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A Resolution of Governance Disabling Elections Committee Members from Working for a Campaign.

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Whereas: The Elections Committee has the responsibility of setting policies for campaign funding, scheduling Presidential debates, establishing the voting period, and handling policy violations; **AND**

Whereas: In order to effectively execute these responsibilities, members of the Elections Committee must remain unbiased; **AND**

Whereas: If a voting member of the Elections Committee has a vested interest in a campaign, he or she would have a conflict of interest and would not be able to successfully fulfill his or her duties; **AND**

Whereas: Candidates for directly elected positions are not allowed to sit on the Elections Committee; **AND**

Whereas: Article II, Section G of the Bylaws currently reads: "The Elections Committee will be comprised of the Chair, 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 vote of the Committee. It will comprise any member of the Senate wishing to join, excluding the President, and during the election period, any candidate for direct election." **THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article II Section G Subsection 2 of the Bylaws be added to read:

G. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

2. Anyone who publicly supports a candidate, either through words or actions, as determined by a majority vote of the Elections Committee at the request of its chair, will be excluded from membership during the election period.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate,

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Senator
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Michael W. Sabo	*ATTEST:*	William D. Pett
President		Executive Vice President

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