A LETTER TO THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

To the Office of the Registrar,

We are writing on behalf of the Student Senate to request information regarding the percentage of students who, at any point in their schedule, have a class before 10 a.m. for the Spring semester 2024. This information will crucially allow us to assess the costs and benefits of a potential resolution to improve the well-being of students.

In accordance with Article III Section 1(a) of The Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, the Student Senate’s purpose is to “formulate and advance the positions of the undergraduate student body on all issues concerning campus life.” One issue that we have identified is that students usually skip breakfast before going to their first class.

Because students’ time is limited due to their busy academic schedules, students sometimes opt to skip breakfast as a way to save time. However, in order to ensure that students eat before their first class, we have considered the possibility of advocating for an increase in Grab-n-Go hours, which currently operate from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This would allow students to eat quickly before their first class, which is a better alternative than not eating at all.

Before proposing any changes or contacting Campus Dining, we seek to gather as much information as we can on the issue to assess the feasibility and the necessity of the plan. As such, we kindly ask if you might be able to provide the Student Body President with information regarding the percentage of students who have a class before 10 a.m. for this upcoming Spring semester 2024, which he will then share with the Student Senate. This information will allow us to determine whether students would be inclined to utilize Grab-n-Go, which would provide some brief nourishment to students before their first class, as an alternative to foregoing eating altogether.

We acknowledge the demands that your office currently has, particularly as students finalize their academic schedules for this upcoming semester. However, we believe that this information will
be useful as it could lead to the enhancement of the well-being of our students. We assure you that the information will be solely used for an internal evaluation in the Student Senate and may contribute to a potential Resolution.

We, the Student Senate, thank you for the efforts that your office makes, and we thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,
The Student Senate
University of Notre Dame