

FOLLOWING INTERNAL REVIEW
ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

David Haungs, *Judicial Council President*
Madison Nemeth, *Parliamentarian*

AN ORDER TO AMEND THE JURISDICTION OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

Whereas, the Constitution, in Article XV, Section 1(c), states that “All election rules and campaigning are subject to University regulations as outlined in duLac”;

Whereas, the Election Committee has interpreted Section 1(c) to give it jurisdiction over allegations that candidates have violated University policy, even when it finds that these violations do not in any way affect electoral campaigning ([Precedent 2021-10](#));

Whereas, under Section 1(c), the Election Committee could therefore publicly sanction and punish a student who is not yet 21 for [drinking alcohol in their room](#), or a student who is not Catholic for [failing to follow the Catholic Church’s teachings on sexuality](#), just because those individuals happen to be candidates in an election;

Whereas, the correct body to interpret such violations is the Office of Community Standards, not the Election Committee, which has expertise only in the interpretation of election regulations and is forced to publish the results of all violations under Article XII, Section 4(e) of the Constitution;

Whereas, candidates for elected office can still be held to community standards even without the Election Committee’s authority to interpret University Policy, since good standing with the Office of Community Standards is required in Article XV, Section 1(a) for eligibility to hold office;

Whereas, the Election Committee should still maintain the authority to uphold the responsibilities of candidates to campaign in a manner consistent with the policies of the Student Activities Office; therefore, be it

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

That the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body is hereby amended as follows, effective March 30, 2022:

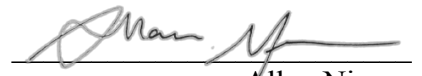
I. Article XV, Section 1(e)(3) is amended to read as follows:

No candidate may petition or campaign outside of the petitioning or campaigning period declared by the Election Committee. Petitioning and campaigning within LaFortune is allowed only in the basement and the 1st floor. Petitioning or campaigning within Duncan Student

Center is allowed only on the 1st floor, with the exception of the radio station WVFI and other campus media outlets with prescheduled appointments only. No petitioning or campaigning may take place in or near any Student Union office or venues occupied by the Student Union, or any space that is funded by the Student Activities Office. No one may petition or campaign in any venue while occupied by a class period, exam, or during the passing period directly before or after within the class venue. All petitioning and campaigning must adhere to all Student Activities Policies.

II. Article XV, Section 1(c) is hereby repealed and all subsections and references thereafter and thereof are renumbered accordingly.

It is so ordered.


Allan Njomo
Student Body President