

**USG SENATE MEETING**  
December 3rd, 2017, 7:30pm  
Lewis Library Bowl 120

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Time</i>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Call to Order</b></p> <p><i>Vice President Qian will convene the meeting.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome</li> </ul>	Daniel Qian	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Winter Elections Cycle Appeal</b></p> <p><i>Michael Asparrin and Ryan Ozminkowski will present an appeal relating to the Winter Elections cycle to the Senate.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present appeal</li> <li>Answer any questions from the Senate</li> </ul>	Michael Asparrin and Ryan Ozminkowski	30 min
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Executive Session</b></p> <p><i>Vice-President Qian will lead the Senate into an Executive Session.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Session</li> </ul>	Daniel Qian	10 min
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>President's Report</b></p> <p><i>President Jemison will present the President's Report.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go over President's Report</li> </ul>	Myesha Jemison	5 min
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SGRC Group Approval</b></p> <p><i>SGRC Co-Chairs Chen and Sobel will present several student groups to the Senate for approval.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present student groups</li> <li>Answer any questions from the Senate and take feedback</li> <li>Vote</li> </ul>	Emily Chen and Aaron Sobel	5 min
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Social Committee Budget Request</b></p> <p><i>Social Committee Chair Liang will present an internal funding request to the Senate.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present internal funding request</li> <li>Answer any questions from the Senate and take feedback</li> <li>Vote</li> </ul>	Lavinia Liang	5 min
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Honor Committee Response to Referenda</b></p> <p><i>Honor Committee Chair Liziewski and Clerk Haile will present before the Senate about the Honor Code referenda.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present response to the Senate</li> <li>Open the floor for responses</li> <li>Answer any questions from the Senate and take feedback</li> </ul>	Carolyn Liziewski, Elizabeth Haile, and Patrick Flanigan	15 min
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Senate Resolution 7-2017</b></p> <p><i>Rachel Yee will present the USG resolution relating to the Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations. Yee will also present members for approval.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present resolution and new members</li> <li>Answer any questions from the Senate and take feedback</li> <li>Vote</li> </ul>	Rachel Yee	15 min
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Referenda and Elections Schedule Update</b></p> <p><i>Parliamentarian Hyman will give a short presentation about the referenda and the elections schedule to the Senate.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present to the Senate</li> <li>Answer any questions from the Senate and take feedback</li> </ul>	Jonah Hyman	15 min

<b>Senate Resolution 8-2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present resolution</li> </ul>	Patrick Flanigan	15 min
<i>Academics Chair Flanigan will present the Senate Resolution 8-2017 to the Senate.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer any questions from the Senate and take feedback</li> </ul>		

Total Time	115 min
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## Winter Elections Cycle Appeal

Project Leader: Michael Asparrin  
Project Team Members: N/A  
Date: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

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Hello,

I'm reaching out to appeal the recent decision by the Chief Elections Manager, which ruled that I would not be eligible to run as a candidate for Class Senator this upcoming cycle. My application was ruled ineligible because I had turned in my petition list with the sponsoring signatures past the noon deadline; I turned in my petition around 1 PM of that day, soon after which I emailed the Chief Elections Manager letting them know that I turned in my petition late and asked if I would still be able to appear as a candidate on the ballot.

The reason for why I am appealing is because I believe the requirements and expectations asked of candidates are unequally being applied. At around 12:30 PM on the day of the deadline, I had gone to the USG office to see if the petitions had been collected by that time. I saw that all of the lists were still in the mailbox of the USG office. As I said, after I turned in my petition list at around 1 PM, I emailed the Chief Elections Manager letting them know that I had turned in my list after the noon deadline. The response to my inquiry was that I had failed to meet the deadline, which I agree with, and that for that reason I would not be eligible to run. However, I believe that since the petitions were not picked up by the noon deadline, the requirements for candidacy are unequally being applied to my application. There is the possibility that other candidates, whose candidacy has been approved, also turned in their petition list in late but are able to appear as eligible candidates despite the possibility of them too turning in their list late; this is a result of the fact that all petitions were not collected on time. I believe that my candidacy is unequally being held to a standard that other candidates were not necessarily held to, and feel as though this is the consequence of my transparency in emailing the Chief Elections Manager letting them know that I had turned in my petition list late.

With this appeal I am not attempting to subvert the Chief Elections Manager, nor am I looking to gain eligibility as a candidate at the expense of other Class of 2019 Senator candidates who turned in their petition prior to the noon deadline. I am rather asking that the same expectation which USG holds for its candidates - to turn in all materials by the noon deadline, be also applied to USG and those who oversee the student election process - which is to gather the materials they require by the deadline they establish.

CC'd on this email are Patrick Flanigan (Academics Committee Chair), Soraya Morales Nuñez (Class of 2018 Senator), Nicholas Wu (U-Councilor), and Samuel Vilchez Santiago (U-Councilor). They have all offered to sponsor this appeal.



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Please let me know if there are any questions, and thank you very much for spending the time to handle this matter.

