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Hunter Brooke, Judicial Council President

## AN ORDER TO EXTEND THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL NOMINATION DEADLINE

*Whereas,* Article XII, §3(a)(7) of the Constitution states, "The incoming Judicial Council President shall nominate a Parliamentarian to the Senate at the first Senate meeting of its term. The Senate shall review and approve this nomination";

*Whereas,* Article XII, §3(b)(2) of the Constitution states, "The Judicial Council Vice-President positions shall be open to the student body and shall be advertised as such";

*Whereas,* in accordance with the Constitutional requirement outlined in Art. XII, §3(b)(2) of the Constitution, the incoming Judicial Council President had intended to inform the Notre Dame Student Body by method of campus-wide email of the opening of applications for all Judicial Council Officer Positions by Thursday, March 7th, 2024;

*Whereas,* this timeline allowed for an appropriate application period, and ensured the incoming Judicial Council President enough time to conduct interviews and diligently and prudently select strong candidates for all Judicial Council Officer positions, with the intent of complying with Art. XII, §3(a)(7);

*Whereas,* an error within Notre Dame's Information Technology system prevented the incoming Judicial Council President from opening applications to the Student Body on March 7th; and further prevented the Judicial Council President from opening applications to the Student Body until March 18th, 2024;

Whereas, in accordance with Judicial Council precedent, the Judicial Council Officer application nonetheless needed to remain open for a period of two weeks to ensure all members of the Student Body had enough time to apply for officership positions and to guarantee a diverse applicant pool;

*Whereas,* this Notre Dame IT error made it impossible for the Judicial Council President to review applications and applicants in time, and therefore to simultaneously comply with the Constitutional directives issued in Art. XII, §3(b)(2) and Art. XII, §3(a)(7) while also selecting strong candidates for all positions;

*Whereas,* the Judicial Council President has already served as the Student Union Parliamentarian for the 2023-2024 term, and is willing to continue to fulfill these responsibilities until such time as a new Parliamentarian may be selected;

*Whereas,* Article III, §3(q) of the Constitution states, "In the event of extenuating circumstances that dramatically affect the current state of affairs of the student body, the Senate may temporarily suspend any rule of this Constitution by a 5/6 vote and with the approval of the advisor to the Senate";

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*Whereas,* Article I, 3(c) of the Constitution states, "No person may simultaneously hold more than one office enumerated in this Constitution"; therefore, be it

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

That Article XII, \$3(a)(7), pursuant to Article III, \$(3)(q) of the same, is hereby suspended until such time as the Judicial Council President is able to nominate a qualified Parliamentarian for the 2024-2025 term to the Senate; and be it

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

That Article I, \$3(c) of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, pursuant to Article III, \$(3)(q) of the same is hereby suspended; and that, until such time as the Judicial Council President is able to nominate a qualified Student Union Parliamentarian for the 2024-2025 term, that the Judicial Council President shall fulfill the responsibilities of both Judicial Council President and Student Union Parliamentarian.

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

That Article XII, \$3(b)(1) of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body, pursuant to Article III, \$(3)(q) of the same is hereby suspended; and that Koryn Isa is appointed to the position of acting Judicial Council Vice President of Elections, until such time as the Judicial Council President is able to nominate a Judicial Council Vice President of Elections for the 2024-2025 term.

It is so ordered.

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Dawson Kiser Student Body President