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### AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE FORMATTING CODE

*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*, the Senate may fulfill this mandate through the passage of Resolutions, Orders, and Letters, as per Article III, Section 3(a), 3(b), and 3(c) of the Constitution, respectively;

*Whereas*, currently, no document exists to contain and enshrine the rules and norms that dictate the formatting regulations of Senate legislation, to ensure consistency, readability, and uniformity;

*Whereas*, this lack of established formatting standards has led to varying approaches to legislative format throughout the years of the Student Union, and has resulted in an inconsistent and potentially confusing approach to the essential elements involved in drafting legislation;

*Whereas*, establishing an amendable legislative formatting code shall allow legislative authors, cosponsors, other Student Union officials, and members of the public to access and understand the key components of Senate legislation, thus building uniformity, readability, and understandability;

*Whereas*, establishing such a legislative formatting code shall not alter the writing, drafting, or creation of legislation as currently practiced, but rather will enshrine and clarify extant norms;

*Whereas*, neither the Constitution nor the Senate Bylaws appear to be the proper place to house such detailed and technical formatting information;

*Whereas*, Senators, the Judicial Council, other Student Union organizations, the Chairperson of the Senate, the Parliamentarian, and the Student Body alike would foreseeably benefit from clearly formatted and uniform legislation, made possible through adherence to a clearly outlined formatting code;

*Whereas*, new Senators would particularly benefit from a document clearly outlining the key elements and components needed to exist within a piece of legislation; 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:

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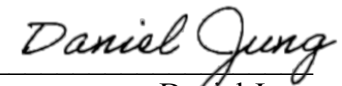
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**I. Article III, Section 3(d) as written below is hereby inserted and all subsections and references thereof and thereafter are renumbered accordingly:**

(d) The Senate shall have the power to promulgate, maintain, and amend a Legislative Formatting Code to establish technical formatting regulations for all Senatorial legislative items.

**And that the Student Union Legislative Code is hereby created pursuant to Article III, Section 3(d), as amended in this order.**

It is so ordered.



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