



ASUCD CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #98

Bill Information:

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Co-sponsored by: Heth
Introduced by: Internal Affairs Commission

A Constitutional Amendment to make the elections timeline more efficient and increase voter turnout.

ACTIONS

Date	Action
03/06/2026	Submitted [Legislation Submission Form].
03/12/2026	Introduced on the Senate Floor.
03/11/2026	Considered by the Internal Affairs Commission with a recommendation of "Do Pass, as amended." 9-0-0, YES: Bhayana, Amiya, Banerjee, Adusumalli, Lei, Ueno, Arroyo, Deaver, Aggarwal
03/17/2026	Considered by the Senate. DO PASS AS AMENDED: 12-1-1 YES: DHILLON, DILL-CRUZ, GARCIA, HETH, KHAJORNCHAIKUL, LITTLE, LIST, MARTINEZ, OSCANOVA, PAYNE, YOUNES, CASTANEDA. NO: RUBIN. ABSTAIN: NUR
3/17/2026	SENT FOR SIGNATURE.

The ASUCD Senate hereby places the following Constitutional Amendment on the [Spring Quarter, 2026] ballot:

ASUCD Elections Timeline Amendment

Please vote for one of the following options:

_____ Yes, I approve of this Constitutional Amendment

_____ No, I do not approve of this Constitutional Amendment.

BACKGROUND:

There is a continuing trend of poor voter turnout in ASUCD elections, with nearly every election having a worse turnout than the last. Given a tight budget, adjusting the elections timeline to allow for additional campaigning time is a conscious move that will increase turnout without the need for further spending. The central idea of the elections timeline change is to move the spring election up one week and the elections for the fall quarter back a week to create a gap week for campaigning purposes right before the election. The gap week would give candidates extra time to reach more students, while also giving the elections officer more time to prepare for election week. In addition, it would also give more time for training new Senators in the fall quarter and bring more cohesion to pre-election processes for both quarters. Under the assumption of this amendment's passing, a senate bill will be created to update the bylaws to follow the new timeline.

For those interested, [linked here is a spreadsheet](#) that visualizes the new proposed timeline.

Section 1. All of the following amendments shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

Section 2. The Associated Students, UC Davis hereby amend Article V, Section 1(1) of the ASUCD Constitution as follows:

- (1) There shall be two ASUCD General Elections during each academic calendar year: The fall quarter general election, held during the ~~sixth~~ ~~seventh~~ ~~(7th)~~ ~~6th~~ week of fall quarter; and the spring quarter general election, held during the fourth(4th) week of spring quarter of each academic calendar year.
 - i. Six (6) senate seats shall be filled during each ASUCD General Election using the electoral system of Single Transferable Voting, also known as Choice Voting.
 - ii. The Executive Team positions of President and Internal Vice President shall be filled during the ASUCD General Election using the electoral system of Instant Runoff Voting. The ASUCD President and Internal Vice President shall be grouped together for purposes of voting, while the ASUCD External Affairs Vice President shall be elected independently and during the ~~fall~~ spring quarter general election.

- iii. The office of Student Advocate shall be filled during the spring quarter General Election using the electoral process of Instant Runoff Voting.

Finance: No

Appropriation: None

Vote: Majority



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04/01/26
Date