Best,  
Michael Asparrin



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## Winter Elections Cycle Appeal

Project Leader: Ryan Ozminkowski  
Project Team Members: N/A  
Date: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

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Good evening everyone,

I am sending this email to appeal the decision of the Chief Elections Manager to rule me ineligible to run for USG president in the upcoming election. The Chief Elections Manager had cited Section 5.3 of the Elections Handbook to claim that I had not met the candidate registration deadline of 12:00 pm on November 28<sup>th</sup> and therefore would not include my name on the ballot.

I offer this appeal before the USG Senate because I believe that I did indeed adhere to the set deadline as I had interpreted it. Prior to November 28<sup>th</sup>, I had carefully scrutinized the Elections Handbook, the election calendar, and all available documents, and it was evident that at no point is the time zone of the petition deadline specified. I turned in my sponsoring signatures form to the USG mailbox at 12:50 pm ET, which corresponds to 9:50 am PT on Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup>. While my form may have been turned in after 12:00 pm ET, an interpretation of the deadline in many time zones, including all other United States time zones, many of which students were operating under over Thanksgiving while visiting family (myself in PT) puts my submission before the 12:00 pm deadline. We are happy and able to provide an email correspondence in which Campaign Manager Zachery Halem wrote to Chief Elections Manager Laura Hausman at 1:32 pm ET, "The Director of Student Outreach has returned to campus and successfully dropped off the petition form in Frist 204," which further demonstrates that the campaign team and I believed we had adhered to the deadline by our interpretation and successfully submitted the petition. The interpretation of the deadline by the Chief Elections Manager as 12:00 pm ET, even if the prevalent view on campus, is still subjective based on the provided documentation, namely the Elections Handbook and elections calendar, and it is irrelevant whether the deadline *should be* interpreted in a specific manner, but only consideration need be given to whether the deadline *can be* interpreted in a specific manner. I don't feel it is fair to hold candidates to an expectation that is never made explicit, and given that the handbook and all other communications were unclear in their specification of the deadline, I feel that my petition should be considered on time by the letter of the law and that I should be permitted to run for office in the upcoming election.

We further uphold, that even under the Chief Elections Manager's interpretation of the deadline as 12:00 pm ET, there is still an unfair application of candidate requirements. We are privy to student accounts in which they have observed petition lists in the mailbox as late as 12:30 pm ET on November 28<sup>th</sup>. The Chief Elections Manager viewed Campaign Manager Zachery Halem's email confirmation of the petition submission as evidence of late submission in her



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interpretation of the deadline and therefore ruled my candidacy impermissible. However, because the petition forms were picked up a non-negligible time after the perceived 12:00 pm ET deadline, there is a chance that some candidates who have been approved for the ballot, in fact, handed in their petition form after the perceived deadline because the petitions were not collected at 12:00 pm ET. Under a strict and unmalleable deadline, tardiness of 5 minutes is equal in magnitude to that of an hour, and there is no way to discern whether all the candidates on the ballot in fact adhered to the perceived 12:00 pm ET deadline or also filed late based on a perceived deadline, but have not emailed proof, like myself, of that fact. I find it inequitable that I am being held to a different standard than other candidates because of this.

I have no desire to receive a benefit that other candidates are not extended or to call into question the ability of the Chief Elections Manager to do her job. The Elections Handbook is a detailed document and I commend the Chief Elections Manager on her care and rigidity in enforcing it. However, given the importance that has been given to precisely interpreting that document, I feel that it is unfair to suddenly begin making assumptions about the meaning of any and all election documentation that are subject to interpretation. And I further just wish to assure that USG holds all candidates to the same standard and requirements.

I have CC'd Patrick Flanigan (Academics Committee Chair), Lavinia Liang (Social Committee Chair), Ruby Guo (Class of 2019 Senator), and Diego Negron-Reichard (U-Councilor) who have offered to sponsor this appeal. If my sponsors could please "reply all" to this email confirming their sponsorship.

Please reach out if you have any questions, and I appreciate your care and effort in handling this matter.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Ozminkowski



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## President's Report December 3rd, 2017

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### ❖ Meetings

- CPUC Executive Committee Meeting
- Social Justice Lunch Chat
  - Dean Fisher and Dean Dunne
    - 4 students in attendance
    - new university website to support student efforts:

### ❖ Updates

- Message from Vice Presidents Calhoun and Sullivan-Crowley and Dean Kulkarni
  - People
    - VP Calhoun: Vice President for Campus Life
    - VP Crowley: Vice President for Human Resources
    - Dean Kulkarni: Dean of the Faculty
  - Next Steps
    - Feedback will be gathered until the end of January
    - A public written report will be issued
    - Any recommendations requiring action by the faculty, will be considered by the Faculty Advisory Committee on Policy (FACP)
    - Any policy changes proposed by FACP would then be sent to the full faculty for discussion and a vote at a subsequent faculty meeting
      - ◆ Cannot discuss details about specific sexual misconduct cases
      - ◆ Can and should continue the difficult but important discussions that are occurring on our campus related to sexual misconduct
- ICE raids take place in downtown Princeton
  - <http://www.dailyprincetonian.com/article/2017/11/ice-raids-take-place>
  - I reached out to VP Calhoun when I first heard of this concern from Dream Team's Facebook page
    - She responded promptly and provided me with the following information:
      - ◆ <https://www.princeton.edu/intlctr/students/daca/>



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◆ <https://inclusive.princeton.edu/community-resources/inclusive-community/daca-faqs>

