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A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY TO RENAME THE FIRST YEAR CLASS COUNCIL

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

That the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, pursuant to Section I (5) of the same, is hereby amended as follows:

I. Article IV is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Purpose.

- (a) The Class Councils shall promote the well-being of their respective classes by sponsoring functions that promote unity among class members.

Section 2. Composition.

- (a) The Sophomore, Junior, and Senior undergraduate classes shall be represented by four class officers elected by their respective class members in a campus-wide vote each year.
 - (1) The Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Officers shall select Class Council members at their own discretion.
 - (2) The Sophomore Class Officers shall nominate a student Sophomore Class Advisor to assist the First Year Class Council and ensure its efficient operation prior to September 15th.
- (b) The First Year Class Council shall be composed of a representative from each undergraduate residence hall.
 - (1) The First Year Class Council Representatives shall elect a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary by October 15 of the year of their selection.
- (c) The Director of Student Activities shall designate an advisor to each class.

Section 3. Powers and Duties.

- (a) The Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Officers shall ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Class Councils.
- (b) The First Year Class President shall ensure the efficient and effective operation of the First Year Class Council.
- (c) All Class Presidents shall attend weekly Senate meetings and serve as voting members.
- (d) All Class Vice-Presidents shall attend the Executive Programming Board meetings.



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- (e) The incoming Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Treasurers shall each develop, submit, and present a budget proposal for his or her respective Class Council to the Financial Management Board for the annual allocation meeting.
- (f) The First Year, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Treasurers shall represent the Class Councils on the Financial Management Board.
- (g) The Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Officers shall present bylaws by May 1st to establish the operational procedures (including, but not limited to, attendance and tardiness policies) necessary for their Class Councils to carry out their constitutional duties. These bylaws must be approved by the respective class's Student Activities advisor and presented to the Student Union Ethics Commission. The First Year Class Council shall create bylaws if instructed by their advisor. These bylaws must be approved by the organization's Student Activities advisor.

Section 4. Transition.

- (a) First Year Class Representatives shall serve until May 1st of the academic year of their selection.
- (b) Sophomore and Junior Class Officers shall serve a one-year term beginning on May 1st of the year elected.
- (c) The Senior Class Officers shall come into office on May 1st of the year elected and shall serve in those positions up until the class's five-year reunion.
- (d) The incoming members of Class Council shall commence their roles on Student Senate, Financial Management Board, Executive Programming Board, and the Committee on the Budget on April 1st of the year elected.

II. Article XI Section 2 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 2. Composition.

- (a) The Financial Management Board shall be composed of the following voting members:
 - (1) Student Union Treasurer.
 - (A) The Student Union Treasurer shall serve as the Chairperson of FMB and ensure its efficient and effective operation.
 - (2) Executive Controller.
 - (3) SUB Director of Finance.
 - (4) HPC Treasurer.
 - (5) CCC Controller.
 - (6) All Class Treasurers.
 - (A) The First Year Class Treasurer shall join FMB once elected.
 - (7) Off-Campus President.
 - (8) Judicial Council President.

- (b) All voting members of FMB shall have one vote each.
- (c) The Director of Student Activities shall designate a non-voting advisor to the Financial Management Board.

III. Article XIII Section 3 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 3. Powers and Duties.

(c) Election Committee.

- (1) The Election Committee shall review all allegations of potential elections misconduct and all potential violations of elections regulations in accordance with Section 13.4.
- (2) The Election Committee shall aid the Vice-President of Elections in his or her duties in conducting elections as outlined in Article XVII of this Constitution.
- (3) The Election Committee shall be composed of a minimum of seven voting members and no more than eleven members. The Election Committee shall have seven voting members serving in its capacity to review allegations of potential election misconduct.
 - (A) The Judicial Council President and Vice-President of Elections shall interview and select undergraduate students for this purpose.
 - (B) It is the responsibility of the Judicial Council to make the student body aware of interviews for these positions.
 - (C) The Senate shall review and approve each of the members.
 - (D) The Election Committee shall be selected before petitions are distributed for elections of First Year Council representatives.
 - (E) To select the seven voting members, the Vice President of Elections will contact the entire Election Committee through email and other means necessary, and the first seven members to reply stating they will be in attendance will become the voting membership for the duration of the entire allegation.
 - (F) The remaining members of the Election Committee, if applicable, not serving in a voting role during the allegation, will be given priority in the event of a new allegation. The remaining voting member spots will be filled from those Election Committee members having already served in an allegation following the same procedure outlined in Subsection (c)(3) of Section 13.3 of this Constitution.
 - (G) This procedure will continue for as many allegations as are necessary during the term of the Election Committee.



