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Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#21

Subject: By-Laws Amendment to Clarify Voting Timeframes for SA Elections

Requested: Grant Peterson, Senator; Joshua Brodsky, Senator

Whereas, the current By-Laws do not establish a maximum or minimum duration for the voting period in any SA election, and the absence of defined time limits creates the potential for inconsistency between election cycles and may either dilute voter engagement or suppress turnout depending on the length set by successive administrations;

Whereas, establishing reasonable boundaries for the duration of the voting period promotes fairness, predictability, and respect for students' time and schedules, ensuring that all Members or potential members of SA have equal opportunity to participate in elections without undue burden;

Therefore, be it resolved that the SA Senate hereby amends the By-Laws, pursuant to Article IX, Section 9.02, as follows:

Amendment 1: Section 4.01(a)(ii) — Senate Elections

The following language shall be added at the end of Section 4.01(a)(ii), after the existing text:

“The voting period for any Senate Election shall not exceed ten (10) calendar days, equivalent to two hundred and forty (240) consecutive hours, inclusive of weekends and University holidays, measured from the opening of voting to the closing of voting. The voting period for any Senate Election shall not be less than five (5) calendar days, equivalent to one hundred and twenty (120) consecutive hours, inclusive of weekends and University holidays, measured from the opening of voting to the closing of voting. These provisions shall also apply to any special election or runoff election for Senator positions.”

Amendment 2: Section 5.02(f)(ii) — Officer Elections

The following language shall be added at the end of Section 5.02(f)(ii), after the existing text:

“The voting period for any Officer election shall not exceed ten (10) calendar days, equivalent to two hundred and forty (240) consecutive hours, inclusive of weekends and University holidays, measured from the opening of voting to the closing of voting. The voting period for any Officer

election shall not be less than five (5) calendar days, equivalent to one hundred and twenty (120) consecutive hours, inclusive of weekends and University holidays, measured from the opening of voting to the closing of voting. These provisions shall also apply to any special election or runoff election for Officer positions.”

Be it further resolved that all other provisions of the By-Laws not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect;

Be it further resolved that this amendment shall take effect on May 15, 2026, and shall apply to all elections held on or after that date.