❖ **Request for Feedback**

➤ **New feedback mechanism:**

■ **Use the form at this link:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe10K1QKw8QyoZ-to8yZmzSLz\\_0YPL7StiwdYMxNs8WTMP4MA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe10K1QKw8QyoZ-to8yZmzSLz_0YPL7StiwdYMxNs8WTMP4MA/viewform?usp=sf_link)



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## **Proposal for University Office Support Office Liaisons December 3rd, 2017**

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- ❖ **Offices Represented**
  - **Women\*s Center**
  - **Carl A Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding**
  - **Davis Center for International Students**
  - **Office for Access and Inclusion**
  - **LGBT Center**
  - **Office of Religious Life**
  - **Department of Athletics**
- ❖ **Purpose of Positions**
  - **To ensure better representation of the diverse array of student identities on campus**
  - **To improve the communication and coordination of student events and initiatives**
  - **To further bridge gaps between USG and the wider student body**
- ❖ **Duties and Responsibilities Outlined**
  - **Attending USG meetings monthly**
  - **Proposing a policy/project to USG**
- ❖ **Plan for Recruitment**
  - **Outreach to center/office/department directors**
  - **Advertisement to the student body**



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## SGRC Group Approval

Project Leader: Emily Chen, Aaron Sobel  
Project Team Members: Maria Rojas, Andrew Li, Daniel Qian  
Date: 10.07.2017

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SGRC would like to recognize the following groups as new student organizations.

### Princeton Global Brigades

Point of Contact: Katherine Wang <kjwang@princeton.edu>

Description: Global Brigades at Princeton University is a secular, international student-operated volunteer organization whose mission is to provide sustainable development to underserved communities throughout the world. The group will recruit student volunteers to gather supplies, and then travels overseas to set up free medical and dental clinics, design and implement clean water projects, implement public health infrastructure, design and implement small business plans, provide access to loans, run educational programs to improve financial literacy, provide legal consulting, assist in recycling/reforestation/composting programs in a variety of Ghanaian, Honduran, Panamanian, and Nicaraguan communities. They will hold two trips, taking place during academic breaks, and provide ongoing year-long educational and professional development opportunities that relate to international health and development to members.

### Finding the Match

Point of Contact: Daniel Pan <djpan@princeton.edu>

Description: Be The Match is a national registry of bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cell donors. The national organization aims to spread awareness of the benefits of being a donor and how anyone can save a life through donations. This group hopes to extend Be The Match's reach into new communities by finding interested and qualified individuals within the high school community to promote Be The Match's goals in their own communities.

### Astronomy Club

Point of Contact: Gabriel Contreras <gac3@princeton.edu>

Description: This group hopes to promote an awareness of astronomy as a science and bring together a group of people to expand their similar interests together. Their activities will include lectures/discussions, movie nights, star-gazing nights, career/research preparation, volunteering, "star parties", problem solving sessions, trips, book club, and astrophotography.

### Princeton Plays

Point of Contact: Rani Jaiswal <rjaiswal@exchange.Princeton.EDU>

Description: Princeton Plays hopes to provide a safe space for students interested in non-traditional relationships to come together, form a community, and share information and resources with one another. They would also like to promote values of sexual inclusivity and affirm that all types of safe and consensual activity between individuals is valid. Finally, they seek to reach beyond our group to



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the broader Princeton community through educational outreach programs. Their activities will include meetings twice a month for group members, centered around discussion topics and planning for events, as well as speaker events and fff-campus trips to attend social events in the wider kink community. They also plan to collaborate with UHS/Peer Health Advisers about their sexual education programs and SHARE about topics related to consent education.

#### Princeton Southeast Asian Society

Point of Contact: Chelsea Ng <[cnng@princeton.edu](mailto:cnng@princeton.edu)>

Description: This group was previously active but became inactive in 2005. They hope to bring students together from Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Brunei, and Timor-Leste. They hope to enable SEA students to have mentorship programs with fellow alumni, internship opportunities, PIIRS and study abroad, global seminar opportunities in Southeast Asia. They would also like to be able to share traditions, events, and cultures that mean a lot to SEA students from back home to campus.

#### Princeton University Pluralist Society

Point of Contact: Andy Zheng <[az4@princeton.edu](mailto:az4@princeton.edu)>

Description: This group hopes to create a space where people can be more aware of current events happening domestically as well as internationally. Additionally, they wish to create an open space where people of diverse opinions can engage with each other and discuss current events. Lastly, they want to offer a platform for people to have a deeper understanding of contemporary issues to formulate well-justified opinions.



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**USG Social Committee – INTERNAL FUNDING REQUEST**

Project Leader: Lavinia Liang  
 Project Members: Social Committee  
 Date: Sunday December 3, 2017

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**INTERNAL REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

**EVENT TITLE:**

Dean’s Date Celebration (January 16, 2018)

Location: TBD (McCosh Courtyard, Frist South Lawn, East Pyne Courtyard, Dillon Gym)

**BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION:**

Dean’s Date this year is being based on the 2013 Silent Disco operation (a total of \$47,043, with a headliner costing \$22,500, during which USG contributed \$23,500 and AI \$10,000) to decrease high-risk drinking and provide a fun and safe alternative for students to celebrate their night. Silent Disco equipment does not seem to be available for our date, and so the concert would consist of an up-and-coming pop DJ with giveaway and food items spaced out throughout the night. Depending on additional ODUS funding (for food/concessions), we would still like to set up a small 5 PM celebration featuring student DJs and the classic Princeton University Band.

