

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT UNION SHOWCASE

September 2, 2026

This showcase will cover various leadership opportunities available to First-Year students, including First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL), First Look Into Programming (FLIP) and First-Year Class Council (FYCC).

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SPEAKERS



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What is the Student Union?

Preamble to the Constitution:

“We, the Undergraduate Students of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, recognize the uncommon value of the vision of Our Lady’s University and our essential role in its ongoing realizations. In order to achieve the greatest possible contribution to our community, we endeavor to make efficient and effective use of the resources available, to communicate student convictions clearly and willfully to faculty, administrators, and trustees, and to achieve consensus within the University community on the formulation and execution of policy. We labor with the entire Notre Dame family to ensure that each student reaches his or her full academic, social, and spiritual potential and resolve to sustain the evolving spirit of Notre Dame by entrusting its care to the student. Therefore, we do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame and form the Notre Dame Student Union.”

In practice, the Student Union serves the ND Student Body through...

- Representing student interests to the University
- Enacting policy change at a University level
- Facilitating programming and events
- Ensuring all is done so in an honest and fiscally responsible manner

The 9 Branches of the Student Union

Executive Cabinet

(Student Government)

Class Councils

(FYCC, SoCC,
JCC, and SCC)

Financial Management Board

(FMB)

Club Coordination Council

(CCC)

Off- Campus Council

Senate

Judicial Council

Hall Presidents Council

(HPC)

Student Union Board

(SUB)

FUEL

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR

FUEL

First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership

As a part of FUEL, you will:

- Join a small cohort of 20-25 students to receive personalized leadership guidance, training, and support
- Be an active member of an Executive Cabinet Department (e.g., Sustainability, Community Service, Academic Affairs)
- Gain invaluable hands-on experience and build community in Student Government!

Application Closes September 9th

Please find further details and the link to apply on the student government website.
For any questions please reach out to Josh Gatesman,
(Jgatesma@nd.edu).



SCAN HERE TO APPLY!

FYCC



FIRST-YEAR CLASS COUNCIL

32 MEMBERS, DORM ELECTIONS, GREAT WAY TO MEET PEOPLE

CLASS COUNCIL'S ROLE IN STU.GOV, PROGRAMMING VS POLICY

WEEKLY TIME COMMITMENT, COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

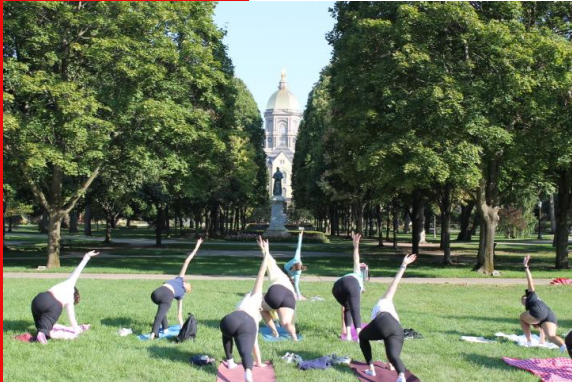
CLASS FORMAL, VARIETY OF EVENTS, A LOT OF FUN



FLIP



What is SUB?



About SUB

- THE programming branch
- 70+ events for students / year
- 6 Committees:
 - Signature Events
 - Live Entertainment
 - Community Engagement
 - Concerts
 - Acousticafé
 - FLIP



What is First Look into Programming (FLIP)?

- SUB committee ONLY for first-years
- Holds several events across campus throughout the year
- Develop skills in campus programming, leadership, communication, etc.
- Rotate between 3 committees



Apply here!



Questions? Email John (jbarret9@nd.edu) or Hannah (hwohlfar@nd.edu)



CCC

The CCC at a Glance

What is the CCC?

We're the branch of the **Student Union** that writes policy and issues funding to clubs.

By the Constitution, clubs are entitled to a minimum of 40% of the Student Activity Fee. The Club Coordination Council decides what clubs get money, and how much money they get.

Follow us on Social Media!

- **Instagram:** @clubcoordcouncil
- **Twitter:** @WeLoveClubs

Stay up-to-date on everything CCC!

- **Website:** ccc.nd.edu
- **Email:** ccc@nd.edu

What Student Groups Get to Become Clubs?

The CCC decides!

We vote on whether a student group gets to become a club. Every club is reviewed and voted on by CCC.

The CCC meets with prospective clubs to discuss their mission, goals, and plans.

