

SGO Constitution
Proposed Amendments
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II. Voting Reform Amendment

FIRST, that the following clause appended to Article V, Section 1: “In addition, any candidate who has been an SGO Officer in the year immediately preceding the year for which he/she seeks re-election must present evidence that he/she has attended at least one SGO meeting in each month of that year, or at least 10 SGO meetings in the entire year.”

SECOND, that the following clause be appended to Article V, Section 1: “No person serving as an SGO Officer shall be allowed to serve as a Class Officer at the same time.”

THIRD, that the following text be appended to Article V, Section 1, Clause B: “Signatures appearing on the petitions of more than one prospective candidate shall be stricken from both.”

FOURTH, that the words “supervised by” be inserted into Article III, Section 4 between the words “and a”.

FIFTH, that the following text be appended to Article V, Section 6: “In the case of a tie, a re-Election shall be held between the candidates involved in the tie. Allowing the two to serve as co-Officers is not an acceptable resolution.”

SIXTH, that the following section be appended to Article V: “The ballots shall be taken on voting machines. Paper ballots are not an acceptable method of conducting Elections. That notwithstanding, students who are absent the day of the Election may request an absentee ballot the day following the Election upon verification of their legal absence from school on the Election day.”

SEVENTH, that the following section be appended to Article V: “The candidates shall be allowed to display posters in the hallways of the school. There may be no posters posted in classrooms or on any glass surface. These posters may be displayed from the date the candidate’s

petition is approved. They shall be allowed to be displayed until and including the day of the Election.”

EIGHTH, that the following section be appended to Article V: “The candidates, except for the victor in the Election, shall have the right to request the exact numbers of the election results in their respective races. However, this information shall not be released to the general Student Body unless all candidates in that race unanimously agree to release it.”

NINTH, that the words “Board Representative” be inserted into Article VII, Section 3, between the words “of Treasurer”.

TENTH, that the following section be appended to Article X: “A. The SGO may not move to interfere in the internal affairs of the class governments. That notwithstanding, the motions of the S.G.O. take precedence over those of the class governments, including clauses of the Constitutions.
B. The affairs of the S.G.O. and those of the class governments shall be independent and separate.”

III. Veto Reform Amendment

That the text of Article XI be stricken and be replaced by the following:

“1. The Administration is defined as the District Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent, the School Principal, and Assistant Principal.

2. The S.G.O. may not violate any federal, state, county, local, or any other laws or statutes, and may not violate any explicit district or school policy, nor may it encourage such illegal behavior.

3. Should the Administration wish to override an action of S.G.O. which they see as unfit, they shall make a written complaint and deliver it to the S.G.O. President, as well as the S.G.O. Advisor.

4. That statement having been delivered, the S.G.O. shall elect five representatives to negotiate and discuss with representatives of the Administration to resolve the disagreement.

5. Neither the Administration nor any other outside body may force the clauses of this Constitution to be violated, nor may they induce others to relinquish the rights granted in this Constitution. The S.G.O. must not be forced to partake in any action contrary to its will, binding arbitration and court action excepted.”

IV. S.G.O. Representatives Amendment

FIRST, that the text of Article III, Section 1 be stricken and replaced by the following: “Each class shall have 10 elected Representatives to the S.G.O. Council. The four class officers shall by default serve as S.G.O. Representatives, and the other six positions shall be filled as stipulated in the constitution of that class. Both the representatives and the class officers shall be required to attend the weekly S.G.O. meetings.”

SECOND, that the text of Article II, Section 2 be stricken and replaced by the following: “Should less than 10 Representatives be present at a meeting of the S.G.O., Alternates shall be chosen from other members of that class present at that meeting. Should the number of volunteers exceed the number of vacant positions, the S.G.O. President reserves the right to choose which of them shall serve as Alternates. If there are not enough class members present to fill the vacant positions, the class loses the votes of the positions not filled.”

THIRD, that the text of Article III, Section 3 be stricken and replaced by the following: “Each class shall have until the first of October to assemble a list of Representatives from that class. Any class not having assembled this list by this deadline loses their representation in the S.G.O. Council. The S.G.O. Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the full list of Representatives and ensuring that only these Representatives (or their Alternates) are entitled to a vote.”

V. Ineligible Officer Amendment

That the following section be appended to Article VI: “Should an Officer be found to be failing a course during his term, that Officer shall be suspended from his duties and an Acting Officer shall be designated as specified in Article VII. That Officer shall be immediately reinstated upon presenting evidence that he/she is no longer failing the course.”

VI. Nondiscrimination Amendment

That the following article be appended to the Constitution: “This Government may not discriminate with regard to age, disability, ethnicity, financial status, gender, national origin, physical appearance, race, religion, sexual orientation, views and beliefs, nor any means heretofore or hereafter devised, either for or against minorities.”