



Student Assembly

1 **Resolution 84: Clarifying Standards for Student** 2 **Assembly Communications Materials During** 3 **Election Season**

4 **Abstract:** This resolution seeks to enact amendments to the Student Assembly Bylaws that will
5 clarify the acceptable content of public-facing Assembly communications materials during
6 election season to ensure integrity in our elections.

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11 **Type of Action:** Internal Policy

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14 **Whereas,** the Student Assembly is a democratically elected legislative body that is committed to
15 free and fair elections,

16 **Whereas,** Section 6 of the Student Assembly Bylaws outlines the duties and responsibilities of
17 the Vice President for Communications,

18 **Whereas,** the Communications Committee is tasked with coordinating, creating and delivering
19 transparent, informational content to the student body throughout the term,

20 **Whereas,** that content often includes the names, initiatives, and discourses of Student Assembly
21 members in the interest of transparency and community engagement,

22 **Whereas,** “election season” begins when registration opens for Petitions for Candidacy, as
23 referred to in the The Election Rules of the Assembly, and ends after final election results have
24 been formally announced,

25 **Whereas,** excessive or praiseworthy focus on current Assembly members who are running for
26 reelection can be construed as institutional endorsement, an unfair advantage to the candidate in
27 question that undermines the election’s integrity.

28 **Be it therefore resolved,** that Section 6 of the Student Assembly Bylaws be amended to include
29 a ninth subsection, reading:



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- 30 9. Conform to the following standards during *election season*, hereon defined as the period
31 between when registration opens for Petitions for Candidacy and after final election results
32 have been formally announced;
- 33 a. in public-facing materials regarding recent Assembly business, include the names of
34 current Assembly members who are running for reelection (*contemporaneous*
35 *candidates*) only insofar as they are authors of a resolution or an amendment to one,
36 or made a procedurally/contextually relevant motion;
 - 37 b. Not delegate responsibility or grant liberty to contemporaneous candidates to deliver
38 or in any way be the face of public-facing Assembly communications materials;
 - 39 c. in the case that the Vice President for Communications is themselves a
40 contemporaneous candidate, not unilaterally deliver or post public-facing Assembly
41 communications materials without the approval of a second Communications
42 Committee Member who is not a contemporaneous candidate;
 - 43 d. appoint a Liaison to the Elections Committee who is a Communications Committee
44 Member but not a contemporaneous candidate, who will serve as a point of regular
45 contact to ensure that public-facing Assembly communications materials adhere to
46 The Election Rules of the Student Assembly and uphold the integrity of the election.

47 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly remains committed to ensuring the integrity of
48 its elections.

49 Respectfully Submitted,

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