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Text Of Proposed Changes In Constitution

(Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt of the most significant changes in the student body constitution proposed by the Constitutional Convention and the Executive Committee. The Ring-tum Phi asks that each student read this text very carefully before going to the polls Tuesday to cast his ballot for or against the proposal. And if for any reason a student cannot find the time to read and consider these proposals, we suggest to him that his vote at the polls tomorrow will be detrimental to an accurate evaluation of the reasoned opinions of the student body.)

IV. Honor Council

A. The name of this council shall be: THE HONOR COUNCIL OF THE STUDENT BODY OF WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, consisting of:

1. President of the Student Body.
2. Vice-President of the Student Body.
3. Secretary of the Student Body.
4. One member to be chosen from the Senior and Intermediate Law classes.
5. One member to be chosen from the Freshman Law Class.
6. Two members to be chosen from the undergraduate Senior Class.
7. Two members to be chosen from the undergraduate Junior Class.
8. Two members to be chosen from the undergraduate Sophomore Class.
9. One member to be chosen from the undergraduate Freshman Class.
10. Any former President, Vice-President or Secretary of the Student Body who shall be invited by the President to attend Honor Council proceedings after the General Student Election. Such members shall have no vote.

C. Terms of office of members of the Honor Council shall be as follows:

1. Members elected in the Winter General Election shall enter upon their duties on the first day of the Spring Term following their election.
2. Members elected from the law and undergraduate Freshman Classes shall enter on their duties immediately.
3. The representative from the Senior and Intermediate Law Classes, and one member to be selected by the Honor Council from its members who are members of the Senior

Class, shall continue in office until the second Commencement following their election. The terms of all other members shall expire on the day before the first day of the Spring Term following their taking office.

E. Meetings of the Honor Council may be called by the President or by a petition of two-thirds of the voting members of the council.

F. Seven members of the Council who possess votes shall constitute a quorum.

G. The president shall preside in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order unless the Council votes by two-thirds majority to observe other procedure.

V. Duties and Powers of the Honor Council

A. It shall have sole jurisdiction in the implementation of the Honor System. Each Honor System case shall be conducted in accordance with the Honor System Procedures as stated.

B. It shall see that the Honor System is carefully and thoroughly explained to the entire Student Body at the beginning of every session and shall provide for all new students and faculty members access to a copy of an explanation of the Honor System and of the Procedures of Honor System cases.

C. It shall have the power to interpret the Constitution.

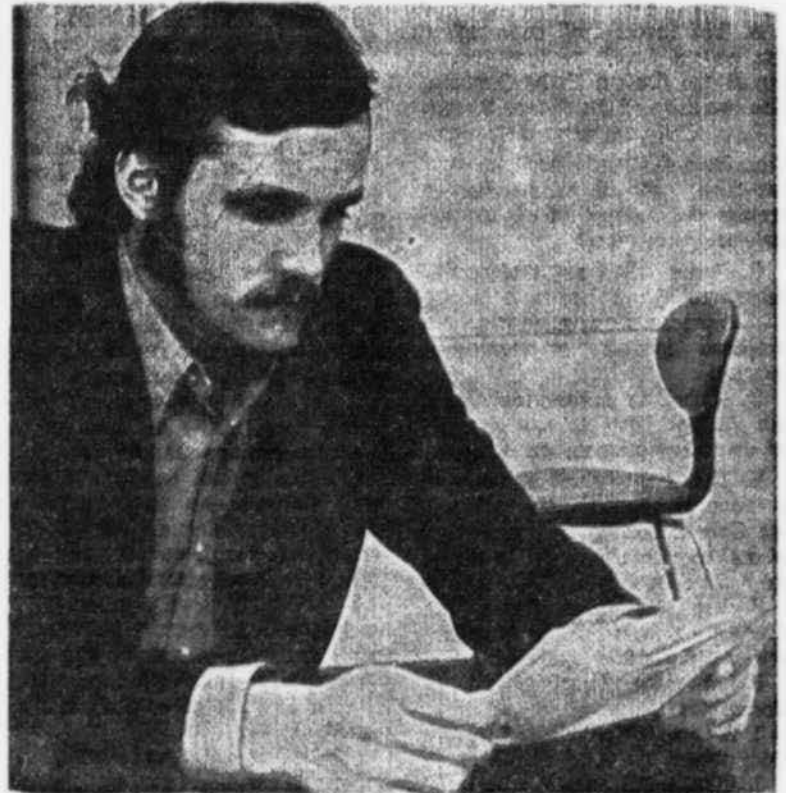
D. It shall superintend all Student Body elections and shall decide the validity of the same in case of contest.

