

BYLAWS OF THE FIRST-YEAR CLASS COUNCIL

Article I Purpose and Goals

1. The First-Year Class Council exists and serves to unify the Class of 2028. The positive experience of any group relies on unity, and the Class Council works to promote camaraderie and amity for the Class of 2028 through event programming.
2. The First-Year Class Council Executive Board and Council members will fulfill its purpose by achieving the goals set forth below:
 - A. Create and facilitate opportunities for the Class of 2028 to interact and bond.
 - B. Serve as spiritual and community leaders for the Class of 2028.
 - C. Provide class-specific apparel to the Class of 2028.
 - D. Innovate and employ new practices to better the Class Council experience. Work with other student leaders and University leaders to achieve the goals stated above.

Article II Executive Board

1. An Executive Board will be elected from among the First-Year Class Council Representatives to run the First-Year Class Council Officer Positions in accordance with the Constitution of the University of Notre Dame du Lac. The Executive Board will consist of one President, one Vice-President, one Treasurer, and one Secretary.
2. The Executive Board of First-Year Class Council is responsible for correspondence among the Council and the entirety of the Class of 2028. They are responsible for timely and organized meetings and continued support for the council. The Executive Board shall attempt to make possible programming proposed by council members.
3. The Executive Board will maintain communication with the First-Year Class Council and SAO advisor to further the goals of the council.
4. The Executive Board of First-Year Class Council will be available to any and all members so that the goals and events put forward by the council are effectively implemented.

Article III The Council

1. The First Year Class Council shall be composed of a representative from each undergraduate residence hall.
2. Members of the First-Year Class Council must be members of the Class of 2028.

3. Members of the First-Year Class Council shall be responsible for helping the Executive Board program events for the Class of 2028. As such, they shall be required to attend weekly meetings, propose new ideas, and staff events put on by the First-Year Class Council.

4. The Council shall be subdivided into six (6) committees: Social, Athletics, Wellness, Service, Communications, and Finance. The committees will be led by one (1) Committee Chair. Committee Chair's responsibilities include but are not limited to: overseeing their respective Committee within our general assembly, being involved in the planning of their Committee's event as everyone else on the Committee, but will take the responsibility of delegating jobs to each Committee member, report back with updates on their events and will ask any questions that the Committee may have to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will select a Committee member for the Committee Chair position through an application process.

5. Attendance at all Class Council meetings is required to maintain membership. Members of each Committee are required to attend and facilitate the programming put on by their own Committee. Council members are required to make the Secretary of the Executive Board aware if they will be unable to attend a meeting or event before the meeting or event begins. Three total absences from meetings will result in First-Year Class Council Members being suspended from the Council unless there are extenuating circumstances. Arriving 15 minutes or more after the start of the meeting is considered tardy. Tardiness due to recurring academic commitments must be brought to the attention of the Executive Board. Tardiness is not considered an absence, but two tardies without notice will result in a conversation between the Council member and the Executive Board regarding the respect of everyone's time. All communication in regard to attendance and tardiness must be sent through approved channels of communication. Approved reasons for tardiness and absences will be left to the discretion of the Executive Board.

6. Any member of the Council may be suspended according to Section 3.4. The length of the suspension is subject to unanimous approval of the Executive Board. Any member of the First-Year Class Council who is suspended will be notified as soon as the suspension is enacted. A formal suspension meeting shall be scheduled with the member and the entire Executive Board. A member may be reinstated with the unanimous approval of the Executive Board.

7. The First-Year Class Council President, pending a unanimous vote from the Executive Board, may refer any suspended member to the Ethics Council for impeachment

8. If at any time, a member of the Executive Board fails or is unable to fulfill the duties of their office enumerated in these Bylaws and in the Constitution, they may be recalled from office pursuant to Article XIV, Section 2 of the Student Union Constitution. In the event that an Executive Board member is recalled, an election will be held among the Council members within two academic weeks to fill the vacancy.

9. The Sophomore Class Officers shall nominate a student Sophomore Class Advisor to assist the First Year Class Council and ensure its efficient operation. The Student Advisor shall serve as a non-voting member, and shall not sit on a committee or be bound by attendance requirements. The Student SCC Advisor will attend FYCC meetings upon request of the Executive Board.

Article IV Meetings

1. The Executive Board shall schedule a meeting of the Council once a week during the academic school year from the date of selection to the end of the term. This schedule may be altered with full agreement among the Executive Board.

2. Meeting structure shall be clearly outlined in an agenda to be presented to the council prior to, or at, the start of each meeting. Additionally, the Executive Board may alter the structure of meetings as they see fit to maximize the efficiency of the meetings and to promote the goals set herein.

Article V General Provisions on Bylaws

1. Amendments to the bylaws may be passed by a two-thirds vote of the First-Year Class Council Membership. All amendments must be approved by the Student Activities Advisor.

2. First-Year Class Council shall be bound by these bylaws for the duration of their term.

3. These bylaws shall be reviewed following the election of the First-Year Class Council. At this time, new bylaws shall be updated by the incoming Class Council members in consultation with the previous Class Council members before being submitted to the Student Union Ethics Committee for approval by October 1st.