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## ***Amendment to the Description of Representative Elections Process in the GSC Bylaws***

### **Summary and purpose of this amendment:**

The description of how GSC representatives are elected that is currently given in the Bylaws is incomplete, and this amendment addresses that problem. The primary changes are the following:

- ◇ The Bylaws currently state that if more people apply to become representatives for a given department or living group, elections shall be held to pick who gets the position – but do not provide any description of how these elections are to be held. This amendment clarifies the issue by making the GSC Officers responsible for holding elections, but allowing them to receive assistance from neutral third parties, including departmental student groups or administrators.
- ◇ In the current Bylaws, nobody is given the responsibility of ensuring that students be informed of open Council representative positions in a timely manner. In addition, the Secretary is given the responsibility of keeping track of representatives' attendance to Council Meetings. This amendment explicitly gives the Vice-President responsibility for both of those items.
- ◇ There are some minor formatting changes to make the text easier to read.



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**GSC Bylaws, Article III currently reads:**

Article III. Election of Members

1. Nominations for membership shall open on September 1, and shall close on September 30. Nominees shall submit signatures from twenty members, or 20% (which ever is less), of their constituency, to the Secretary. Nominees shall be members of their constituency. For departmental and living group nominees: If there are more nominees than places available under Article III of the constitution, elections shall be held among members of that constituency. Elections shall be completed by October 15, and the results of the elections shall take effect on the first Council meeting on or after October 15.
2. For off-campus and at-large nominees, if there are more nominees than places available under Article III of the GSC Constitution, member selection shall be by equal chance lottery. Members of a constituency may nominate for unfilled positions representing that constituency after October 1st, using the provisions of Part B above. Constituents shall be notified.
3. Members shall be recalled automatically if they fail to attend three consecutive meetings without giving reason in writing to the Secretary.



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**GSC Bylaws, Article III should be amended to read as follows:**

Article III. Election of Council Representatives

A. *Nominations for Council Representatives*

Nominations for membership shall open on September 1, and shall close on September 30. The GSC Vice-President shall be responsible for ensuring that all students are made aware of the opening of nominations for Council representatives and all relevant related information by September 10. Nominees shall submit signatures from twenty members, or 20% (which ever is less), of their constituency, to the Vice-President. Nominees shall be members of their constituency.

B. *Elections of Council Representatives*

1. For departmental and living group nominees, if there are more nominees on October 1 than places available under Article III of the Constitution elections shall be held among members of that constituency. The GSC Officers shall be responsible for ensuring the fairness and validity of these elections. The Officers may receive assistance in conducting the elections from departmental student groups, departmental administrators, or other individuals or groups deemed by the Officers to be sufficiently neutral. Elections shall be completed by October 15, and the results of the elections shall take effect on the first Council meeting on or after October 15.
2. For off-campus and at-large nominees, if there are more nominees on October 1 than places available under Article III of the GSC Constitution, member selection shall be by equal chance lottery to be held by the GSC Officers.
3. Members of a constituency may nominate for unfilled positions representing that constituency after October 1st. Those positions shall be filled in the order in which applications are received.

C. *Notifications of Council Representatives*

Students shall be notified of their Council representatives by October 22, and within one week of when any future positions are filled as described in Article III. Section C.

D. *Recall of Council Representatives*

Council representatives shall be recalled automatically if they fail to attend three consecutive meetings without giving sufficient reason in writing to the Vice-President or their designate.