E. It shall install new Student Body Officers, Senators, and members of the Honor Council.

F. It shall pass upon all resignations of Honor Council members and may by a two-thirds vote of its voting membership require the resignation of any unsatisfactory member.

G. It shall have the power to fill vacancies occurring in the Honor Council or Student Body Officers. In such cases, a notice calling for applications for such vacancy must be published at least ten days before the day of election as provided in Article III, Section C, 5.

H. It shall fill the position of a member of the Honor Council leaving the University during the Spring term by selection in the manner prescribed in Article V Section G. The



Student Body President Fran Lawrence, a proponent of the new Constitution, was also chairman of the Convention.

members so chosen will serve until the end of the Spring Term.

I. It shall fill all vacancies in the Student Body offices created by the Order of succession, Article II, Section D during the Spring Term by selection as prescribed in Article V, Section G. Officers so chosen will serve until the end of the Spring Term.

VI. Senate

A. The name of this body shall be THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT BODY OF WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

B. The Senate shall be composed of the following members:

1. The President of the Student Body
2. The Vice-President of the Student Body
3. The Secretary of the Student Body
4. Two representatives from the Senior Law Class
5. Two representatives from the Intermediate Law Class
6. Two representatives from the Freshman Law School

7. Six representatives from the Senior Undergraduate Class

8. Six representatives from the Junior Undergraduate Class

9. Six representatives from the Sophomore Undergraduate Class

10. Six representatives from the Freshman Undergraduate Class

11. Any former President, Vice-President, or Secretary of the Student body who will be invited by the President to attend Senate meetings and who will have no vote.

C. Election of Senate members shall be according to the procedure set out in Article VIII.

D. Meetings of the Senate may be called by the President or by a petition of two-thirds of the Senate members. Meetings must be held at least once a month.

E. A simple majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum.

F. The President shall preside in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, unless the Senate votes by two-thirds majority to observe other procedure.

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G. Members of the Senate elected in the Winter term shall enter upon their duties on the first day of the Spring Term, and members elected in the fall shall enter on their duties at the first meeting following their election.

VII. Duties and Powers of The Senate

A. The Senate shall have legislative powers in all matters pertaining to the Student Body Organization exclusive of the Honor System.

B. It shall pass upon all resignations from the Senate and may by a two-thirds vote of its membership require the resignation of any unsatisfactory member.

C. It shall allow any student who desires to appear before it in person, to present for consideration any proposed legislation or question of interest.

D. It shall act as representative of the Student Body in any situation where such representation is needed.

E. The Senate shall approve all presidential appointments to Standing Committees, up to one-third of whose membership may be drawn from the Senate.

F. The Standing Committees, which are to be under the direct supervision of the Senate, shall be:

1. University Center-Orientation Committee
2. Student Financial Relations Committee
3. Student Library Committee
4. Student Control Committee
5. Student Curriculum Committee
6. Student Recruitment Committee

G. The Standing Committees shall be entrusted with the formulation and enforcement of regulations in accord with the nature of each committee, such regulations being subject to the approval of the Senate.

H. The Senate shall approve appointments made by the President to special and University committees.

I. It shall have appellate jurisdiction of the Publications Board and Dance Board, and may after notice and hearing, and upon two-thirds vote of the entire Senate at two successive meetings, reverse any order of either Board.

J. It shall have the power to fill vacancies occurring in the Senate. In such cases, a notice calling for applications for such vacancy must be published at least ten days before the day of election as provided in Article III, Section C, 5.

K. It shall fill the position of a Senator leaving the University during the short term by selection in the manner prescribed in Section J above. Senators so chosen will serve until the end of the Spring Term.

L. By direction of the Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee University it shall be the duty of the Senate to elect each year, at the time designated by the Board of Trustees for the seating of new members on the University Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, two student members to said Committee.

