Senate Order SO 2425-32 **19 March 2025**

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AN ORDER TO AMEND THE SENATE BYLAWS TO INCLUDE PROCEDURES FOR IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS

Whereas, the Student Senate should seek to have fair and equitable processes regarding the major questions of impeachment and removal from office;

Whereas, the process surrounding an impeachment proceeding in the Senate is not established in the Senate Bylaws and is only vaguely outlined in the Constitution;

Whereas, the process surrounding a removal proceeding in the Senate is not established in the Senate Bylaws and is only vaguely outlined in the Constitution;

Whereas, the Senate has never had a Senator present a Bill of Impeachment in a Senate meeting, leaving no past precedent to follow for future proceedings;

Whereas, the process for a Senator presenting a Bill of Impeachment should closely match the process for the Chair of the Ethics Council to present a Bill of Impeachment, in order to ensure fairness and equitability;

Whereas, the additions of impeachment procedures outlined in this bill match past precedent, making it easier for future Senates to follow; 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 to read as follows:

I. Section V titled 'Impeachment' is inserted, and all other sections thereafter are renumbered accordingly.

II. Section V.1 is hereby inserted as follows and all subsections and references thereafter and thereof are renumbered accordingly:
1. Bills of Impeachment shall only broadly describe the alleged violations of the Constitution, and shall not contain any evidence. The bill shall not have any signatories besides the Chair of the Ethics Council or the Senator who introduced the bill. The evidence, along with the allegation and the opinion of the Ethics Council, shall be presented to all members of Senate during the meeting.

III. Section V.2 is hereby inserted as follows and all subsections and references thereafter and thereof are renumbered accordingly:

2. In the event the Student Union Ethics Council introduces a Bill of Impeachment to the Senate, the Chair or Acting Chair of the Student Union Ethics Council shall represent the views of the Council before the Senate. They shall present the findings of the Council and answer any questions regarding said findings, the bill of impeachment, or the processes the Council went through to reach their conclusions. Only the Chair shall answer questions; other members of the Council shall not.

IV. Section V.3 is hereby inserted as follows and all subsections and references thereafter and thereof are renumbered accordingly:

3. In the event a Senator introduces a Bill of Impeachment directly to the Senate as outlined in Article XIII Section 1(b) of the Constitution, the author shall represent their views before the Senate. They shall present their rationale for impeachment and answer any questions regarding said rationale. Only the primary author of the bill shall answer questions.

V. Section V.4 is hereby inserted as follows and all subsections and references thereafter and thereof are renumbered accordingly:

4. The alleged party may request to meet with the Senate Chair and/or Advisor to review the evidence and allegation prior to the Senate meeting where the Bill of Impeachment is introduced. The information provided must remain confidential.

VI. Section V.5 is hereby inserted as follows and all subsections and references thereafter and thereof are renumbered accordingly:

5. Bills of Impeachment shall be published on the Student Government's Senate website in the same manner as other legislation. The evidence and allegation shall not be included.

VII. Section V.6 is hereby inserted as follows and all subsections and references thereafter and thereof are renumbered accordingly:

6. In the event a Bill of Impeachment is passed by the Senate and a hearing regarding removal is held, the alleged party may be asked questions by members of the Senate and may present arguments, witnesses, and evidence in their defense. In the event the bill of impeachment was introduced by the Student Union Ethics Council, members of the Senate may request to question the Chair or Acting Chair of the Student Union Ethics Council further regarding evidence, procedure, or the rationale of the Council. In the event the bill was introduced by a Senator, members of the Senate may request to question the Senator further regarding evidence or the rationale of the Senator.

It is so ordered.

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