



# Student Union Board

February 21, 2022

To the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac,

I respectfully ask for your consideration in confirming Rachel Dorfner as the Student Union Board Executive Director for the 2022-2023 academic year. Rachel has demonstrated that she has the experience, enthusiasm, and understanding of our mission required to excel in her role as Executive Director. I have complete confidence that she will faithfully fulfill her duties as outlined in Article V, Section 3(b) of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body.

Rachel has participated in SUB since her freshman year, when she joined the organization as a First Year Student Union Board (FYSUB) member. Leveraging her experience in high school student government, Rachel was able to build on her leadership skills, learn the basics of event programming, and build connections with the other FYSUB members. The following year, Rachel was selected to lead FYSUB as its Committee Chair. Even before her role officially began, Rachel was tasked with overcoming two challenges: (1) Adapting to having a new Director of Programming in the first few weeks of the semester; and (2) Interviewing more than one hundred FYSUB candidates over the course of the week. The process was a testament to her organization, flexibility, and time management skills, three qualities that are necessary for the Executive Director position.

As Rachel served as FYSUB Committee Chair during the 2020-2021 academic year, these challenges were not the only ones Rachel overcame with grace: Amidst COVID-19 event restrictions and meeting capacity constraints, Rachel found ways to bring her committee closer together, despite needing to remain six feet apart. Her creativity, leadership, and mentorship are evident not only in the number of events the committee successfully executed, but also in the fact that many of her committee members went on to be in SUB leadership roles the following year. This fall, Rachel's passion for programming was only made clearer in her role as Community Engagement Committee Chair. I constantly admired Rachel's positivity and engagement with her committee last semester.

I hope this letter of nomination assures you that Rachel is the compassionate, collaborative, and resilient leader best fit for the role of SUB Executive Director. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with and learn from her for much of my time at Notre Dame; moreover, I am encouraged by her goals for SUB in the next year, and her willingness to partner with other branches of the Student Union to see those objectives come to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kate McLaughlin*  
*2021-2022 Student Union Board Executive Director*