75th Senate

Winter Session

S.R. 29C

Resolution Type: Constitutional

A Resolution To Update Article X of the Associated Students' Constitution

A resolution, brought by **Senator Leah Khorsandi,** joined by **Senator Dalia Gerson** and **Senator Enri Lala** to update Article X of the Associated Students' Constitution.

Whereas, *the Associated Students' Senate has faced issues where religious holidays such as Passover have overlapped with election events*

Whereas, *the current delegation of the Elections Board schedule does not allow for room in the case of overlap with religious holidays or in the case of natural disasters. This change will allow leeway in case of adverse situations inhibiting the actions and schedule of the Election.*

Whereas, *Jewish students make up ~13% of the UCSB undergraduate student population and deserve to be represented within the ASUCSB*[1]

Whereas, *Associated Students has a responsibility to ensure that the Elections Board schedule allows for all students to run and be represented in running for senate*

Whereas, *the language in the Constitution regarding finishing Election proceedings by the fifth week of Spring quarter constricts the Elections Board to make accommodations for religious holidays, such as Passover, which commonly occur concurrently with elections proceedings.*

[1] https://www.hillel.org/college/university-of-california-santa-barbara/

Therefore, be it enacted by Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled, the following clauses will be amended in the Associated Students' Constitution under ***Article X - ELECTIONS***

ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office of all elected officers of the Associated Students shall begin at the last regular meeting of the Senate of Spring quarter, approximately four (4) weeks following the completion of the General Election. The interim period between the election and installation of Senatorial officers will be designed as an orientation and training period. The term of office shall be approximately one (1) year.

SECTION 2. TIME OF ELECTIONS

General Elections shall be completed by the fifth (5th) week of the Spring quarter, unless a reasonable and timely extension is approved by a two-thirds (⅔) vote of the Senate and the Election Board in Consultation with the Executive Director. However, this extension shall not exceed the seventh (7th) week of the Spring quarter.

SECTION 3. ELECTION PROCEDURES

A. All Elections shall be by secret ballot.

B. All additional Election procedures and regulations shall be stated in The By-Laws.

Therefore, be it finally enacted by Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled, the following clauses will be amended in the Associated Students' Constitution following a two-thirds (⅔) affirmative vote with at least (20%) of the Associated Students' Membership voting.