



TO: Campus Media; Press Release

FROM: Judicial Council

RE: Sophomore Class Council Election - Clarification

This press release is in response to the recently published Observer Staff Report titled *Senate to elect sophomore class council after failed runoff*.

The article contains several factual inaccuracies that Judicial Council wishes to clarify.

1. The article's title states: "Senate to elect..." The Senate will not be electing the sophomore class council. Pursuant to Student Union Constitution Article XVII.5.a.3.A-G, the purpose of the Senate session is for the Judicial Council President to announce the individual constituency results. A Senate constituency is defined as "each undergraduate residence hall, who shall be represented by their respective undergraduate residence hall Senators, and the off-campus residents, who shall be represented by the Off-Campus Senator." Whichever ticket has the most results in each constituency will receive that constituency's vote. The respective Senator only casts a vote in the event of a tie for the most votes within his or her constituency. If there is a tie for the most votes within a constituency and the Senator is not present at the special Senate meeting, his or her constituency's vote will be voided. The ticket receiving the most constituency votes will win the election. In the event of a tie for the most constituency votes, the Chairperson of the Senate will cast the deciding vote.

2. The article states, "The King-Tighe-Hogan-Case ticket was required to forfeit 33 votes in Thursday's elections..." The King-Tighe-Hogan-Case ticket was sanctioned in the primary election, which was held on Tuesday, February 19th. There were no sanctions or vote forfeitures in Thursday's runoff election.

We are disappointed that Judicial Council was not consulted about the content of this article prior to its publication. Students rely on The Observer for important campus news and the spread of misinformation, intentional or otherwise, does a disservice to these students. If you have any additional questions or if you need further clarification, please email jcouncil@nd.edu.

Sincerely,

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