

- I. Opening Prayer - Aidan Rezner
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- IV. Executive Announcements
 - A. Exec Cab
 1. [Walk the Walk Week Service Project Donation Drive](#) (Closes December 7th, 2023!)
 - a) Aidan Rezner: Please let respective hall mates know that donations are very much needed! We are trying to provide as many kits for people as possible. If you have any questions about what we are doing, please ask either me, or Daniel and Collette. In general, we are building hygiene kits for the South Bend needy. That will be happening the first weekend back. If you would like to help and volunteer, it will be the first Saturday we are back. It is a great collaboration with the Office of the President. It will be a great event and thing for the SB community. We appreciate all of your help in advance.
 - B. Resolution/Order Ideas for Next Semester
 1. Aidan Rezner: Many of you have reached out with things you want to write and resolutions on that are of importance to you. I invite you to mull over those. Please know that Hunter and I are here to help make those

things possible. I know it can be daunting to write at first, especially with knowing the Constitution, we are happy to help. If you want something to change, that's why we are elected. As we go into next semester, if there are things you want to see happen, please go for them; we want to make them actionable.

C. Overview of the Club Coordination Council

1. Ava Decroix (CCC President)

- a) Andrew Ryan: As the president, do you think that 40% of the money is enough money?
- b) Ava DeCroix: The pool of the money we have is not enough to cover the requests. Bu, I understand it. That would be a larger conversation.
- c) Paul Stoller: I have to say, this is a conversation we have in Senate every year around April. The 40% or not 40% event.
- d) Ava DeCroix: This is a classic issue. I will say that it has not changed in a while.
- e) Mo Doyle: There was a stretch of time when it was raised every year. But then language changed to have a limit.
- f) Collette Doyle: Is the admin budget set aside, or is that part of the 40%?
- g) Ava DeCroix: No, there is a separate budget allocated. The \$2000 budget is the admin budget for meeting expenses. The CCC budget is the club budget we are tasked with stewarding.

- h) Hunter DeCroix: What is your favorite part of being CCC president?
- i) Ava DeCroix: My non-serious answer is that I get to add a funny tweet of the week into slides at meetings. My serious answer is that I think it has been very rewarding to get to work with a lot of clubs that want to do big things and impactful things that are contributing to the campus community. I get to help them do it and figure it out. It is cool to see an event happen that you had a small part of.
- j) Aidan Rezner: I know you mentioned the 2 million dollars that clubs asked for. How many clubs comprise of those asking for that money?
- k) Ava DeCroix: It varies from year to year. This past year, we had around a little over 100 clubs that requested. For context, we have 350 active clubs. This does not include graduate clubs— they have their own club governing system.
- l) Jayden Espinoza: Are there trends or similarities in the club asking for more money, like club sports? Is it more niche?
- m) Ava DeCroix: Larger clubs typically have larger budgets because they have the largest membership. In general, any club that travels extensively, like club sports, or campus ministry choirs. If they are touring and have 40-60 members. If they have large group travel

expenses. So, it tends to be certain club sports and performing arts clubs.

V. General Orders

A. [SS2324-09: A Resolution Addressing the Proposed Changes to the Moreau Program](#)

1. Hunter: Before we begin, I believe this resolution might be controversial.

Please wait for debate and be respectful. If you want to send it to a committee, table it, motion it, or amend it, feel free to do so.

2. Questioning

a) Max Feist: I am going to throw you a bone, can you give a synopsis?

b) Sam Godinez: I hope this is not long. This started by scrolling on the Observer and finding an article about the Moreau committee that meets every ten years. 2023 is the 10 year university and, therefore, the Moreau committee is supposed to meet. They want to change the position of the Moreau course in the student academic year. Instead of the fall and spring semester of students' first year, it would be the fall semester of students' first and last year, with the purpose of a life well lived and trying to grow within the major. A finance major will be in a finance senior Moreau and the senior Moreau course taught by faculty. They considered making the Moreau course as part of students' major curriculum and part of classes a professor can teach; A professor teaches 2

classes per semester, so this would be one of them. They would also expand to those restricted to the classroom by going to DC or Chicago on a trip. Objections. The Moreau course should be exclusive to the first year. We all struggled to adapt. Even those who do well academically. I struggled. The Moreau course does help in ensuring that a student can meet other individuals during their first year and know they are not alone in their struggles. It helps with vulnerability. 50% of college first years students had problems adjusting, and 17% believed their biggest challenge was work-life balance. That means almost two thirds had challenges. I believe Moreau can help. But, seniors have a lot to do. They are working on capstones, applying for employment. It is more academically burdening. It will be a waste of time for seniors. In this resolution, I tried to debunk the idea of a senior Moreau course as it is introduced, because it will have lots of challenges. Class registration is already hard, especially for STEM and engineering majors, if professors cannot offer courses they normally offer. If Moreau has certain slots on certain days. Then you cannot take another class you would otherwise want. This would be a challenge for smaller majors, like studio arts— there are 8 students majoring in studio arts, so I consider it small. People in my dorm think a senior Moreau would be more academically rigorous. Chicago trips may be fun, but not feasible. My AR, who was on

the Moreau council, says they have a very low budget and it will be hard to increase the budget to allow students to travel. This is why I believe it should remain a first year class.