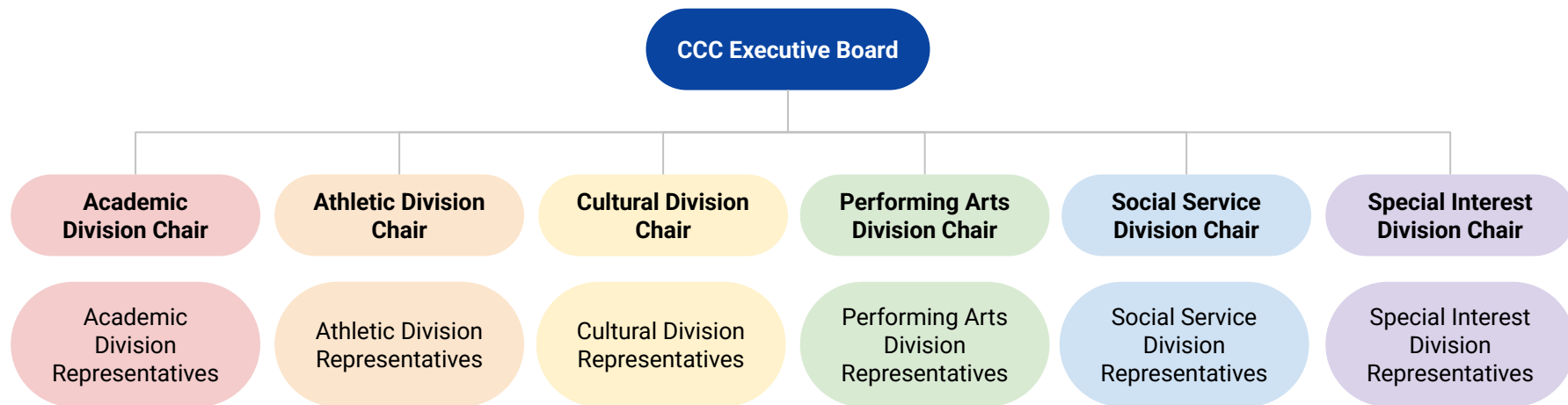
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Currently active undergraduate clubs

~\$500,000

Allocated to clubs each year

CCC Structure



Reasons You Should Join

- Almost every student on campus is in a club. Your decisions would impact every student on campus.
- It looks great on a resume.
- You learn a lot about managing a budget.
- You get a free sweatshirt and other merch.
- You get free dinner at many of our meetings.
- You get to go on the CCC Retreat!

Applications

On a rolling basis — submit as soon as possible! Deadline September 11



2027 Student Leadership Programs



Shared Pages Book Club - Applications open Fall 2026

A Book Club for Leadership, Connection, and Growth

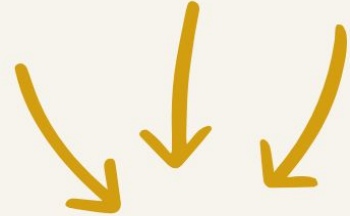
This leadership program is an opportunity to develop your leadership skills and personal growth through the exploration of a selected book centered around a different theme each year. Read the book over Winter Break and then meet once a week for three weeks to participate in meaningful discussions, share interpretations and perspectives, and build connections with their peers.



First-Year Institute - Applications open Spring 2027

SAO hosts this premier leadership seminar each Spring exclusively for first-year students who are seeking to strengthen and expand their capacity for leadership. You can expect to connect with peer leaders, hear from prominent leaders in the field, and develop your leadership skills.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Alejandra at agonza47@nd.edu.



JCouncil

WHO WE ARE

OFFICERS

President

Vice President of Elections

Vice President of Peer Advocacy

Vice President of Operations

Parliamentarian

Student Union Historian

MISSION

The Judicial Council holds judicial power within the Student Union. We administer student elections, ensure ethical conduct, and answer constitutional and statutory questions. Whether in the Election Council, Committee on the Constitution, or through Peer Advocacy, our teams support the Student Union and the student body.

Applications close Friday, September 4th at 11:59pm!

- Election Council
- Committee on the Constitution
- Peer Advocacy
- Deputy Positions



[Link to application](#)

ELECTION COUNCIL

**11 Election Council Members are
Chaired by the VP of Elections**

Monthly Meetings at a Minimum

**More Frequent Meetings to Hear
Allegations of Unethical Conduct
During Election Seasons**



MAIN ELECTIONS

FYCC Elections
Sept. 2nd - Sept. 16th

Student Body Elections
February

Senate Elections
March

Hall Elections
March

ELECTION COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF DUTIES

DECIDE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ALLEGATIONS OF ELECTION MISCONDUCT

Decided in a Supreme Court/Mock Trial Style Hearing

ADMINISTER ALL STUDENT ELECTIONS AND INFORM CANDIDATES OF THE ELECTION PROCESS

Build Marketable Soft Skills in Google Workspace and Excel

MEET WITH THE COUNCIL AT SCHEDULED TIMES AND AS NEED WHENEVER A QUORUM (8 Members) IS AVAILABLE FOR ELECTION MISCONDUCT

Join the JCouncil Family and Foster New Relationships with Like-Minded Peers Passionate About Democracy

APPLY THROUGH THE LINK SENT BY JCOUNCIL@ND.EDU

Committee on the Constitution

● Chaired by the Parliamentarian

The committee safeguards the Student Union's constitutional process and advises the full Student Senate on governance matters.

