



Kevin Wang, *Executive Controller*

**AN ORDER TO AMEND ARTICLE XVI (FISCAL POLICY) TO CLARIFY
USAGE OF FUNDS TO REIMBURSE CAMPAIGNS**

Whereas, Section 5(a) of the Student Union Fiscal Policy (Article XVI) of the *Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac* (“the Constitution”) forbids the use of budget or funds, allocated or unallocated, by the Financial Management Board to the Student Union organizations or by the Club Coordination Council to eligible student clubs, for a “direct contribution to any candidate for political office, including student elections”;

Whereas, Section 5(c) of the Student Union Fiscal Policy outlines examples of political and campaigning activities permissible by certain political clubs and grants an exception to allow the spending of club funds of “any type (allocated or unallocated)” for such listed activities, but forbids those activities to support a candidate for student office, establishing the precedent preventing the spending of funds to facilitate or aid the operation of a campaign for a candidate for student office;

Whereas, Article XV, Section 1(h)(1) of the Constitution addresses the reimbursement of student campaigns and sets student campaign finance limits; and the reimbursement process outlined in XV§1(h)(1) is indiscriminate towards the reimbursements issued;

Whereas, SO2223-16 amended Article XV of the Constitution out of “a desire to provide all students an equal opportunity to engage in a full campaign, regardless of their ability to personally fund their campaign”; and the established precedent could be construed as a barrier to the Judicial Council’s intent to ensure that students are not dissuaded from running for student office, or are not disadvantaged in campaigning, by personal financial limitations;

Whereas, Article XV, Section 1(f) of the Constitution includes a general provision for restricting endorsement activities of certain campaigns; but XV§1(f)(2) has nothing to with endorsements and instead discusses usage of funds to support campaigns (a fiscal restriction), and is redundant to the second component of XVI§5(c)6 belonging under the Student Union Fiscal Policy; therefore, be it

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

That Article XV, Section 1(f)(2) of the Constitution, pursuant to Article I, Section 4 of the same, is hereby amended as follows:

- (2) Student groups or organizations may not utilize any organizational funds (allocated or unallocated) in support of candidates for student office.



That Article XVI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution, pursuant to Article I, Section 4 of the same, is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) Funds of any type (allocated or unallocated) cannot be used for a direct contribution to any candidate for political office, including student elections.
 - (1) The Judicial Council, exclusively for purposes of indiscriminately reimbursing student campaigns pursuant to Article XV, Section 1(h)(1), is exempt from this rule and may use their funds to complete the reimbursement to the candidate.

It is so ordered.

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Student Body President