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**SA1718-036: Resolution to Amend Election Bylaws in order to Extend Date of Spring Elections**

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WHEREAS, Student Association Election Bylaws currently state that the time period for candidates to receive nomination signatures “shall be no less than two class weeks”;

WHEREAS, as currently applied, the potential candidates for executive positions are given less than two class weeks to collect signatures due to the second ‘class’ week being the academic spring break;

WHEREAS,; furthermore, the election date is to be held “on the fourth Tuesday following Spring Break”, according to the Election Bylaws;

WHEREAS; the current election timeline does not provide sufficient time for candidates to gather signatures and campaign without sending out nominations earlier and/or amending the Election Bylaws to extend out the date of the election;

WHEREAS, it should be a new best practice in future years to also allow for a longer nomination period, in order to provide more than two weeks to collect signatures;

WHEREAS,; allowing a later election date, on top of proceeding with an earlier nomination start allows for candidates to have more time to decide on their possible candidacy and for Student Association to further promote the election;

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President, Student Senate  
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Senate amends 4.81 of the Election Bylaws to state that the “Commission shall conduct a one-day election for executive and senatorial positions on the fifth Tuesday following Spring Break.”;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the current executives and advisor(s) create a formal note within executive transition reports that it be best practices to provide more than two class weeks for petitioning to occur if possible.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; the amendment will be implemented upon the passage and signing of this resolution and will apply to the spring election for 2018.

  
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