

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, 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 XII – DIRECT DEMOCRACY OF STUDENT BODY (VOTING RIGHTS OF NON-MEMBERS)

This Constitution hereby extends, recognizes and legitimizes voting rights for all qualified students. A “qualified student” is defined as any student presently matriculated at the CUNY School of Law. A qualified student may exercise their voting right at any Student Government session, and their vote may be cast and counted on any issue presented at such sessions. This voting right will not bestow any other rights or responsibilities otherwise explicitly vested in duly elected Student Government members. Furthermore, vesting this voting right in all qualified students does not affect the quorum requirements for Student Government sessions as defined in Article VII section D, which depends only on the number of duly elected Student Government members who are present, not the number of participants with voting rights. However, the voting right, as exercised by any and all interested and qualified student who is in attendance at a Student Government session, will serve to hold the duly elected Student Government members accountable to their constituency in all matters brought before the body, as well as provide incentive for all qualified students to become informed and active participants in the discourse between the student body and administration.