- I. Opening Prayer Aidan Rezner
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Pick One
- III. Approval of Minutes March 20, 2024
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - A. Mary Grace Walsh Director of Disability Advocacy: <u>Making Social Media</u>

<u>Accessible</u>

- 1. Aidan Rezner: This is Mary Grace, she has been working hard on a project about making social media accessible.
- 2. Mary Grace Walsh: One of our projects has been working on a guide for accessibility for student groups. Since a collection of you are in student groups and represent all sorts of dorms, clubs, and organizations, I thought it would be a great place to present this here. This goes through all sorts of things about making social media accessible. If you haven't noticed, all of Student Government's comms have had closed captions, which really helps people with disabilities, or if you are like me and don't like listening. There are all sorts of things that you may not know, so please use the guide. Please use these tools on your own social media or share it with your own student groups. It is really important, especially because social media is used so often today. I know it is difficult to remember, but that is why we made this handy guide!
- B. Student Body President Final State of the Union Address

V. General Orders

A. SS2324-13: A Resolution to Update the Hall Flags on The Track In the Smith

Center

1. Questioning

- a) Aleah Applin: I was just wondering why the minimum of two years was put on there?
- say the opening year, but also the logo and the mascot name. We don't want them to feel rushed that we need them to have these documents submitted in order for them to have this identity established. What if it doesn't work out? Giving them two minimum years for them to establish their community to reflect the community before deciding to send those documents is really reflective of saying these are the next steps.
- c) Aidan Rezner: We have had conversations with Residential Life and oftentimes it takes time for a dorm that has been newly instated to build a culture, coat of arms, and have a mascot. It is not often immediate. This is the leeway. The Office of Residential Life will be in communication with hall staff and hall leaders consistently throughout that process to see when they are ready to submit those items.

2. Debate

- a) Bridget Schippers: I would bring up a point about the bullet point on the Undergraduate Community at Fisher. It says that, to give them time to establish community, I will say that this year they already have their dorm mascot and logo. They have those things. It would probably be more inclusive to list them in the same way we do a current residence hall community, rather than singling them out as one that does not have a community.
- b) Aidan Rezner: When the conversation happened, it wasn't clear whether they had an identity yet, but the idea is to move as quickly as possible here in the conversations.
- c) Sam Godinez: If they had a mascot and everything ready and they feel they are secure, I don't see a reason why hall staff can't send the reformation to the Office of Residential Life.

3. Vote

- a) The resolution is passed.
- B. SO2324-25: An Order to Establish a Legislative Formatting Code

1. Questioning

- a) Joseph Tunney: What does this mean?
- b) Hunter Brooke: Great question. Basically it is saying there are not any guidelines as to how legislation should be written right now.

 This is making those with the theory being it will allow for more consistency over the years, across terms, more readability, more accessibility to new senators so they can see these are the things

that need to be included. It is purely formatting stuff, like font size 12. The actual guidelines themselves are not this. This is saying in theory these things can exist. Then, a second piece of legislation would make them. This is not making any rules itself. I will add that the Committee on the Constitution tried to hear this but did not reach quorum, so had an informal conversation about it and informally unanimously voted to approve it. It was an informal vote of random members of the committee, not the committee itself.

- c) Aidan Rezner: Clarification for resolutions and orders. It is a written document about how you write resolutions and orders because that can be a confusing thing without knowledge about that beforehand.
- d) Aubrey DiStefano: Has this ever been a thing before? If it has never been a thing before, why now?
- e) Hunter Brooke: To my knowledge, it has not. Why not? Because I thought it would be useful. As someone who has written legislation and been a senator, it took me a while to figure out how to format correctly. I thought it would be useful to have guidelines as to how to do that. Looking at historic legislation in the past, I've been telling this to some people, if you.go back five years, it is pretty similar, but if you go back seven years, it gets pretty different, and then fifteen years back, it is almost unrecognizable. I am hoping

- this will ensure greater consistency year over year so people will be able to look back and know what this is doing.
- f) Andrew Brooke: Could you foresee this removing other parts of discussion resolutions and orders in the Constitution? Could potentially this be removed and added to a code like this in the future to shorten the Constitution?
- g) Hunter Brooke: I am hesitant to say removing things. Ultimately, it would be up to the senate and the director of SAO. If you were to say this specific clause, I'd have an easier time saying this would maybe be something better. I'd say general things, like a resolution shall do this probably is best for the Constitution. The intention behind this is that it will be more nitty gritty details. Not a great answer, but I am hesitant to say generally.
- 2. Debate
- 3. Vote
 - a) The order is passed.

C. Nominations for SUB Executive Board of Directors

- Clay Chauncey motions to move Nominations for SUB Executive Board of Directors from New Business to General Orders.
- 2. Questioning
 - a) Andrew Ryan: Question for Jamil. I wanted to ask about your experience volunteering in the NICU. Could you talk about that?

