

- I. Opening Prayer - Daniel Jung
- II. Roll Call: What is your Halloween costume?
  - A. Pick One
- III. Approval of Minutes - [11 October 2023](#)
- IV. Executive Announcements
  - A. Exec Cab
    1. Beat Winter Blues - Duncan Student Center on Thursday 10/26 (12:30 pm - 2 pm)
      - a) Aidan Rezner: There will be self-care kits about seasonal depression and ways that you can maintain your spirits when days consistently look like this as they do in South Bend.
    2. Voter Registration Drive - Duncan Student Center on Friday 10/27 (11am - 1 pm)
      - a) Aidan Rezner: Stop by if you are not registered to vote and would like to learn how to get registered to vote.
    3. Aidan Rezner: Reminder to get GreeNDot Trained. Sign up. If there are enough of you on the waitlist, we mentioned possibly having another session created or we will find a way to get you into a training by the end of the year. Sign up if you haven't already.
  - B. [GreenDot Training](#)
- V. General Orders

- A. Aidan Renzer: We have two things in New Business this week. We want the second one to be left for one more week. We have deliberated on it ourselves. Take a read. Will have it on the next agenda. The Committee on the Constitution read it and approved it, but we want to go over the history one more time. We would love to hear the first one today.
- VI. New Business
- A. [SO2324-08: An Order to Amend Section IV of the Bylaws of Student Senate](#)
1. Clay Chauncey motions to move SO2324-08 from New Business to General Orders
  2. Questioning
    - a) Aidan Rezner: Read over it, but I will not read it out loud because we dispensed on the reading. This was written in joint authorship with Hunter and Koryn.
    - b) Sam Godinez: So each senator gets around 6 excused absences. If you send a proxy, does that could be excused or do you have to send an email to see if it is excused?
    - c) Aidan Rezner: If you email me and it is really late and you are sick, that would be excused. If you send a proxy, that is excused. If you do not have a proxy or do not email me, you are unexcused.
    - d) Amelia Forrest: Do I need to send a proxy to get it excused?
    - e) Aidan Rezner: It depends on the Chairperson. I choose to allow a good excuse to count as an excused absence. I recommend sending a proxy to get your vote to count. Hunter, correct me, but I do not

think the Constitution states that you need a proxy for it to count as an excused absence.

f) Hunter Brooke: No.

g) Aidan Rezner: This has happened in the past and this year. You

can't send a proxy that is already in Senate. It doesn't make sense.

It is something we are trying to circumvent and make clear. Proxies need to be of your own constituency. You are supposed to represent your dorms, or HPC, or SUB. It is important to have the voices of those individuals be heard. We are trying to get a consolidated idea on that. That's the background on that. I am more than happy to answer any question on why we are trying to make these changes.

### 3. Debate

a) Sam Godinez: I want to explain some of the concerns that I might have with the order. Specifically, individuals are frankly way too busy to have someone from your dorm to represent you in Senate. On April 20th, I asked at least half a dozen people from my dorm to be my proxy. Of the six, four said probably not, and two said no. By Monday, they changed from probably not to busy. I asked in hall council to see if anyone would be my proxy. By 12 pm that day, I had to ask my friend from McGlenn to be my proxy and sent her instructions saying exactly what I wanted them to do in my absence. The real point is that there are individual proxies who are from outside the dorm that can still represent that particular dorm

because I sent those instructions. We could look to strengthen this order. It is a burden if I am confined in my dorm because individuals are way too busy. In theory, this should be implemented, but in practice I'm not sure if this is frankly for everyone.

- b) Ryan Murray: Going a little further on that, I feel like if I trust someone enough to be a proxy, I can trust them enough to vote on behalf of my dorm. I can read the minutes before, read what's up, and tell them. If I can't find someone from my constituency and I'm absent, then I would rather have someone. Maybe my hall is represented a little wrong, but that's better than not at all. As far as someone not in Senate, If I trust them to proxy for me, then I don't see the issue.
- c) Aidan Rezner: As far as the members of Senate, it becomes an attendance issue and voting issue. We can't have one person serving two roles.
- d) Hunter Brooke: From a bylaws perspective, proxying is still an absence. I want to make sure we divorce the idea that proxying is not an absence. Also, any of you can make a motion to divide the question and vote on one part of it and wait on another part.
- e) Koryn Isa: I want to note that during Senate, things don't always have to be and will not always be voted on in the capacity you expect. There is the potential for something to come up that you

did not tell your proxy how to vote on. If they are not from your constituency, they will nor have the background to know what your constituency will want. I could trust someone living on campus, but that doesn't mean they know how to vote on behalf of J Council. It is important to know that how things look like they are going to happen it is not always how it will turn out.

