



Student Assembly R. 10: Creation of University Student Court - Charter Changes

*Sponsor: Ulysses Smith on behalf of Scott Seidenberger
Propose on September 23rd, 2013*

1 Whereas, there is currently no method for the student body to object to the actions or decisions
2 of the Student Assembly;

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4 Whereas, the Student Assembly has a tradition of handling its own judicial affairs and
5 adjudicating matters related to the legislation it is charged with creating and enforcing;

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7 Whereas, this leads to an inevitable conflict of interest that puts the concerned student body at
8 a disadvantage;

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10 Be it therefore resolved, that Article III, Section 4 of the Student Assembly Charter be
11 amended to read as follows:

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13 Article III, Section 4:

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15 C) Objection of SA Actions by the Student Body – If the student body (in the form of any
16 general student or SA member) objects to an action of the SA, the matter will be resolved by a
17 hearing before the University Student Court. The Court shall be the final source in all matters
18 concerning the interpretation of the Student Assembly’s Charter, bylaws, governing
19 documents, and legislation.

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21 If the Court chooses to overturn the action/decision of the Student Assembly, the decision is
22 final and then must be challenged through a new piece of legislation that meets the
23 requirements as set forth in the decision of the Court.

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25 If the Court chooses to uphold the action/decision of the Student Assembly, the decision is
26 final. The court can, however, refer the case to another unit of the University if it deems it
27 appropriate.

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30 Respectfully Submitted,

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