- b) Jamil Allen: I volunteer at Memorial Hospital in the NICU. It is great because we can read toddler books to babies. It is a great way to get experience for the track that I am on, which is neonatology and maternal fetal medicine.
- 3. Debate
- 4. Vote
 - a) The nominations were approved
- D. SO2324-28: An Order to Amend Article XVI of the Constitution
 - Memorandum from the Committee on the Constitution regarding SO2324-28
 - 2. Aidan Rezner: I made a mistake and forgot Ava passed an order through the Committee on the Constitution. It was supposed to appear on the agenda last week, we had a very busy agenda and I forgot. I would appreciate it if we could hear it today because it is a really important resolution for club funding.
 - 3. Ava DeCroix: Also, it is also really short.
 - 4. Aidan Rezner: It is really short and very straightforward. Also keep in mind that all items in New Business, because this is our last meeting, if we do not hear them today, then they die.
 - Clay Chauncey motions to move SO2324-28 from New Business to General Orders.
 - 6. Questioning

- a) Aidan Rezner: Ava, if you can give a quick description about what this is doing.
- b) Ava DeCroix: It is pretty simple. Right now, there is a short part in the Constitution that has a word unused incorrectly. It uses the words inactive and defunct to describe clubs. It uses them interchangeably, but they actually have separate definitions in terms of how we yield club funding. Inactive clubs should retain the funds in their bank account. They have to reregister to be able to access them. Defunct clubs are clubs that are no longer existing and their funds should be cleared out and reallocated. Right now, the Constitution uses them interchangeably, which creates problems and weird things about funding and weird things we can and can't do about inactive and defunct clubs. This is to clear that up. It is changing one word to make consistent usage of those words in the Constitution.
- c) Ian Schowe: Can you explain how a club becomes defunct?
- d) Ava DeCroix: There is a process. You would become inactive before you became defunct. It is after a given time period of being inactive, like if it were a long time period of being inactive. It is different levels. You are either an active club, you can be inactive after a certain number of years of being inactive, or if you requested to just become defunct, like the club requests to be dissolved. There are a couple of different avenues to become

defunct, but essentially you are no longer in the books as a club at Notre Dame.

- e) Andrew Ryan proposes a friendly amendment to add 28 after the year in the header.
- f) The proposal is approved.
- 7. Debate
- 8. Vote
 - a) The order is passed.

E. <u>P2324-02: A Petitioned Resolution to Increase the Size of Paper Cups in the Dining Halls</u>

- Clay Chauncey motions to move P2324-02 from New Business to General Orders.
- 2. Questioning
 - a) Amelia Forrest: Sam, did you get a reason why they changed the cup size?
 - b) Sam Godinez: From where is the question because there are so many reasons why they changed the cups and I could not get an official answer. Reggie, the Director of Campus Dining, told me that they were using supply from covid, which happened to be larger, and they ran out this year and eventually they were short this year and now they are considering bringing them back. Other student workers said apparently they removed them because people were accused of stealing food with large paper cups. I found it

- absurd because we are paying \$17.50 dollars per meal, so we might as well. Because I couldn't find a specific reason, I chose not to include the reason in the official document.
- c) Charlie Pehl: If one of the reasons were that people were stealing food, they would have to pay more for that food, and they would bring it back. Do you think that would lead to an increase in the cost of swipes in the meal plan if they have to pay for more food because they had to bring this back?
- d) Sam Godinez: In my own free time, I did calculations that we pay around 4k ish dollars throughout the whole year for campus dining.

 Across all students, they got \$38 million dollars, so I don't see them increasing the meal plan because of the larger cups.
- 3. Debate
- 4. Vote
 - a) The resolution is passed.
- 5. Aidan Rezner: I would like to point out that two petitioned resolutions have not been passed in many many years. The last time was when the Student Senate tried to pass a recall of Father Jenkins, so very different avenues this year. Thank you for the work you have done on that, Sam. We have had two this year, which has been great.
- 6. Sam Godinez: These officially double digits of my items passed. Emperor Palpatine once said, "I am the Senate" and I took those words to heart when I ran for senator of Dillon Hall.

VI. New Business

VII. Announcements

- A. Aidan Rezner: Thank you, sincerely, for all of the work you have done this year. I know a few of you are returning, and for those of you who will be, I am going to be here on campus next year, so if anyone has any questions or wants to reach out and talk about things, I would be happy to meet with you. It has been a pleasure. Thank you for your time, effort, and energy. I appreciate the productive conversations. It has been a wonderful opportunity. It has been the best part of my college experience doing this with Daniel and I really appreciate it.
- B. Aleah Applin: Pangborn's Got Talent is tonight. If you want to come to Debart, that would be great.
- C. Charlie Pehl: Go to that.
- D. Max Feist: Sophomores, Class of 2026. Class mass Tuesday when we get back with Father Pete at 5:15 in the Basilica.
- E. Lily Condodina: There is no Acousticafe tomorrow, but there is Acousticafe next week. I believe it is in collaboration with Student Government. Next Friday we have the SUB concert. If you are looking for a spot on the waitlist, that link is open. Also we will be having an Antostal promotion event in the coming weeks to get you guys familiar with the theme.
- F. Lulu Romero: Senior class council and Off Campus are collating for a South Bend Cubs game. The link for tickets closes tonight.
- G. Joseph Tunney: The Fisher Regatta is on April 13th.

- H. Andrew Ryan: I want to echo what everyone else was saying. I had the opportunity to see Daniel's leadership up close on Campus Life Council and obviously Aidan's here, so thank you both for the great leadership this year.
- I. Aleah Applin: The freshmen have an Easter Egg Hunt tomorrow. It is happening on the North and South quad, so whatever you live closest to, you can go. There is going to be a \$100 Amazon gift card as one of the top prizes. You can literally find an egg and win \$100.
- J. Hunter Brooke: If you are interested or curious about serving on the Judicial Council or know someone who might be, feel free to tell them to reach out to me, ask me questions, or to apply. I believe the application closes on April 1st. Also, if you are a senator that got an email from me last night, please stick around for the hall information workshop meeting. Also, it would be lovely if we gave another round of applause to the big Student Union leaders that have all done a really great job this year from what I have seen. I am appreciative of everyone.
- K. Aidan Rezner: Go to Taste of South Bend in Dahnke. Free food.

VIII. Adjournment

A. The meeting is adjourned.