

Resolution SS1213-41

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS
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**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY
CONCERNING SPECIAL-INTEREST STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

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:

- I. A new section, to be designated Section (XII)(6), shall be inserted where appropriate and shall read as follows:**

Section 12.6. Special-Interest Student Organizations.

(a) Definitions and Organizations.

- (1) The following groups are defined as special-interest student organizations:

(A) Bookstore Basketball.

- (i) Bookstore Basketball is a charitable organization that organizes an annual five-on-five outdoor basketball tournament to support the Jumpball Programme.

(B) Debate Team.

- (i) The Debate Team competes in national policy and parliamentary debate competitions.

(C) Gay Straight Alliance.

- (i) The Gay Straight Alliance shall serve as an organization promoting communication among members of the LGBTQ community and their straight Allies.

(D) Junior Parents Weekend.

- (i) Junior Parents Weekend is a weekend in February to allow the parents of junior students to meet and socialize.

(E) Knights of Columbus.

- (i) The University supports a council of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic fraternal organization, on campus.

(F) Student Campus Orientation Committee.

- (i) The Student Campus Orientation Committee (SCOC) is responsible for training student staffs for, and coordinating student programming during, the First Year Orientation Weekend. Additionally, the committee represents student interest in University-level conversations concerning First Year Orientation and its programming events.

(2) Where appropriate, these organizations shall present bylaws to their advisor no later than October 1st of each year for approval.

(b) Powers.

- (1) The Student Body President or his designee shall notify the special-interest student organizations in the event that business is placed on the Senate agenda relating to this Article or the special-interest student organizations.
- (2) In the event that any item of business pertaining to this subsection or the special-interest student organizations should come before the Senate, the special-interest student organizations may each send a representative to Senate to speak on their behalf.

(c) Funding.

- (1) Special-interest student organizations shall be provided funding with funds made available for FMB allocation to organizations of the Student Union.
- (2) Special-interest student organizations shall each submit a budget request to the Student Union Treasurer, which shall include estimates of available outside funding, such as funding by a University office or expected endowment return.
- (3) Special-interest student organizations shall be eligible for winter reallocation and use of the FMB Collaboration Fund.
- (4) The Financial Management Board shall allocate the funds available to the special-interest organizations as it sees fit, taking into account availability and expectation of outside funding.

II. Subsection (XVIII)(3)(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) 62% of available funds shall be distributed among the following student organizations—

III. A new subsection, to be designated Subsection (XVIII)(3)(e), shall be inserted where appropriate and shall read as follows:

(e) .25% of available funds shall be allocated to the special-interest student organizations.