AS WE MOVE FORWARD, UNUSED USG FUNDS WILL BE RE-OPENED FOR RE-ALLOCATION.

**INTERIM FUNDING BREAKDOWN:**

Artist/Entertainment	\$17,500
Giveaway	\$3,000
Food	\$3,000
Miscellaneous (space, equipm, permits, staff, publicity)	\$19,775
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$43,275</b>



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**INTERIM FUNDING BREAKDOWN:**

USG	\$14,000
AI (projected)	\$10,000
USG (additional, projected)	\$15,000
ODUS (additional, projected)	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$44,000</b>



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Project Leader: Honor Committee Chair Carolyn Liziewski '18  
Project Team Members: Honor Committee Clerk Elizabeth (Liz) Haile '19  
Date: December 03, 2017

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## **Responses to proposed changes to the Honor Constitution**

As the Chair and Clerk of the Honor Committee, we acknowledge the undergraduate community at Princeton desires a review of the Honor System and its constitution; however, we write to voice strong concerns related to proposed constitutional changes. The nature of our concerns is enumerated below.

- 1. The Honor System will be reviewed by a task force of students, faculty, and administrators during the Spring 2018 semester.**
  - a. This task force was charged by the Dean of the College, the Dean of the Faculty, and the Vice President for Campus Life.
  - b. The task force will be co-chaired by Clancy Rowley '95, who is a professor in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department, and Carolyn Liziewski '18, who is the Chair of the Honor Committee.
  - c. Academics Chair Patrick Flanigan has been invited to sit on this task force, and he has accepted the invitation; this ensures the findings by the USG Subcommittee on the Honor System will be shared with the task force and the opinions of the group will be represented.
  - d. Other members of the task force include Professor Bill Gleason, Janet Chen, Rebecca "Becky" Burdine, and David August, and students Elizabeth Haile '19, Omid Abrishamchian '18, Soraya Morales Nunez '18, and Jasmine Young '20. Additionally, Senior Associate Dean of Discipline Joyce Chen Shueh will sit on the task force.
  - e. The charge from Deans Kulkarni and Dolan and VP Calhoun asks the task force to consider investigation and hearing processes and policies, constitutional language, penalties, Committee membership, and the Committee's relationship to the USG.
- 2. While we respect the hard work of the USG Subcommittee on the Honor System, we believe a referendum on the Constitution must be the result of rigorous campus discourse related to the Honor System. This discourse must engage students and faculty.**
  - a. The Trustees of the University delegate all undergraduate student discipline authority to the faculty, which is to say the faculty are responsible for writing, enforcing, and adjudicating violations of community standards at the University. This is why all violations of community standards independent of academic integrity



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violations on in-class examinations are adjudicated by the Faculty-Student Committee on Discipline.

- b.** The Honor System is a pact between the faculty and students, whereby the faculty have ceded their authority over in-class examination discipline to the students. We should think of the Code as a contract. A contract may not be unilaterally changed; rather, it must be renegotiated by both parties. We imagine this renegotiation takes the form of town-hall meetings, academic department focus groups, and engagement in other public forums.
  - c.** Finally, the Honor Committee is one part of a larger University disciplinary apparatus, in which standard penalty for academic violations is a one-year suspension. There must be parity for standard penalty across the Honor Committee and the Committee on Discipline.
- 3. We do not believe students who will vote in the USG election can become sufficiently educated about the substance and implications of sweeping changes to the Honor Constitution in a one-week period at the conclusion of the semester.**

## Amendment 5

Senate Resolution 7-2017  
Senate Constitution Amendment No. 5  
Submitted by TANIA BORE '19 (on behalf of the USG Senate)

### Resolution

#### Summary:

This resolution

- Changes the structure from 6 USG representatives and 3 members-at-large to 2 USG representatives and 7 members at large.
- Adds that members-at-large are voting members.
- Adds that the chair shall choose the next chair in consultation with the USLC Chair.

#### Digest:

1. Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations
  - a. MEMBERSHIP.— The USLC Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations shall consist of:
    - i. ~~Three (3)~~ **Two (2) members selected** from the USG Senate and/or Class Governments,
      1. At least one (1) member from ~~each of the sophomore, junior, and senior~~ **any of the** class governments,
    - ii. The President or designated representative of the Interclub Council (ICC),
    - iii. The ~~USLC Eating Club Liaison~~ **Chair, as described in section c**, and
    - iv. ~~Three (3)~~ **Seven (7)** members-at-large, which may be any undergraduate student.
      - ~~4.~~ For the 2017-2018 academic year, to accommodate a smooth transition to the Subcommittee on Eating Club Relations inauguration, ~~the members-at-large shall be appointed by the USG USLC Chair, subject to Senate confirmation.~~ **The members at large shall be appointed by the USG USLC Chair and Eating Club Relations Subcommittee Chair, subject to Senate confirmation.**
  - b. REPRESENTATION.— Additional members-at-large shall be invited to join by the Chair of the Subcommittee as necessary to maintain minimum ten percent representation by students not affiliated with any eating club, subject to Senate confirmation. **Members at large are voting members.**
  - c. CHAIR.— The USLC Eating Club Liaison shall serve as chair of the ~~subcommittee.~~
    - i. The Chair shall be chosen by application and interview by the previous Chair of the Subcommittee in consultation with the USLC Chair.**

~~i.~~ *ii.* The Chair shall set the agenda, date, time, and place for Subcommittee meetings.

