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In Support of Redefining the Transfer of Power

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Whereas, The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG), represents the concerns of the students attending the campus in matters of a university-wide nature, as well as those issues impacting the joint interests of the campuses and,

Whereas, The Constitutional Review Committee (CRC), is charged with reviewing and interpreting the Constitution of CCSG and,

Whereas, Within the Constitution, there is no clear definition on when the power of the sitting President, Vice-President, and Speaker of the Commonwealth is transferred to the incoming elected officials that are voted in for the upcoming academic year.

Be it resolved, CRC proposes the following to be implemented into the constitution:

Bylaws

Section 1 – Election Code

Section 16: Transfer of Power

1. Purpose and Scope

- a. This section of the Constitution outlines the orderly and transparent process for the transfer of power from the outgoing President, Vice-President, and Speaker of the Commonwealth, to the newly elected individuals for the respective positions. The purpose is to ensure a seamless transition and continuity in leadership, promoting stability and effectiveness within the organization. Within this section, the term “representative” will be used when referring to all of the individuals above, specific denotations will be stated by position title.

2. Timing of Transfer

- a. The transfer of title shall occur on the last day of the outgoing representatives' term, as specified in the CCSG election schedule. The newly elected representatives shall assume office immediately after the official conclusion of the preceding representatives' term.
- b. The transfer of power shall officially occur on the last day of the outgoing representatives' term, which is defined as the final day of their elected academic year of service post-inauguration of new representatives.
 - i. During the transition, the outgoing representatives may be utilized as proxies for the positions for periods prior to the beginning of the new academic year, if the incoming representatives are unable to serve, or see it fit.
- c. After the final council weekend, the presiding president will maintain the ability to veto proposed resolutions within their period of power before transition.
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 - ii. In the instance of a veto, council has the authority to call forth a president's session to discuss the veto, and potentially override the president's action.

3. Responsibilities of the Outgoing Representatives during Transition

- a. Prior to the transfer of power, the outgoing representatives shall be responsible for the following:
 - i. Transition Documentation: The outgoing representatives shall compile a comprehensive transition document outlining the current status of ongoing projects, pending decisions, and any other relevant information deemed essential for the incoming administration.
 - ii. Meeting with the President, Vice-President, and Speaker of the Commonwealth-elect: The outgoing representatives are required to schedule a meeting with those newly elected for their respective positions to discuss the transition document(s), answer any questions, and provide insights into the role.
 - iii. Transfer of Records: The outgoing representatives shall ensure the safe and organized transfer of all official records, documents, and pertinent information to the newly elected representatives. This includes access to email accounts, organizational files, and any other relevant platforms or databases.

4. Responsibilities of the Incoming Representatives during Transition

- a. Upon assuming office, the newly elected representatives shall undertake the following responsibilities:
 - i. Review of Transition Documentation: The incoming representatives shall thoroughly review the transition document(s) provided by the outgoing

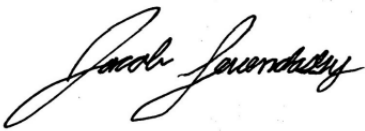
representatives to gain a comprehensive understanding of ongoing matters within the organization.

- ii. Ensure Readiness for Roles: The incoming representatives are responsible for assisting in an ease of transition as outlined in Section 1.16.3.a, as well as further questioning and researching any additional information they require to fulfill their roles.

5. Oversight and Support

- a. Throughout the transfer of power process, the CCSG Executive Board, in conjunction with the organization's advisor, shall oversee and support both the outgoing and incoming representatives to ensure a smooth and proper transition. Any disputes or concerns regarding the transfer of power shall be addressed in accordance with the dispute resolution mechanisms outlined in the CCSG constitution.

Respectfully,
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(Vice President)


Council Action

Vote 31:0:0 Pass: X Fail: ___ Postponed: ___

Presidential Action

Approved: X Veto: ___

Date: 3/21/24



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