

Dear Fellow Mountaineers,

On behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA) of West Virginia University, we want to inform you of a proposed amendment to the SGA Constitution which will overhaul the structure of our current Legislative Branch and allow for more student representation within our organization. We believe that our current system, consisting of a 15 member Board of Governors, is no longer effective in representing the needs and various perspectives of our nearly 30,000 students on WVU's campus. With this proposed change, we hope to increase the efficiency and ability for the Student Government Association to represent all students on our campus.

With the new system, we propose the creation of a Student Assembly comprised of Student Senators and College Representatives. There will be 17 students elected at-large by the student body to the Senate during the spring SGA elections. In addition, two representatives each will be elected from nine colleges during the Homecoming elections each fall for a total of 18 College Representatives. The College Representatives will be elected by students within their respective college and will serve these students, having the same powers and privileges of voting that the current Board of Governors has today. With two different election cycles, we should see a decrease in turnover for the Student Government Association each year, and students will be working year-round on initiatives and programs to improve student life on campus.

This model is utilized at all other Big 12 schools and many other institutions across the country and is proven to increase the impact that student government has on their respective campuses. In addition to the proposed amendments listed above, we are proposing the addition of a Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs to our Executive Branch. This position will serve as a liaison between the Graduate and Professional Student Senate and the Student Government Association. We are also proposing a restructuring of the current Judicial Board, which, as of now, is comprised of five law students, two graduate students and two undergraduate students. If approved, the Judicial Board will become known as the Judicial Court and will be comprised of three law students, three graduate students, and three undergraduate students to ensure equal representation for all students on any cases brought before the Judicial Court.

As our University undergoes massive changes, the Student Government Association wants to ensure that the needs of all students are being met and their concerns are constantly being voiced. The amendment concerning this new system has passed unanimously through the Board of Governors and must now be voted on by the student body before any changes can officially be made to the Student Government Association Constitution. In order for us to put this new system in place during the upcoming school year, we need the full support of our fellow students, and a vote will take place in the Mountainlair from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and in the Rec Center from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. this Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

We appreciate your ongoing support as we move our student body and University forward, creating a better campus and student life for future generations of Mountaineers.

Sincerely,



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