WHEREAS, Article II, Section 9 of the ASSU Constitution states, “Each Association legislative body shall have sole power to make rules governing elections involving only members of the population it represents, in accordance with this Constitution. For elections involving the Association population, the Association legislative bodies shall have the joint power to make rules, in accordance with this Constitution.”

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 7 of the Joint-By-Laws states, “Where the Constitution, these By-Laws, the US By-Laws, the GSC By-Laws, the Special Charge of the Commission, or these Policies specify a deadline for an aspect of an election, the Elections Commission may impose an earlier deadline only with the approval of the relevant Association legislative bodies.”

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Intent and Petitions for the 2013 Spring Elections of ASSU Undergraduate and Graduate Student Council Senators, Class President Slates, Executive Slates, and Special Fees Groups are due on March 1st, at 5pm.

WHEREAS, The Undergraduate Senate Public Financing Application deadline is March 1st, at 5pm.

WHEREAS, As of February 25, 2013, there is only one executive slate with more than 10 signatures, only one class president slate with a declaration of intent to run, and only 20 senate candidates who have filed declarations of intent, of which only one has received over 100 signatures.

WHEREAS, the 2012 Spring Elections Declaration of Intent and Petitions deadline was March 9, 2013.

WHEREAS, with the proposed later deadline, the Elections Commission would still have twelve days to invalidate and validate petition signatures, as well as pass them through both legislative bodies.

WHEREAS, Appendix I: “Policies of the Association Elections”, Section 4, subsection E “Special
Fees Request” of the ASSU Constitution states that “An agency of the Association shall have its Special Fee request placed on the ballot only with the consent of the relevant Association legislative bodies.”

WHEREAS, Under the same subsection it states that “All budgetary and other financial information required for a Special Fee request to be placed on the ballot shall be presented by the student organization requesting the Special Fee to the Elections Commission, the Financial Manager, and the relevant Association legislative bodies at least 2 weeks before the last regularly scheduled meeting during Winter Quarter.”

WHEREAS, Under the same subsection it states that “After this deadline, the budgetary and other financial information may not be altered except with the consent of the relevant Association legislative bodies or of their designee(s).”

WHEREAS, the 2013 deadline for submitting finalized Budget information for special fees groups to elections commission, financial manager, and appropriations committee was February 18, 12pm, if bypassing Senate/GSC review.

WHEREAS, Due to miscommunication amongst internal group leaders and the absence of a capable Financial Officer, several groups missed the Special Fees budget submission deadline.

WHEREAS, the Joint Legislative Bodies, in conjunction with the Elections Commission, believe it is their duty to do everything in their power to inform and encourage diverse, representative, and numerous candidates, as well as Special Fees Groups, to run for the various ASSU elected positions and collect signatures.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION:

THAT, the 2013 Spring Elections Declaration of Intent and Petitions deadline for Undergraduate and Graduate Student Council Senators, Class President slates, Executive Slates, and all ballot initiatives be extended until March 8, 2013 at 5pm.

THAT, in accordance with the extended deadline above, the Undergraduate Senate Public Financing Application Deadline is extended until March 8, 2013 at 5pm as well.

THAT, the budget submission deadline for Special Fees Groups be pushed back until March 1, 2013.