



Associated Students

Bill Number 13

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Whereas:	The purpose of this bill is to amend the Associate Student Constitution to implement separate candidate tickets for executive board positions. Running candidates in pairs has several drawbacks, such as limiting the pool of candidates and the potential for one member of the ticket to not be qualified or suitable for the position they are running for. Separate candidate tickets will allow for a more democratic and competitive election process, where each candidate can run and be evaluated based on their own merits.
Whereas:	In the past, elections for the positions of A.S. President and A.S. Vice President, as well as Inter Club Co-chairs, were conducted with candidates running on the same ticket, limiting the number of qualified and suitable individuals who could run for office. This system resulted in a lack of diversity in candidate pools and the potential for one member of the ticket to not be fully qualified or suitable for the position they were running for, thereby undermining the credibility of the election process.
Whereas:	<p>The change of the A.S. elections would ensure a more democratic and competitive election process as it results in an increase of participation of candidates, greater promotion of each member of the Senate and their expressed qualifications, and suitability to serve their student body to the best of their ability. Separate candidate tickets will promote fairness, transparency, and accountability in the election process for each candidate. Providing the student body with a wider range of candidates to choose from, thereby ensuring the election of the best possible candidate for each position.</p> <p>The Mt. Sac community benefits greatly from the change of individual running positions such as; more participation with students who want to run individually, more qualifications needed for each candidate, and an increase of voters. This amendment can result in a more inclusive, aware student government, a newer perspective of A.S. elections, and a more accurate representation of the needs of the Mt. Sac community.</p>

Whereas:	ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS Section 3 Proposed Revision: The A.S. President and A.S. The Vice President shall run for office on individual tickets. The Inter Club Co-chairs shall run for office on individual tickets. The two Senate Chairs shall each run on individual tickets. The Student Trustee shall run on an individual ticket.
Therefore:	Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approves <u>the A.S. Constitution Update for Election Candidates.</u>

A.S. Senate	
For: <u>12</u> Against: <u>0</u> Abstain: <u>0</u>	Date: <u>2/28/23</u>
A.S. Executive Board	
For: <u>4</u> Against: <u>0</u> Abstain: <u>1</u> <u>Juan Mendez</u>	Date: <u>2/28/23</u>
A.S. President	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Veto	Signature: <u>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>3/20/23</u>