



REFERENDUM #2
of the 2016-2017 Session

Proposed New Constitution of the Rice University Student Association

Introduced by

Committee on Constitutional Revisions, 2016-2017

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Whereas, Senate convened the Committee on Constitutional Revisions in Spring of 2016 through Senate Bill #1 and charged the committee with a General Review of the Constitution of the Student Association;

Whereas, Upon reviewing the Constitution, the Committee determined that the document needed significant revision to improve procedures and clarity to ensure the transparency, accountability and organizational efficacy of the Student Association;

Whereas, The Committee deliberated during numerous meetings over the course of ten months, benchmarked other university constitutions, held three open forums to receive feedback from the Senate and the Student Association, and consulted with Blanket Tax presidents and treasurers,

Blanket Tax Crack Team members, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that the new Constitution and Bylaws addressed the needs of each constituency and reflected our best collective wisdom; and

Whereas, The Committee drafted a new constitution representing the changes necessary and improving the clarity and structure; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Senate approves the new Constitution of the Student Association, attached to this legislation; and

Resolved, That the new Constitution is placed on the General Election ballot, having obtained approval from Senate, with the following language:

The Committee on Constitutional Revisions, which was charged by Senate Bill #1 of the 2016-2017 legislative session to conduct a General Review of the current constitution, proposes a new Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Association to replace the current version. Senate has voted on and approved the new constitution and now presents it to the Student Association for ratification, which requires a two-thirds majority vote with at least twenty percent of the Student Association voting.

The current Student Association Constitution and Bylaws and the proposed new Constitution and Bylaws can be found here for review [insert link to SA website page].

Should the proposed new Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Association be ratified in replacement of the current Constitution and Bylaws?

A YES vote is a vote to ratify the proposed constitution and bylaws. It would take effect at Changeover.

A NO vote is against ratification of the proposed constitution and bylaws. The current Constitution would remain in effect.

If you ABSTAIN, you are choosing not to vote on whether to ratify the constitution. Your votes on other ballot items will not be impacted.