SA 0910-078: Resolution Reforming the Use of Slates

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WHEREAS; slates encourage students to vote for groups of candidates instead of individuals; and,

WHEREAS; voting in groups provides a disincentive for student to get to know candidates; and,

WHEREAS; slates provide candidates an advantage based on a Presidential or Vice Presidential preference that may or may not be equitable; and,

WHEREAS; it is the responsibility of Student Association to provide all students equal opportunity to become elected; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; Election By-Laws 4.54.4 and 5.54.5 are added to read as follows,

4.54.4 Candidates for the office of President and Vice President shall not associate themselves in with any candidate(s) running for the position of Student Senator for the purpose of any party becoming elected.

4.54.5 Candidates for the position of Senator shall not associate themselves with any Presidential or Vice Presidential candidates for the purpose of any party becoming elected, nor shall Senator Candidates associate themselves with other Senator Candidates running for position with differing constituencies for the purpose of any party becoming elected.

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