WHEREAS, rules and procedures are most important to ensure orderly transitions of power; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws pertaining to elections do not match current practice; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws currently provide for the hearing of election complaints to multiple boards; and

WHEREAS, to avoid confusion, infighting and questions of legitimacy surrounding our elections these Bylaws should be clarified; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no method of formally certifying or rejecting the legitimacy of election results; and
WHEREAS, historically if an election was viewed as illegitimate, there was a motion and vote at the next Senate meeting, however this motion could be voted on by the Senators elected in the contested election; and

WHEREAS, having the outgoing Senate certify the elections will ensure a more neutral arbitration of election disputes; and

WHEREAS, the Student Senate and the statutory duties it executes are a solemn duty to the students at the University; and

WHEREAS, these offices should be taken with the utmost seriousness; and

WHEREAS, currently the officers of the Student Senate are bound only to the duties within the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, local, state, and federal officials are bound to an oath so that the officials take the office with personal gravity;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate amends its Bylaws to adopt the changes in Attachment “A;” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these changes will take place immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all who have taken out election packets for the Student Senate election will be notified of these changes; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Jambrek transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair, University Senate; and Janna Caspersen, Chief Justice of the Student Court.