~~ii.~~ *iii.* The Chair shall oversee the membership selection process for the Subcommittee.

- d. MEETINGS.— The Subcommittee shall meet:
- i. Four times each semester, or
  - ii. As necessary, at the discretion of the Chair.

**Sam Parsons**

"My name is Sam Parsons, and I am a junior in the Woodrow Wilson School and a member of the Ivy Club. On campus, I'm an Opinion editor at the Daily Princetonian, a Davis International Center leader, and I've recently become quite involved in the Princeton Climbing Team, having formerly been a varsity rower."

**Cat Kim**

Catherine grew up in Palo Alto, California and Seoul, Korea. She is currently a junior in the history department. On campus, Catherine is in Tiger Inn and participates in classical musical groups like Ivy Orchestra and Camerata as well as entrepreneurship club, IgniteSTEM. In her spare time, Catherine loves to run, browse fashion blogs, and play classical cello.

**Nadeem Demian**

My name is Nadeem Demian and I am a junior in the EEB department. I am a member of the Terrace F. Club and on campus I am a co-chair of the USG Mental Health Initiative Board, a member of the Men's Ultimate Frisbee Team, and a staff writer for the literary magazine Arch&Arrow. I was interested in joining the Eating Club Relations Committee because I hope to help implement "across the board" policies that will help make the Street a safer, more inclusive space for all students by using my experience as co-chair of the MHI board. I also want to help students, especially sophomores, understand their eating options more completely.

**Chris Zhang**

My name is Christopher Zhang, and I'm a senior majoring in math. I was a member of Colonial my sophomore spring and junior year, and this year I'm in Real Food Coop. I'm in matriculate a program that helps high achieving low-income students apply to college, and my other interests include swimming, cooking, reading, and listening to music.

**Lloyd Feng**

I am Lloyd Feng. I am a junior from NYC pursuing a degree in Art and Archaeology and certificate in East Asian Studies. On campus, I am on the RCA team in Mathey, sing tenor with the University Chapel Choir, serve as the Director of Alumni Relations for the Asian American Students Association (AASA), an Orange Key tour guide, and am a member of Tower. I spent my gap year before freshman year backpacking and enjoying the nightlife in China. love basketball (Knicks fan), baseball (Mets fan), theatre, and nature.

**Willem Bradford**

My name is Willem Bradford, and I am a junior in the Economics Department. I am a member of Cap and Gown Club since last spring. On campus, I am a member of Old Nassoul and the Ivy League Mental Health Conference board. In my spare time, I enjoy participating in IM sports, watching movies, and video editing.

**Katie Massey**

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Senate Resolution 6-2017

Submitted by DANIEL QIAN '19, Vice President

Resolution

Amending the USG Referenda Handbook by temporarily shortening the referendum process for the Winter 2017 referendum cycle only, in order to call a vote on referenda before winter term ends without denying referenda sponsors and opposition parties the time needed to gather signatures and campaign

*Whereas* the current USG Referenda Handbook calls for a five-week referenda process—one week to finalize the question language for a referendum, one week for the referendum party to collect signatures, one week for the opposition coalition to form, one week for campaigning, and one week for voting,

*Whereas* while we have already begun the referenda process, we did not wish to consider the Thanksgiving break week as a full week in the process. There are only three weeks left in the winter term and there is therefore no way to call a referendum election that accords with the process in the Handbook; in order for the referendum process to occur, the schedule must be shortened,

*Whereas* in shortening this schedule, it is important to allow a full week for signature collection while classes are in session, as well as to allow a full week of campaigning while classes are in session,

*Whereas* USG also needs sufficient time to finalize and approve ballot language, and an opposition party needs time to form,

**Digest:**

- **Section 1** of the amendment establishes the schedule for the Winter 2017 election cycle in the Referenda Handbook. Key points of difference for this new schedule include a single week for both the referendum party's collection of signatures and the formation of the opposition party, instead of one week to collect signatures and a second week for the opposition party to form.
- **Section 2** makes a technical change associated with the overlap of the opposition party's week to form with the referendum party's week to collect signatures.

- **Section 3** temporarily allows the referenda schedule for this election cycle to be decoupled from the USG candidate election schedule.

*Now therefore be it*

EXPLANATION—Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter with ~~strikethrough~~ is material to be omitted.

