

**Amendment to Make the Committee on Minority Affairs Permanent and to Specify
the Responsibilities of the Committees on Minority Affairs and Diversity**

ARTICLE VI: SENATE

Section III: Powers and Duties

1. All positions enumerated in this Constitution shall perform other duties as the Senate may determine by a two-thirds vote of all Senate members.
2. The Senate shall form standing committees concerning Academic Affairs, **Community Relations**, Diversity Affairs, Gender Issues, **Minority Affairs**, Oversight, Residence Life, and University Affairs during the first two weeks of its term. The Senate may appoint special committees as necessary.
3. The Senate shall adopt the most recently revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order as the official rules of procedure governing the operation of the Senate. This Constitution and its Bylaws shall take precedence when this Constitution, or its Bylaws, and Robert's Rules of Order conflict. Any rule in Robert's Rules of Order may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

Section V: Committees

1. The Committee on Gender Issues shall address undergraduate student needs concerning issues of gender and the development of women's resources and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate.
2. The Committee on Diversity Affairs shall address issues of **religious, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic diversity**. **The Committee shall network with appropriate student groups, clubs, and organizations and University departments.** **The Committee shall work with the Committee on Minority Affairs and the Office of Multicultural Student Programs & Services to organize a Multicultural commissioner training in the beginning of each school year.** ~~multiculturalism and diversity and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate. In order to accomplish this goal, the Chair(s) of the Committee on Diversity Affairs must attend the monthly Diversity Council of Notre Dame (DCND) meetings. They must also have a meeting with the Director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) once monthly.~~
3. **The Committee on Minority Affairs shall deliberate, discuss, and act on issues of importance to the minority members of the Notre Dame student body. The Committee shall serve as a legitimate means of expression for racially and ethnically marginalized**

students, including international students. The Committee shall network with appropriate student groups, clubs, and organizations and University departments. The Committee shall work with the Senate Committee on Diversity and the Office of Multicultural Student Programs & Services to organize a Multicultural commissioner training in the beginning of each school year.

4. The Committee on Academic Affairs shall address undergraduate student needs as they relate to the academic affairs of the university and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate. The Academic Delegate shall serve as a non-voting member of the Academic Affairs Committee.
5. The Committee on University Affairs shall address concerns and issues pertinent to the mission of the University of Notre Dame. This Committee shall make appropriate recommendations to the Senate.
6. The Committee on Residence Life shall address undergraduate student needs in all areas of residence life and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate.
7. The Committee on Oversight shall monitor the transition, internal review, and overall process of the Student Union as outlined in this Constitution and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate.

Section VII: Transition

1. Each chairperson of the outgoing Student Senate Standing Committees shall come to the first meeting of the incoming Student Senate to address the Senate on the purpose of the committee each chaired.
2. One Senate member will be selected from the outgoing Academics, **Community Relations**, Diversity, ~~Ethics~~, Gender, **Minority Affairs**, Residence Life, and University Affairs Committees to remain as an advisory member of each respective committee. The suggested transition period will be until the third meeting of the fall, but may be terminated at an earlier time by the joint discretion of the new Committee Chair and advisory member.
3. Each outgoing Committee Chairperson shall attend the first meeting of his/her committee to help the incoming committee establish its goals, and priorities.

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8. Before an incoming senate conducts any business at its first meeting, the chairman shall ask all senators to raise their right hands and repeat the following Oath of Office:

I, (name of senator), do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of student Senator of the University of Notre Dame du Lac; that I will bear true allegiance to the same; that, exercising my highest ethic, will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of Undergraduate Student Body; that I take this obligation freely; and, that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.

- ~~10. All new senators entering office in April shall attend a Celebrating Diversity Workshop as coordinated by the Senate Committee on Diversity Affairs. This event is mandatory for all senators and shall take place in April. If there is enough interest, the Diversity Committee may plan another Celebrating Diversity workshop later in the term.~~