

To AS Senate Leadership:

This document is a direct response to First Pro-temp Siddiqui's request for an opinion on the Winter Special Election Ballot issues raised between the Senate, AS President, the Judicial Council, and AS Career Staff. This comment comes in response and in reference to the document titled *Senate Review Copy of Winter Special Election 2/18-2/28- Elections Supplement and Ballot (accessed Feb. 17, 2025)* that is linked to the agenda of the Feb 12, 2025 Senate meeting.

As the presidential veto has been overturned and the Judicial Council injunction has been lifted, this comment will not go into those topics in detail unless requested to do so at a later date. The following will be a list of references, followed by comments from this office.

ARTICLE VI§2.B - No comment.

ARTICLE VI§3, Residential Senators & ARTICLE VI§3.A - A good update to legal code to follow what is currently being operationalized.

ARTICLE VI§3.B - The section "both through their capacity as a Senator and in coordination with the Internal Vice President's Office." is not needed and could cause confusion. However, there is nothing wrong with such a wording.

ARTICLE VI§3.C - No comment.

ARTICLE VI§4.F - A good choice in removing the wording.

ARTICLE VI§4.L - See comment on ARTICLE VI§4.F.

ARTICLE VI§4.M - Unlikely an issue but this removal is very politically charged. There is no policy issue with this change.

ARTICLE VII§2.A.c - What does the word "deal" mean in this context? There is a chain-of-command issue when you specify all the roles explicitly. It is better to be a little broader in that case. The section "advance undergraduate student priorities through policy and funding changes" is good.

ARTICLE VII§2.A.k - There might be By-law changes required if this section changes.

ARTICLE VII§2.B.a - Good.

ARTICLE VII§2.B.e - "Serve as the primary representative for undergraduate students on all academic matters." This is not the right responsibility for this role. It is also adding another responsibility to an already overloaded position. "Work closely with the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Academic Senate together with elected senators to advance undergraduate needs." See the comment on ARTICLE VII§2.A.c.

ARTICLE VII§2.B.g - "Supervise" is not the best word here. This means an active role when this positive currently operates a more passive role. The wording here could be construed. "...all departments, commissions, boards, units, committees, or other entities in the Executive Branch" can be interpreted as departments, commissions, boards, units, committees, or other entities that are under exclusively the Executive Branch and not across the association as a whole.

ARTICLE VII§2.B.h - Should the scope be limited to only the Executive Branch? It is more comprehensive to have it as the entire Association.

ARTICLE VII§2.B.i - Make sure that the By-laws reflect this change.

ARTICLE VII§2.B.j - No comment.

ARTICLE VII§2.B.l - No comment.

ARTICLE VII§2.C.h - No comment.

Article X§2 - "...in Consultation with the Executive Director" is not a necessary section for this paragraph. What does "reasonable and timely extension" mean?

A general comment from the evolution of this ballot. There are many layers of policies and procedures that must be followed. This Office recommends increased collaboration between Association Student Leadership and Association Carreat Staff in order to remove misunderstandings and encourage productive dialogue.

Should you have any questions or clarification requests, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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