- c) Libby Meister: So you want to restrict it to first years, but they can theoretically change the curriculum?
- d) Sam Godinez: What happens in Moreau is a discussion for later, I care that it stays for first years. It should probably change, but it should just be for first years.
- e) Ian Schowe: Did they mention architecture? Or, if someone has multiple majors, would they have two Moreaus?
- f) Sam Godinez: I don't know. This is just in the early stages on how it's being developed. I don't know how it would work for those double majoring.
- g) Aidan Rezner: For quick context, the whole Moreau revamp is in very early stages. This is all preemptive in terms of nothing is solidified. They are not absolutely moving it to senior year. This is a consideration. These specific questions are not the concern. Sam is hoping to provide student feedback on how the conversation is going to go. It is in its very early stages.
- h) Collette Doyle: When you met/communicated with Professor Mattison, the new Moreau director, what was his reaction?
- i) Sam Godinez: During the meeting, he was explaining the senior Moreau. I have to be honest, I was contemplating it, but decided it

was a bad idea. I showed him my original resolution, which was 2 pages. He said I made good points, and, if it does pass, they would have a meeting and consider it.

- j) Aleah Applin: What are the points he tried to convince you on?
Why does he think it's a good idea?
- k) Sam Godinez: A senior Moreau based on major is appealing to the idea of going to other places to network in Chicago and DC. It is interesting, but probably not feasible considering the budget.
- l) Aubrey DiStefano: Did he consider ideas for someone going into a career field that is different from the conventional post grad path of their major. I'm neuro, and typically people think of med school, but I'm not going into that, I'm going into business.
- m) Sam Godinez: It would be in your major or specialization, or what your career field mostly goes into.
- n) Aidan Reznar: They are also considering, instead of grouped by major, grouping by career path. That is also a consideration, although major is also a consideration.
- o) Rocco Giannotti: Are different years a consideration? Could they opt to take it a different semester?
- p) Sam Godinez: They are very adamant on senior fall. I mentioned senior spring, but they did not want to do that.
- q) Max Feist: How much flexibility is there to stretch the budget to give Moreau more money if requested. Also, if it is major based,

could different departments contribute money to those trips already?

- r) Sam Godinez: In all honesty, I have no idea how they would integrate this financially. There is no concrete plan.
- s) Paul Stoller: Do you think maybe the lack of plan in terms of financials could be a result of it being early in the process?
- t) Sam Godinez: Yes, but I still vote for keeping it for first years.
- u) Andrew Ryan: So, you also want to have a foot in the door and have him get student feedback, but they haven't elicited feedback.
- v) Aidan Rezner: That is not quite true. Student feedback is what they are looking for.
- w) Sam Godinez: For clarification, when I asked Collette about it, she asked them if they wanted student feedback. They said no.
- x) Aidan Rezner: That is not the message I have heard. As a point of clarification, student feedback may not be elicited right now, but from convos with Sam and Professor Mattison, that is not what has been said.
- y) Isabel Rodriguez: Do they have trips planned for specific majors? I don't know how that would play into every senior's goals post-grad. Who would that benefit?
- z) Sam Godinez: The idea is that those trips could benefit students in order to potentially network or hear about potential careers they could go into.

- aa) Isabel Rodriguez: But, what students would it benefit? What specific students?
- bb) Aidan Rezner: Do you mean what majors?
- cc) Sam Godinez: It is in the early stages. Basically, it has not been decided on their concrete plan. Merely idea of senior Moreau. There is not much concrete on how career trips would go or which places they would network.
- dd) Andrew Ryan: Is there any forum or way for students to provide input? Committees?
- ee) Sam Godinez: From what I believe, I spoke with Connor Patrick, my assistant rector, who is on the committee for Moreau. There was a committee for the Moreau course, but it was disbanded and meetings did not happen after.
- ff) Aidan Rezner: One committee formed, a faculty committee. They are working on that right now. As for the student committee, Sam's point is accurate.