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*Resolved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government (a majority of the Senate concurring),*

SECTION 1. Section 3 of the USG Referenda Handbook is amended to read as follows:

***Subsection (A)***

***The following schedule applies to all referenda cycles after the Winter 2017 referenda cycle. This section has no effect on the Winter 2017 referenda cycle:***

- For all petitions submitted, the Chief Elections Manager will serve as the Vice President’s designate for receiving petitions and will immediately inform the Vice President of their submission.
- The Chief Elections Manager shall establish and make public a way of delivering the petition that is identical to the requirements of candidate’s submission of registration forms. This will include the identical drop-off location, times, and deadlines.
- Before a sponsor begins collecting signatures on a referendum petition, the text of the referendum measure must be reviewed and approved by the USG Vice President, Executive Committee, and Senate for neutral wording and clarity.
- Not later than 4 weeks before the start of a scheduled election, a potential sponsor of a referendum measure shall contact the Chief Elections Manager and Vice President to discuss the proposed text of the referendum measure.
- After receiving the proposed text, the Vice President, Chief Elections Manager, USG Executive Committee, and the USG Senate subsequently and in that order shall have 1 week to work with the potential sponsor on the text of the proposed referendum measure, review the text for neutral wording and clarity, and either approve or disapprove the text of the proposed referendum measure.
- If the USG Senate approves the text of the proposed referendum measure, the potential sponsor may begin collecting signatures for the petition to have the referendum measure appear on the ballot during the USG election in question. The petition must be submitted to the Chief Elections Manager not later than 2 weeks before the start of the scheduled election at 12 p.m. (Monday). A petitioner may begin collecting signatures starting at 12 p.m. on

the Monday before the due date for the required number of signatures and will be guaranteed a total of 7 days to collect signatures.

- In the week preceding the campaign period for candidates and referenda parties, the USG Chief Elections Manager will publicly announce that a referendum has been placed on the ballot for the upcoming election. If a party wishes to form in formal opposition to the proposed referendum, they will have 1 week to inform the Chief Elections Manager of their intent to formally oppose the referendum and Chief Elections Manager shall take whatever logistical action needed for voting preparations involving the opposition.
- Both the petitioners and opposition will not be allowed to campaign until beginning at noon on the Monday preceding the beginning of the voting period (1 week before elections). This campaign period shall last one week and coincide with the same time period as the candidate campaign period.

### ***Subsection (B)***

***The following schedule applies to the Winter 2017 referenda cycle only. After the Winter 2017 referenda cycle, the following schedule will have no effect:***

- ***For all petitions submitted, the Chief Elections Manager will serve as the Vice President's designate for receiving petitions and will immediately inform the Vice President of their submission.***
- ***The Chief Elections Manager shall establish and make public a way of delivering the petition. The drop-off location for referenda petitions and USG candidates' submission of registration forms shall be identical.***
- ***Before a sponsor begins collecting signatures on a referendum petition, the text of the referendum measure must be reviewed and approved by the USG Vice President, Executive Committee, and Senate for neutral wording and clarity.***
- ***A potential sponsor of a referendum measure shall contact the Chief Elections Manager and Vice President to discuss the proposed text of the referendum measure no later than Friday, November 17, 2017 at 12 p.m.***
- ***After receiving the proposed text, the Vice President, Chief Elections Manager, USG Executive Committee, and the USG Senate subsequently and in that order shall have ten days to work with the potential sponsor on the text of the proposed referendum measure, review the text for neutral wording and clarity, and either approve or disapprove the text of the proposed referendum measure (until Tuesday, November 28).***
- ***If the USG Senate approves the text of the proposed referendum measure, the potential sponsor may begin collecting signatures for the petition on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 12 p.m. The petition must be submitted to the Chief Elections Manager not later than Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 12 p.m. A petitioner will be guaranteed a total of 7 days to collect signatures.***

- *On or before Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 12 p.m. the USG Chief Elections Manager will publicly announce any referenda that have the potential to appear on the ballot for the upcoming election. The Chief Elections Manager will include a disclaimer in this announcement stating that each referendum will only appear on the ballot if the referendum party obtains the required number of signatures before the deadline.*
- *If a party wishes to form in formal opposition to the proposed referendum, they will have until Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 12 p.m. to inform the Chief Elections Manager of their intent to formally oppose the referendum. The Chief Elections Manager shall take whatever logistical action needed for voting preparations involving the opposition.*
- *Both the petitioners and opposition will not be allowed to campaign until Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 12 p.m. (1 week before elections). This campaign period shall last one week.*

SECTION 2. Section 5 of the USG Referenda Handbook is amended to read as follows:

- Petitions for referenda must have exactly one official sponsor that shall serve as official representative of the petition and referenda in all cases.
- This sponsor may be an individual or an ODUS-recognized student organization, but should accurately represent the effort to bring the referenda to election.
- After a potential sponsor has contacted both the Chief Elections Manager and Vice President, the USG President will make public to the undergraduates that a potential referendum will appear on the ballot, provided the proposed text is approved and the sufficient number of signatures collected, and shall invite any interested parties to form an official opposition group.
- Any interested undergraduates should immediately contact both the Chief Elections Manager and the Vice President to inform them of their interest.
- *For all election cycles after the Winter 2017 election cycle*, interested parties shall have 1 week following the sponsor's successful completion of sufficient collection of signatures to form an official opposition group. *For the Winter 2017 election cycle only, interested parties shall have 1 week following the Chief Elections Manager's announcement of a potential referendum to form an official opposition party.*
- The official opposition party shall be finalized by the beginning of the campaign period, which shall begin no earlier than 1 week before voting begins.
- Both the sponsor and opposition must sign a form with the Elections Managers subjecting both parties to the Elections Managers' supervision and all official rules governing the referendum process, including penalties.

