



RICE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Referendum #3
of the 2016-2017 Session

PASSED

Changes to the Honor Council Constitution

Introduced by
KATIE JENSEN, Honor Council Chair, 2016-2017
GRIFFIN THOMAS, Student Association President, 2016-2017
Monday, February 13, 2017

Passed on
Monday, MONTH DD, 2017
GRIFFIN THOMAS, Student Association President, 2016-2017
Presiding Officer

Whereas, Honor Council membership as defined in the Honor Council Constitution has not increased along with student body growth; and

Whereas, The previous Statute of Limitations was repealed in Spring 2014, requiring cases to be heard regardless of when the alleged violation occurred; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a constitutional change shall be implemented to move the composition requirements from the Constitution to the By-Laws, allowing for greater flexibility for membership in the future;

Resolved, That new Limitations language has been proposed with the following constitutional language allowing for Limitations to be defined in the Procedures.

Article V: Composition

The Composition of the Honor Council shall be defined in the By-Laws.

Article XL: Limitations

The Council may determine that a case cannot be heard based on the untimeliness of an accusation. The standards for this decision are described in the Honor Council Procedures; and

Resolved, That the proposed changes to the Honor Council Constitution be placed on the General Election ballot, having obtained Senate approval, with the following language:

In light of a growing student population and repeal of the Statute of Limitations in 2014, the Honor Council has determined a greater need for flexibility in membership and inclusion of Limitations language. Based on this need, the following Constitutional Changes are proposed for approval by the Student Association, having already been approved by Senate:

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The current Honor Council Constitution can be found here for review [insert link to Honor Council website].

Should the proposed changes to the Honor Council Constitution be accepted?

A YES vote is a vote to accept the proposed changes to the Honor Council Constitution. Changes would take effect immediately following the election.

A NO vote is against the proposed changes. No changes would be made to the Constitution.

If you ABSTAIN, you are choosing not to vote on whether to change the Honor Council Constitution. Your votes on other ballot items will not be impacted.

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