Order SO 2425-29 **February 18, 2025**

Matthew Amante, ***Keenan Hall Senator***
Elijah Jones, *Judicial Council President*

AN ORDER AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTED POSITIONS

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

Whereas, Article I, Section 3 of the *Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac* provides eligibility requirements for potential nominees of Student Union positions;

Whereas, Article I, Section 3(b) of the Constitution states that Student Union officials must be present for their entire term of office;

Whereas, the Judicial Council has interpreted this to mean even students who are abroad in the Spring semester and may only miss a week or two of their term due to it starting in May are barred from running for the subsequent term;[1]

Whereas, many student government positions, including Student Union Board membership, Class Officers, Off Campus President, Vice-President, and Off Campus Senator, have a May 1st start date;

Whereas, according to the Student Government website, no legislation has been passed within the time frame of May 1st and the End of the School year for at least the past 3 terms;[2]

Whereas, barring individuals from office due to them being absent for a time period of little Student Union activity is potentially unfair; 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 to read as follows:

I. Article I Section 3(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) All elected officials (including those within the Hall Presidents Council, Senate, and Class Councils) as well as all Executive Officers enumerated in Article II must be present for their entire term. However, those officials whose term begins on May 1st may be absent from the

May 1st to Summer Recess portion of their term, granted they are present for the entire rest of their term, do not have responsibilities in other Student Union organizations, as outlined in Article VIII, Section 4(d), and continue to do any necessary work they are able to during that time period;

1 1 J.C. 20–4–2425

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It is so ordered.

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Student Body President

Thomas Musgrave, Student Union Parliamentarian
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38 Affirmative, 0 Negative, 1 Abstain