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The Student Senate
87th Student Government Association
Bethel College

A Bill to Move the Dates of Election Procedures

Introduced By: President Alayna Wallace and Chief Justice Jaxie Gerk

Date Submitted: March 8, 2020

Action Taken by the Student Government Association Senate

Vote: _____ For _____ Against _____ Abstentions

Kalynn Wiles, Speaker of the Senate

Madison Hofer-Holdeman, Secretary of the Senate

Action Taken by the Student Body President

____ Enacted ____ Vetoed

Alayna Wallace, Student Body President

Ana Parra, Coordinator of Student Activities, SGA Advisor

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Abstract:

Due to the many advantages of having enough time in the school year remaining to train the next person to be taking your position within the Student Government Association's internal operations and associated parts (ex. RSO's), it would be advantageous to move up several dates in the election process. This is a bill to alter the election procedure timeline.

Whereas, it is easier to train the new Student Government Association elected officials and appointed positions the earlier in the year that they are elected,

Acknowledging, that it can take a considerable amount of time for organizations such as SAC and other various organizations to train their new leaders,

Acknowledging, that the Student Government Association Manual states the following regarding elections under XIV. D. 1. :

1. Spring Elections Timeline
 - a) Spring Election packets shall be made available two (2) weeks before each election, respectively.
 - b) Presidential Elections shall be held four (4) weeks before Finals Week
 - c) Senate Elections shall be held three (3) weeks before Finals Week
 - d) The final meeting of the outgoing senate and the first meeting of the incoming senate shall be held one (1) week before Finals Week

Respecting, that the elections commission and Chief Justice, election commissioner, is responsible for following the proposed schedule,

Therefore, Let it be Enacted: The following dates below are acknowledged and followed to the best of the Elections Commission's ability in the 2020 Spring election, but are subject to slight change as the Elections Commission sees fit.

March 30th: Applications are released

March 30th: Convocation announcement of application release

April 3rd: Last day to turn in applications (Due at 12 pm)

April 6th: Convocation announcement of elections happening today

April 6th: Google survey of elections goes out to all student at the end convo

April 9th: Survey will close at 3 pm

April 9th: Inform those elected that they have earned a seat in the 88th session of the Student Government Association once the poll closed by the election commissioner

April 10th: At convocation, there will be slides going of the elected officials from SGA (those slides should also be on all the TVs around campus)

April 17th: New executive board should be appointed

April 21st: First executive meeting with both 87th and 88th boards

May 3rd: Final Senate meeting of the academic school year. Final senate meeting for 87th Student Government Association. The opening session of 88th Student Government Association.