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Senate Seeks Presidents' Removal

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Several amendments to the SA Constitution are being framed by a Student Senate committee, the most important of these being the removal of college presidents from the Senate. According to Senate Parliamentarian, Jeff Norris, the changes should be proposed on December 8, and, if approved, will probably be presented to the student body for a referendum before Christmas.

Norris gives as a main reason for the change the lack of time and interest on the college president's part. So much of their time is taken up by the colleges they are not able to work efficiently in the Senate.

The presidents are often unable to attend Senate meetings, resulting in the lack of a quorum. This problem was temporarily solved by sending substitutes for the presidents, but because of their slight knowledge of the proceedings this has proved unsatisfactory.

Decrease Size

Another advantage to the change is to decrease the size of the Senate. As it stands now each college sends three delegates. With the addition of new colleges, the membership of the Senate might soon exceed the bounds of efficiency. If the five presidents were removed now and only two delegates sent from each new college, the problem might be avoided.

Norris feels the reason for the amendment's failure last year was the lack of publicity in its favor. Having spoken to three of the five presidents, he feels they agree with the change and will be ready to explain to their colleges that the arrangement would be best for all concerned.

Another change in the constitution deals with impeachment trials. At present, the Honor Council tries these cases, but the new amendment proposes that this duty be taken over by the Inter-College Court.

Publications Changes

Several changes in the by-laws, especially those governing publications, are also proposed. The Editors of the "Thresher," "Janus," and the "Campanile" have been asked to submit proposals.

The general trend of the changes is to put into words policies which have long been effective, and to leave out those which are now obsolete. They clarify policy governing student organizations, which must be approved by both the SA and the faculty. Much of the old terminology in the Constitution is being updated, including striking all references to the number of colleges and changing councilmen-at-large to senators-at-large.