VIII. Elections

A. Officers

1. Candidates shall be chosen in the following manner: The Honor Council shall designate the Monday of the eighth week of the Winter Semester upon which date a petition of 150 Washington and Lee student signatures shall be required from every candidate for the positions of Student Body President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Vice-President of the Dance Board. General elections for these positions shall be held on the Monday of the ninth week and, if necessary, a runoff election on the Thursday of that week.

2. In a general election, all persons properly filing petitions for a particular position shall be placed on the ballot for that position. If any candidate receives a simple majority in the general election, he will be declared elected. If no candidate has a majority in the general election for one position, a runoff election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes. The candidate receiving a plurality of votes in this election shall be declared elected.

3. The Honor Council shall call a voluntary assembly of the General Student Body not later than one week after the deadline for filing of petitions of candidacy. The purpose of the assembly shall be to provide the candidates for the position of President, Vice-President and Secretary an opportunity to briefly relate their casting their ballot. The President of the Student Body shall preside as speaker of the assembly.

B. Members of the Honor Council

1. Candidates shall be chosen in the following manner: The Honor Council shall designate the Monday of the eighth week of the Winter semester upon which date a petition with the signatures of 50 Washington and Lee students from the candidate's respective class shall be re-

quired of each candidate for a petition as a member of the Honor Council. General elections for these positions will be held on the Monday of the ninth week and, if necessary, runoff elections on the Thursday of that week.

2. In a general election, all persons properly filing petitions for a particular position shall be placed on the ballot for that position. If any candidate receives a simple majority of the votes cast in the general election, he shall be declared elected. If no candidate has a majority in the general election for one position, a runoff election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes on the Thursday following the general election, in which the candidate with a plurality of the vote shall be declared elected. If the general election is to fill two positions and no candidate receives a simple majority then a runoff election between the four candidates with the largest number of votes shall be held on the Thursday following the general election and the two candidates with the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. If the general election is to fill two positions and only one of the candidates receives a majority then he shall be declared elected and a runoff election between the second and third place candidates in the general election shall be held on the Thursday following the general election with the candidate with a plurality of the vote declared the winner of the second position.

3. The Honor Council shall call voluntary assemblies of each class not later than one week after the deadline for filing of petitions of candidacy. The purpose of the assemblies will be to provide the candidates for positions on the Honor Council an opportunity to relate their views.

4. The general election for members from the undergraduate Freshman Class and the Freshman Law Class shall be on the third Monday in October, a week after petitions for said office are due.

C. Senators

1. Candidates shall be chosen in the following manner. The Honor Council shall designate the Monday of the tenth week of the Winter se-

soner upon which date a petition with the signatures of 25 Washington and Lee Students from the candidates respective class shall be required from each candidate for a position as a member of the Senate. General elections for these positions will be held on the Monday of the eleventh week and, if necessary, a runoff election on the Thursday of that week.

2. In a general election, all persons properly filling a petition for a particular position shall be placed on the ballot for that position. Each student may cast as many votes for senator as the number of representatives allowed his class. He may cast only one vote for a single candidate. The candidates for senator with the six highest number of votes in the undergraduate school, and the two highest number of votes in the Law School shall be declared elected in the general election. In the event of a tie for the last position, a runoff election will be held.

3. The general election for the undergraduate Freshman class and the Freshman law class Senators shall be on the first Monday in November, a week after petitions for said office are due.

D. No member of the student body shall be elected to serve simultaneously to more than one student-body position.

E. If a recall petition be presented to the Honor Council with the signatures of over 50% of an officeholder's constituency a new election shall be arranged by the Honor Council.

IX. Positions of Honor

A. The student representatives to the University Council shall be chosen in the following manner.

1. The Senate shall select twelve representatives to the University Council at its first meeting in the Spring. This election shall be conducted by a full assembly of the Senate.

2. All members of the student body, including those already holding office are eligible for selection.

3. Candidates must submit petitions of 100 student names to the Student Body Secretary one week prior to this meeting and must appear at this meeting. The Secretary shall post notice that petitions are being accepted, as provided in Article III, Section C, Part 5.

4. At least two of the representatives chosen shall be from the Law School.

5. At least one of the representatives chosen shall be from the Undergraduate Freshman class.

6. These representatives so selected will enter upon their duties immediately.

B. The University Dance Board shall be responsible for the coordination of Springs, Openings and Finals Dance Sets.

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