

**Resolution SS1415-11****January 21, 2015**MICHAEL WAJDA, HALL PRESIDENTS COUNCIL CO-CHAIR  
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**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY  
CONCERNING THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF ARTICLE (VIII) AND A  
REVISION TO ARTICLE (XII)**

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

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

**I. Article (VIII), shall read as follows:**

HALL PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

**Section 8.1. Composition.**

- (a) The Hall Presidents Council shall be composed of (but not limited to) the Hall President from each undergraduate residence hall, the two Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs, and the Hall Presidents Council Finance Chair. Each undergraduate residence hall shall have one vote.
- (b) Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs.
  - (1) The outgoing Hall Presidents Council shall elect two members to serve as Co-Chairs for the following year on or prior to the last Tuesday in March of each year.
  - (2) The Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs shall serve a one-year term beginning on April 1st of the year elected.
  - (3) The Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs shall serve as chairpersons of the Hall Presidents Council and ensure its efficient and effective operation.
  - (4) One Hall Presidents Council Co-Chair will serve as a voting member on the Campus Life Council.
  - (5) One Hall Presidents Council Co-Chair shall attend all Executive Programming Board meetings.
  - (6) The incoming Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs shall develop, submit, and present a budget proposal to the Financial Management Board for the annual allocation meeting in accordance with the priorities set by the Hall Presidents Council Executive Board.
  - (7) The Hall Presidents Co-Chairs shall nominate administrative assistants at their discretion with the approval of the Hall Presidents Council.

- (8) The Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs shall perform other duties as the Hall Presidents Council may determine. Additions to constitutional duties may be appealed to the Senate and approved by a two-thirds vote of all Senate members.
- (c) Hall Presidents Council Finance Chair.
- (1) The Hall Presidents Council Finance Chair shall be nominated by the Co-Chairs by the first meeting of each term.
  - (2) The Hall Presidents Council Finance Chair shall maintain an accurate and timely record of all income and expenses of the Hall Presidents Council.
  - (3) The Hall Presidents Council Finance Chair shall approve all transactions of the Hall Presidents Council and submit requests to the Office of the Student Union Treasurer.
  - (4) The Hall Presidents Council Finance Chair shall sit on the Financial Management Board.
- (d) Hall Presidents Council Athletic Chair.
- (1) The Hall Presidents Council Athletic Chair shall be nominated by the Co-Chairs by the first meeting of each term.
  - (2) The Hall Presidents Council Athletic Chair shall fulfill the responsibilities of coordinating undergraduate residence hall concession stands.
  - (3) The Hall Presidents Council Athletic Chair shall fulfill the responsibility of matching residence halls with athletic teams to sponsor in both the Fall and Spring semesters.

### **Section 8.2. Purpose.**

- (a) The Hall Presidents Council shall serve as an information disseminating body, provide a forum for members to discuss common matters of residentiality, and coordinate programming among the undergraduate residence halls. The Hall Presidents Council shall promote the well-being of the undergraduate student body by working for the betterment of undergraduate residential life.

### **Section 8.3. General Provisions.**

- (a) The Director of Student Activities shall designate an advisor to the Hall Presidents Council.
- (b) Attendance at all meetings of the Hall Presidents Council by at least one member of hall government is mandatory. Cases of excessive absenteeism shall be referred to the Student Union Ethics Commission at the discretion of the Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs.

- (c) The HPC shall present bylaws by May 1st to establish the operational procedures (including, but not limited to, attendance and tardiness policies) necessary for the HPC to carry out its constitutional duties. These bylaws must be approved by the organization's Student Activities advisor and presented to the Student Union Ethics Commission.

**Section 8.4. Hall of the Year Awards.**

- (a) The decision to award the titles of Hall of the Year, Men's Hall of the Year, and Women's Hall of the Year shall be decided by a review board comprised of the following members:
- (1) Both Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs.
  - (2) The Hall Presidents Council Finance Chair.
  - (3) Both Hall Presidents Council Social Chairs.
  - (4) The Hall Presidents Council Athletics Chair.
  - (5) Two (2) Senators, who shall not sit on their own halls' review boards.
  - (6) One (1) member of the senior Judicial Council leadership.
- (b) The review board shall receive presentations from a maximum of three (3) members of hall government. The presence of the Hall President is required, and the review board will not score any presentation in the absence of the Hall President.
- (c) If, for any presentation, a member of the Hall of the Year review board is unable to ensure impartiality, either by his or her own estimation or the decision of the review board by majority vote, said member must recuse himself or herself from scoring the hall(s) in question. In the event that a member of the review board is recused, their score for that residence hall will be voided and replaced by the mean score given by the other scoring members.
- (d) The total score for the Hall of the Year shall be comprised of 65% presentation and 35% Rockne awards. Each residence hall's monthly Rockne submission, as well as the Signature Event Rockne, for events which are hosted by the dorm but open to all of campus, shall be evaluated on a non-competitive rubric determined by the Hall Presidents Council Executive Board by the start of each academic year. This rubric, and the rubric for the presentations, shall be distributed to the members of the Hall Presidents Council in a timely manner. The Rockne scores shall be totaled and weighted to equal 35% of the final score. After the presentations, the average score shall be weighted to equal 65% of the final score and then combined with the Rockne score. After the total points for each hall are tabulated, the Hall Presidents Council Co-Chairs shall announce the winning residence hall as Hall of the Year at the student leadership awards



dinner. The next highest-scoring male residence hall shall be named Men's Hall of the Year, and the next highest-scoring female residence hall shall be named Women's Hall of the Year. In the event of a tie, the review board shall vote to determine the winner.

- (e) All records of point allocation and voting in the event of a tie shall be made available to the public upon request once a winner has been announced.

**II. The Table of Contents shall be updated to reflect the new title of Article (VIII).**

**III. Subsection XII(1)(a) shall read as follows:**

- (a) The Financial Management Board shall be composed of the Student Union Treasurer, the Executive Controller, the Student Union Board Director of Finance, the Hall Presidents Council Finance Chair, the Club Coordination Council Controller, all Class Treasurers (the Freshman Class Treasurer shall join the Financial Management Board once elected), the Off-Campus President, and the Judicial Council President. The above members shall each have one vote. In addition, the Director of Student Activities shall designate a non-voting advisor to the Financial Management Board.