



# Central Student Government

## Rules Committee

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14th Assembly

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## Rules Committee Report #15

Assembly Date: 11/04/24

Meeting Date: **11/03/2024**

Resolutions for Release:

- N/A

Resolutions for Return:

- **CA 14-003: A Procedural Constitutional Amendment to the Veto Process**
- **AR 14-046: A Procedural Resolution to Amend the Compiled Code and Operating Procedures to allow for non-Executive Authorized Signers, and to account for the removal of Authorized Signer status**

Call to order: **1:37 PM**

***Members of the Committee Present:*** Stefan Nielsen (Chair), Erin Neely (Vice Chair), Ryan Schmidt, Sabrina Yu, Reyhaneh Najafikoupaei, Daniel Pacious, Amina Safiedine, Curtiss Engstrom

***Members of the Committee Absent:*** Danah Owaida, Eric Veal Jr., Zachary Post

***Other Assembly Members Present:*** N/A

***Non-Assembly Members Present:*** Tyler Watt (SGC), Andrea Mujica (Intern), Patrick Szendro Arceo

**Quorum:** **[Met/Failed to meet]** (*Quorum is 6, including Chair and Vice Chair*)

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**For Release:** N/A

## **For Return:**

### **CA 14-003:** A Procedural Constitutional Amendment to the Veto Process

#### Notes on Discussion:

- Sponsors introduce the constitutional amendment to reduce the veto period to 5 days, in line with past Assemblies, for the sake of efficiency
  - SGC Intern Elizabeth spotted some errors that need to be corrected
- Tyler Watt questions whether we should pass this on Tuesday, so close to the November election; we can specify “the next ballot” as a failsafe, and the amendment is accepted
- Reyhaneh questions when the five days start/end; Tyler notes that we can always specify it in the Compiled Code, but intends to include at least part of the weekend
- Reyhaneh proposes an amendment to the ballot question
- Clerical amendments are accepted
- Stefan asks for any opposition to the amendment
- Tyler Watt raises a point of discussion to pass November; Curtiss states that that way it can be voted on on the November ballot
- Erin questions the worth of putting clerical amendments in the proposal
- Curtiss states clerical corrections are allowed to any document, except The Constitution
- Erin tries to clarify the meaning of “five days” (the blue text), but other members say that this is not needed
- Stefan clarifies Erin’s amendment is getting dropped
- Stefan takes a motion to vote and move the amendment to the floor
- Stefan clarifies the procedure for a simple majority vote and the passing of amendments to the floor for business

Vote on Resolution: Unanimous (motion carries)

### **AR 14-046:** Authorized Signer Flexibility Act

#### Notes on Discussion:

- Curtiss promotes flexibility in authorized signer procedures by not requiring them to be members of the Executive

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- Reyhaneh asks why there is a higher threshold for removing an authorized signer, and who qualifies to be nominated (is it literally any student?)
- Tyler says that an authorized signer could theoretically be anyone because we want CSJ, SOFC, etc. to be able to have one; Curtiss adds that the number of authorized signers we're even allowed to have is limited so that it won't be given out freely
- Tyler says that requiring a supermajority to remove a government official is common parliamentary law, to prevent abuse
- Stefan clarifies whether any ex officio authorized signer can also have their status revoked by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the Assembly; Tyler notes that Congress has the power of the purse in our federal system
- Erin questions under what circumstances the assembly could revoke someone's authorized signer status, asking whether stealing CSG's funds would be enough to get removed from an authorized signer status
- Erin asks if someone has their authorized signer status removed, would that require impeachment if the status removed is ex officio
- Stefan states that not necessarily, but would depend on the specific case

Vote on Resolution: Unanimous (motion carries)

### General Discussion:

- Stefan reminds the Committee that we are custodians of the governing documents, and we can do clerical edits on anything except the Constitution
- Stefan suggests a small resolution to streamline the Compiled Code Sections VII and VIII
- Erin asks whether we should consolidate trainings, especially if they are not needed and/or not enforced
- Curtiss notes that the Vice Speaker is working on scheduling trainings for this year
- Curtiss reminds everyone to VOTE in federal/state/local elections, recommends Vote411 for research, and advertises the Grad Gala from RSG
- Erin congratulates the Michigan football team on a hard-fought game and asks for contacts in the athletic department

Adjourned: **2:25 PM**

Electronic approval of the report without objection from the Members.

Attest:

*Stefan Nielsen*

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