

Order SO 2324-08

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AN ORDER TO AMEND SECTION IV OF THE BYLAWS OF THE STUDENT SENATE

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, Section IV of the Bylaws of the Student Senate outlines the existence of and proper procedure for proxies for Members of the Senate;

Whereas, accurate representation as intended by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Senate is essential to ensure that the Senate serves as a fully representative and wholly democratic legislative body;

Whereas, if Senate proxies are themselves from the same constituency as their respective Member of the Senate, the Senate shall overall better represent the inclinations and desires of the various interests represented;

Whereas, allowing Members of the Senate to Proxy for other Members of the Senate is a practice that is not currently prohibited;

Whereas, allowing Members of the Senate to proxy for other Members of the Senate may potentially give rise to questions of ethics and conscience; 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(7) as written below is hereby inserted and all subsections and references thereof and thereafter are renumbered accordingly:**
 8. All Senate proxies must be of the constituency represented by their respective Member of the Senate.
 - (a) No Member of The Senate may proxy for another Member of The Senate.

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