

A REPORT

TO ACCOMPANY SS1112-09

SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT

This report is intended to summarize the changes being made to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body by SS1112-09, a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body concerning elections. This resolution is the main elections overhaul that the Committee on Oversight and its Subcommittee on Constitutional Reform has been working on for the past month. The resolution is the product of many long discussions, debates, and decisions by the committee, subcommittee, and Judicial Council.

SECTION-BY-SECTION EXPLANATION OF THE RESOLUTION

- I. Clarifies the eligibility of voters in off-campus elections to include those students who will reside off-campus in the following semester
- II. Changes the time restriction on the Election Committee from 48 hours to 24 hours
- III. Changes the appeal filing deadline from 24 hours to 12 hours
- IV. Includes the Hall Election Coordinators and Election Committee under the oversight of the Judicial Council's Vice-President of Elections
- V. Repeals a reference to the non-extant Judicial Council Executive Committee
- VI. Repeals a reference to the non-extant Hall Judicial Boards
- VII. Provides for the selection of Hall Election Coordinators
- VIII. Cuts off allegation filings by 11:59PM on Election Day
- IX. Allows for the candidate against whom an allegation was made to be informed of the decision process of the Election Committee in the event of their guilt and allows for a brief explanation of that process to be released to campus media along with the customary statement of the violation and sanction
- X. Constrains the time allowed for the Election Committee to meet
- XI. Cuts off allegation filings by 11:59PM on Election Day
- XII. Constrains the time allowed for appeals to be filed to 12 hours from the conclusion of the Election Committee hearing
- XIII. Sets the runoff debate for Sunday following the primary election

- XIV. Removes a mention of “pre-approved areas” in which to hang campaign materials
(Judicial Council has never pre-approved these areas)
- XV. Defines what constitutes a “listserv”
- XVI. Sets regulations for endorsements in elections
- XVII. Mandates that election results shall be kept secret while any allegations or appeals are pending
- XVIII. Allows voting members of the Election Committee to approve posters
- XIX. Sets the date of the primary and runoff elections so as not to interfere with Junior Parents’ Weekend
- XX. Repeals a recount provision made unnecessary by electronic voting
- XXI. Repeals an absentee voting provision made unnecessary by electronic voting
- XXII. Repeals an abroad voting provision made unnecessary by electronic voting
- XXIII. Restricts allegation submissions to 11:59PM on the day of elections
- XXIV. Restricts the use of funds by student groups for campaigns
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- XXVI. Amendment authority clause

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