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Bill to Amend the Senate Bylaws to Allow Flexibility in Scheduling Meetings

Whereas current Senate meetings tend to last for three hours or more; and

Whereas the current Senate Bylaws do not permit a great deal of flexibility in scheduling Senate meetings; and

Whereas the ability to hold weekly meetings would allow the Senate respond to time-critical issues without the necessity of calling an emergency meeting;

Be it resolved, by the Undergraduate Association assembled in Senate:

That Article IV, Section 4, Clause 1 of the Senate Bylaws, which currently reads (in part):

... In no case shall the Senate meet more than **eight** times during the Fall term, or **eight** times during the Spring term; nor shall the Senate convene less than six times during the Fall term, or seven times during the Spring term; nor shall fewer than seven calendar days separate meetings of the Senate. Meetings as aforementioned shall be construed to mean regularly scheduled meetings of the Senate.”

be replaced with the following:

... In no case shall the Senate meet more than **fifteen** times during the Fall term, or **fifteen** times during the Spring term; nor shall the Senate convene less than six times during the Fall term, or seven times during the Spring term; nor shall fewer than seven calendar days **or more than twenty-five calendar days** separate meetings of the Senate **within an academic term**. Meetings as aforementioned shall be construed to mean regularly scheduled meetings of the Senate.

and that Article V, Section 1, Clause 1(a), which currently reads:

Nominations for the office of Speaker shall occur at the **fifth regular meeting of the spring term**. Candidates for the position must be current or past voting members of the Senate. Elections will be held at the **sixth regular meeting of the spring term**. The Speaker-elect shall then be ineligible to hold any UA class office or Executive office position during the academic term (not including the summer term) following his election, regardless of resignation, except in the case of Presidential succession. The Speaker-elect shall take office at the **seventh** regular Senate meeting of the spring term.

be replaced with the following:



Nominations for the office of Speaker shall occur **during the first regular meeting falling in the month of April**. Candidates for the position must be current or past voting members of the Senate. Elections will be held **during a regular meeting no sooner than two weeks and no later than three weeks after the nominations meeting. When setting the Senate schedule (in accordance with Article IV, Section 4), the Speaker shall specify at which meetings nominations and elections shall occur.** The Speaker-elect shall then be ineligible to hold any UA class office or Executive office position during the academic term (not including the summer term) following his election, regardless of resignation, except in the case of Presidential succession. The Speaker-elect shall take office at the **last** regular Senate meeting of the spring term.”

Respectfully submitted,

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