so everyone can voice their thoughts at one time and explain why it would or wouldn't work.

- d) Creed Leathers: Our thought in passing this is that it would be something we could take into that kind of conversation with the HPC Co-Chairs. It might get the ball rolling in that conversation.
- e) Derick Williams: I see a lot of value on both sides. I would suggest putting it to a committee with HPC members and some Senators to consider the different areas mentioned. Just a suggestion.
- f) Abbey Donahue: I totally agree. That's why we asked for feedback last week. This was basically all re-written on Sunday. If we want to table this and keep talking about it, I am open to that.
- g) Hunter Brooke: I would agree with taking this to a committee. The idea is crucial, I would just want to make sure the Co-Chairs are fully on board. I know if I were in their shoes, I wouldn't want something pushed onto me that I was not comfortable with in the

first place. I would be happy if this went to committee and the Co-Chairs were heavily involved.

- h) Paul Stoller: Before bringing this to committee, I don't know if there was a ton of communication with HPC and how Hall of the Year grading is conducted. This should be a collaborative effort. I support tabling over a committee, since we don't want too many chefs in the kitchen.
- i) Griffin McAndrew: I agree with Paul. If HPC doesn't see the value in this and it is only a recommendation, it won't actually be implemented.
- j) Ginny Gouldin: I would want to table this, as we are in the midst of electing new Co-Chairs. This concerns them, as it's at their discretion. We don't want to table it and have it come back too soon. It needs to wait until they come into office. In general, our recommendation is that we all have a conversation with the new Co-Chairs once they are elected to talk about how to incorporate this. A resolution is not needed. This could be easily solved with a conversation.
- k) Madison Nemeth: I agree. For this Senate to tell next Co-Chairs what to do without them being involved in conversation seems unfair. Once we transition, we jump into bylaw review. We can work on that starting May 1 and into the summer. It would make

sense to talk about this then, and we could make these changes during that period.

- l) Derick Williams: When does the HPC election happen?
- m) Ginny Gouldin: Co-Chair nominations are happening right now, and elections are right after Spring Break.
- n) Sofie Stitt: We can table, postpone, rescind, or send this to committee.
- o) Jared Schlachet: Committees end by default at the end of the term. That would require Senate to renew this committee in less than a month. It would only meet two or three times before it is automatically disbanded.
- p) Hunter Brooke: Would the HPC Co-Chairs be favorable to putting this to committee and then getting the committee to issue a recommendation?
- q) Lauryn Pugh: No. This circles back to why we would do that when we can just sit with Creed, Abbey, and the new Co-Chairs and work this out in a few days. The initiative is favorable, and we're on board, but when you put something in a resolution, the language should be correct and specific, which this is not. We would say no to tabling or putting it to a committee.
- r) Renee Pierson: I feel like what we're hearing is that the resolution, from HPC's perspective, seems redundant. This is a discussion that will take place anyway, and sending this through more bureaucratic

channels will make this less clear to the next group of leaders although it is already a priority. We all appreciate the message, but it seems like this is something they already consider.

- s) Sofie Stitt: Creed and Abbey, do you want to comment?
- t) Creed Leathers: I want to apologize that I didn't communicate enough, that's on me. Our goal in the end is to have a conversation with the future HPC Co-Chairs and talk something over. We wanted to have something written down to come into that discussion with. It sounds like the best move is to withdraw now.
- u) Jared Schlachet: Withdrawing would take this out of Debate, but you would have the option to put this back on the agenda.
- v) Abbey Donahue: I don't want to generalize, but lots of resolutions we have passed are asking other organizations to follow through with things they were already planning to do. I would be open to having further conversations about this, so I would prefer to table this.
- w) Lauryn Pugh: The beauty of our bylaws is that they are very intense and laid out. You are about to hit the sweet spot of when best it would be best to fit something in with the new Co-Chairs. The resolution can't pass in its current state. Withdrawing and having a conversation one-on-one without the language in this resolution would be best.

- x) Ginny Gouldin: It is almost the end of our term. We can advise them on what would be best, but it is their decision entirely. As Madison said, it would be bad to table this and then pass it and hand it to the new Co-Chairs on their first day.
- y) Derick Williams: Taking into account all that I've heard, I move to rescind.
- z) Jared Schlachet: You cannot withdraw, Creed and Abbey would have to.
- aa) Abbey Donahue: If this is tabled, can it later be withdrawn?
- bb) Jared Schlachet: Tabling is the same as withdrawing, it just can't come back.
- cc) Madison Nemeth: If you table it, it could come back via a motion. If you postpone, it would come back after a deadline. Withdrawing takes the resolution out completely.
- dd) Renee Pierson motions to move into a vote.
- (1) Connor Patrick seconds.
 - (2) The motion fails.
- ee) Jessica Vickery: With postponing, can we conditionally postpone until after they have met with the Co-Chairs?
- ff) Madison Nemeth: Yes.
- gg) Jessica Vickery: It sounds like you want to talk about this, so you should work together to create a new resolution and come back after that.

- hh) Abbey Donahue: I was going to say something similar. I am in favor of tabling so we don't necessarily have to bring it back. I am scared if we postpone or withdraw we can't or won't be able to bring it back.
- ii) Creed Leathers: We will table it with our word that we won't bring this back up next week.
- jj) Creed Leathers motions to table to the resolution.

