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A RESOLUTION CALLING THE STUDENT UNION ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION TO ACTION

Whereas, Article I, Section 1(b) of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body states that, “Each Student Union organization shall develop written bylaws by May 1st to establish the operational procedures (including attendance) necessary for the organization to carry out its constitutional duties. These bylaws must be approved by the organization’s Student Activities advisor and presented to the Student Union Ethics Commission”;

Whereas, Article III, Section 4(p)(1) of the same states, “The Committee on the Constitution shall monitor the transition, internal review, and overall process of the Student Union as outlined in this Constitution and make appropriate recommendations to the full Student Senate”;

Whereas, the Preamble of the same highlights the importance of efficiency and efficacy of the Student Union;

Whereas, an overwhelming amount of operational procedures remain in the text of the Constitution, instead of the bylaws of their respective Student Union Organizations;

Whereas, the bylaws of Student Union Organizations ought to provide greater clarity of operational procedures, be written so as to reduce the current complexity of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, and be made public to the student body; therefore, be it

***Resolved*, by the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, that the Student Senate recognizes the need to formalize Student Union Organization bylaws in line with the requirements of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body in the pursuit of greater legal clarity, and calls upon the following actions:**

That, in accordance with Article III, Section 3(a) of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, the Student Union Ethics Commission is hereby called to action as follows:

Resolution SS2021-09**April 29, 2020**

- I. The Student Union Ethics Commission shall convene meetings to propose and discuss revisions to existing Student Union Organization bylaws so that all operational procedures present in the Student Union Constitution may be appropriately incorporated therein;
- II. These aforementioned meetings shall be held at a regular time and location that shall be set by the Chair of the Student Union Ethics Commission;
- III. The Chair of the Student Union Ethics Commission shall provide and make available digital copies of the bylaws of each Student Union Organization to the Chair of the Committee on the Constitution no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, July 3, 2020;
- IV. The first meeting of the Student Union Ethics Commission to achieve these ends shall begin no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 11, 2020;
- V. The Chair of the Student Union Ethics Commission shall publish the bylaws of each Student Union Organization on the Judicial Council website no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, December 4, 2020;
- VI. The minutes of all meetings of the Student Union Ethics Commission during which revisions to existing Student Union Organization Bylaws are discussed shall be taken and made available to all members of the Committee on the Constitution within 48 hours of the adjournment of any such meeting;
- VII. The Chair of the Student Union Ethics Commission or a designee thereof shall present a report on the work of the Commission to the Chair of the Student Senate no less frequently than once every two months that may be presented to the Student Senate;

That, in accordance with Article III, Section 3(a) of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, the Committee on the Constitution is hereby called to action as follows:

- I. The Committee on the Constitution shall convene meetings to propose and discuss revisions to the Student Union Constitution in order to remove unnecessary operational procedures present therein;
- II. These aforementioned meetings shall be held at a regular time and location that shall be by the Chair of the Committee on the Constitution;
- III. The first meeting of the Committee on the Constitution shall begin not after 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 11, 2020;
- IV. The Chair of the Committee on the Constitution shall provide the recommendations of the Committee on the Constitution to the Student Union Ethics Commission no less frequently than once per month, regarding proposed revisions to existing Student Union Organization bylaws;
- V. The minutes of all meetings of the Committee of the Constitution during which revisions to the Student Union Constitution to remove unnecessary operating procedures are discussed shall be taken and made available to all members of the Student Union Ethics Commission within 48 hours of the adjournment of any such meeting; and
- VI. The Chair of the Committee on the Constitution or a designee thereof shall present a report on the work of the Committee to the Chair of the Student Senate no less frequently than once every two months that may then be presented to the Student Senate;

Rachel Ingal
Student Body President