3. Debate

- a) Max Feist: I have a couple points. I am opposed to this resolution. Sam made the point that people are struggling in school and need time to adjust, but I totally disagree. After one semester, as in the law of diminishing marginal utility, no one took it seriously. Moreau could possibly hinder students because it is more work. For example, science majors are going to orgo. Second semester

picks up. Next, Sam says that seniors have a lot to do. Some have a lot to do, but I know some with very little to do. They have more flexibility. Most seniors are part time students or are taking less credits. I don't think it is a problem. It is a great idea to discern our careers and reflect on our time at ND. One, I don't think class registration will be a problem. Seniors have better registration times as is. Also, it won't be academically rigorous; It is not a "get ya" class. It is supposed to give you a class to have self reflection and for career discernment. As for the feasibility of trips, there are plenty of avenues. Departments could contribute. There are other trips right now for majors; Civils take a NY trip. It is a great idea for other majors to have that. Also, even if I wasn't in favor of the senior thing, this is too early to nip it in the bud. They don't even have details yet. We can't totally disapprove. They have committees forming right now and might have student committees later. When they come out with more logistics, that might be a time to bring this up. Personally, second semester Moreau was not very helpful; many seniors don't have their majors figured out and that's stressful. I'm not a senior, and Paul will probably speak about how they don't want to do a Moreau course, but I think it's too early.

- b) Jayden Espinoza: I agree second semester Moreau is not that beneficial. It is a much harder case for the senior fall Moreau to be this super revolutionary or beneficial thing. You are already

acclimated to the school, you basically have one foot out the door. One hour once a week won't completely change your outlook on things. There are 15 Africana majors in entire schools, so even if 5 of us go and do it, the department doesn't have resources to give. Also, a lot of business people get recruited from summer programs. Some people may want more options for postgrad, but grad school applications are already due in the Fall. So, they need to start in the summer. It is hard to understand, but we can all agree that two semester of Moreau doesn't do much, but shifting to a more niche group and different college time won't do much more either.

- c) Justin Aguiar: Second semester of Moreau, I went to the career center and UHS. I went to new places I didn't know we had. That would be lost with this change.
- d) Paul Stoller: As a senior, I think having a senior Moreau would be sick. I know it is in the very early stages. It is "sus" to hear that it's gonna be major specific or heavy on the networking. This sounds like its years down the road. All of these things will be a discussion point. It is so early to take this away. One more semester to take classes with friends is cool. It is one more option to cram it with friends. I didn't find value in second semester Moreau. I think it's too early to say no and it could be cool.
- e) Thoma Kluck: Moreau does a great job preparing students to enter the adult world. Transitioning from high school to college is hard,

and ND doesn't do that great. Moreau does a great job helping with that transition.

- f) Daniel Jung: Few things. I think in questioning, we heard a lot of really great and valid questions about what that may look like. He is willing to come to Senate and answer questions. He's been in this position for a month and a half. These changes are years in the process. He is planning on having two committees. He is forming one of them, with people like Kevin Gross, David Grifter, and Jenny Martin; there are some strong names on there. We should see where this develops. He is extremely focused on getting student feedback. Academically, across the board, professors want student feedback when trying to make change. I say we postpone this, have him come and answer our question. It will be better that way going forward.
- g) Aidan Rezner: I invited him to come speak at this meeting and last meeting, but he didn't feel comfortable because it is still at the early stages. He is ready to come in January.
- h) Collette Doyle: He is very receptive to a student committee with student leaders and students from varying differing backgrounds. It is in the very early stages to formulate committees with faculty and to make sure they get student input. They are seeking other avenues and trying to figure out the best way to go about that.

- i) Vinnie Bidali: I get the argument that it is still in early stages. Maybe we should postpone it. I Agree with Jayden and Thomas. It would be most useful for freshmen. I didn't have an easy freshman year. Moreau was the first time I felt heard. I don't think people would get that from senior year.
- j) Clay Chauncey: I want to remind people of the exact purpose. We are suggesting that they don't move Moreau to senior year. This is not legally binding. It is just the student feedback that everyone is making points on. They want student feedback, and we don't know how they are doing to get that. We are expressing what the students want because we are representing our constituents. We are debating on what our suggestion is. What Vinnie and Tom have said is more relevant. Is Moreau most relevant both semesters of freshman year or not?
- k) Aidan Rezner: It is important to have Mattison come here and let him speak before we hear his feedback. Sam did a fantastic job. He hit all of the points. It is not a great idea to move it to senior year, but it is not fair to seniors who have figured out what they want to do. Senior year, seniors have one foot out the door. It is unfair to individuals who put in a lot of work the first 3 years.
- l) Ian Schowe: From a senior perspective, this bill is interesting. However, the two groups most impacted are freshmen and seniors, and freshmen are the least represented here. I did not learn

anything from second semester Moreau. Also, transfer students could get a chance to experience Moreau. It would also be cool to get a capstone on the major and see people from majors. I think it would be fun and helpful. This is an important resolution, but the main point of moving to make it career specific would be better than Moreau.