(1) The motion passes.

3. The resolution is tabled.

B. [Nomination for Judicial Council President](#)

1. Questioning

- a) Derick Williams: I am curious to hear what you are most excited about?
- b) Koryn Isa: In the last two years, elections have been fun and stressful, but it's its own thing. I would want to have conversation with different student leaders about elections and branch out within the Student Union.

2. Debate

- a) Hunter Brooke: I was fortunate enough to meet Koryn last week, and I have confidence that she will be a very good job. She is very ethical and has a strong character and self-awareness and understanding of the Student Union and the Constitution.

- b) Madison Nemeth: I wanted to add that I would not have made it through the term without Koryn. I probably would have resigned in the first month. She has been amazing. She is not only knowledgeable, but a caring individual. It can be scary to get called into an allegation hearing or receive an email from JCouncil, but I am confident that Koryn will help put people more at ease.
- c) Ginny Gouldin: In McGlenn, Koryn was in my section. She was really helpful last year when I was Hall President. She would be fantastic.
- d) Patrick Lee: I was going to say the same thing.
- e) Derick Williams: I'll add my pleasantries. Hunter and I worked with and saw Koryn a bit during the election period. She has been extremely great, courteous, kind, and dedicated to what she does. She will do a great job. I am excited to vote yes.

3. Voting

- a) The nomination is approved.

C. [SUB Executive Director 2023-2024 Nomination](#)

- 1. Hunter Brooke motions to move the nomination from New Business to General Orders.
 - a) Derick Williams: Is Rachel here?
 - b) Sofie Stitt: She has some family stuff going on, but she sent a proxy.
- 2. Questioning

a) Derick Williams: What are you excited about in this new role?

What new things might SUB do?

b) Lily Condodina: I am excited to be overseeing all of SUB and all of the events we get to plan. I am looking forward to working with all of the committees instead of a select few. I am looking to grow and expand on the events we already have.

3. Debate

4. Voting

a) The nomination is approved.

D. [SO2223-23](#): An Order to Suspend Class Council Elections

1. Hunter Brooke motions to move the order from New Business to General Orders.

a) Derick Williams: Can we move all of the orders into General Orders and pass all three in a block?

b) Sofie Stitt: We can with nominations, but I am not sure.

c) Madison Nemeth: You can't do that with orders.

2. Hunter Brooke motions to move the SO2223-23, -24, and -25 from New Business to General Orders.

3. Questioning

4. Debate

5. Voting

a) The order passes.

E. [SO2223-24](#): An Order to Suspend Hall Vacancy Elections

1. Questioning
2. Debate
3. Voting
 - a) The order passes.

F. [SO2223-25](#): An Order to Suspend Hall Elections

1. Questioning
2. Debate
3. Voting
 - a) The order passes.

VI. New Business

A. A Resolution to Ban Pornography on Campus WiFi Services

1. John Soza (jsoza@nd.edu)
2. John Soza: It would have been in General Orders if OIT wasn't so cumbersome in getting back to me. There should be a link there next week.

B. [Upcoming Topics & Collaboration](#)

VII. Announcements

A. HOTY Presentation Grading

1. [Mandatory Grading Trainings](#)
2. [Sign Up form for Presentations](#)
 - a) For Senators only (including off-campus senators)
 - b) Do not sign up for your own hall, we will be checking
 - c) Please feel free to sign up for multiple slots

3. Lauryn Pugh: This is incredibly important. This will be March 24–26 with the exception of make-ups. You must attend a training session or talk to us about attending a make-up. You also need to sign up to grade. Only Senators, including Off-Campus Senators, can grade. Do not sign up for your own hall. Feel free to sign up for multiple, but they are taxing, so maybe don't do all of the ones on Saturday in a row. Please try not to move these around too much and sign up for ones you know you can make. Reach out if you have any questions.
 4. Abbey Donahue: It is on “View Only” mode now.
 5. Lauryn Pugh: We'll fix that.
- B. Griffin McAndrew: Knott's signature event is on Saturday, where we will be making blankets for cancer patients.
- C. Patrick Smart: The Sophomore Class Dodgeball Tournament is tomorrow afternoon. Get rowdy and intense. Buy merch, too.
- D. Madison Nemeth: Hall elections are tomorrow. Do not endorse.
- E. Jessica Vickery: Are candidates allowed to link ballots to Instagram stories?
- F. Madison Nemeth: Not the ballot. They can direct the link to the homepage of NDCentral. They are not the same. Do not share the link if it says “election” or “submit” or contains a number. You can also direct them to the email they were sent by JCouncil.
- G. Connor McCloskey: There are 359 days until the next Keenan Revue.
- H. Milena Fava-Pastilha (Rachel Dorfner proxy): There is a movie screening at 8pm in Duncan. Fruit Ninja will be in Duncan tomorrow at Hagerty Family Cafe. It is

a collaboration with Active Minds and the Department of Health and Wellbeing.

Acousticafe is at 8:30pm on Thursday also at Hagerty Family Cafe. There will be

a mini Club Fair in collaboration with FUEL on Friday in CoMo.

- I. Sofie Stitt: On Friday, the Club Fair is from 11am–2pm. There will also be a bounce house on South Quad.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting is adjourned.