

Amendments

After reviewing the amendments that were proposed during the constitutional convention on April 7, the General Assembly has voted on the final amendments that will be voted on by the student body in the general election. The amendments committee has put together the text of all the amendments, has assorted them into 6 different amendments. The changes include new positions, a revised line succession, more transparency with the functions of the student government, among many others. The following is an outline of the amendments being passed and the reason for their proposal.

Amendment 1:

A revised and restructured constitution

Full addition YSU VP of Class Affairs (now Junior and Senior)

YSU VP of Clubs (senior and Junior)

Troubleshooting hierarchy for all councils and ineligibility rules

YCSA, SYMSSC Secretary/Treasurer changed to Treasurer

Cannot be on GA and be a club head, president, co-president, or on executive board

Article for SLC

Explanation: This amendment contains more changes than any other amendment. Some of the changes are minor, like changing the name of all Secretary/Treasurer positions to just Treasurer, and removing the position of Sergeant At Arms. Another minor change is the restructuring of the articles. For example, all student councils have their own article instead of containing every council's rules in one large article. This amendment will also add another restriction to members of the GA, barring them from being “a club head, president, co-president, or sit on an executive board of a club.” It will only allow seniors to serve as the YSU VP of Clubs. The amendment will also reinstate the YSU VP of Class affairs who will have to be at least a junior. The Student Life Committee will now have an article governing its roles and responsibilities. Students who run for office will no longer be required to garner one-third or 500 signatures of the body they wish to represent. Instead, the Canvassing will have the power to make its own by-laws regarding qualifications to be on the ballot.

Amendment 2: Addition Of Katz School Representative

Text: 1. *The Katz Undergraduate School (KUS) Representative shall serve the students of The Katz School, and shall be the representative of the Katz Undergraduate School students in all matters of specific interest to these students.*

2. *The KUS Representative will operate as part of the Yeshiva Student Union and will report to the Yeshiva Student Union President*

3. *The KUS Representative must be a sophomore in good standing and a full-time student of the Katz School for at least two semesters prior to taking office.*

4. *The KUS Representative will be elected in the Spring Elections.*

5. *If the KUS Representative is permanently unable to perform his duties or is removed from office before or including March 1, an election shall be held within two weeks to fill the position. If the vacancy occurs on or after March 1, the YSU President will select a new KUS Representative subject to GA approval.*

6. *The KUS Representative can serve as a member of the Canvassing Committee, or may appoint another student from The Katz School in his stead.*

Explanation: Students in the Katz Undergraduate School do not pay the student activity fee, but are part of the undergraduate student body. The Katz Students are eligible to run and vote for the Freshman and Sophomore Representatives. After consideration of these facts, it was decided that giving the Katz School its own representative was the most appropriate course of action.

Amendment 3: Addition Of A Makor Representative

Text: 1. *The candidates for the Student Union Makor College Experience Representative shall be nominated by the Director of Makor and submitted to the Canvassing Committee before the stated deadline for declaration of candidacy.*

2. *There shall be no write-in candidates for the election of the Student Union Makor College Experience Representative.*

3. *Only students of the Makor College Experience Program may vote in the election for the Student Union Makor College Experience Representative.*

Explanation: The students in the Makor College Experience pay student activities fees, are involved in undergraduate student life, and can vote for positions on YSU and SOY. For these reasons it was determined that allowing a Makor student representative for YSU was appropriate.

Amendment 4: Transparency Regarding GA Funds

Text: 1. *Within one week of the end of each semester, each YSU, YCSA, SYMSSC, and SOY must release to the student body a full accounting of their budget during the previous semester, including the amount in the budget at the start of the semester; the amount in the budget at the conclusion of the semester; and all expenditures, the date they were made, and the event they were associated with.*

2. *Within one week of the end of each semester, the General Assembly must release to the student body a record of club event and budget requests and approvals, including the number of events requested by each club, the number of events approved for each club, the total amount of funds requested by each club, and the total funding approved for each club.*

Explanation: The budgets of the various student councils are paid for by students through the student activity fee. Currently, the budgets are not disclosed and students are unaware of how their money is being used. It was determined that if students are financing the budget of the various councils, they deserve to know how their money is being spent.

Amendment 5: GA must vote for all clubs on the day of the club appointment meeting

Text: 1. *A vote on the approval of each new club must be taken by the General Assembly within one week after the close of the petitioning period.*

Explanation: In the current Constitution, there is a clause that governs when clubs may submit a petition, but there is no clause that governs when the clubs must be

approved. This amendment will set a specific time frame for when clubs need to be approved by, and will prevent clubs from waiting too long for approval.

Amendment 6: Anti-Discrimination Policy

Text: 1. Membership and actions of the WCSG shall not discriminate based on race; ethnicity; nationality; sexual orientation; gender identity; religious, spiritual and humanistic belief or lack thereof; age; disability; health status; political affiliation or ideology; or socioeconomic standing.

Explanation: The current constitution does not have an anti-discrimination policy. The addition of this amendment will ensure that every student feels included and part of the student body.

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