

RESOLUTION NUMBER: SRW-5-2010

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: Referendum of a new ASSOU Constitution

SPONSORS OF RESOLUTION: Senator Corey Metcalfe

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS the current constitution of ASSOU is outdated, inflexible and restrictive to the point of absurdity, and

WHEREAS the legislature has the power to send any matter to a vote of the student body, and

WHEREAS the student body has the power to make amendments to the ASSOU constitution, and

WHEREAS members of all three branches of ASSOU have come together in constitutional convention to draft a new constitution and a new way for our organization,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ASSOU Senate does hereby send to referendum the following issue: “Should we, the students, by way of a no vote on this referendum, keep our current constitution and way of operating our student government, or should we, by way of a yes vote on this referendum, replace our constitution with the attached document?”, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the elections committee shall attach the following explanation of the differences between our current constitution and the referred one to the ballot: “Generally speaking, the proposed constitution is different from the current ASSOU constitution in the following ways:

1. It provides a bill of rights for students.
2. It requires separation of powers between the branches of government.
3. It removes specific titles and positions from the executive cabinet, allowing the student body president to determine those positions.
4. It provides a new council to define the overarching vision of student organizations on campus and to act for the student government in situations when the student government is not in session.
5. It establishes a more powerful and engaged judicial branch.
6. It requires that the student body president, vice president, senators and members of the judicial branch be paid.
7. It grants all branches of government the right to set rules relating to that branch’s proscribed duties and powers.
8. It charges specific branches of government with specific duties and grants them powers to carry out those duties.

9. It institutes a system whereby each branch of government shall be held to a code of conduct, overseen by the judicial branch.
10. It requires only a spring election, rather than both a spring and a fall election.
11. It allows the senate to determine which seats exist on the senate and what the requirements are for those seats.
12. It formally establishes a relationship between ASSOU and athletics, the inter-club council, and the residence hall association.
13. It expands the role of student government in academics.
14. It grants the executive branch the right to create committees and task-forces.
15. It places the burden of running elections in the hands of the executive, rather than the legislative branch.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT should the aforementioned referendum pass a vote of the student body that the new constitution shall be immediately adopted upon announcement of certification of the election by the chair of the Elections Committee.

FIRST READING: __1/26/10__

SECOND READING: __2/2/10__

ACTION OF SENATE: PASSED BY _____ OR, DID NOT PASS BY _____

ACTION OF ASSOU PRESIDENT: