

## **Associated Students**

## Bill Number 🛣 👤

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Subject: Int	erim Senate Officer Appointme	nt Procedure	Date: 2/26/2020

Whereas:

The current Associated Students Senate officer appointment process is hindering the flexibility to fill unexpected vacancies of non-executive level Senators. Historically, having a lack of personnel in the organization's structure has affected its effectiveness to better serve and represent the diverse needs of students on campus. Therefore, it is imperative for the student government to reconsider its Senate appointment procedures and invite those students-at-large who are qualified to be interviewed for Senate position.

Whereas:

Proposal for the AS Senate Interim Officer Position:

Outside the time-frame of bi-annual Senate appointment interviews that are near the end of semesters, the students-at-large who meet the minimum requirements to apply as an AS Senators can be appointed as an AS Senator. Appointed Interim Senate Officers will assume the same rights and responsibilities of their respective peers.

Whereas:

A.S. Constitution Article VIII, Section 2:

"Section 2: The Senate shall consist of 16 Senators two of which shall serve as Senate Chairs. Each Senate seat shall have an assigned job description in addition to a core of general responsibilities. Senate appointments must be completed by the *fifth* week of the semester. Each Senator shall remain in his/her office for the entire semester and throughout the following semester unless action is taken against them."

## Addition to Article VII of AS Directive:

In case the Senate finds the need to fill empty Senate Positions, the Senate Chairs can submit a recommendation for interim-Senate Officer for the remainder of the semester.

- 1. Recommendation will be announced and placed on the next Agenda, with the 4<sup>th</sup> week being the last week to submit nominations.
- 2. Senate will vote on the Interim-Senator nomination, a majority vote needed to pass (By the fifth week).
- 3. Ratification will occur during Executive Board.

Whereas:

This proposal will benefit Associated Students and the Mt. SAC community at large by:

- 1. Allowing AS Senate to replenish its student leaders when deemed necessary. AS will be able to serve Mt. San Antonio College's student population in an efficient manner.
- 2. Welcoming the experiences and ideas of students-at-large. The decisions on student resolutions and appropriations will be more reflective of the surrounding events.
- 3. Combatting against a huge turnover rate caused by AS officers' transfer.

Therefore:

Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approve *Interim Senate Officer Appointment Procedure*.

A.S. Senate					
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A.S. Executive Board					
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A.S. President					
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