

THE SEVENTY FIRST STUDENT SENATE

Bill 70

Sponsored by: Senator Alvarez

A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FIRST STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 707.3 repurposing "Compulsory Referenda."

Read 1st Time: 9/4/19

Referred to Committee: SLAA, Judiciary, Rules

Committee Report: Amended in SLAA, 9/9. Tabled in Judiciary 9.18, 9.24. Passed Judiciary

10.1. Amended and passed in Rules 10.9.

Read 2nd Time: 10/9/19 Senate Vote: 31Y-2N-4A

Vice President of student Affairs

PASSED: OCTOBER 9, 2019

President of the Senate

Date

Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

Date

Director of the Student Body

Date

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Date

707.3 Compulsory Opinion Polls referenda

In addition to those <u>Opinion Questions</u> referenda proposed pursuant to Section <u>4</u> 2, Article VI, Student Body Constitution, and Student Body Statute <u>704.5 B.1.</u> <u>707.2</u>, the following <u>Opinion Questions</u> referenda shall automatically be submitted to the electors of the Student Body for approval or rejection during the fall <u>and spring</u> general election<u>s</u> as follows:

- 1. Non-Denominational Invocation at University Commencement
 Ceremonies
 - a. The question of whether the Student Body supports invocation exercises, or prayers led by student volunteers, to be conducted at the fall, spring, and summer commencement ceremonies, shall be submitted to the electors of the Student Body at each fall election.
 - b. The following statement shall be placed on the ballot:

Non-Denominational Invocation at University Commencement Ceremonies:

The invocation, or opening prayer, led by student volunteers, shall be conducted at the fall, spring, and summer graduation and commencement ceremonies for this academic year.

- 1. Each compulsory referendum shall require a majority vote of the electors of the Student Body to be approved.
- 1. Please answer Yes or No to the following questions
 - <u>a.</u> <u>Do you approve of the work done by the Student</u> Government?
 - b. Do you approve of the work done by the Student Senate
 - <u>c.</u> <u>Do you approve of the work done by the Student Executive</u> <u>Branch? (President, Vice President, etc.)</u>
 - d. Do you approve of the work by SGA Agencies/Bureaus?
 (Identity Student Unions, OGA, SCURC Office of

Governmental Affairs, Student Council for Undergraduate Research and Creativity, etc.)

Purpose & Description: The Union Board wants to create an efficient process to fill empty seats, to allow them to continue their work, and created this process to fill vacancies internal of the board. The Union Board has voted unanimously in favor of this bill.

Statute Number(s): 605.8 Vacancy in Union Board Membership 605

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A. In the case of Vacancy on the Union Board, the Union Board Chair will publish the application window, and hold one interest meeting, while the window is open. The application window must be open for ten (10) five (5) business days, and must be opened within twenty four (24) business hours one (1) business day of the Union Board being notified of the vacancy.

- B. The Union Board shall then conduct interviews with all those who applied. At least three (3)
 Union Board members must be present during all interviews. Interviews must be conducted within five (5) business days of closing the application window.
- C. The Union Board will then meet within seven (7) days and vote on each candidate in a manner set in the Union Board Policy Manual. The selected member will be sworn in at the next scheduled meeting of the Union Board.