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**TO: The Entire Susquehanna Student Body**

**FROM: The Student Government Association**

**RE: Referendum Election**

My name is Edward Hubbard and I am the Parliamentarian of the Student Government Association of Susquehanna University. One of my obligations as the Parliamentarian is to conduct all elections held by the Student Government Association.

Currently, SGA is in the process of amending and editing our Constitution. In order to do so, the Senate needed a 2/3 majority vote to agree upon the amendments and edits. The amendments and edits are attached to this letter.

Here is a brief summary of what each amendment and edit sought to achieve. The first amendment outlines requirements regarding Annual Recognition forms. The second changes one responsibility of the Diversity, Chapel, and S.U.N. Council Liaisons. The next edit adds a rule regarding campaign posters. The following four edits are changes and clarifications of election dates for all SGA positions. Then, the addition of Class Officer meeting requirements was added. Finally is a change to impeachment proceedings concerning the addition of mandatory Class Officer meetings.

In accordance with the SGA Constitution, each amendment must be approved by a majority of the student body voting in referendum. This election will take place on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Voting will take place online at [www.susqu.edu/vote](http://www.susqu.edu/vote). The election will last for 24 hours, starting at midnight on March 10<sup>th</sup> and ending at 11:59 p.m. that night.

I encourage all of you to vote in this election. Voting is a great way to make your opinions and voice heard on campus. If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email at [hubbard@susqu.edu](mailto:hubbard@susqu.edu).

Thank you,

Edward Hubbard  
SGA Parliamentarian, Class of 2010

## Proposed Amendments/Edits

### Annual Recognition Form Amendment – (Amendment 6)

The Annual Recognition Form must be submitted to the Office of Campus Activities prior to the close of the third week of a semester, in order for funding to be released and for an organization to retain other privileges (major university event inclusion-- Homecoming, Relay for Life, etc.; room/table requests and registration; securing an organization mailbox and/or locker; permission to fundraise on campus; permission to hang posters on campus; etc.). This completed form should include all updates in membership roster, officer positions, advisor information, and meeting times. If the initial Annual Recognition Form (for a specific academic year) is not received prior to the close of the fall semester, any SGA allocated funding will be frozen for the remainder of the academic year, and will not be disbursed to the delinquent organization.

### Amendment to Amendment 4

The Diversity Council, Chapel Council, and S.U.N. Council shall each select a representative to attend all Student Government Association meetings. Each representative shall enjoy all the privileges and responsibilities of a Senator, except that of serving on a Liaison committee, as well as report the activities of their councils to the Senate. A 2/3 vote of consent by the Senate is required for each representative to enjoy the privileges and responsibilities of a Senator.

### Edit to Article II, Section 1, C, 5 – Campaign Rules and Regulations

(5) All candidates are responsible for their posters and must have them taken down within 48 hours after elections. Failure to remove posters can lead to disqualification of the candidate(s).

### Edit to Article II, Section 2, A, 1 – Scheduling of Election Dates for Executive Officers

1. On the second Tuesday following ~~the first Monday of March~~ Spring Recess, the Elections Committee shall conduct elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Student Government Association. Elections will last a full forty-eight hours.

### Edit to Article II, Section 3, A, 1 – Scheduling of Election Dates for Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Officers

1. On the Tuesday before last Tuesday of April ~~the last SGA meeting of the academic year~~, the Election Committee shall conduct elections for the senior, junior, and sophomore classes of the following school year.

### **Edit to Article II, Section 3, B, 1 and 2 – Scheduling of Election Dates for Freshman Class Officers**

1. On the first Tuesday of the first week of classes in the fall semester following the general elections for the senators of the SGA Senate, the Election Committee shall conduct freshman class officer elections.
2. ~~On the third Monday~~During Freshman Orientation before the election, it shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to announce to the student body that notifications of candidacy will be accepted through campus mail or email.

### **Addition of Article II, Section 4 – Scheduling of Election Dates for Senators**

#### Section 4.--Regulations for senator elections

##### (A) Scheduling of election dates.

1. On the Tuesday after the freshman class officer elections, the Election Committee shall conduct senator elections.
2. During the week freshman class officer elections are held, it shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to announce to the student body that notifications of candidacy will be accepted through campus mail or email. Only persons who register at that time shall have their names on the official sample and voting ballots. Applicants will be accepted for the office of Senator.

### **Addition of Article III, Section 3, 3**

3. Class Officers shall hold meetings with their senators on at least a biweekly basis in order to discuss matters pertaining to their class project(s). Attendance at these meetings shall be recorded by the Class President and reported to the Secretary.

### **Edit to Article III, Section 5 – Impeachment**

2. The Executive Board may initiate impeachment proceedings without presentation of petition against any of its members or Senator who may have:

- (a) Missed a total of two Senate meetings without valid excuses; or,
- (b) Missed a total of two class meetings or committee meetings without valid excuses; or,