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## SGA Resolution of Governance: Exclusion of a Candidate for Direct Election from Direct Election Committee

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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A Resolution of Governance to Exclude a Candidate for Direct Election from Being a Member of the Elections Committee during the Election Period.

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- Whereas:** Article II.F.1 of the Bylaws reads “The Elections Committee will be comprised of the chair, as defined in the Constitution, Vice- Chair (who is a Senator appointed by the chair), and Association Senators. The Elections Committee will be open to all members of the University community, unless a motion to go into executive session is carried by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Committee. It will comprise any member of the Senate wishing to join, excluding the President;” **AND**
- Whereas:** Article II.F.4.a of the Bylaws reads “[The Elections Committee will have the responsibilities to:] Organize and administer Association elections;” **AND**
- Whereas:** Article II.F.4.f of the Bylaws reads “[The Elections Committee will have the responsibilities to:] Maintain the Direct Elections Manual, which will contain all the rules and procedures pertaining to the direct election of Association officers, subject to Senate approval;” **AND**
- Whereas:** Members of the Elections Committee are directly responsible for administering direct elections and maintaining the Direct Elections Manual, which would cause a conflict of interest if a voting member had a vested interest in a campaign. All Committee members are expected to remain unbiased through the elections period and a candidate for direct election could not do so. **THEREFORE**

## BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article II.F.1 of the Bylaws be modified to read, “The Elections Committee will be comprised of the chair, as defined in the Constitution, Vice- Chair (who is a Senator appointed by the chair), and Association Senators. The Elections Committee will be open to all members of the University community, unless a motion to go into executive session is carried by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Committee. It will comprise any member of the Senate wishing to join, excluding the President, and during the direct election period, any candidate for direct election.”

*Respectfully submitted to the Senate,*

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*ATTEST:* Sean P. Maloney  
Executive Vice President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

YAY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAY: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_