

Motion to Amend Special Election Guidelines

Purpose: An amendment made to **Article IX Section 1 §i** of the SGA Constitution, clarifying that students in their first year of enrollment are not allowed to fill the SGA Co-President or Treasurer positions that were vacated after the election and/or during the school year. This ensures that only students who have been on campus for more than a year are able to step into these positions.

In the case of a special election for E-Board positions, current students in their first year of enrollment are ineligible to run.

The How: This motion will be put to a vote at a formal meeting of the Student Government Association and shall be implemented in the event of a 3/4 vote in favor of the motion by members of the President's Council. If approved, the Student Government Association will make it known that only sophomores, juniors, and seniors can run for these positions.

Strengths and Importance: It is vital to have students who have extensive experience on what it means to be a Colby Student and who understands college's inner-workings in the position of SGA President and/or Treasurer. This is shown by the fact that most SGA Presidents and/or Treasurer have been upperclassmen. This motion would allow for strong candidates who meet these qualifications and for a smooth transition. In addition, students in their first year of enrollment would not be on campus during the time of a normal election and would thus be incapable of running.

Possible Risk Areas: Barring students in their first year of enrollment from running for these two positions might restrict the overall electorate. We hope that this doesn't unduly restrict the number of potential candidates and instead, results in a broader range of candidates who are more well-versed with Colby's inner workings.

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