**TO:** Sarah Galbenski, *Chairwoman of the Student Senate*
**FROM:** Thomas Davis II
**DATE:** 21 January 2021
**RE:** Resignation from Office of the Student Union Parliamentarian

Greetings,

My time serving as the Student Union Parliamentarian has been one of the most challenging and fulfilling duties of my Notre Dame experience. The opportunity to work alongside many wonderful students in their capacity as leaders has provided numerous invaluable lessons. It has been a blessing to be a part of the process of representing the interests of the student body to the best of my ability.

I would be remiss not to thank the two Judicial Council Presidents – Halena Hadi and Matthew Bisner – who gave me the opportunity to serve in this role, the two Chairpersons of the Student Senate – Patrick McGuire and Sarah Galbenski – who I have had the privilege to advise, members of the Senate and its Committee on the Constitution, the Election Committee, the Ethics Commission, and especially my three helpful and supportive advisors Karen Kennedy, Devon Sanchez-Ossorio, and Parker Hess.

While I have best attempted to remain impartial on most positions of policy, I hope my efforts to stabilize the Student Union during the turbulence of the global pandemic, leadership transitions, and other constitutional crises over the past two years has provided student leaders with the proper guidance to best serve the student body. Parliamentary Procedure and constitutional nuance can often appear difficult or unimportant, but I have come to learn how necessary of a role they play in protecting the rights of the minority in debate and protecting the procedural operations and tradition of the Student Union.

I have routinely said that a constitution and the representation it is structured to create is only as good as its weakest clause. Although I entered this role with an initiative to protect the tradition of the past, I recognize that the document needed, and will continue to need, practical and philosophical revisions. I believe that we've been successful in this endeavor thus far. I implore my successors and future leaders in the Student Union to continue this process of large-scale reform based on wisdom and necessity, but not for the sake of simplicity or ease.

As both the Judicial Council President and Student Union Parliamentarian are enumerated offices in the *Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac*, as prescribed by the Eligibility for Office in the Notre Dame Student Union, I may not hold both of these positions simultaneously.

Thus, should the Student Senate approve my nomination to assume the Office of Judicial Council President, please accept this letter as my formal notice of resignation from the Office of the Student Union Parliamentarian effective at the time of my approval.

In Christ through Our Lady,

Thomas Davis II