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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A Resolution of Governance to Include Presidential Candidate Requirements in the Association Bylaws and Detail these Requirements in the Direct Elections Manual.

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- Whereas:** Article IV.A of the Constitution reads, “Students become voting members of the Senate by following the election procedures outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. Senators will receive membership status through the petition process whereby they are responsible for completing the nomination form. Current senators may not sign a prospective senator’s nomination form;” **AND**
- Whereas:** Article IV.B of the Constitution reads, “Members of the Senate must be enrolled as full-time, undergraduate students of Northeastern University, in good academic and judicial standing, and be responsible to an identifiable constituency;” **AND**
- Whereas:** Candidates for a directly elected position must be held to the same standards or higher than Senators; **AND**
- Whereas:** Candidates must have backing from the Student Body in order to campaign effectively; **AND**
- Whereas:** The Direct Elections Manual must be updated to prescribe the Intent to Run form. **THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article IV.A.3 of the Bylaws be inserted to read:

A candidate for President must:

- a. Be enrolled as full-time undergraduate students and be in good academic standing, throughout the campaign period, as defined by the Undergraduate Student Handbook;
- b. Complete an Intent to Run form as prescribed by the Direct Elections Manual;
- c. Attend the Candidate Briefing Meeting with one campaign worker as prescribed by the Direct Elections Manual, unless excused by the Elections Committee; **AND FURTHER THAT**

Section 2.1 of the Direct Elections Manual be inserted to read:

The Intent to Run form shall be made available three (3) full academic weeks prior to the Full Body Senate at which the candidates shall be named.

An Intent to Run form shall require signatures from 2% of the undergraduate student body, excluding those on the active roster of the Senate, in addition to one-quarter (1/4) of the active roster of the Student Senate. The number of signatures required shall be announced by the Chair based on current enrollments the day the nomination form is made available.

Completed forms must be submitted to the Chair prior to the Full Body Senate for Nominations.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate,

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Date: _____
YAY: _____
NAY: _____
ABSTAIN: _____