

Whereas, the governance model currently does not provide a direct democratic means for the student body to voice its views and position on matters effecting the student body, and

Whereas, students have expressed misgivings with the current representative governance model outlines in the CUNY Law Student Government Constitution, and

Whereas, the student body would be better served if there were a mechanism to allow for direct democratic decision making, therefore

Let it be Resolved, that the Student Government Constitution be amended to add the following article:

ARTICLE XI- STUDENT UNION

This Constitution hereby creates a Student Union. The Student Union shall have all of the powers of SG other than the powers exclusively given to SG by law, the CUNY Law Governance Plan, or by any other Article of this Constitution. Through a simple majority resolution, the Student Government can convene a Student Union. Alternatively, any student, whether or not in SG, may petition the Student Body to have a Student Union meeting convened, which must have a proposed tentative agenda for the meeting along with 10 signatures from the Student Body. The petition must then be presented to the Secretary of Student Government, who then must call a Student Union meeting. All students at CUNY School of Law are members of the Student Union. The Secretary of SG shall preside over the Student Union meetings unless the Student Union selects someone else to preside. The quorum for Student Union meetings shall be 20. A majority of those present and voting at the Student Union meeting shall be necessary for the Student Union to take action. The Student Union shall vote on its agenda at the beginning of its meeting, if convened. The student body must be given at least one weeks notice that the Student Union meeting is taking place. Actions taken by the Student Union, that are authorized by this Article, shall be deemed an act of Student Government and can only be repealed by the Student Union. The Student Government alone cannot repeal an act of the Student Union.

Let it be further resolved, that ARTICLE X SECTION B(3) of the Student Government Constitution be amended, and shall now read “The proposed Amendment shall be deemed ratified by either one of three methods:”. A new subsection, ARTICLE X SECTION B(3)(c), shall be created, and shall read “a proposed amendment may be ratified by a 2/3 vote of Student Union members present at the meeting where the ratification vote is taking place.”