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AN ORDER TO ADJUST THE SPRING SEMESTER SCHEDULE

Whereas, “extenuating circumstances that dramatically affect the current state of affairs of the student body,” (Constitution, III(3)(q)) have arisen due to the global pandemic, COVID-19;

Whereas, the University has responded by modifying the academic calendar for the spring semester of 2021 such that the semester begins three weeks and one day later than it typically would;

Whereas, the first day of classes of the spring semester, when petitions for Student Body President and Vice-President are typically distributed, falls on a Wednesday rather than a Tuesday for the spring semester of 2021;

Whereas, the Constitution mandates inflexible election deadlines of March 3rd and March 8th for Class Officers and Hall Senators, respectively (Constitution, XVII(2)(m)(1) and XVII(3)(b)(1));

Whereas, the above deadlines fall three weeks and one day earlier relative to the start of the semester than is typical, and therefore would not permit the Judicial Council Vice-President of Elections to effectively coordinate Class Officer and Hall Elections;

Whereas, the Constitution calls the Student Union Senate serving in the 2021-2022 term to meet every week beginning April 1st, 2021 (Constitution, III(4)(a));

Whereas, the postponement of Hall Senator elections would require a similar postponement of the Senate’s term to permit time for the constitutionally required transition activities of incoming Senators (Constitution, III(5));

Whereas, the Constitution calls the 2021-2022 Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs to take office in place of the 2020-2021 Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs on April 1st, 2021 (Constitution, VII(4)(a)(1));

Whereas, the Constitution calls the 2020-2021 Hall Presidents Council to select the 2021-2022 Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs by the third Friday in March (Constitution, VII(4)(a));

Whereas, the postponement of Hall elections would require an extension of the term of the current Hall President’s Council to permit it to fulfill its constitutional obligation to select the next Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs;

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Whereas, the Student Body President is expected to hold a meeting with law enforcement leaders in the month of January (Constitution II(1)(k)(2)), before the 2021 spring semester will begin;

Whereas, the Constitution also mandates an inflexible deadline of February 1st for the Financial Management Board's annual review of allocations (Constitution, XI(4)(h));

Whereas, this deadline, falling before the first day of classes of the 2021 spring semester, would not allow the Financial Management Board to complete the review of allocations during the spring semester; therefore, be it

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

That the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, pursuant to Article III(3)(q) of the same, is hereby suspended as follows:

- I. The words "Petitions will be made available at noon on the first Tuesday of classes of the second semester. The deadline for the filing of all petitions is noon of the Friday of the following week" are hereby suspended in Article XVII, Sections 2(k)(3);**
- II. The words "The Class Officers Elections shall be held before March 3rd each year" are hereby suspended in Article XVII, Section 2(m)(1);**
- III. The words "The election for Senator shall be held prior to March 8th of each year" are hereby suspended in Article XVII, Section 3(b)(1);**
- IV. The words "Each Senate member shall serve a one-year term beginning on April 1st of the year elected" are hereby suspended in Article XVII, Section 3(b)(1) with specific application to the Senates of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 terms, who shall instead transition on April 8th, 2020;**
- V. The words "prior to the third Friday in March of each year" are hereby suspended in Article VII, Section 4(a) with specific application to the 2020-2021 Hall Presidents Council;**
- VI. The words "The Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs shall serve a one-year term beginning on April 1st of the year elected" are hereby suspended in Article VII, Section 4(a)(1) with specific application to the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs;**
- VII. Article II, Section 1(k)(2) is hereby suspended with specific application to the 2021 spring semester;**

- VIII. **The words “prior to third Thursday in February” in Article XI, Section 3(a)(1) and “March 1st” in Article XI, Section 3(a)(2) are hereby suspended for the Student Union Treasurer transition process, which shall take place instead on March 15th;**
- IX. **The words “by February 1st” are hereby suspended in Article XI, Section 4(h) with specific application to the 2020-2021 term of the Financial Management Board; and**

That the Judicial Council Election Committee is hereby called to action as follows:

- I. **The Judicial Council Election Committee shall make petitions available for the Student Body President and Vice-President Elections on the first day of classes of the Spring Semester to be due at noon on the Friday of the following week.**
- II. **The Judicial Council Election Committee shall complete the elections of the 2020-2021 Class Council Officers by March 25th.**
- III. **The Judicial Council Election Committee shall complete the elections of the 2020-2021 Residence Hall Senators by March 30th.**

That the Hall Presidents Council is hereby called to action as follows:

- I. **The 2020-2021 Hall Presidents Council shall elect two members to serve as Co-Chairs for the following year prior to the second Friday in April of 2021.**
- II. **The 2021-2022 Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs shall serve a term beginning on April 15th, 2021 and ending on April 1st, 2022.**

That the Student Body President is hereby called to action as follows:

- I. **The Student Body President shall schedule and chair a meeting between university leaders and local law enforcement leaders, in accordance with Article II, Section 1(k), in the month of February 2021.**

That the Financial Management Board and its members are hereby called to action as follows:

- I. **The Student Union Treasurer shall nominate to the Student Senate one of the Assistants to the Student Union Treasurer as a replacement prior to first Thursday in March of the 2021 spring semester for review and approval by the Senate by March 15th, 2021.**
- II. **The 2021-2022 Student Union Treasurer shall serve a term beginning on March 15th, 2021 and ending on March 1st, 2022.**

- III. Financial Management Board shall conduct their Winter Reallocation process by February 17th.**

It is so ordered.

Thomas Davis II
Student Union Parliamentarian