



TO: The Student Senate of The University of Notre Dame du lac
FROM: Kyle Lauckner, Student Union Parliamentarian
DATE: September 9, 2026
RE: SO2627-09, AN ORDER TO AMEND THE SENATE BYLAWS

MEMORANDUM

The Committee on the Constitution has concluded its review of the Order to Amend the Senate Bylaws and is prepared to present its findings and recommendations to the Student Senate.

During its review, the Committee examined the proposed technical and clarifying updates to the Senate Bylaws. First, the Committee discussed the removal of redundant language and the correction of entity names throughout the document. Specifically, the legislation repeals Section IV(9), which is identical to Section IV(12), to eliminate redundancy and improve readability. Additionally, it updates outdated organizational references by changing "Ethics Commission" to "Ethics Council" in Section II(3), Section IV(4), and Section IX(1,2), as well as updating "Office of Student Affairs" to "Division of Student Affairs" in Section IV(17). The Committee agreed that these updates eliminate confusion and ensure proper terminology across Student Union documents.

Next, the Committee reviewed the provisions designed to bring the Senate Bylaws into direct alignment with the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body. Section VIII(1) extends the requirement to serve on an Executive Cabinet Department to all Senators, including Off-Campus Senators, ensuring uniformity and adherence to constitutional expectations. Furthermore, Section IV(16) updates the vote threshold required for the Senate to adopt a resolution not signed by the Student Body President from a three-fourths vote to a two-thirds vote, resolving a direct conflict between the Bylaws and the Constitution.

Committee Recommendation: After thorough review, the Committee on the Constitution is in favor of this legislation and recommends its approval by the Student Senate. The Committee has

concluded that the proposed legislation contains no substantive policy changes, as it functions solely to clarify entity names, remove structural redundancy, and ensure that the Senate Bylaws directly align with the Student Union Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of the Committee on the Constitution