

Madison Nemeth, *Judicial Council President*

**AN ORDER TO AMEND ARTICLE XV OF THE CONSTITUTION TO REVISE  
ELECTION TIMELINES**

*Whereas*, Article XV, Section 2(g)(3) of the *Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac* (“the Constitution”) prescribes that petitions for the Student Body President and Vice-President election “be made available at noon on the first Tuesday of classes of the second semester;”

*Whereas*, Article XV, Section 2(b) of the Constitution prescribes that there “shall be an informational meeting for all candidates. All rules and regulations will be explained and discussed. It is the responsibility of all candidates to be fully aware of the official election rules as outlined in this Constitution, Election Bylaw, and relevant University regulations;”

*Whereas*, the second semester (Spring semester) often begins on a Tuesday according to the [past](#) and [future](#) calendars provided by the Office of the Registrar;

*Whereas*, the Judicial Council President and the Judicial Council Vice-President of Elections strongly believe that an informational session shall be held prior to the distribution of petitions in order to ensure that prospective candidates are fully knowledgeable of elections regulations;

*Whereas*, the constitutional requirement that petitions be made available on the first Tuesday of the Spring semester makes it impossible, in some years, to hold a timely informational session prior to the distribution of petitions;

*Whereas*, Article XV, Section 2(i)(1) of the Constitution requires that the “Class Officers Elections shall be held prior to March 3rd of each year;”

*Whereas*, the Class Officers do not begin transitioning until April 1st of the year elected (Article VIII, Section 4(d) of the Constitution);

*Whereas*, the Judicial Council President and the Judicial Council Vice-President of Elections strongly believe that adjusting the Class Officers Elections timeline will increase the efficiency and efficacy of the entire Spring elections process;

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

That Article XV, Section 2 of the Constitution is hereby amended as follows:

**I. Article XV, Section 2(g)(3) is amended to read as follows:**

(3) Petitions for the Office of Student Body President and Vice-President shall require 700 signatures for the placement on the ballot. Petitions will be made available at noon on the first Wednesday of classes of the second semester. The deadline for the filing of all petitions is noon of the Friday of the following week.

**II. Article XV, Section 2(i)(1) is amended to read as follows:**

(1) The Class Officers Elections shall be held before March 8th each year.

It is so ordered.



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*Student Body President*