

Hunter Brooke, *Student Union Parliamentarian*

AN ORDER TO AMEND SECTION IV OF THE SENATE BYLAWS

Whereas, the purpose of the Senate per Article III, Section 1(a) of the *Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac* (The Constitution) is to “formulate and advance the position of the undergraduate student body on all issues concerning campus life;”

Whereas, transparency within the Student Union is essential to ensure proper representation of and service to the Student Body, and to ensure the Senate and other elected leaders suitably represent the wishes and aims of their respective constituencies;

Whereas, greater transparency within the Student Union is continuously beneficial to the Student Body, not only as a means to spread information and awareness regarding their elected representatives and the greater Student Union but also to serve as a guiding and informative resource for those seeking greater involvement;

Whereas, ensuring publicly accessible and viewable meetings will undoubtedly build strong relationships with Campus Media outlets and the press, and therefore additionally ensure further openness and transparency;

Whereas, per Section II(3) of the Senate Bylaws, the Secretary shall “upload recordings of Senate meetings to be available to the public”;

Whereas, opting to record Senate meetings will likely ease the workload of the Secretary, and provide a secondary record of the events of each meeting available for examination by members of the Senate or the Secretary themselves, in the event of potential confusion with the minutes;

Whereas, Senate meetings have been digitally recorded in past without great difficulty, and these recordings have been distributed online and made publicly available for the sake of the Student Body and Members of the Senate alike with similar ease;

Whereas, previous recordings were distributed online through the video-sharing platform YouTube, on which Student Government already has an account; therefore be it

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

That the Bylaws of the Student Senate are hereby amended as follows:

I. Section IV(8) as written below is hereby inserted and all subsections and references thereof and thereafter are renumbered accordingly:

8. All Senate meetings are to be digitally recorded. These recordings shall be freely and readily made available to all members of the University community in a public fashion.

(a) If a meeting is closed by The Senate, no such recording shall be made.

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(b) The recording may be paused at any time by a motion and simple majority vote.

Further ordered by the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac,

That all recordings made publicly available on a video-sharing platform, such as the Student Government YouTube account, for the remainder of the term.

It is so ordered.



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