Amendment Proposal for the Constitution of

William Paterson University

Student Government Association

Senator Making Proposal: Jacahri K. Smith   **Position:** Vice President of JRB

Date of Proposal: 10-21-15

Date of Judicial Review Board Hearing: 10-22-15   **Vote Count:** 9-0-0

Date of Executive Board Hearing: 10-22-15   **Vote Count:** 6-0-0

Date of 1st Senate Hearing: 10-27-15   **Vote Count:** 39-0-1

Date of 2nd Senate Hearing: 11-03-15   **Vote Count:** 36- 0 - 0

Date of Official Ratification: 11/03/15   **Date of Enforcement:** 11/03/15

Proposal Abstract:

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the current contradiction that occurs within the two vacancy clauses within the constitution. In addition, in the instance when there is no qualified senator within the respective committee, this will allow the SGA President to nominate an eligible senator to fulfil the roll.

Original clause, statute, by-law, article, section, duty or statement:

Section D: Vacancies:
1. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President or the Executive Vice President, the following order of succession will occur: Executive Vice President will assume as President; President will temporarily ensure the Executive Vice President duties will be completed until a new member is elected or a qualified Senator is temporarily appointed. The President has the power to temporarily assign or assume duties as they see fit.
2. A vacancy in the office of any Vice President shall be filled temporarily by a qualified SGA member who shall be nominated by the SGA President and Confirmed through a two-thirds [2/3] vote of the Senate until an election can be held.
   a. At the same meeting the nominee is confirmed at; the Senate must then decide, by simple majority vote, if an election is warranted or if the nominee will hold the Vice President position through the end of the current term. If an election is ordered, the Executive Board will follow the process as per the Elections Guidelines "Special Elections" clause.
3. Any SGA Senate member who wishes to resign from their position should do so through a letter stating their resignation directed to their respective Vice President, if applicable, the SGA President and the Senate.

Proposed changes, amendments, additions, striking or clarifications:

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2. A vacancy in the office of any Vice President shall be filled temporarily by a ~~qualified~~ SGA senator ~~member who shall be nominated by the SGA President~~ and confirmed through a two-thirds [2/3] vote of the Senate until an election can be held.
   a. The President, shall appoint a Senator from the respective committee to assume duties until an election takes place
      i. If there are no eligible senators within the respective committee who wish to take the appointment, the SGA President may nominate an eligible member of the Senate to be approved.
   b. At the same meeting the nominee is confirmed at; the Senate must then decide, by simple majority vote, if an election is warranted or if the nominee will hold the Vice President position through the end of the current term. If an election is ordered, the Executive Board will follow the process as per the Elections Guidelines "Special Elections" clause.

3. Any SGA Senate member who wishes to resign from their position should do so through a letter stating their resignation directed to their respective Vice President, if applicable, the SGA President and the Senate.

Signatories:

1.) Signature: _____ Name Printed: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____

2.) Signature: _____ Name Printed: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____

3.) Signature: _____ Name Printed: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____

Ascensions (Those acceding to proposal after minimum number of signatories are met):

4.) Signature: _____ Name Printed: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____

5.) Signature: _____ Name Printed: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____

6.) Signature: _____ Name Printed: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____