



Student Assembly R. 7: Restructuring the Elections Committee

*Sponsor: Enrico Bonatti on behalf of Other concerned students
Propose on September 10th, 2013*

1 Whereas, one of the most critical organs of the Student Assembly is the Elections Committee
2 due to its role in organizing and mediating the election of candidates;
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4 Whereas, there is no clear legislation with regards to the governance and composition of the
5 Student Assembly Elections Committee;
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7 Be it therefore resolved, that the Bylaws be amended to establish a 50% minimum composition
8 of the Election Committee be composed of SA Seniors [if in a given year not enough Seniors
9 are present, ex-officio members can be selected];
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11 E. Elections Committee - The committee will coordinate and implement regularly scheduled and
12 special elections of the SA and directly elected undergraduate representatives to the UA. The
13 SA Director of Elections shall serve as chair with vote. The committee consists of ten voting
14 members, of whom less than half may must also be the Senior members of the SA. If in a
15 given year not enough Seniors are present, ex-officio members can be selected. At the first SA
16 meeting of each academic year, The Staffing Committee will present a slate of proposed
17 members to the SA for confirmation, which the SA must approve or disapprove in its entirety.
18 The Staffing Committee may fill any subsequent vacancies with confirmation by the SA. No
19 person may be a candidate in an election supervised by the committee in the same academic
20 year when the person served as a voting member of the committee. Additionally, a member of
21 the Cornell community that has been involved in a dispute with the Elections Committee and
22 has subsequently been found guilty of a violation or disqualified from any race by such
23 committee will not be able to be part of said committee.
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26 Be it further resolved, that the charge of the Staffing Committee is amended to more explicitly
27 state the committee application requirement for all committees:
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29 F. Staffing Committee - The committee shall staff any vacant committee positions the Student
30 Assembly (SA) is empowered to staff during meetings in early fall. The committee shall re-
31 evaluate the committee application outreach plan at the end of every spring term. The
32 committee shall also evaluate SA committees' end of the year report, and determine if the SA
33 committee and/or their composition need to be changed. The membership of this committee
34 shall include the SA's President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Finance, Vice
35 President of Public Relations, and Vice President of Internal Operations, Vice President of
36 Outreach, Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, and all SA committee chairs. Ex-officio
37 membership shall be granted to the Director of the Office of Assemblies. The VP Internal of
38 Operations shall serve as chair. The VP of Internal Operations shall be responsible for
39 reviewing all committee applications consulting with chairpersons of committees and
40 recommending candidates for vacant committee positions to the Staffing Committee. Only
41 those individuals who have applied to a committee through the online system will be eligible to

1 sit on any committee.

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5 Respectfully Submitted,