

A Bill

To Amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Bates College Student Government

WHEREAS, Article VI of the enumerated Bylaws provides for a review of the Constitution and enumerated Bylaws of the Bates College Student Government, by the Committee on the Elections and the Judiciary; and,

WHEREAS, the guidelines of the Committee on the Elections and the Judiciary provide for a mechanism of such a review, as approved by the Representative Assembly; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee on the Elections and the Judiciary has performed its review, soliciting input from the various members of the Bates College Student Government; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee on the Elections and the Judiciary has approved all of the amendments as are being submitted before the Full Assembly;

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. That the Representative Assembly adopts the amendments pertaining to the Constitution and the enumerated Bylaws, as proposed and discharged by the Committee on the Elections and the Judiciary.

Section 2. That all amendments to the Constitution and the enumerated Bylaws are to take effect immediately, as prescribed by the Constitution.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Amendments to the Constitution

1. Article I, Section 2, Subsection A:

Replace Two (2) with Five (5).

2. Article I, Section 2, Subsection F:

Strike “are one academic year” and replace with “shall last until the end of the academic year in which they were elected.”

3. Article I, Section 3, Subsection C:

Insert new section C ... “The Parliamentarian shall be elected by the Representative Assembly in an election run in accordance with Elections and Judiciary Committee Guidelines. The Parliamentarian shall Chair the Elections and Judiciary Committee and assume all powers and responsibilities granted in this Constitution, its Bylaws, and Robert’s Rules of Order.”

4. Article III, section 2.

Add “Parliamentarian of the Representative Assembly” after “Secretary of the Representative Assembly.”

5. Article V, Section 1

Change twenty-four (24) to thirty-six (36)

By-Laws Amendments

1. Article I, section 4

Insert new subsection C: Public Participation” after B : Ratification of Minutes from previous regular meeting(s) (if any)

2. Article III, Section 3

Strike all of Section 3, replace with “A representative is required be available for office hours with any constituent who asks for an appointment.”

3. Article IV, Section 2

Strike “at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting in question” and add “prior to the call to order at the meeting in question.”

4. Article VI, Section 1

Replace one (1) year with two (2) years

5. Article VI, Section 1, Subsection A

Add to the end of the subsection “in the year that the guidelines are due to be reviewed.”

6. Article VI, Section 1, Subsection B

Insert new section B : “All student committees shall review their guidelines before the end of fall semester each year, regardless of whether they must be approved by the Representative Assembly.”

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Monday, November 28, 2005:

Originally proposed

Representative Assembly conducted its first of a required two readings

Monday, January 8, 2006:

Representative Assembly conducted its second of a required two readings

Sunday, January 23, 2006:

Representative Assembly conducted a third reading

Passed