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AN ORDER TO AMEND THE SENATE BYLAWS REGARDING THE PROXY POLICY

Whereas, the Student Senate does not allow for any long-term proxies;

Whereas, the current policies of the Student Senate have led to some constituencies with voting representation in the Student Senate not being represented;

Whereas, there exist justifiable reasons for an absence from meetings of the Student Senate, such as those responsibilities tied to financial aid, student status, and academics;

Whereas, while Senators have a primary responsibility to attend meetings of the Student Senate, non-Senators have numerous other responsibilities outside of the Student Senate;

Whereas, the ability for non-Senators to send other members of their organization in their place if they have significant conflicting circumstances should improve attendance among non-Senator voting members and increase their overall engagement and participation in the Student Senate; therefore, be it

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

I. Section IV.5 of the Bylaws of the Student Senate be added as follows, with all relevant sections and references renumbered accordingly:

5. In the event of a non-Senator voting member being in circumstances where attendance at Senate meetings would significantly and negatively affect an individual's standing at the University of Notre Dame Du Lac, such as their enrollment, their financial aid eligibility, and their progression toward graduation, the affected individual, following notification of the circumstances to the Chairperson of the Senate, may have another officer of their organization proxy for Senate meetings.

It is so ordered.