



**Undergraduate  
Student Government**

**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Student Senate Session  
S.S.B. #25**

Sponsors: Senator Manley, Senator Bartlett  
Referred to: Internal Affairs  
Student Senate Action:  Passed/  Failed/  Tabled

**AN ACT**

Amending the Undergraduate Student Government’s Bylaws to restructure spring nominations in order to effectively fill vacant senate seats

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**Section 1. Short Title**

This bill may be cited as “Restructuring of Spring Noms”.

**Section 2. Discussion**

**Whereas**, there are historically few senate seats to fill during the spring semester

**Whereas**, In accordance to Legislative Bylaws Article 2 Section G Subsection (7)(5)(1)(4) it is the duty of the Internal Affairs Committee to fill vacant seats

**Whereas**, there is a historically low number of applications for spring nominations

**Whereas**, In accordance to Legislative Bylaws Article 2 Section G Subsection (7)(5)(1)(5) the Internal Affairs committee already maintains a wait list from fall nominations

**Section 3. Action**

**Therefore**, Legislative Bylaws Article 2 Section G Subsection (7)(5)(1)(4) will be changed to:

“The committee shall create a ranked list of **15** alternate nominees that may take the place of individuals who decline their nomination or who are unable to complete their terms. This is a temporary list to be used for internal purposes of the committee for the month

directly following the fall nominations process ~~and the month directly following the spring nominations process~~ until the end of the Student Senate's term.”

**Therefore**, Legislative Bylaws Article 2 Section G Subsection (7)(5)(1)(5) will be changed to:

“Seats that become vacant one or more months after the fall nominations process shall be filled ~~in a spring nominations process, mirroring that of the fall process, completed before the third week of spring semester classes~~ from the ranked list of 15 alternate candidates. In instances where the Internal Affairs committee cannot find an individual on the 15-person alternative list to fill a senator-at-large seat, applications will be opened and processed in the same manner as fall nominations.”

Please note that this bill will not impact the election or nomination process of any externally nominated constituency senator roles listed in Article 1 Section A (2)(b) of the Legislative Branch Bylaws.

#### **Section 4. Enactment Clause**

Be it enacted by the Undergraduate Student Government upon the signature of the USG President.

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*Alexis Carfrae*

, **Speaker of the Senate**  
Alexis Carfrae

*I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated from the 2022-2023 Student Senate Session.*

APPROVED on 2/14/23, by

*Patrick Johnson*

, **USG President**  
Patrick Johnson