



RESOLUTION No. 2014-15-5

AUTHORED BY: AS Executive Committee

REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL

ACTION APPROVED: November 6, 2014

SUBJECT: An Act to Amend the Associated Students Elections Code and Constitution

WHEREAS, the Associated Students Elections Code and Constitution currently requires candidates for all offices to be elected by ranked choice voting, and

WHEREAS, the system of ranked choice voting is not conducive in electing Council Representatives in multi seat elections, and

WHEREAS, a plurality based process for Council members would provide a simplified voting process.

Be it enacted by the Associated Students Council that the Associated Students Constitution be amended to read:

Article X, Section C

5. The Association shall use Ranked Choice Voting to elect ~~each office~~ Executive Officers. *The Association shall use a Plurality based system to elect Council Representatives.*

(...)

~~7. There shall be two (2) poll workers, appointed by the Elections Commission, at each voting station during the elections.~~

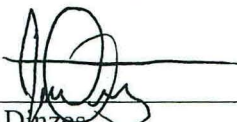
~~8. Council Representatives shall be elected on a plurality basis. Executive Officers must receive a majority of the ballots cast for that office. The Associated Students shall use the method of Ranked Choice Voting to establish the plurality necessary to elect Council Representatives and the majority necessary to elect Executive Officers.~~

Be it enacted by the Associated Students Council that the Associated Students Election Code be amended to read:

Section 15 Ranked Choice Voting Policies and Procedures

15.01 The Ballot shall allow voters to rank executive candidates in order of preference equal to the total number of candidates for each office. *Election of Council Representatives will not be by ranked ballot and will be elected on a plurality basis.* The ballot shall not interfere with a voter's ability to cast a vote for a qualified write-in candidate.

~~15.03 Council representative positions shall be elected by ranked choice voting. The candidate who received the fewest first choices shall be eliminated and each vote cast for the candidate shall be transferred to the next ranked candidate on that voter's ballot. This process of eliminating candidates and transferring their votes to the next ranked continuing candidates shall be repeated until the number of continuing candidates is equal to the number of vacant seats.~~


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