

**Board of Directors Bill #4.03**

*107<sup>th</sup> Session*  
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**AN ACT TO: Create a Senate Constitutional Amendment Taskforce**

WHEREAS: in the 2006 ASUW Elections, voters approved Referendum #2 which asked the question "Should the Student Senate be able to propose amendments to the ASUW Constitution?"; and

WHEREAS: all members of this taskforce be mindful of the fact that in the 2006 ASUW Elections, Referendum #2 passed with 79.33% voter approval; and

WHEREAS: questions remain following the amendment as to the extend of the senate-initiated amendment process; and

WHEREAS: several pieces of legislation have been submitted to clarify these questions in the ASUW Constitution and Bylaws and to resolve the contradictions that remain regarding the senates ability to propose constitutional amendments; and

WHEREAS: no decisions have been reached by any body to clarify these contradictions; and

WHEREAS: the Board of Directors from the 106<sup>th</sup> session have recommended such a taskforce to be created,

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

THAT: the ASUW creates the Senate Constitutional Amendment Taskforce, to exist from the enactment of this bill until three weeks prior to the 2008 ASUW constitutional amendment deadline; and

THAT: the taskforce shall be composed of the following members:

- The Student Senate Vice-Chair, who shall serve as co-Chair with vote; and
- The Director of Operations, who shall serve as co-Chair with vote; and
- One ASUW member selected by the Board of Directors; and
- Two Student Senate representatives selected by the senate; and
- The President or Presidential proxy; and
- The SAO will be an ex-officio representative without a vote; and

THAT: the taskforce be charged with determining a potential course or courses of action to resolve the problems of a lack of clarity and internal contradicions, mindful of both applicable federal and state law, the time available, and the will of the voters of the voters of the 2006 ASUW elections, including the creaton of up to three pieces of legislation to amend the ASUW constitution and bylaws, and

THAT: this taskforce also look into any potential legal conflicts of the 2006 Constitutional amendment with regard to ASUW's status as a non-profit organization and the Board of Directors no longer retaining full executive power of the ASUW; and

THAT: Legislation must be agreed upon by two of the three representatives from both the Board and the two of the three from the Student Senate; and

THAT: the taskforce members shall take feedback, speak, and present an interim report to both the Senate and Board of Directors during February 2008, and a final report to both the Senate and Board of Directors prior to the end of the taskforce as dictated above; and

THAT: the Board of directors, must, by the deadline for 2008 election ballot content, and without tabling, determine which if any opinions will be on the ballot; and

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