

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Bill: AB-2025-10-01
**AN ASSEMBLY BILL TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

Short Title: Legislative Vacancy Amendments

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Whereas, according to Article V, Section III of the SGA Bylaws, the purpose of the Governing Documents Committee is to, “Critically evaluate the relevance and purpose of this organization’s governing documents”; and,

Whereas, upon evaluation of the SGA Constitution, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee, collectively voted on the following proposed

amendment; and,

Whereas, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee believe the following proposed amendments will allow for the accountability of the Executive Branch regarding Legislative Vacancies, as well as allowing for checks and balances within the Student Government,

Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: The following changes concerning legislative vacancies laid forth throughout the SGA Constitution and set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall take effect upon approval by the student body during the General Election:

Article V, Section 5.4, Subsection 5.4.1, Clause A shall be amended as:

a. Approve or deny all SGA Presidential executive appointments of Officers and Directors. Vacancy appointments not submitted within thirty (30) days of said vacancy may be filled by the Assembly upon two-thirds (2/3) majority approval;

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Article X, Section 10.1, Clause A shall be amended as:

- a. Any appointed position within the **Executive Branch of the** Student Government Association ~~that originally required Student assembly approval~~, which becomes vacant shall be filled by presidential appointment with two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Student Assembly, as previously described in this Constitution;

Article X, Section 10.1, Clause C, Subsections 7 through 9 shall be amended as:

- 7. The thirty (30) academic day period for filling a vacancy shall begin upon the official declaration of the vacancy by the member. The Select Committee on Legislative Vacancies and Appointments must, within this thirty (30) academic day period, select a nominee, ensure the nominee**

testifies in an open session before the Student Assembly—including a period for questions and answers—and ensure the Student Assembly votes on the nomination.

- a. Academic days are defined as days during which the University is open and on-campus classes are officially in session. If classes are canceled for the entire campus, for any portion of a day, the day will not be deemed an academic day.
8. If no appointment is made within the thirty (30) academic day period, the Student Assembly may appoint a qualified student to the vacant position by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Any such appointment must follow the application, testimony, and interview procedures outlined in subsections 2 through 5 of this clause.
 9. If the Select Committee fails to convene or take action within twenty (20) academic days of the official declaration of vacancy, the Student Assembly shall assume responsibility for the nomination and appointment process as outlined above.
 10. If a vacancy arises after February 1, the above clauses shall be voided and a Select Committee on Legislative Vacancies shall not have to convene and the Student Assembly shall not have the right to appoint a qualified student to the vacancy position by a two-third (2/3) vote.

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