

**Senate Bill**

**Act Number: 2023-01**

**23 January 2023**

**Introduced by: Senate Ashley Gomez, Senate Vice President Aime Lara**

**Proposed by: SGA President Paolo Miyashiro**

**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 Constitution of the Student Government Association directs that in the instance vacancies are in the Senate, any such vacancies shall be filled through the Interim Election of eligible candidates by the Senate;

**Whereas:** The Constitution of the Student Government Association defines the role and involvement of a Senator as a student who represents the student body by exercising their vote on associated issues and hearing their concerns, as well as creating resolutions to pass on to the administration of Ramapo College;

**Whereas:** In the event of a vacancy in the position of Senate, an interim election shall be held in the following manner: The Senate must pass election legislation by a two-thirds majority to initiate an election. The Secretary of Public Relations will advertise the vacancy to the student population;

**Whereas:** The Constitution of the Student Government Association requires all legislation pertaining to Interim Elections for the vacant position of Senator-at-Large be passed by a two-thirds vote of the Senate;

**Whereas:** The Bylaws of the Student Government Association require that newly inaugurated Senators be trained prior to their first post-inaugural Senate meeting;

**Whereas:** As of January 18th, one Senator-at-Large seat is vacant;

**Resolved:** This legislation must be passed by a two-thirds vote of the Senate and shall render itself null should this qualification fail to be met;

**Proposal:** The Senate shall conduct a Senate Election under the following stipulations:

1. All candidates must complete an Archway application in order to be eligible.
2. The format of the application shall be designed and proposed by the SGA President and Senate Leadership.

3. All candidates shall meet the requirements to be a Senator as stated in the Constitution.
4. There shall be no campaigning or formation of Parties by eligible candidates.
5. This Interim Election shall occur within the following timeline:
  - a. 01/23 at 8pm: Legislation introduced and passed by Senate
  - b. Promotion begins immediately after approval of legislation
  - c. 01/25 at 8am: Application Opens on Archway
  - d. 02/1 at 11:59pm: Application Deadline
    - i. **\*\*There is no need for a Candidates' Meeting so long as all approved Candidates receive proper communication about what to expect at the Senate Meeting\*\***
  - e. 02/06 at 8pm: Senate Presentations & Election
    - i. The elected Senator-at-Large will take office effective immediately
    - ii. Should the need arise, Senate Leadership reserves the right to edit the above timeline without needing approval from the Senate.
6. The Senate shall, through a majority vote, elect one candidate for one Senator-at-Large position.
7. The winning candidate shall be trained by the Senate President prior to the first Senate Meeting following their inauguration.

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