



NOTICE TO STUDENTS

ASUN Constitutional Amendments

Below are three ASUN Constitutional Amendments that will be included in the March 8, 2017, ASUN Ballot.

ARTICLE VII. POWERS OF THE VARIOUS BRANCHES

Section 2. The Association Executive Branch.

A. President. The President of the Association, chosen under this Constitution shall have the following powers:

14. To appoint and administer the Director of Administration and all other staff ~~as the President sees fit~~. This staff shall include, but not be limited to: Student Legal Services, personnel and secretaries.
15. To appoint the Treasurer **with the approval of the Senate.**
16. To appoint the ASUN advisor **with the approval of the Senate.**
- 17. To appoint the GLC chair with approval of the Senate**

Should the appointment of the ASUN Government Liaison Committee Chair by the President require approval of the Senate?

- A vote YES would require the President to seek Senate approval for the appointment of the ASUN Government Liaison Committee Chair.
- A vote NO would continue to allow the President to appoint the ASUN Government Liaison Committee Chair without Senate approval.

Background: The Government Liaison Committee Chair is appointed by the President without Senate approval. This amendment would require Senate approval of the Government Liaison Committee Chair position.

ARTICLE V. BRANCHES

The legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the Association shall be as follows:

Section 1. The Student Senate, hereinafter referred to as the Senate.

A. Composition

2. Replacements for elected members. In case of a vacancy in elected representatives, a replacement to fill out the unexpired term shall be elected by the Senate from those who have submitted written applications for the position. The replacement shall meet all the regular requirements of the office.

a. At-large replacements. Beginning in the fall semester, a maximum of 2 (two) of the vacant Senate positions for any college may be filled by at-large members, provided the position has gone unfilled for more than 30 days after the vacancy's occurrence.

3. Replacements for Exploratory & Pre-Professional, College of Nursing, College of Dentistry and Graduate Studies Senate positions. If there are still vacancies in any of these colleges 30 calendar days after the fall semester has begun, the positions may be filled with appointed at-large members.

a. College of Graduate Studies. A maximum of 2 (two) of the vacant Senate positions for Graduate Studies may be filled by at-large members, while the remaining seats must be filled by Graduate students.

Should vacant Senate seats (up to two per college) be open to any student, regardless of college, and thus allocated at-large, provided 30 calendar days has elapsed since the occurrence of said vacancy, and no suitable candidate from within the college has been found?

- A vote YES would allow up to two vacant Senate seats per college to be appointed at-large provided no suitable candidate has been found within the college after 30 calendar days.
- A vote NO would keep the current requirement for replacement senators to be from the college of the resigning Senate member.

Background: Senate vacancies from most colleges must be filled with a candidate enrolled in said college. However, many times such vacancies go unfilled because no student from aforesaid college applies for the position. This amendment would allow the Senate to appoint at-large Senate members provided no one within the college where the vacancy has occurred applied or was found suitable for the position. Furthermore, it would allow for equal treatment among colleges, as currently only Dentistry, Nursing, and Graduate College vacant Senate seats can be allocated at-large.

ARTICLE V. BRANCHES

The legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the Association shall be as follows:

Section 1. The Student Senate, hereinafter referred to as the Senate.

Composition. The Senate shall consist of ~~thirty-five (35)~~ **forty (40)** elected members with voting privileges, and the President, Internal Vice President, and External Vice President, who shall serve without voting privileges except as hereinafter noted. No Senate member is eligible for an executive or judicial position except as hereinafter noted.

~~Additional senator(s) will be added once a threshold of an average of 650 students per senator is exceeded, due to growth of the student body based on the most current enrollment numbers; once a senator(s) position is added to the allocation number it cannot be removed.~~

Should the number of members in the Senate of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln be capped at 40?

- A vote YES would set the number of members in the Senate at 40.
- A vote NO would continue to increase the membership by one Senate member every 650 students.

Background: There are currently 40 Senate members as of 2017-2018, however, the Constitution provides for a new member to be added to keep a proportion of one member per 650 students. This amendment would prevent the Senate membership to continue growing its membership as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln student enrollment continues to increase.