

FOLLOWING INTERNAL REVIEW ON BEHALF  
OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

Hunter Brooke, *Student Union Parliamentarian*  
Koryn Isa, *Judicial Council President*

**AN ORDER TO CLARIFY AND AMEND ARTICLE XII AND XV**

*Whereas*, informed, healthy elections are crucial to a democratic and transparent Student Union;

*Whereas*, throughout this election cycle, the Judicial Council has encountered several potential ambiguities among the electoral regulations outlined in Article XV of the Constitution;

*Whereas*, the Judicial Council has further encountered several gaps, inadequacies, loopholes and potential areas of inflexibility in Article XV of the Constitution, and has accordingly endeavored to carefully develop rules that rectify loopholes, strengthen transparency, and simultaneously ensure a clear and level playing field for all candidates;

*Whereas*, the changes proposed have been thoroughly reviewed and considered by the Judicial Council, which has unequivocally determined that the recommended amendments will clarify and improve electoral processes; therefore, be it

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

**That The Constitution of The Undergraduate Student Body is hereby amended as follows:**

- I. Article XV, Section 1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:**
  - (b) A candidate/ticket shall be defined as any undergraduate student(s) with the intent of seeking office who are therefore subject to election regulations. Individuals engaged in petitioning shall be considered candidates.
- II. Article XV, Section 1(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:**
  - (d) Petitioning and campaigning may be held only over a period specified by the Judicial Council. No candidate may petition or campaign outside of the petitioning or campaigning period.
- III. Article XV, Section 1(d)(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:**
  - (1) Petitioning consists of any public contact for the solicitation of signatures to get on a ballot. For the purpose of petitions, the original signature of an undergraduate student shall be required to signify approval of a candidate/ticket's placement on the ballot. The Judicial Council shall determine the petitioning medium and shall be responsible for determining the validity of petitioning signatures.
- IV. Article XV, Section 1(d)(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

(3) Petitioning or campaigning within LaFortune is not allowed in the 1st floor main lobby, 2nd floor, or 3rd floor. Petitioning or campaigning within Duncan Student Center is allowed only on the 1st floor, with the exception of the radio station WVFI and other campus media outlets with prescheduled appointments only. No petitioning or campaigning may take place in or near any Student Union office or venues occupied by the Student Union, or any space that is funded by the Student Activities Office. No one may petition or campaign in any venue while occupied by a class period, exam, or during the passing period directly before or after within the class venue. All petitioning and campaigning must adhere to all Student Activities Policies.

**V. Article XV, Section 1(f) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

(f) Endorsements shall include public, formal, or organized communication or appearances indicating support for a candidate/ticket.

**VI. Article XV, Section 1(f)(1) is hereby repealed, and all subsections and references thereafter and thereof are renumbered accordingly;**

**VII. Article XV, Section 1(h) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

(h) Candidates are expected to adhere strictly to campaign finance regulations. Failure to adhere to these regulations shall be considered a highly serious breach of campaign rules, the penalty for which shall be forfeiture of candidacy.

**VIII. Article XV, Section 1(h)(1) is hereby inserted and all subsections and references thereafter and thereof are renumbered accordingly:**

(1) With the sole exception of individual labor, candidates are prohibited from spending any funds or receiving any external contributions during the petitioning period.

**IX. Article XII, Section 5(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

(c) In the event of a run-off special election, the Judicial Council shall host an additional debate between the run-off special election candidates before voting occurs.

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

**That the aforementioned amendments to the *Constitution* shall go into effect on the first date of the 2024-2025 Student Union term, April 1st, 2024.**

It is so ordered.



Daniel Jung

*Student Body President*

**Addendum to SO2324-XX: An Explanation of All Changes**

- I. No substantive change. Clarifies Election Committee jurisdiction.
- II. No substantive change. Reworded for clarity, and made to reflect true timeline practice.
- III. No substantive change. Aligns the Constitution with true practice by clarifying that the Judicial Council shall be responsible for determining the petitioning medium and for verifying signatures.
- IV. No substantive change. Reworded for clarity.
- V. No substantive change. Reworded for clarity.
- VI. No substantive change. Removes language that has been shifted to Art. XV, Sec. 1(f)
- VII. No substantive change. Reworded for clarity.
- VIII. No substantive change. Aligns the Constitution with true practice by clarifying that candidates may not spend money during the petitioning period.
- IX. No substantive change. Re-naming “runoff re-election” to “runoff special election” for clarity.