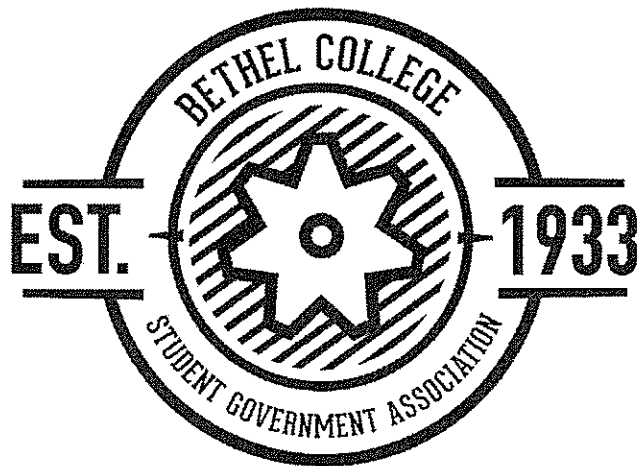


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The Student Senate  
85th Student Government Association  
Bethel College


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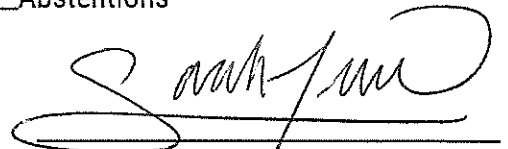
Introduced By: Chief Justice Cassandra Voth, Elections Commissioner

Date Submitted: October 29, 2017

Action Taken by the Student Government Association Senate

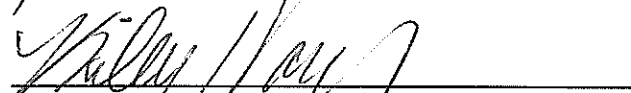
Vote: 12 For                      1 Against                      0 Abstentions


  
Heath Goertzen, Speaker of the Senate

  
Sarah Turner, Secretary of the Senate

Action Taken by the Student Body President

Enacted                       Vetoed

  
Kiley Varney, Student Body President

  
Gabriel A. Fonseca, Director of Student Activities and Engagement

"FOR STUDENTS...BY STUDENTS"

## **85-029: A Bill to Amend the SGA Election Code**

**Abstract:** A clear precedent has yet to be set regarding how to classify students for elections. In the past students have voted for candidates according to their current academic class. This becomes problematic when students' academic classification is different than that of their social classification, in that students are not represented by the SGA members whom they most closely identify and relate to socially. However, solely classifying students according to their social class introduces the problem of how to accurately socially classify students. Therefore, after much deliberation, the elections commission proposes that voters and candidates be classified according to their academic classification as of the fall of the current academic year, in order to avoid the most possible incongruence between the academic and social classes of students.

**Whereas**, the Bethel College Student Government Association strives to effectively represent all students; and,

**Furthermore**, the Bethel College Student Government hopes that all students feel encouraged to partake in the voting process; and,

**Recognizing**, the current lack of specifications for voter classification results in inaccurate student representation; and,

**Hereby let it be enacted**, the SGA's Election Code shall be amended

3. Candidate Eligibility. All candidates must:

- A. be classified as a full-time Bethel College Student by the Registrar's Office, based of the fall status
- B. have a cumulative 2.5 GPA to be qualified to run
- C. In the event for Freshmen Seats, candidates must be full admits to the college
- D. Be in good standing with Bethel College, both judicially and financially.

4. Election Day

1. All students who vote in the election shall be given the class ballot that matched their classification from the Registrar's Office, based of the fall status