To Implement the Joint Elections Policy Suggestions as Recommended by the Review of Special Fees Committee

Review of Special Fees Committee Bill IV

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WHEREAS to coincide with the changes recommended by the Special Fees Committee the following changes need to be implemented by the Elections Commission,

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL AND THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE OF THIS ASSOCIATION:

THAT

The elections commission, in constructing the special fee voting website, shall ensure each special fee requires one of the three following options (Yes, No, Abstain). Each ballot shall not default to any one of the three values. However if the voter submits the ballot without filling out a specific ballot item (without selecting one of the three possible values) unspecified items shall default to abstain. So when the voter first comes to the site, all radio buttons are unselected. However, after clicking submit any unselected radio buttons will default to abstain.

The special fees committee recommends the voting website incorporates the following suggestions. The final website must be approved by each legislative body.

Voter Education
   a. Full Budget/Itemization (link from voting page)
   b. Short group description – to be provided by group
   c. Answers to questions posed by Elections Commission and approved by Legislative Bodies
   d. Refund rate history for last 3 years
   e. Total membership numbers – to be determined by group’s application
   f. On top of each section of the special fee ballot, include the relevant statement below
i. Do you believe every graduate student, including yourself, should contribute the requested special fee amounts to the following groups:

ii. Do you believe every student, including yourself, should contribute the requested special fee amounts to the following groups:

iii. Do you believe every undergraduate student, including yourself, should contribute the requested special fee amounts to the following groups:

iv. Compute in real-time the total yearly per capita amount of special fees for which the student has voted ‘yes’. Make clear that this number does not include general fees.