



**TO:** Sarah Galbenski, *Chairwoman of the Student Senate*  
**FROM:** Thomas Davis II, *Student Union Parliamentarian*  
**DATE:** 21 January 2021  
**RE:** Judicial Council President Emergency Nomination

Dear Sarah:

As you are aware, Matthew Bisner resigned from the position of Judicial Council President on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. I speak on behalf of the entire Judicial Council in thanking Matthew for his service to our branch of the Student Union as an Election Committee member, Vice-President of Elections, and most recently, President.

As prescribed by the Section VII(1) of the Statute of the Judicial Council:

*“In the event that the President is unable to fulfill the duties of their office by resignation, removal from office, sudden and severe incapacitation, or other extenuating circumstances, the office of the President shall be considered vacant. The President or a representative thereof shall, if possible, communicate such vacancy to the Advisor. Following the President’s vacancy of office, the remaining Judicial Council Officers shall be informed by the Advisor and shall, by majority vote, nominate a successor to the Student Senate. The Student Union Parliamentarian shall present the written nomination to the Chairperson of the Student Senate for consideration within two academic weeks of the vacancy, pursuant to Article XIV, Section 3(b)(2) of the Constitution.”*

At 12:00pm today the Judicial Council Officers met to nominate a successor to the Notre Dame Student Senate for its consideration and approval. I am honored to report that the Judicial Council Officers have nominated me, Thomas Davis II, to assume the role of Judicial Council President for the remainder of 2020-2021 term expiring on March 31, 2021.

Given the alterations to the 2021 Election Cycle due to the global pandemic, the Judicial Council Officers respectfully request that you call the Student Senate to order from Winter Session Recess to consider this nomination prior to the petitioning period for the 2021 Student Body Election which begins February 3, 2021. As we enter a period of time when the Judicial Council is incredibly active and the President has many constitutional duties to fulfill, it is of paramount importance that the Judicial Council proceed with a Senate approved President to best ensure the Student Union operates ethically and with the *Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac*.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Davis II, on behalf of the Judicial Council Officers  
*Student Union Parliamentarian*