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**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE STANDING DEPARTMENTS OF SUSTAINABILITY
AND STUDENT EMPOWERMENT**

Resolved by the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac,

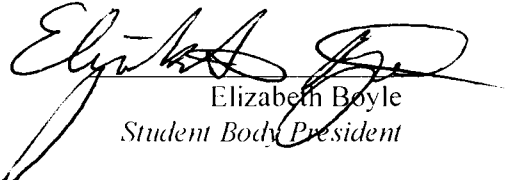
That the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, pursuant to Section I (5) and IV (2)(c) of the same, is hereby amended with respect to the following clause:

I. Article IV Section 3 shall now read as follows:

- (a) The Department of Academic Affairs shall address undergraduate student needs as they relate to the academic affairs of the university and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate.
- (b) The Department of Athletics shall aid and advise the Student Body President and Student Body Vice-President in all matters pertaining to athletics. This department shall advocate the advancement of the Student-Athlete experience and serve as a liaison to the Student-Athlete Advisory Council.
- (c) The Department of Campus Technology and Innovation shall address undergraduate student needs concerning issues of information technologies and entrepreneurship and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate. The Department of Campus Technology shall address undergraduate student needs concerning issues of information technologies and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate. This department will serve as a liaison between students and the Office of Information Technologies, as well as between students and the IDEA Center at Innovation Park.
- (d) The Department of Communications shall update and maintain a website for Executive Cabinet and Senate and shall oversee all external communications of student government. The website shall facilitate communication and collaboration among student groups, effectively publicize all student group events and programs to the student body, and be updated weekly.
 - (1) The Director of the Department of Communications shall serve as Press Secretary of Executive Cabinet *ex officio*.
- (e) The Department of Community Engagement and Outreach shall address relations between the student body and broader communities with a local, regional, national, and international focus. This department shall serve as a liaison between students and the South Bend community by fostering relationships and maintaining the open lines of communication with community and neighborhood leaders, workers on campus, and city officials, among others. Additionally, this department shall coordinate events designed to promote political and civic engagement on campus.

- (f) The Department of Diversity and Inclusion shall address issues of diversity and inclusion on campus. This department shall act as a liaison to Diversity Council.
- (g) The Department of Faith and Service shall be responsible for providing input on the spiritual needs of the student body and the student government policies relating to the same.
- (h) The Department of Gender Relations shall address undergraduate student needs concerning issues of gender, sexual orientation, sexual violence and the development of gender resources and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate.
- (i) The Department of Health and Well-Being shall work closely with University Health Services, the McDonald Center for Student Well-Being, and the University Counseling Center to better all aspects of student health. Additionally, this department shall work to ensure that every member of the student body is aware of the available resources and support pertaining to health issues.
- (j) The Department of Social Concerns shall address student concerns in areas such as social justice and human solidarity, both in the Notre Dame community and the global world, and then make appropriate recommendations to the Senate.
- (k) The Department of Student Empowerment shall serve to collaborate with other Student Union organizations and Executive Cabinet departments on intersectional issues such as student opportunities, access to the arts on campus, the experience of international students, study abroad issues, as well as collaborating with the Club Coordination Council to empower student clubs. Furthermore, this department shall serve to reach out to, hear, and address the needs of students on campus as a student-oriented resource.
- (l) The Department of Student Life shall serve as the gateway department for the handling of student issues as they may arise and ensure that there is a diversity of student voices incorporated into the larger framework of student government. This department shall coordinate activities that may improve student life and address undergraduate student needs in all areas of residence life.
- (m) The Department of Sustainability shall address student concerns in the area of sustainability, both in the Notre Dame community and the global world, working with the Office of Sustainability and then make appropriate recommendations to the Senate.
- (n) The Department of University Policy shall be responsible for reviewing and revising pressing and pertinent student-related policy and procedures to better serve student needs while collaborating with University Administrators to enhance programming implementation and improve standard operating procedures. This department shall also address any other issues not explicitly under the jurisdiction of another department.

- (o) First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL).
- (1) The FUEL Directors and FUEL Membership shall aid in the effective achievement of the goals of the Student Union as determined by the Student Body President in conjunction with the Executive Cabinet.
 - (2) The Directors of FUEL shall ensure effective aid to the Student Union by using their experiences as student leaders to accomplish the goals of FUEL, which are stated as follows:
 - (A) Integration of First Year leaders into the Student Union.
 - (B) Explanation of Student Union policies and procedures to First Year leaders.
 - (C) Facilitation of community development among the First Year leaders.
 - (D) Education of the First Year leaders in the practices of ethical peer leadership.
 - (3) The directors shall write bylaws and submit them to the Student Union Ethics Commission before May 1st to outline the effective operation of FUEL.
- (p) Department membership and size shall be determined at the discretion of the Student Body President.
- (1) Each Senator shall serve on at least one department.
 - (2) Department Directors shall not be required to serve in departments other than the one they chair.
 - (3) The Student Body President may appoint members to each department via application to the Student Body President.
 - (4) Department membership shall also be open to the entire student body.
- (q) Ad Hoc Departments.
- (1) The Student Body President may create ad hoc departments addressing special student interests as long as one Senator agrees to serve within that department.
 - (2) The Student Body President shall nominate a director for each ad hoc department.
 - (3) The Student Body President may disband any ad hoc department at any given time.
- (r) All standing and ad hoc departments shall meet at least once every two weeks during the regular academic year.
- (s) All standing and ad hoc departments shall have the ability to plan and program events related to their issues that include (but are not limited to) such activities as awareness weeks, focus groups, speakers, and information nights.



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