- Failure to sign the form after a petition has been approved for the ballot will either disqualify the referendum or exclude the opposition as an official party to the aforementioned referendum.
- The sponsor is responsible for attending at least one of the Election Information Sessions hosted by the Elections Managers prior to an election cycle.
- When the sponsor is a student organization, the President of that organization may receive prior approval from the Elections Managers to appoint an alternative representative to attend this meeting.
- Student organizations that serve as sponsors, or the opposition, may employ the efforts of non-members, as well as the support of other student organizations and entities, but must serve as the primary advocate or opponent, respectively, of the referendum. Individuals that serve as sponsors should, in good faith, be acting of their own volition (not in their capacity as a member or leader of an organization), but may employ the efforts of other individuals and organizations.
- Co-sponsorships of organizations and individuals will not be officially recognized by the USG for the purposes of the election.
- The sponsor's and opposition's names will appear on the ballot, should the referendum be successfully petitioned and brought to election.
  - Each referendum will be accompanied by pro and con statements to appear on the ballot. Each side is allotted 300 words for their statements. Before the referendum is put to a vote, each side will be allowed to read the other's statement and prepare a 150-word rebuttal, also to appear on the ballot.
- The sponsor will be responsible for defending the referendum against all challenges brought to the Elections Managers and/or the Senate, and will be responsible for all communications between the USG (including, but not limited to, the Elections Managers, President, Vice President, and Senate) and the referendum.
  - When the sponsor is a student organization, the President of that organization will be responsible for the aforementioned obligations as well as any other cases where the petition and/or referendum would require representation. The President of the student organization in official opposition will be responsible for the aforementioned obligations as well as any other cases where the petition and/or referendum would require representation.

SECTION 3. Section 6 of the USG Referenda Handbook is amended to read as follows:

- Both the official sponsors and opponents of the referendum, as well as all ODUS-sponsored groups involved in the support or opposition of a referendum, shall comply with all candidate campaign rules as outlined in Sections 1-10 of the Elections Handbook and *Rights, Rules, Responsibilities*.

- ***For all election cycles after the Winter 2017 election cycle***, official sponsors and opponents shall have the same time period as candidates for office to campaign for their respective side (1 week). ***This requirement does not apply to the Winter 2017 election cycle.***
- ***For all election cycles after the Winter 2017 election cycle***, official sponsors and opponents shall comply with the same schedule as candidates for office during the elections cycle pertaining to campaigning, expenditure reporting and all other duties required of candidates. ***This requirement does not apply to the Winter 2017 election cycle.***
- On a case-by-case basis, the Chief Elections Manager shall handle any complaint or dispute pertaining to a referendum measure and may assign penalty points for a violation of the campaign rules. (Procedures on this can be found in section 10 of the Elections Handbook).

Approved November \_\_, 2017.

With \_\_ Voting Members of the Senate present and  
By a Vote of \_\_ In Favor, \_\_ Against, and \_\_ In Abstention

DANIEL QIAN '19,  
Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Government and  
Presiding Officer of the Senate.

Attest:

TRACI MATHIEU '20,  
Executive Secretary of the Senate.

## Proposed USG Referendum Schedule—Winter 2017

*Current as of December 1, 2017—Approved by USG Senate on November 27, 2017*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13 <b>Amended elections schedule released</b>	14	15	16	17 <b>(Start Week 1)</b>  <b>Deadline for expressing interest 12:00 noon</b>	18 Finalization of question language
19 Finalization of question language	20 Finalization of question language	21 Finalization of question language	22 Thanksgiving break	23 Thanksgiving break	24 Thanksgiving break	25 Finalization of question language
26 Finalization of question language	27 <b>Special Senate vote to approve alternate elections timeline</b>  <b>Special Senate vote to approve question language</b>	28 <b>(Start Week 2)</b> <b>(Start Week 3)</b>  <b>Referendum party begins collecting signatures 12:00 noon</b>  <b>Opposition party begins to form</b>	29	30	Dec. 1	2
3	4	5 <b>(Start Week 4)</b>  <b>Deadline for signature submission 12:00 noon</b>  <b>Campaigning begins for both parties 12:00 noon</b>	6	7	8	9 Candidates given the opportunity to review ballot
10 <b>Expenditure reports due 5:00 PM</b> Deadline for ballot change requests 12:00 noon*	11	12 <b>Voting begins 12:00 noon</b>	13	14 <b>Voting ends 12:00 noon</b>	15 Last day of classes	16 Deadline to file complaints 12:00 noon  <b>Election results announced</b>
17	18 Special Senate meeting to hear complaints	19	20	21	22	23

\*Senate-approved referendum language may not be changed at this time.

# Amendment 1

## Senate Resolution 8-2017

Senate Constitution Amendment No. 6

Submitted by PATRICK FLANIGAN '18, Academics Committee Chair (on behalf of the USG Senate)

### Resolution

Amending the Senate Constitution to allow for the use of Instant Runoff Voting in the 2017 Winter Elections.

### Summary

Currently, the USG Constitution stipulates that the Winter Elections must conclude by the beginning of the winter recess. Given the current elections timeline, it would be impossible for a runoff to occur in the time remaining before winter recess while also following the rules set out in the elections handbook and the Constitution.

