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LOYOLA CHICAGO

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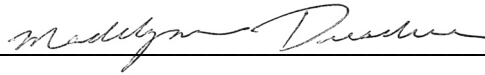
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- ¹Whereas,** According to page 9 of the Articles of Governance, hereafter referred to as the Articles, of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago, hereafter referred to as the SGLC, the mission of the Governance Committee is as follows:
- “The Governance Committee shall be concerned with evaluating the effectiveness and correctness of the Articles of Governance, and shall draft amendments as necessary in order to maintain consistency, accuracy, and clarity throughout the Articles of Governance,”* and
- ²Whereas,** The Articles state in Chapter 8, Article 23
- “§8. Voting Period: The Voting Period for each Election of the SGLC shall be the duration of time during which voting shall take place.”*
- ³Whereas,** The Spring and Fall Election Voting Period is stated as follows:
- “(D) The Voting Period for each Spring Election shall conclude no later than four weeks prior to the final day of the Spring semester.*
- (E) The Voting Period for each Fall Election shall begin no later than four weeks following the first day of the Fall semester.”* , and
- ⁴Whereas,** The phrasing “no later than four weeks” does not define, in sufficient detail, a timeline in order to create an approximately consistent year-to-year Voting Period, and
- ⁵Whereas,** The transitional period following Spring Elections between outgoing term members and newly elected members is not consistent and often not sufficient as a result of the broad phrasing, and
- ⁶Whereas,** The Articles should create and maintain a standard and limited time frame in which the Voting Period shall occur, and
- ⁷Whereas,** The Articles should create and allow a consistent and sufficient period of time in which newly elected members may transition into their prospective roles, and

- ⁸Whereas,** Furthermore, the Articles state in Chapter 8, Article 23
- “§4. Candidate Meetings: The Election Board shall, prior to each Election of the SGLC, conduct Candidate Meetings, during which the Election Board shall inform candidates on the deadlines and policies for participation in the respective Election of the SGLC.”*, and
- ⁹Whereas,** The minimum required number of Candidate Meetings are written as follows:
- “(A) A minimum of thirty Candidate Meetings shall be held within the thirty days prior to the beginning of the Campaign Period of each Spring Election.*
- i. A minimum of six Candidate Meetings for each Spring Election shall be held at the Water Tower Campus.*
- (B) A minimum of ten Candidate Meetings shall be held within the fourteen days prior to the beginning of the Campaign Period of each Fall Election.”*, and
- ¹⁰Whereas,** The required Candidate Meeting number does not reflect our current practices and furthermore, is not beneficial nor necessary in order to accommodate Candidates.
- ¹Be It Enacted,** That Chapter 8, Article 23, Subsection 1D shall be amended to read:
- “(D) The Voting Period for each Spring Election shall take place in the Spring semester and begin no sooner than two full weeks prior to the end of March and conclude no later than the first full week of the month of April.”*, and
- ²Be It Enacted,** That Chapter 8, Article 23, Subsection 1E shall be amended to read:
- “(E) The Voting Period for each Fall Election shall begin no sooner than two full weeks and conclude no later than four weeks following the first day of the Fall semester.”*, and
- ³Be It Enacted,** That Chapter 8, Article 23, Subsection 4B shall be removed from the Articles as currently read and Subsection 4A will be amended to read:

“(A) Candidate meetings shall be offered per the discretion of the Election Board in order to accommodate all candidates seeking a candidate meeting.”