01

Oversight & Process

Monitors the Student Union transition, internal review, and overall constitutional process, then makes appropriate recommendations to the full Student Senate.

02

Governance Review

Reviews transition documents and considers amendments to the Student Union constitution, changes to Senate bylaws, and related governance matters.

03

Legislative Role

Primarily meet when legislation affecting the bylaws or the constitution is under consideration by the Senate.

04

Committee Membership

Members of the Senate, the Judicial Council President, the Student Body Vice President, and members of the student body serve on the committee.

CORE PURPOSE: Maintain constitutional integrity, review governance changes, and guide the Senate through transition and amendment processes.

Peer Advocacy

1

Provide guidance and support to students accused of violating the University's Code of Conduct through their Office of Community Standards proceedings and ethics council proceedings.

2

Gain insight into students' experiences with the Office of Community Standards and **propose changes** to OCS proceedings to help ensure procedures are **equitable, fair, and consistent**.

3

Continue integrating peer advocacy into Ethics Council proceedings, as well as promote **outreach and visibility** among the student body.

4

Responsibilities:

- Attend semi- frequent meetings and OCS training with fellow peer advocates
- Conduct one-on-one meetings with students accused of violating the University's Code of Conduct on an as-needed basis
- Promote the program via Hall Council presentations, emails, tabling events, and other forms of outreach

FIRST-YEAR CLASS COUNCIL (FYCC) ELECTION RULES

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING AND WILL BE HELD
ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL RULES / REGULATION OUTLINED IN THE
STUDENT UNION CONSTITUTION AND IN DU LAC**

The Judicial Council website contains precedent which shows how the Election Council has interpreted the rules in the past. However, the Election Council is not bound to decide future cases based on past precedent

FYCC OVERVIEW

There is one representative from each undergraduate resident hall

32 REPRESENTATIVES

First Year Class Officers are elected amongst the representatives

President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary

Council is divided to committees by Officers

Class Council and Officers will serve through **April 30th, 2026**

GENERAL INFORMATION

All **campaigning** are subject to **University Regulations**, outlined in du Lac
RULES ARE EXPLICITLY OUTLINED IN THE STUDENT UNION CONSTITUTION
If there are any **questions** reach out to vote@nd.edu

How to find regulations?

Article XV of the Student Union Constitution which is accessible on the Jcouncil
website... jcouncil.nd.edu -> Documents -> Governing Documents -> Student Union
Constitution

FYCC ELECTION TIMELINE

Sept. 2nd : Petition Request Form Opens

Sept. 8th : Petition Request Form Closes at **11:59 PM**

Sept. 9th : Petition Distributed at **7:00 PM**

Sept. 11th : Petition Due at **7:00 PM**

Sept. 12th : Campaigning Begins at **8:00 AM**

Sept. 14th : Campaigning Ends at **8:00 PM**

Sept. 15th : Main Election **8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

Sept. 16th : Runoff Election **8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

PETITIONING AND CAMPAIGNING

PETITIONING : Public contact for the solicitation of signatures to get on the ballot
SEPT. 9th @ 7 PM - SEPT. 11th @ 7 PM

CAMPAIGNING : Public contact for the solicitations of votes
SEPT. 12th @ 8 AM - SEPT. 14th @ 8 PM

YOU CAN ONLY PETITION AFTER CONFIRMATION THAT THE PETITIONING PERIOD STARTED (does not during the request period)

PETITIONING AND CAMPAIGNING

Places you **MAY** petition or campaign

Duncan (**first floor only**) with the exception of pre-scheduled appointments with campus media outlets

LaFortune (**basement / first floor west of Starbucks**)

Places you **MAY NOT** petition or campaign

Upper levels of LaFortune (Floors 2 and 3)

Upper levels of Duncan Student Center

In or near the Student Union Office or Venues occupied by the Student Union
(Sponsored events or meetings)

Any classroom whether before, during, or after the class... including passing periods and zoom

PETITIONS

Petitions are created and monitored by the Judicial Council through Google Form

You must receive signatures from at least 10% of first-years in your residence hall to qualify for candidacy

YOU MAY NOT START PETITIONING UNTIL SEPT. 9th AT 7 PM AND CANNOT PETITION AFTER SEPT. 11th AT 7 PM

Do **not** say that you are “running” for the position of Hall Representative but rather “petitioning to run”

