Bill #16-01

ASI Bylaws Amendment – Update to the ASI Bylaws Regarding Election Code

Article I. Origin
This Bill is presented in accordance with the ASI Bylaws by Seth Borges, Board of Directors Representative, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

Article II. Purpose
The purpose of Bill #16-01 is to amend the ASI Bylaws to update the document to reflect current updates to the ASI Election Code.

Article III. Background
The ASI Recruitment and Development Committee performed an extensive review in fall quarter 2015 of the ASI Election Code. During a comparison of the ASI Election Code and current ASI election practices, the committee identified inconsistencies between the titles of the forms candidate use to file. The committee agreed that the official title of any candidate filing form should be Candidate Packet. This Bill reflects the changes proposed to the ASI Bylaws to ensure consistency between the ASI Election Code and ASI Bylaws.

Article IV. Implementation
Amend 3.4.1 as follows into the ASI Bylaws:

3.4.1 Notice of Annual Spring Election. The Board of Directors shall give Members notice of the Annual Spring Election. The notice shall specify the date and time of the election, the names of eligible individuals who have submitted a Candidate Packet to be Directors or Officers, and the general nature of any other business to be transacted. The notice shall be given to Members in the following manner:

Amend 3.8 as follows into the ASI Bylaws:

3.8 Violation of Election Rules. All violations of election rules will be considered pursuant to the Candidate Packet and ASI Election Code approved annually by the Board of Directors.

Amend 4.6.2 as follows into the ASI Bylaws:

4.6.2 Nomination of Directors. Individuals may become candidates for election as Directors by submitting a Candidate Packet not less than 50, nor more than 120 days (as per California Nonprofit Corporation Law, Section 5522(a)), before the election, in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Directors.
Amend 7.3.1.1 as follows into the ASI Bylaws:

7.3.1.1 **Filing for and Election of ASI President.** The ASI President shall be elected by a majority vote of the Members voting at the duly held Annual Spring Election, or such election as may be conducted in accordance with these Bylaws or specified by the Board of Directors. Members may become candidates for ASI President by submitting a Candidate Packet not less than 50 days and not more than 120 days before the election (in accordance with the procedures established by the Board of Directors). In order for a candidate’s name to be placed on the ballot, the Candidate Petition must contain signatures totaling 1% of the ASI Membership as defined in Section 3. The Presidential Election ballot shall include provisions necessary for Instant Runoff Voting such that in the event that no candidate receives a majority of the vote a winner will be determined based on the ranking of candidates by each Member, at the duly held election.

**CERTIFIED** As the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and seal of the Associated Students, Inc. this ____day of _____, 2016.

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ASI Secretary

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ASI Chair of the Board

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ASI Executive Director

**Sponsored by:** Seth Borges, Board of Directors Representative, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences