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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A Resolution of Governance Expanding the Qualified Candidate Pool

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Whereas: Students-at-large are invited to sit on the Association's committees and boards; **AND**

Whereas: Senate membership is not indicative of a qualified candidate for elected positions; **AND**

Whereas: The positions of Comptroller, Chief of Staff, Executive Director of Communications, and Elections Chair are all officers of the Association and are leadership positions which work in tandem with the administration; **AND**

Whereas: Currently, those who may hold these positions are not afforded Senator Status unless they actively acquire it; **AND**

Whereas: A student at large, who sits on a committee or board of the Association, may become one of these four positions, yet may not become President or Executive Vice President unless they actively fill out the Senator Nomination Form, which is not an accurate representation of qualification for the office; **AND**

Whereas: Requiring Association Participating Membership instead of Senatorial Status for President would allow all executive cabinet members, elected members, and appointed and confirmed members of the Senate to hold the office.

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article IV Section A Subsection 2 of the bylaws be amended to read:

2. Any candidate for office must meet participating membership status (defined as membership in the Senate or active participation on one of its committees or boards) for a minimum number of weeks prior to his/her nomination, not including intersessions or time spent on the inactive roster, from time of entry into the Association in order to be nominated.
   a. Presidential candidates must have participating membership in the Association for twenty-five weeks;
   b. Executive Vice President candidates must have Senatorial status for twenty-five weeks;
   c. Vice Presidential candidates must have participating membership in the Association for twenty weeks;
   d. Comptroller candidates must have participating membership in the Association for twenty weeks and Finance Board member status for twenty weeks; the Finance Board

membership requirement may be waived at the time of nomination by a majority vote of the Senate; and

e. Elections Committee Chair candidates must have participating membership in the Association for fifteen weeks;

Should nominations close for any officer position with no qualified candidate having accepted a nomination, then this section may be suspended with a simple majority vote of the Senate.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate,

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Anthony Golia IV
Comptroller

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Michael W. Sabo
President

ATTEST:

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William D. Pett
Executive Vice President

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