

Resolution SS1415-09

December 3, 2014

KATHRYN PERUSKI, *PRESIDENT*, JUDICIAL COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY ON
THE USAGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN ELECTIONS**

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)(4) of the same, is hereby amended as follows:

1. **A new section, to be designated Section (XVII)(1)(f), shall be inserted where appropriate and shall read as follows:**

(f) Social Media.

(1) Candidates may utilize social media in campaigning.

(2) Candidates may create a social media account or page specifically for campaigning. The account or page must be approved by the Election Committee before use. All activity on a social media account or page, including but not limited to text posts, photos, and videos must be individually approved by the Election Committee, even after initial page approval.

(3) A personal social media account or page may be used to campaign. All actions on a personal account or page (including but not limited to the posting of text posts, photos, and videos) which may be construed as campaigning must be approved by the Election Committee before use.

(4) Any spending associated with social media for campaigning purposes must be documented and approved by the Election Committee before it is incurred. Spending must have a specific, known cost before the action is taken.

(5) All regulations for campaigning as outline in Section 17 are also applicable for social media campaigning.

(6) "Social media," as a rapidly developing and changing field, shall be interpreted by the Election Committee on an ongoing basis. In the event of new or changing policies candidates will be informed before the release of petitions, as specified in Section 17.1(l).



(7) All allegations of election misconduct regarding social media usage will be heard by the Election Committee in accordance with procedures in Section 17.1(m). Penalties for misconduct are up to the discretion of the Election Committee.

