



## Senate Resolution 129

### *Motion to Amend the Bylaws of the Student Senate*

Presented by Sens. Kochevar & Litherland  
First reading on 09/13/2010

- WHEREAS certain areas of the Constitution of the Valparaiso University Student Senate have left open serious questions on many procedural issues; and,
- WHEREAS the Student Senate would benefit from resolving these issue as it moves forward with the changes in the university; and therefore be it
- RESOLVED that BYLAW XXIV, Section E be amended by adding a new Clause 3 stating:  
“In order to ensure that the polling locations are neutral and free of undue influence upon the voters, all campaigning; both informal and formal, shall not be conducted by any candidate or representative within sight of the ballot box. Violation of this section shall be grounds for immediate disqualification of the candidate by the Elections Committee.” Be it further
- RESOLVED that BYLAW XXIV, Section I be amended by adding a new Clause 14 stating:  
“Upon the signing of the second statement the Elections Committee Chair shall prepare a “Certificate of Elections” form stating that the student was elected by his constituents to the office they were a candidate of for the specific term that will begin on a certain date. The form shall be signed by the Elections Committee Chair, and the President of the Student Body. This form must be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Student Senate before the student takes the oath of office. The form shall be written in the following for the President and Vice President of the Student Body:
- “Certificate of Election for the Office of (insert title here) of the Student Body
- To the Executive Secretary of the Valparaiso University Student Senate:
- This is to certify that on the \_ day of \_, 20\_\_, (name) was duly chosen by the students of Valparaiso University to be (name of office) to represent said constituents as an Executive Officer of the Student Senate for the term of one academic year, beginning on the \_ day of \_, 20\_\_.”
- The form shall be written in the following for the Student Senators:  
“Certificate for Election for the (insert name of seat) Seat of the Valparaiso University Student Senate
- To the Executive Secretary of the Student Senate:
- This is to certify that on the \_th day of April, 20\_\_,(name) was duly chosen by the students of Valparaiso University a Student Senator to represent all (name of

office) to represent said constituents as an Executive Officer of the Student Senate for the term of one academic year, beginning on the \_ day of \_, 20\_\_.”

The form shall be written in the following for the Student Senators:  
“Certificate for Election for the (insert name of seat) Seat of the Valparaiso University Student Senate

To the Executive Secretary of the Student Senate:

This is to certify that on the \_the day of April, 20\_\_(name) was duly chosen by the students of Valparaiso University a Student Senator to represent all (name of constituency) students in the Valparaiso University Student Senate for the term of one academic year, beginning on or after the 20\_\_ Fall Organizational Meeting.” Be it further

RESOLVED That BYLAW XXIV be amended by adding at new Section J stating:

Section J Term of Office

Clause 1 The term of office for the President and Vice President of the Student Body shall begin upon taking the oath of office as outlined in Bylaw III, Section A during the end of the last Student Senate meeting of that term and last until their successor takes the same oath at the same point in time in the following year.

Clause 2 The term of office for the Senators of the Student Senate shall begin upon their taking of the oath of office as outlined in Bylaw III, Section B at the beginning of the Fall Organizational Meeting and last until the Student Senate adjourns sine die at the end of the following Spring Semester.

Respectfully Submitted,

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