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1 S.A. Resolution #19
2 Creating Internal Elections Rules
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6 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly needs to create rules for its internal elections;
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8 **Be it therefore resolved**, the following be added to the Standing Rules:
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10 Section 9: Internal Elections

- 11 A. Rule 1: With **one week's notice**, the VP of Internal Operations will notify Assembly
12 members of a position that needs to be filled.
- 13 B. Rule 2: Assembly members will have until the **Sunday night** prior to internal elections
14 to submit an application. For a position, an Assembly member will be asked to answer
15 the following two questions:
16 1. Why do you want to serve in this position?
17 2. Do you have the time to effectively commit to this role?
- 18 C. Rule 3: Assembly members will be aware of applicants by **Monday night**. They will be
19 able to have access to the answers of the applicants' questions. The means of viewing
20 this information is at the discretion of the VP of Internal Operations
- 21 D. Rule 4: Following the release of the applicants' questions, Assembly members can send
22 in statements of an applicant until the **Wednesday night** prior to an internal election.
23 Statements may only be **positive** and **in support** of a candidate. The statements will be
24 submitted via Google Form. Only the President, Vice President, and Parliamentarian of
25 the Student Assembly will be able to view submissions.
- 26 E. Rule 5: Statements will be released on **Wednesday night** for the full Student Assembly
27 to view. Statements will only be released if they positively reinforce a candidate. Each
28 statement will be attached with the submitter's name. A statement will be vetted if they
29 impose an *ad hominem* attack on an opposing candidate.
- 30 F. Rule 6: In the case of an Assembly member having an egregious claim that should
31 disqualify a candidate, they should submit the claim via Google Form to the President,
32 Vice President, and Parliamentarian. It is at the discretion of the President, Vice
33 President, and Parliamentarian in how to proceed. At a minimum, they are **required** to
34 explain their choice to the submitter. If the disqualifying claim is released, the submitter
35 **will not** be identified.
- 36 G. Rule 7: An internal election will proceed as follows:
37 1. Each candidate will be given **three minutes** to talk. It is a time to reiterate their
38 answers and add any additional material.
39 2. Following all of the candidates' speeches, the President will read aloud all of the
40 claims submitted and approved.
41 3. Following the reading aloud of claims, deliberations will go on for at maximum
42 fifteen minutes. During this time, Assembly members can solely reaffirm a
43 candidate of choice, or reaffirm a statement made by a candidate of choice. At
44 no time can an Assembly member engage in in *ad hominem* attacks on any



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- 45 candidate or intentionally make false statements against any candidate. In
46 addition, an Assembly member cannot add additional information that hasn't
47 been stated during the meeting. If an Assembly member violates this rule, the
48 President, Vice President, and Parliamentarian reserve the right to excuse the
49 Assembly member from the internal election and they will not be allowed to
50 vote.
- 51 H. Rule 8: The sequence of events illustrated must take place prior to an internal election. In
52 the case of a vacancy appearing that needs immediate filling via internal elections, the
53 timeline should be modified to fit accordingly.
- 54 I. Rule 9: Each candidate will document and release a log of all Assembly members that
55 they meet with in lobbying for a position. Each candidate will document who they met
56 with, the length of the meeting, and the material discussed. They will be released via the
57 medium of choosing of the VP of IOPS.
- 58 J. Rule 10: This process will also be implemented during the mass internal elections at the
59 end of the school year.

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61 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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64 *Undesignated Representative-At-Large, Student Assembly*
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66 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 6-0-0, 11/19/2019)*