ETHICAL CONDUCT

In accordance with **Article XV, §1(c)**

“Candidates are expected to behave ethically at all times. Involvement in or instruction of others to engage in any unethical behavior will be determined and penalized by the Election Council of Judicial Council”

Precedent holds ‘**unethical**’ to include a **personal promise or public suggestions of a promise for any office of position in the Student Union** by a ticket or candidate
Precedent holds corresponding sanction as a **forfeiture of candidacy**

CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES

In accordance with **Article XV, §1(h)**

All campaign materials MUST be approved by the Judicial Council

- All physical campaign materials must be brought to LaFortune to be approved by Judicial Council during office hours (**Can email to vote@nd.edu**)
- Must also be approved by the SAO office (**Hours on the Judicial Council website calendar**)

Campaign Limit is \$20

- Includes the use of print quota
- Must provide copies of **ALL RECEIPTS** to Judicial Council at time of approval and before distribution

CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES

Article XV, §1(h)

“Candidates are expected to adhere strictly to campaign finance regulations. Failure to adhere to these regulations shall be considered a highly serious breach of campaign rules, the penalty for which shall be forfeiture of candidacy”

CAMPAIGN MEDIA

In accordance with **Article XV, §1(e)**

Emailing CAN be used as a source of campaigning, however, the use of an **official mailing** list/group chat/mass communication server owner/operated by student/university groups is **prohibited**

Unofficial mailing list/group chat/mass communication servers within Resident Halls may be used for campaigning

CANNOT be groups of students or organizations who have not opted in to receive communication

SOCIAL MEDIA

In accordance with **Article XV, §1(g)**

**Candidates may create social media accounts/pages specifically for campaigning
or use personal social media accounts/pages
MUST BE MADE ACCESSIBLE TO JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

**Social media is a rapidly growing and developing field that will be interpreted by
the Judicial Council on an ongoing basis**

ENDORSEMENTS

In accordance with **Article XV, §1(f)**

PUBLIC / FORMAL / ORGANIZED COMMUNICATION OR APPEARANCES INDICATING SUPPORT FOR A CANDIDATE / TICKET

Candidates / Tickets may solicit and campaign on endorsements from student groups and individuals

No Student Union Organization, Judicial Council Officer, Member of the Election Council, Member of the Senate apart from Executive Cabinet Department Directors, or University department / office/ official may endorse a candidate / ticket for office and no candidate / ticket shall seek or claim endorsement

No student groups may use funds of any type to support a candidate for student office

ENDORSEMENTS

EXAMPLES AND NOT EXHAUSTIVE, ASK FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION IF NEEDED

CAN ENDORSE

EXEC CAB DEPT DIRECTORS
HALL PRESIDENTS/VPS
CLUBS
CLASS VPS, SECRETARIES, AND
TREASURERS
COMCON/PA MEMBERS
SPECIAL INTEREST ORGS

CANNOT ENDORSE

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT
STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT
CHIEF OF STAFF
STUDENT UNION SECRETARY
PARLIAMENTARIAN
JUDICIAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT
JUDICIAL COUNCIL OFFICERS
ELECTION COUNCIL MEMBERS
SENATORS
DIVERSITY COUNCIL CHAIR

HPC CO-CHAIRS
CCC PRESIDENT
STUDENT UNION TREASURER
EXECUTIVE CONTROLLER
SUB EXEC DIRECTOR
CLASS PRESIDENTS
OFF CAMPUS COUNCIL
UNIVERSITY DEPT/OFFICE
STUDENT UNION ORGS

ALLEGATIONS OF UNETHICAL CONDUCT

In accordance with **Article XII, §4**

Allegations of election misconduct are submitted through the online form at Jcouncil under Elections under Allegations

Allegations **MUST** be **reported within 48 hours** of the time committed or within one hour of end of voting (whichever is earlier)

Jcouncil will review the allegation **within 24 hours**

If merit found by the **President and VP of Elections** there will be a hearing

All allegations and hearings are **COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL**

If you need assistance in the procedural aspect of filling out an allegation please contact us

FYCC ELECTION INFORMATION

The election will be administered on NDCentral

Judicial Council will email a link to **NDCentral** on the day of the election (**Sept. 15th**)
Candidates can also direct individuals to go.nd.edu/ndcentral

TO WIN, a candidate must receive the majority of valid votes cast (**50%**)
If there is no majority, candidates with the two highest votes will proceed to the runoff election on **Sept. 16th**

PETITION REQUEST QR CODE

There will be an email sent out to all freshman or you can scan the QR code below
Petition Requests are Due Sept. 8th at 11:59 PM

