

**Senate Bill**

**Act Number: 2022-9**

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**Introduced by: Senate President Ashley Gomez**

**Proposed by: Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy & Chief Panelist Victor Oluwagbemi**

**Whereas:** The Student Government Association (SGA) of Ramapo College of New Jersey is the liaison body to the Faculty, Staff, Administration, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Governors of Ramapo College of New Jersey;

**Whereas:** The Judicial Branch of the SGA is currently comprised of the Judicial Panel;

**Whereas:** The Judicial Panel was initially tasked with parliamentary procedure, mediation, and deliberation on issues pertaining to the SGA Constitution, Bylaws, and internal disciplinary topics;

**Whereas:** SGA Leadership & Advisors have determined that the Judicial Panel, in its current state, is not effectively performing duties initially assigned;

**Whereas:** A functioning & effective Judicial Branch will increase organizational effectiveness in the areas of procedure, conduct, discipline, and constitutionality;

**Whereas:** Constitutional amendments and major Constitutional revisions must be introduced by any currently serving Senator;

**Whereas:** Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be passed by 3/4ths vote of the Senate;

**Whereas:** Quorum required to ratify amendments and revisions to the Constitution is 2/3rds of the Senate;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The SGA will amend the Constitution to reflect a restructuring of the Judicial Panel to better complement the mission of the SGA.

**Proposed:** The amendments to the Constitution are summarized below:

1. Restructuring the panel to 3 positions: Chief Justice, Procedural Justice, & Conduct Justice
  - a. New Responsibilities of the Chief Justice:
    - i. Lead the Judicial Panel
    - ii. Chair the Electoral Committee
    - iii. Act as Liaison to the Office of Student Conduct
    - iv. Lead internal mediation
    - v. Constitutional review w/ President
  - b. New Responsibilities of the Procedural Justice:
    - i. Serve on Electoral Committee
    - ii. Serve on Club Process Committee & advise clubs w/ constitution creation
  - c. New Responsibilities of the Conduct Justice:
    - i. Serve on Electoral Committee
    - ii. Serve on College Disciplinary Review Board
    - iii. Oversee internal membership requirements
  - d. Appointments:
    - i. Chief Justice appointed by President & Senate President w/ Senate confirmation
    - ii. Procedural & Conduct Justices appointed by President & Chief Justice w/ Senate confirmation
2. Justices will provide guidance on bills before presentation to Senate
3. Removal of parliamentary responsibilities, constitutional assessment & Judicial Panel Manual
4. New Standing Committee: Electoral Committee
  - a. Membership:
    - i. Chief Justice, *Chair*
    - ii. Procedural Justice
    - iii. Conduct Justice
    - iv. Senate President
    - v. Senate Vice President
    - vi. Vice President
    - vii. Secretary of Public Relations

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