

Senate Bill Number SP19 SB014

A Bill to Overhaul the Elections Bylaws

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students of Lewis & Clark here assembled that:

Section 1: Amend Article I, Section 1 to read:

1. These bylaws establish the regulations, procedures, and structures of elections for the Director of Elections and their Committee, along with ASLC and the student body at-large,
 - a. The oversight of the aforementioned shall be the duty of the Director of Elections and the responsibility of the Chief Justice and/or Chief of Staff, as is appropriate,
 - b. These bylaws cannot be construed to contain any implied rules, powers, or abilities not explicitly stated,
 - c. The Elections Committee will be referred to here-within as Elections Committee or the Committee,

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Section 2: Amend Article II, Section 2 to read:

2. Candidate eligibility and declaration of candidacy materials (hereafter: election packets) shall be made available starting in the first (1st) week of Fall Semester,
 - a. Eligible elections packets for Senators must include the signatures of twenty-five (25) students of the College of Arts and Sciences,
 - b. Elections will open within twenty-four (24) hours of the deadline set for the submission of eligibility and declaration of candidacy materials,
 - c. Elections shall be open for seven (7) days,
 - d. The dissemination of voter information pamphlets shall coincide with the announcement of open elections,
 - e. Students may also submit Senate applications outside of election periods to be considered for a Senate position in the event of a vacancy,

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Section 3: Remove Article II, Section 3

Section 4: Remove Article II, Section 4

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Section 5: Amend Article III, Section 2 to read:

2. Candidate eligibility and declaration of candidacy materials (hereafter: election packets) shall be made available starting in the eighth (8th) week of Spring Semester,
 - a. Elections will open within forty-eight (48) hours of the deadline set for the submission of eligibility and declaration of candidacy materials,
 - b. Eligible elections packets for Executive positions much include a specified number of signatures from the enrolled student body of College of Arts and Sciences, to be set as follows:
 - i. Candidates for President must have one hundred (100) signatures,
 - ii. Candidates for Vice President must have one hundred (100) signatures,

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- iii. Candidates for Chief Justice must have one hundred (100) signatures,
- iv. Candidates for all other Executive positions must have fifty (50) signatures,
- c. Elections shall be open for seven (7) days,
- d. The dissemination of voter information pamphlets shall coincide with the announcement of open elections,

Section 6: Remove Article III, Section 3**Section 7: Remove Article IV, Section 1, Sub-section c****Commented [6]:** Moved into Section 2**Commented [7]:** Concerns polling locations (?)**Section 8: Amend Article IV, Section 2, Sub-section a to read:**

- a. Candidates may be subject to audit by the Elections Committee in which proof of purchase is required to demonstrate said candidate is within the fifty dollar (\$50.00 USD) limit,

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- 5. All candidates shall be granted equal access to any and all election forums and events hosted or organized by Elections Committee,
 - a. Within the designated week of voting, Elections Committee must oversee the organization of a candidates' debate with open attendance to any and all members of the College of Arts and Sciences, and held at a time of great convenience,
 - b. The Elections Committee shall make public the time, date, and location of the aforementioned debate within the election packet,

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- 5. Violations of these rules are subject to review and enforcement by the Committee,
 - a. Enforcement powers include, but are not limited to:
 - i. The removal of campaign literature and media in violation of the Elections Bylaws,
 - ii. The issuance of warnings to candidates for any violations,
 - 1. Upon the third (3rd) warning, the offending candidate shall be immediately and automatically recommended for disqualification,
 - iii. A recommendation for disqualification,
 - b. Any complaints about a violation of elections rules may be submitted to the Elections Committee,
 - c. The Committee must follow-up on any and all filed complaints with due diligence,
 - d. The Committee must respond to the complainants with a written or verbal affirmation of investigation and a report of the investigation's results upon its

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conclusion,

Section 12: Amend Article IV, Section 7 to read:

7. The disqualification of a candidate from any election requires the unanimous approval of the Director of Elections, the Chief Justice, and the Chief of Staff,
 - a. In the event the Elections Committee feels an offense warrants disqualification the Director of Elections shall, within twelve (12) hours of the investigation's conclusion, submit a recommendation for disqualification and a report of their investigation to the Chief Justice and the Chief of Staff,

Section 13: Amend Article V to read:

Article V - The Elections Committee

1. The Elections Committee shall see to the execution of all enumerated elections requirements within Article V of the ASLC Constitution and within the Elections Bylaws,
2. The Director of Elections shall act as Chief Executive of the Elections Committee,
 - a. The Director of Elections may delegate responsibilities to Associate Directors of Elections of the Committee as they see fit,
 - b. The Director of Elections is ultimately accountable for the fulfillment of all elections requirements and the enforcement of all regulations,
3. The Director of Elections shall be responsible for initiating and overseeing applications for assistants to the office,

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Section 14: Amend Article VI to read:

Article VI: Vacancies and Special Elections

1. Special elections are to be held as prescribed by the ASLC Constitution,
2. All special elections shall follow the standard elections rules and regulations as stipulated within the ASLC Constitution and within these bylaws,
3. In the event of a Senate seat vacancy:
 - a. A Senate seat shall be considered vacant in the event:
 - i. A senator submits a formal resignation to the ASLC Senate,
 - ii. A senator is no longer taking courses at the College of Arts and Sciences,
 - iii. A senator is recalled by their respective constituency as provided for within this Constitution,
 - b. In the event of the vacancies of one (1) or two (2) Senate seats,
 - i. The President shall notify the student body of the existence of open seats and available applications with twenty-four (24) hours unless,
 1. The Elections Committee unanimously votes to extend the

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- timeframe,
- ii. All applications shall be submitted to the Elections Committee,
 - iii. All senators must assist the Elections Committee in circulating applications and publicizing the vacancy,
 - iv. Applicants who have submitted an application earlier in the same academic year may opt to reuse that application instead of submitting a new one,
 - v. Applicants shall present themselves to the Senate and will be elected by a plurality of the Senate,
- c. In the event of the vacancies of three (3) or more Senate seats, a Special Election is the means by which these seats are filled,
- i. The Director of Elections will initiate a special election any time:
 - 1. Three (3) or more Senate seats are vacant,
 - 2. Excepting the recall of a Senate seat, in which case a special election is automatically initiated for one (1) vacancy,
 - ii. The Director of Elections is not required to fill three (3) or more Senate seats via Special Election if both:
 - 1. The Elections Committee (Including Director of Elections) unanimously votes to abstain from a Special Election,
 - 2. The Senate concurs with a four-fifths (4/5) majority to abstain from a Special Election,
 - iii. In the event that a Special Election is abstained from, Elections Committee will fill the vacancies as enumerated in Article IV, subsection 1, sub-section b of these bylaws,

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Section 15: Amend Article VII, Section 2 to read:

- 2. Recalls are to be initiated as prescribed by the ASLC Constitution, but further conditioned such that:

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Article 16: Amend Article VII, Section 4 to read:

- 4. Should the CAC validate a motion to recall, the Elections Committee shall initiate a special election for the seat of the officer recalled,

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