



SGA Org. and Gov. Committee Report *Poll on Tabled Amendment to Bylaws*

Polling Duration: February 19th, 2020 - February 26th, 2020

Polling Location(s): 443 1st Ave (Nursing), 6 Metrotech Center, 7 East 12th St (SPS), 32 Waverly Place (Silver), Elmer Holmes Bobst Library, Furman Hall, Kaufman Management Center, Kimmel Center for University Life, Lipton Residence Hall, Othmer Residence Hall, Rubin Residence Hall, Third North Residence Hall, Tisch Hall and Weinstein Residence Hall.

Respondents: 527 Undergraduate and Graduate NYU Students.

Pollsters:

Kosar Kosar, SSC Vice Chairperson
Christina Beck, Senator at Large.
Ghania Chaudhry, Senator at Large.
Ron Hall, CAS First Year Class President.
Raj Kittusamy, Senator at Large.
Jesse Maloney, IRHC President.
Noah Mullenix, SGA Elections Commissioner.

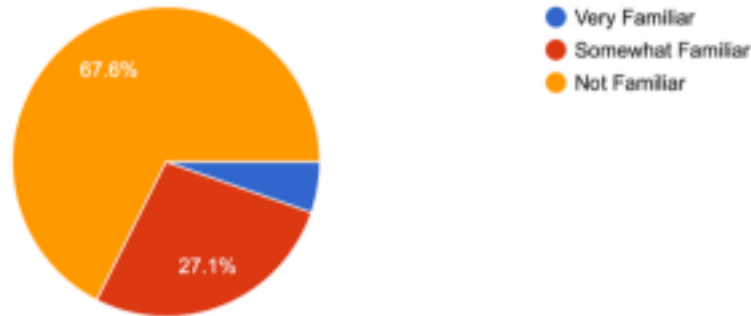
Background: On January 30th, the Student Government Assembly (SGA) passed sweeping changes to its set of Bylaws, while deferring action on one controversial amendment until February 27th. In accordance with feedback from SGA members, the Organization and Governance Committee created a poll to gauge the NYU student bodies opinion on the amendment. Prior to it being conducted, this poll was communicated to both the Presidents Council (PC) and the Student Senators Council (SSC) directly; and to all SGA members via email. All parties were given ample time to provide feedback on the poll and how it was to be conducted.

The poll was conducted in person, over a seven-day period, at various locations throughout NYU New York, as listed above.

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Q1: How familiar are you with the NYU Student Government Assembly?

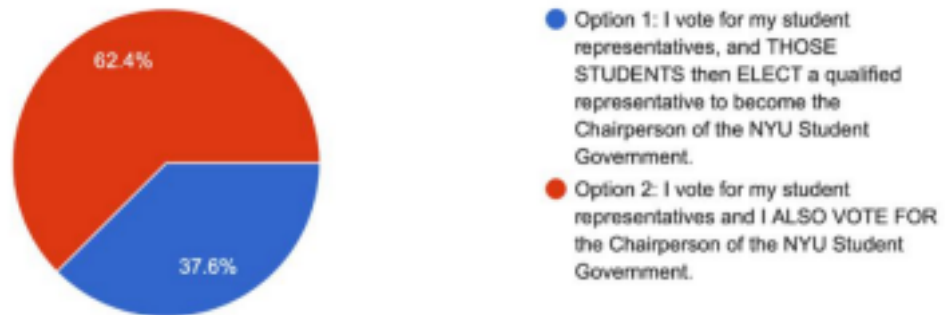
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Q2: How would you prefer the Chairperson of the Student Government to be elected?

1. I vote for my student representatives, and those students then elect a qualified representative to become Chairperson of the NYU Student Government
2. I vote for my student representatives and I also vote for the Chairperson of the NYU Student Government.

527 responses



Confidence Level: 99%

Margin of Error: +/- 6%

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Tabled Amendment

Change Article V, Clause K, Section 4 to read:

Election of the Chairperson. The Chairperson of the SGA will be nominated by the voting members of the SGA, individuals who receive 10 or more nominations will be considered for the position. Nominees will then give a speech in a subsequent meeting, after which all nominees will undergo votes of confidence, in which a majority of quorum must vote in favor of the nominee to be considered a candidate. There needs to be a minimum of two official candidates to proceed to general elections. Candidates shall have at least one week for campaigning and within that week there shall be an event dedicated for statements by candidates to the student body. Official candidates shall then be voted on by the whole student body in a procedure determined by the Election Commissioner.

Change Article V, Clause K, Section 4, Subsection I. to read:

The Chairperson cannot hold any other positions on SGA and must withdraw from all other positions prior to taking office.

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Proposed Amendments

“Sunset” Clause

The resolution would be amended with an ‘expiration date’ of December 31st, 2020; leaving the decision to continue to do another General Election (next year) up to those who come next.

“Sunrise” Clause

The resolution would be amended with an ‘effective date’ of May 20th, 2020; allowing this year’s elections to go on as planned but ensuring a General Election in Academic Year 2021.

“Proportionate Representation” Clause

The resolution would be amended to “average out” votes between large schools and small schools. Votes would be multiplied by a “point value”, so that if everyone voted from the largest school and smallest school, their votes would equal the same value. The rest of the schools would be proportionately assigned different values in between these

two extremes. The candidate with the highest “point value” would then win the election.

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