

Order SO 2021-16

November 12, 2020

Matthew Bisner, *Judicial Council President*  
Thomas Davis, *Parliamentarian*

**AN ORDER TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENT BODY TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE ARTICLE I OF THE SAME**

*Whereas*, Article I, Sections 2(c)(5) and 2(c)(6) relate to constitutional duties of the Student Senators and Student Union Ethics Commission respectively instead of general provisions for the Student Union;

*Whereas*, Article I, Section 3(b) is redundant of Section 2(b) and should be repealed;

*Whereas*, Article I, Section 6 contradicts Article I, Section 2(c)(3) and is a confusing set of conditionals for the weight of abstentions that currently has no bearing on the general operation of the Student Union;

*Whereas*, Article I of the Student Union Constitution is titled “General Provisions” and contains those requirements and regulations which apply to all Student Union Organizations, including the timeline for bylaw submission and review;

*Whereas*, Article XV of the Student Union Constitution deals with Transition and Evaluation of the Student Union and contains a timeline for transition plan submission and review which is generally applicable to all Student Union Organizations;

*Whereas*, generally applicable regulations are General Provisions by nature; 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 I, Section 5 of the same, is hereby amended as follows:

- I. Article I, Section 2(c)(5) is hereby repealed and all subsections and references thereof and thereafter are renumbered accordingly.**
- II. Article III, Section 3(o) is hereby amended and shall read as follows:**
  - (o) The Senate shall adopt the most recent edition of *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* as the official rules of procedure governing the operation of the Senate. The Parliamentarian shall deliver a presentation on the most updated version of *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* which all members of the Senate must attend. This Constitution and Senate bylaws shall take precedence when this Constitution or Senate bylaws and *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* conflict. Any rule in *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

- III. Article I, Section 2(c)(6) is hereby repealed and all subsection and references thereof and thereafter are renumbered accordingly.**
- IV. Article XII, Section 6(a) as written below is hereby inserted and all current subsections and all references thereof and thereafter are renumbered accordingly:**
- (a) The Student Union Ethics Commission shall be in charge of reviewing and enforcing all attendance policies set forth in each Student Union organization's bylaws. Furthermore, the Ethics Commission will oversee the faithful completion of the duties of each position enumerated in this Constitution. Should the Ethics Commission be notified that any Student Union official is in violation of attendance policies and/or neglecting his or her duties as set forth in this Constitution and/or any applicable bylaws, the Ethics Commission may take appropriate action outlined in this Section.
- V. Article I, Section 3 is hereby repealed and all sections and references thereof and thereafter are renumbered accordingly.**
- VI. Article I, Section 2(b) as written below is hereby inserted and all current subsections and all references thereof and thereafter are renumbered accordingly:**
- (b) The Student Union shall be composed of the following Student Union organizations:
- (1) Senate.
  - (2) Executive Cabinet.
  - (3) Student Union Board.
  - (4) Hall Presidents Council.
  - (5) Club Coordination Council.
  - (6) Class Councils.
  - (7) Off-Campus Council.
  - (8) Financial Management Board.
  - (9) Judicial Council.
- VII. Article XV is hereby repealed and all articles and references thereof and thereafter are renumbered accordingly.**
- VIII. Article I, Section 6 is hereby repealed and shall read in lieu thereof:**
- Section 6. Transition and Evaluation**
- (a) Each Student Union organization shall develop and implement written procedures, methods, and policies to maintain continuity and ensure a smooth transition process between administrations and submit a report to the Committee on the Constitution detailing their respective future transition processes prior to March 1st of each year.
- (b) The Committee on the Constitution shall review and approve all plans of transition. In the event that a plan is not initially approved by the Committee, the organization shall modify and resubmit a report to the Committee within two academic weeks.

- (c) Student Union organizations shall review sections of this Constitution enumerating their respective purpose, duties, powers, and procedures each year.
- (d) Each organization, chairperson, or coordinator shall submit suggestions pertinent to the internal review of the organization to the Senate prior to March 1st of each year. Suggestions shall be presented as amendments when appropriate.

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