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TO: Members of the Assembly
FROM: Simranjeet Singh, MSU President
SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to Bylaw 7/A – Electoral Procedures
DATE: September 11, 2022

To Members of the Assembly,

The purpose of this memo is to propose changes to Bylaw 7/A – Electoral Procedures. The main proposition is to remove the stipulation of having votes of confidence for acclaimed First-Year Council and Student Representative Assembly members. In addition, there are several proposed grammar edits.

To clarify further, this proposed change does not include removing votes of confidence for any candidate who may be acclaimed as MSU President. A vote of confidence will remain in place for the MSU Presidential election when there is only one candidate running.

This change was proposed by the Administrative Services Coordinator, with input from the Executive Assistant, as well as the Board of Directors, and EB members.

Votes of confidence were implemented during SRA 2020-2021, with the intention of helping with student engagement, as well as providing transparency. The reason for proposing the removal of votes of confidence is because we found that they didn't help with student engagement. Based on the past couple of years, we've been having more acclamations for our representative bodies than we have had in the past. It was pointed out that having these votes of confidence may be another hurdle for students to cross - running for an election should be as accessible as possible, and having a vote of confidence may dissuade a student from representing their cohort.

Considering this information, I ask that the SRA approves the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Simranjeet Singh
MSU President