- m) Ava DeCroix: Two points: I think it would be worthwhile to hear from the head of the committee who is doing it. Sam did a great job. But, I want to know where he is at when they have more time for reasoning behind everything. This primarily affects freshman and senior students. Those are not super highly representative in that room. We all represent different organizations and students in our groups. We should check in with the constituents.
- n) Sam Godinez: This doesn't affect any of us. It will impact high school juniors. I want to clarify that it could be postponed, but if they want student feedback, most of us have talked with our dorms and, in my case, there is an overwhelming majority who prefer to keep it to first years. It is better to keep it to first years. We are not forcing them to keep it that way, but we are making sure it is open conversation. This widens the conversation they have brought to the committee.
- o) Aleah Applin: I know you said it wouldn't affect the freshman, but we would be the ones who would still be here when it comes into

effect. My roommate is in FUEL, and I don't know how in-depth the committee is, but they have people in FUEL working with people in Moreau and hearing what freshmen think. They have little student interaction. It is not super developed yet, so that's why it's not a bigger deal. This could be a really good networking thing to meet the people in your major. In Mendoza, one of the largest branches in Notre Dame, sometimes you won't meet everyone in your major. This could be really good for networking, not even for careers.

- p) Andrew Ryan: If the main intent is student feedback, give him time to actually solidify plans and form committees.
- q) Daniel Jung: Just to reiterate, none of these changes are solidified. We asked if there was anything no-stop, defending until he dies. The only thing that is 100% non negotiable is two one credit semesters. There is nothing concrete and this is too early. Speaking though resolutions is not productive. Engage with Professor Mattison and hear from him. Everyone here has valid thoughts.
- r) Jayden Espinoza: I have spoken to the freshmen and seniors in the dorm. There are lots of freshmen, especially engineers, and so much of their first semester has been career discernment. There is no point in looking for a job within the realm where they have already spent 3.5 years studying. Speaking to seniors about careers, most people in Mendoza or engineering already started last

summer. Also, taking the class with friends sounds fun, but that's already what they are doing in the spring semester of freshman year because people take it with friends. As a junior, if I ask if I know "x" person in a major, I probably already know them or know someone who knows them. I don't need Moreau to make friends. If there are 200 finance majors, people are not going to have a class with 200, so it's not going to allow everyone to meet each other either way.

- s) Maeve Miller: I work for the Office of Student Affairs on new student engagement. This is a pilot program with Moreau. There is flexibility. I have heard about it through grapevine, but everything I've heard is super positive and they are very flexible.
- t) Joesph Tunney: We have heard alot of great thoughts. I think we have nothing else to say

4. Vote

- a) The resolution is passed.

VI. New Business

- A. [SL2324-01: A Letter to the Office of the Registrar](#)

VII. Announcements

- A. Maeve Miller: When we get back, McGlinn is having their Casino Night on Jan

26. Keep on your radars.

- B. Ava DeCroix: The second round of club information meetings is happening right after this. If you are in a club and your club has not attended, make sure to come. If you have questions about CCC budgeting, let me know.
- C. Aleah Applin: Halftime acapella has a show tomorrow. There is an Undertones concert on Friday and glee club symphony.
- D. Paul Stoller: Seniors, pick up your class sweatshirt on Monday and Tuesday in 110 La Fun. Christmas Karaoke is on Thursday if you want gingerbread houses.
- E. Collette Doyle: The week we get back from break is Walk the Walk Week. There will be a series of events in collaboration with the Office of the President leading up to the service project on Saturday. Push to donate to the Walk the Walk Week fundraiser, which is linked. There is a sign up if you would like to participate. The series of events are when we get back, so check it out on social media.
- F. Aidan Rezner: If you want to volunteer, reach out. We can provide information as to the date, what it entails, when to show up, etc.
- G. Aleah Applin: Also, First Year Class Council is having a card decorating program on Thursday in Duncan from 5-7 to honor people that work here. Tell freshmen in your dorms.
- H. Aidan Rezner: Don't forget, there is no meeting next week. Enjoy the time with your families and I will see you all when we get back.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting is adjourned.