

APPROACHABLE

COLLABORATIVE TRANSFORMATIVE

Approachability 1: Social Media: We will use our social media to connect with students and provide updates on all we are doing. This will include:

- **Open Inbox:** We will run our Facebook page ourselves in order to field and respond to any legitimate ideas, questions, or concerns.
- **Facebook Live Q&As:** Hold consistent Q&As to hold us accountable.
- **Policy Progress Notifications:** Post notifications on policy progress every other day.
- **State of the University:** Directly address frequently-asked questions in bi-weekly video updates.
- **Bi-Weekly Policy Polls:** Institute a bi-weekly facebook poll featuring current policy goals, where students will vote on the goals they find most important.
- **Hold Facebook Live Senate Meetings:** This will promote transparency in Student Government.
- **Continue “Onward”:** This is an anonymous platform for voicing student concerns.
- **Student Government Snapchat:** Create specialized Snapchat filters for special events and awareness campaigns, while also revitalizing Student Government’s use of Snapchat as a communication platform.

Approachability 2: Transparency: In an effort to make sure all students are aware of how student government impacts their daily lives, we will strive to be the most transparent administration in recent memory.

- **Open Door Policy:** Please come by the student government office to voice ideas, concerns, or even just to chat.
- **Non-LaFun Office Hours:** In addition to having time where you can meet with us, we will host office hours in each dorm and have Facebook polls for where and when office hours should be held.
- **End Closed Senate Meetings:** No information regarding a student issue should be kept from campus media or the broader student body. To increase transparency and accountability, Student Senate meetings will not be closed.
- **Downsize Student Government:** Currently there are various duplicative cabinet positions that can be eliminated or combined to help student government run more efficiently and create greater collaboration with current resources that exist on campus.
- **Continue Using Two Directors of Communication:** One communicates student government activity, and the other communicates University policy and news.

- **Student News Releases:** Establish a Policy with University Administration about news releases, publish a Student Government newsletter every two weeks, and maintain a tab/page on the website explaining student government funding.

Approachability 3: Voicing Student Concerns: As an administration, we will always put the interests of students first by:

- **Holding the Administration Accountable:** We will work with the administration to receive a better explanation of executive decisions and work to increase transparency on projects pertaining to University improvements and policy changes.
- **Public Spending Reports:** Request more information regarding financial decisions, then make the details public via a “university checkbook” module on InsideND that is only accessible to students and staff.
- **Detailed Dorm Maintenance Reports:** This will allow us to fight for a reasonable distribution of resources to every hall, house, and manor.
- **Remove Politics from Student Government:** Focus on tangible goals that improve the daily lives of students and work to keep partisanship and division out of Student Government.

Approachability 4: Student Government Reform: Structural inefficiencies have held student government back from its full potential. We will bring the focus back to students.

- **Executive Department Oversight:** Empower Senators by helping them specialize in varying interest areas, so they can review department organization. Also, we will give Senators communications training to better relay information to dorms.
- **Public Comments for Senate Meetings:** Allow students an open floor to voice opinions at the end of Senate meetings: a five minute maximum for student concerns with the ability to expand more thoughts after the meeting.
- **Greater Representation:** Add a senator for each college at the University.
- **Cross-Campus Collaboration:** Become a member of the American Student Government Association and invite student leaders from different schools to visit campus, tailgate, and collaborate on ideas.
- **Student Government Tailgates:** Host one tailgate during the Football season to allow greater accessibility and serve refreshments to students and Student Government leaders. We will also work to attend already existing tailgates with Student Government members from other Universities to increase awareness of Notre Dame and truly make the game-day weekend an experience for visiting student leaders.
- **Constitutional Review Commission:** Form a committee to update outdated language, policies and organizational structures within the Student Union Constitution.
- **Monday Senate Meetings:** This will streamline the Student Government to Hall Council communications pipeline. Given Hall Council meetings on Tuesday nights, this will give Senators time to formulate ideas from their respective dorms to bring to the Senate.

- As our primary means of dorm representation, Hall Presidents Council and the Student Senate are of utmost importance and must be integrated more fluidly with the existing structure of Executive Cabinet. This will strengthen each dorm's voice and provide for a more diverse range of feedback and opinions from around campus.
- **Continue Successful Student Gov Programs:** Some initiatives including Political Brew, It's on Us, and Walk the Walk Week have been highly successful. We will continue these programs and look for areas to expand and collaborate more.
- **Improve Relationship with Club Coordination Council:** We will work to improve CCC training for clubs and increase funding for all clubs on campus.
- **Club Leadership Training:** Work with CCC and SAO to more effectively train club leadership on event planning and navigating the University's approval process.
- **Direct More Funds through the CCC to Clubs:** This will allow club sports to schedule more games and social clubs to have the funding to pursue audacious new events, which will allow our community to thrive. With a greater need and ever-expanding student organizations, the funding must also increase for these student groups.
- **Role Transparency:** Clearly define roles of student government members and share detailed information regarding what they are accomplishing on a weekly basis.
- **Intragovernmental Communication:** Have a weekly all staff meeting with Executive Cabinet, HPC co-chairs, Sub Director, Class Council Officers, Club Coordination Council representatives, Off-Campus Council representatives, and Diversity Council to increase communication and collaboration on policy initiatives and events/programming.