This amendment would allow the Elections Manager to implement a system of Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) to be used for the 2017 Winter Elections in order to follow the Constitution's prohibition on elections being held after the winter recess. It would only apply to the 2017 Winter Elections.

### Digest

- **Section 1:** This amendment lays out a specific case for the 2017 Presidential election. It requires the Elections Manager to use IRV and students to rank their choices 1-3. If a candidate wins a majority of first choice votes with all three candidates in the race, then they win outright. If not, then the third place candidate is eliminated and the voters for whom they were first choice have their votes reassigned to their second choice. The candidate with a majority of votes then wins.

EXPLANATION—Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter with ~~strikethrough~~ is material to be omitted.

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*Resolved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government (two-thirds of the Senate concurring),*

SECTION 1. Article VIII, Section 804 of the Senate Constitution is amended to read as follows:

### § 804. Voting; Runoffs

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CLASS OFFICER.—

*The following paragraph does not apply to the Winter 2017 election cycle.*

(A) EACH UNDERGRADUATE HAS ONE VOTE.—For the election of an Executive Officer or a Class Officer, each eligible undergraduate may cast 1 vote per office.

(B) ELECTION.—Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (C), the candidate for an Executive Officer office or a Class Government office who obtains a majority of votes cast shall be elected.

(C) FRESHMAN CLASS GOVERNMENT.—The 5 candidates for Freshman Class Government who obtain the most approval votes cast shall be elected.

(2) SENATOR, U-COUNCILOR, AND FRESHMAN CLASS GOVERNMENT.—

(A) APPROVAL VOTING.—The election for a Senator, a U-Councilor, and the Freshman Class Government shall be by approval voting.

(B) ELECTION OF SENATOR.—The 2 candidates for Senator who obtain the most approval votes cast shall be elected.

(C) ELECTION OF U-COUNCILOR.—The 10 candidates for U-Councilor who obtain the most approval votes cast shall be elected.

(3) ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE.—

(A) EXECUTIVE OFFICER; U-COUNCILOR.—Each undergraduate may vote in the election of an Executive Officer or a U-Councilor.

(B) SENATOR; CLASS OFFICER.—Each undergraduate in the corresponding class may vote in the election of a Senator or a Class Officer.

***(4) EXECUTIVE OFFICER—WINTER 2017 EXCEPTION:  
The following paragraph applies only to the Winter 2017 elections cycle:***

***(A) INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING.—The election for an Executive Officer shall be by instant runoff voting.***

***(B) TABULATION—FIRST ROUND.—***

***(i) If a candidate for an Executive Officer office obtains a majority of first-choice votes cast, that candidate shall be elected.***

***(ii) If no candidate for an Executive Officer office obtains a majority of first-choice votes cast and one candidate receives the least number of first-choice votes cast, that candidate will be eliminated from the election.***

***(iii) If no candidate for an Executive Officer office obtains a majority of first-choice votes cast and more than one candidate receives the least number of first-choice votes cast, whichever of the tied candidates was ranked lower than the***

*other on the majority of ballots will be eliminated from the election.*

*(iv) If no candidate is elected after the conclusion of this process, the tabulation proceeds into a subsequent round.*

**(C) TABULATION—SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS.—**

*(i) For the purposes of this subparagraph, a “modified first-choice vote” is defined as “the highest-ranked vote given to a non-eliminated candidate in a given round.”*

*(ii) If a candidate for an Executive Officer office obtains a majority of modified first-choice votes, that candidate shall be elected.*

*(iii) If no candidate for an Executive Officer office obtains a majority of modified first-choice votes and one candidate receives the least number of modified first-choice votes, that candidate will be eliminated from the election.*

*(iv) If no candidate for an Executive Officer office obtains a majority of modified first-choice votes cast and more than one candidate receives the least number of modified first-choice votes cast, whichever of the tied candidates was ranked lower than the other on the majority of ballots will be eliminated from the election.*

*(v) If no candidate is elected after the conclusion of this process, the tabulation proceeds into a subsequent round.*

*(vi) The tabulation process ends once a candidate has been elected.*

**(b) RUNOFFS.—**

**(1) EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CLASS OFFICER.—**

**(A) IN GENERAL.—**Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (B), if no candidate for an Executive Officer office or a Class Government office obtains a majority of votes cast, the 2 candidates who obtained the most votes cast shall enter a runoff election.

**(B) TIED CANDIDATES IF NO CANDIDATE OBTAINS MAJORITY.—**If no candidate for an Executive Officer office or a Class Government office obtains a majority of votes cast, and:

**(i) TIE FOR MOST VOTES.—**There is a tie between the candidates who obtained the most votes, then those tied candidates shall enter a runoff election.

**(ii) TIE FOR SECOND-MOST VOTES.—**There is 1 candidate who obtained the most votes and a tie between the candidates who obtained the second most votes, then those tied candidates and the candidate who obtained the most votes shall enter a runoff election.

(2) SENATOR, U-COUNCILOR, AND FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICER.—If there is a tie for the final office of Senator, U-Councilor, or Freshman Class Officer, the tied candidates shall enter a runoff election.