

FOLLOWING INTERNAL REVIEW
ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

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**AN ORDER TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENT BODY TO REVISE ARTICLES III, V, IX, & XV**

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac (“the Constitution”) outlines the composition of the Student Union Board (“SUB”);

Whereas, Article V, Section 2(b) reads: “One undergraduate student from each dorm shall be elected to represent his or her dorm’s interests to the Student Union Board”;

Whereas, the Off-Campus community is not represented on SUB, thus depriving it of communication between its leaders and SUB and reducing the ability for the two groups to collaborate in their shared programming interests;

Whereas, Article III, Section 2 describes the composition of the Senate;

Whereas, Article III, Section 2(a) reads: “The voting membership of the Senate shall be composed of the following: (1) One elected Senator per undergraduate residence hall. (2) One elected off-campus undergraduate Senator. (3) Four Class Presidents. (4) Club Coordination Council President, or a Designated Representative. (5) Off-Campus President.”;

Whereas, despite making up approximately 23% of the student population over the last decade according to the Registrar, the off-campus community is only represented in less than 6% of the seats apportioned by residence;

Whereas, the imbalance in representation between on-campus and off-campus students hinders the Senate’s ability to “formulate and advance the position of the undergraduate student body” (Constitution Article III, Section 1(a));

Whereas, the University’s 2021-2022 Common Data Set indicates that 22% of the undergraduate student body resides off campus;

Whereas, the proportion of undergraduate students residing off campus reflected in the 2021-2022 Common Data Set best represents the estimated proportion of undergraduate students residing off campus in the future given the six-semester on-campus residential policy which took effect starting with the graduating Class of 2022;

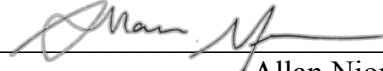
Whereas, amending the composition of SUB and the Senate necessitates a corresponding amendment to election procedures; therefore be it

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 V, Section 2(b) reads as follows: “One undergraduate student from each dorm and one undergraduate student who lives off-campus shall be elected to represent his or her community’s interests to the Student Union Board.”;**
- II. **Article V, Section 3(b)(4)(A) reads as follows: “The membership of each division shall consist of at least one programming division head and at least one member of the elected dorm and off-campus representatives. The divisions shall be open to student volunteers as determined by the SUB Directors.”**
- III. **Article V, Section 3(h) reads as follows: “Residential Representatives. (1) Each dorm shall elect one person to represent his or her dorm’s interests to the Student Union Board. (2) The off-campus community shall elect one person to represent its interests to the Student Union Board. (3) These elected officials shall serve on at least one committee and there shall be at least one of these representatives on each SUB division as determined by the SUB Director of Operations. (4) Residential representatives will be in charge of the distribution of approved SUB publicity within his or her own community. (5) Residential representatives must attend Hall Council or Off-Campus Council.”**
- IV. **Article XV, Section 4 reads as follows: “Off-Campus Elections. (a) The election shall be held on or before the third full week of April of each year. (b) The Off-Campus President and Vice-President, the Off-Campus Senators, and the Off-Campus Student Union Board Representative must reside off-campus during the following academic year. Having a university-provided, on-campus residence during the following academic year disqualifies a person from this office. (c) Candidates for Off-Campus President and Vice-President must run on the same ticket. Students may not split tickets when voting. (d) Students currently living off-campus and students living off-campus during the following academic year are eligible to vote for Off-Campus elected positions.”**
- V. **Article XV, Section 5(a)(3)(A) reads as follows: “The Senate constituencies shall include and are limited to each undergraduate student residence hall, who shall be represented by their respective undergraduate residence hall Senators, and the off-campus residents, who shall be represented by the Off-Campus President.”**

It is so ordered.



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