

Vassar Student Association Amendment
An Amendment Concerning the Board of Elections and Appointments
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SECTION 1: Let article X of the VSA Constitution be amended to read:

SECTION 1: GENERAL TERMS

B. Elections shall be conducted by the Board of Elections *and Appointments* and run in accordance with procedures as set forth in this Article of the VSA Bylaws.

SECTION 2: Let article X of the VSA Constitution be amended to read:

SECTION 2: THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS *AND APPOINTMENTS*

A. The Board of Elections *and Appointments* shall have two Co-Chairs. One Chair shall be a VSA Council member who will be a senior. *the VP for Operations*. One Chair shall be ~~appointed~~ *elected* at large. Both Chairs shall serve for a term of a full academic year. ~~The outgoing VSA Council shall appoint the Board of Elections and Appointments for the following year, after Spring Convocation.~~

C. After consulting with the VP for Operations, the Board of Elections *and Appointments* shall present to the VSA Council for approval: a list of all positions included in the election, dates and times of filing, meetings, campaigning, debates, elections, *appointments*, posting of results, and any other appropriate information to the *election and appointment* process. All other decisions of the Board of Elections *and Appointments* shall be made independently, subject to the appeals process.

D. The Board of Elections *and Appointments* must publicize all elections *and vacant positions*, including dates and times of filing, meetings, campaigning, debates, elections, *appointments*, posting of results, and any other appropriate information to the election *or appointment* process.

E. The Board of Elections *and Appointments* Chairs shall, at the conclusion of the election *or appointment* process, report to the VSA Council all results of the election *or appointment* and any changes to the applicable sections of the VSA Bylaws that are appropriate.

F. The Board of Elections *and Appointments* shall consist of *one Co-Chair elected at large , The VP for Operations, two elected representatives from each class, and two members of the VSA Council selected per appointment* ~~to be appointment by the elections chairs and the VP for Operations, with approval from Council,~~ for a term of a full academic year. They cannot be running in any election occurring during their semester term of office. Their job is to assist the Elections *and Appointments* Chairs with all campus elections, *appointments*, and referendums.

SECTION 3: Let Article X of the VSA Constitution be amended to read:

SECTION 3: SCHEDULING AND ANNOUNCEMENT

A. Voting shall take place during one 48-hour period. The method or methods employed for voting shall be determined and announced by the Board of Elections *and Appointments*.

C. In the event that no one files for a position, no election for that position shall be held, and it shall instead be declared vacant by the Board of Elections *and Appointments* Chairs for future elections or appointments.

D. Special elections shall be conducted by the Board of Elections *and Appointments* pending the receipt of a valid Constitutional referendum or recall petition and shall occur prior to the next all-campus election with a twenty-four hour notice of the new election.

SECTION 4: Let Article X of the VSA Constitution be amended to read:

SECTION 4: PUBLICITY

A. The Board of Elections *and Appointments* shall meet with The Miscellany News and *The Chronicle* editorial staff well in advance of elections to discuss publicizing elections through articles or advertising.

B. The Board of Elections *and Appointments* shall coordinate with the SARC and the House Teams to arrange for publicity regarding the election timeline and the posting of results in the College Center and residence halls.

~~C. The Board of Elections shall submit an advertising policy to the VSA Executive Board at least 3 weeks prior to the start of the filing period.~~

Let all further instances of Board of Elections be amended to read: **Board of Elections and Appointments**.

Let all further instances of Board of Elections Chairs be amended to read: **Board of Elections and Appointments Chairs**.

Let an additional Section of Article X of the VSA Constitution read:

SECTION (14): APPOINTMENTS

A. The Board of Elections and Appointments shall fill vacant positions at the discretion of the chairs and relevant bodies.

B. If a member of the Board of Elections and Appointments is a candidate for appointment, the appointment shall be carried out by the VSA Operations Committee, as stated in Article III, Section 2, subsection D.

B. The Board of Elections and Appointments shall present their recommendations to VSA Council at the subsequent council meeting, rank applicants in order of preference, and provide rationale for their selections.

C. After reviewing the rationale of the Board of Elections and Appointments, VSA Council will vote on the final appointments.

ENACTMENT: As is prescribed in Article XII Section 1 of the Constitution, this amendment shall be enacted by a two-thirds majority vote of the VSA Council.