- f) Ava DeCroix: How do people feel about the fact that this applies to voting and non-voting members of the Senate? Neither a voting member or non voting member of Senate is allowed to proxy for a voting member of Senate. It might alleviate pressure because there would be no double counting of votes.
- g) Aidan Rezner: A clarification, that is how it is written.
- h) Pau Stoller: On both fronts, I strongly disagree with this. It's hard to find someone to sub in for you within your organization, especially if you are off campus, you probably only have 10 people, or if you are a senior with a lot of things. It is hard to find a proxy, and, trust me, I know, its my third year doing this. Putting more limits on it is going to be a mess.
- i) Ryan Lally: The rationale is very good. You are trying to make sure every group has been allocated, but I believe it is indirectly present in the form of whoever the proxy chose. Whether they are residents, that dorm still has a presence.

- j) Peter Schimpf: Two weeks ago, as a non voting member, I was a proxy for Paul. Between the two co-chairs of HPC, only one of us needs to be here. Bridget was here as HPC, I was here proxying for Paul. I spoke to Paul about how he wanted me to vote, I also knew the procedure. There was no double counting of votes. I was very clear on how to vote in response to what he wanted.
- k) Aidan Rezner: This is not at all in response to this specifically, but we envision a scenario where you two are not represented, or one of you are not represented. For example if Lily represented someone, then SUB would not be represented.
- l) Bridget Schippers: I understand, but the time when it seems like someone would not be represented is whenever the vote happens. Voting is for a singular organization. But, you can speak on whatever views. Peter could have spoken and said that “in my proxy” or “in my other background, I would think this”. I don’t see how, as a non voting member, representation would be hurting a voting member. I would open it up to people to consider saying no voting member could be a proxy for a voting member.
- m) Aidan Rezner: The constitution already says those things.
- n) Bridget Schippers: The version I’m seeing doesn’t say that.
- o) Kroyn Isa: I get the non-voting member. It’s important to think about the conflict of interest. You could inadvertently by speaking as Senator and another role. There is no good way to separate the

two roles to make it so that a voting member of Senate could proxy for another.

- p) Aidan Rezner: I was trying to look for it; it might be in the bylaws.
- q) Hunter Brooke: It states that you could have a proxy from their organization already in the bylaws. Non voting members can pick a proxy without restriction.

#### 4. Vote

- a) The order is not passed.
- b) Aidan Rezner: We are more than welcome to have more conversations about how this can work more effectively, but thank you all for the comments and being engaged in what we were trying to get done here. Please, in your free time that I know you have a lot of, read the memorandum on the decision on the constitution that we will hear next week.

#### B. [SO2324-07: An Order to Amend Article XII of the Constitution](#)

### VII. Memorandum from the Committee on the Constitution

#### A. [Decision On SO2324-07](#)

### VIII. Announcements

- A. Lily Condodina: SUB had a few events this week already, but there are a few more. Tomorrow is Animal Jam with hot chocolate. Acousticafe is tomorrow too.
- B. Yara Obeidi: We are looking for college mentors for kids. If you want to do it, we are looking for new mentors to teach local South Bend kids.

- C. Thomas Kluck: Baumer is hosting Baumer Boo this Friday. We did this year and are trying to make it our signature event. It will be from 7-9:30 pm and the first two floors will be decorated like a haunted house, so stop by before you go out. It will be 5 dollars, but all proceeds to the South Bend Center for the Homeless.
  - D. Rose Nguyen: Asian Allure is next weekend. Stop by. There will be a ton of cultural performances and dances. I perform on Saturday night, so come. Also, if you are a junior, Fall Formal is next Saturday. Tickets on sale!
  - E. Amelia Forrest: BP Petting Zoo is this Friday.. Farley has an event at the same time, so it is a joint thing.
  - F. Jacob Zybura: Tomorrow is the last day for Duncan's bone marrow registry in partnership with Be the Match. In the past year, 5 guys have matched. Sign up. We will be in Duncan Student Center until 4 pm tomorrow.
  - G. Mariana Esparza: Walsh has a new signature event: Dodgeball for LaCasa. It was supposed to be tomorrow, but now it will be on Nov 11th. There is a 5 dollar registration fee. We also have a flea market right next to La Fun on Friday from 11-4.
  - H. Aleah Applin: PDUB has PDUB's closet at Fieldhouse mall this Friday from 11-5pm.
  - I. Sam Godinez: I have a resolution going around about fire alarms in Dillon Hall. If anyone wants to get involved, even though only involved in Dillon Hall, reach out to me.
- IX. Adjournment
- A. The meeting is adjourned.