IV. Article XIII Section 6 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 6. Student Union Ethics Commission.

(c) Commissioners shall be chosen by May 1 st of the term they serve in their respective organizations, with the exception of the commissioner from the First Year Class Officers, who shall be chosen in conjunction with their election. All commissioners shall serve until May 1 st of the following calendar year. Commissioners shall be chosen at random within each of the aforementioned groups. The person chosen may accept or decline the position; this process shall continue until a representative accepts the position.

V. Article XIV Section 1 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Impeachment and Removal.

(a) The Senate may bring bills of impeachment against the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice-President, the Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs, the Club Coordination Council President, the Class Officers, the First Year Class Council Officers, any Senator, the Off-Campus President, or any official appointed and approved by the Senate for misconduct in office. Signatures of a majority of the members of the Senate on a Bill of Impeachment shall constitute impeachment.

VI. Article XIV Section 3 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 3. Vacancies.

(b) Should a provision be provided for replacement of an officer in an organization's bylaws that do not conflict with the following exceptions, it shall take precedence over the general provision for the mandatory new election within two academic weeks:

- (10) In the event that the First Year Class President vacates the position, the First Year Class Council Vice-President shall become President. In the event that another officer vacates the position, the President shall nominate a replacement within two academic weeks, subject to the approval of the Senate. In the event that the offices of both the President and Vice-President shall simultaneously become vacant, the remaining officers shall nominate an Acting President and an Acting Vice-President within two academic weeks, subject to the approval of the Senate.

VII. Article XVII Section 2 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 2. Student Body President, Vice-President, and Class Councils.

1) First Year Class Council.

(1) First Year Class Council Representatives shall be elected by a majority vote of the first years in each residence hall by the fourth Friday of the academic year.

(2) A first year shall submit to the Election Committee a petition of no less than 10% of his or her residence hall's first year residents to be considered an eligible candidate.



(3) A campaign limit is set for all candidates at \$20.00. All outside contributions count toward the limit. All donations shall be assessed towards the limit at their fair market value with the sole exception of an individual's labor which shall not be assessed against the limit. Combining campaigning funds of more than one ticket is not permitted and shall result in forfeiture of candidacy.

VIII. Article XVII Section 5 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 5. Election Results.

(a) To win the election, a candidate/ticket must receive a majority of valid votes cast. There shall be an option for the voter to abstain on the ballot, but a vote to abstain will not count as a valid vote.

(1) A run-off shall be held between the two highest vote-getting candidates/tickets if no candidate/ticket received the required total on the first ballot.


(2) In the event of a tie in the election of a Senator, Hall President, Hall SUB Representative, or First Year Class Council election, additional run-off elections shall be held in the individual residence hall until a majority is obtained.

X. Article XVIII Section 3 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 3. Method of Allocation.

(d) The remaining 59% of available funds shall be distributed among the following Student Union organizations:

- (1) Student Union Board.
- (2) Office of the Student Body President.
- (3) Student Senate.
- (4) Hall Presidents' Council.
- (5) First Year Class.
- (6) Sophomore Class.
- (7) Junior Class.
- (8) Senior Class / Senior Week.
- (9) Off-Campus Council.
- (10) Office of the Student Union Treasurer.
- (11) Judicial Council.
- (12) Club Coordination Council.
- (13) Transfer / First Year Orientation.
- (14) Any other areas deemed appropriate by the Financial Management Board with the approval of the Student Senate.


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