

Martha Castellini, *Walsh Hall Senator*  
Annika Baron, *Farley Hall Senator*  
Will Kennedy, *Sorin Hall Senator*  
Christian Yoder, *Morrissey Hall Senator*

**AN ORDER TO AMEND TO CONSTITUTION OF THE  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY TO REVISE ARTICLE XV**

*Whereas*, Order SO [2122-06](#) amended the Constitution to allow Hall Presidents and Vice Presidents to endorse and to allow candidates to claim Residence Hall to endorsements (Article XV, Section 1(g));

*Whereas*, the Constitution neither forbids residence hall endorsements, nor does it provide guidelines for them;

*Whereas*, residents do not have the ability to choose their Residence Hall;

*Whereas*, Notre Dame states “Residence halls are where students first belong, unconditionally, the moment their hall assignment is made”;

*Whereas*, having an ambiguous system for Hall endorsements could jeopardize this sense of unconditional belonging;

*Whereas*, many Hall Presidents and Vice Presidents felt a sense of apprehension about making a decision on behalf of their hall with no mechanism in place;

*Whereas*, multiple Hall Presidents and Vice Presidents have expressed support for this amendment;

*Whereas*, Hall endorsements can inflate the personal endorsement of a Hall President or Vice President as with no system in place the endorsement of the Residence Hall has historically just been their opinion;

*Whereas*, having a system in place for Residence Hall endorsements could give the Hall endorsement the proper value that it deserves;

*Whereas*, having a system in place for Residence Hall endorsements could separate and clarify the potential difference between the Hall President endorsement and Hall endorsement;

*Whereas*, the more rigorous system of endorsements can potentially increase voter turnout;

*Whereas*, to keep Judicial Council from being flooded with meritless allegations, the separation between the Residence Hall endorsement and the Hall President endorsement could be helpful;

*Whereas*, Hall Presidents Council and Student Government are very separate institutions and proper metrics should be put in place so the role and power of the Hall president is not inflated;

*Whereas*, it is commonplace for other clubs and organizations with valuable endorsements to poll before giving an endorsement, such as the Observer or Scholastic;

*Whereas*, a Hall endorsement should come from the Hall itself and not just its leadership, as this is often a circumstance of great bias 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 Section I (g) of the same, is hereby amended as follows:

**I. Article XV, Section 1(g)(4) is hereby inserted, and reads as follows:**

- (4) Residence Halls can endorse candidates/tickets, although for the Student Body President and Vice President election, this endorsement may be made only if they adhere to the following procedure:
  - (A) The Residence Hall will poll their hall via a Google Form sent out by their Senator and with the rector as a “collaborator.” The Senator will submit all polling results to the rector and the rector will also be able to watch the results live as they come in. The Residence Hall will need at least 20% of their hall to participate in the vote. The ticket that has the plurality of valid votes after 24 hours will win that Residence Hall’s endorsement.
  - (B) If 20% of the Hall has not participated after 24 hours then the poll will stay open for an additional 12 hours.

It is so ordered.

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*Student Body President*