

Resolution SS1516-14

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**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY
REGARDING ENDORSEMENTS IN CAMPAIGNS**

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

That the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, pursuant to Section (1)(4) of the same, is hereby amended as follows:

I. Subclause (g)(1) of Section 17.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(g)(1) Candidates/tickets may solicit and campaign on endorsements from individual students and student groups. Endorsements may not be construed to represent that of Residence Halls, Student Union Organizations, University departments, offices, or officials, and are subject to all relevant University and external policies.

II. A new subclause, to be designated Subclause (17.1)(g)(2)(A), shall be inserted where appropriate and shall read as follows:

(g)(2)(A) No person holding a position enumerated in this constitution may endorse a candidate for a student office.

belongs on SS1516-12

CONS

- ① removes barriers to posting something bad (increases allegations)
- ② inconsistent w/ other approval processes

PROS

- ① social media is flood. policy should reflect this
- ② simplifies regulations that don't actually do anything
- ③ right now, council has approved, yet people can still make allegations → calls the process into question


CONS

- ① people will still associate campus celebrities → undue influence
- ② the people who may know the best cannot offer an endorsement

PROS

- ① less discretionary
- ② free speech

endorsement = poster or social media post showing support
↳ liking a post/page ≠ endorsement


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