

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 5-011

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE OPERATING PROCEDURES TO CHANGE THE COUNTING OF ABSENCES FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBERS**

2 **WHEREAS,** Currently, assembly members are permitted 6 absences per academic term, which is enforced for only fall and winter terms; **AND**

4 **WHEREAS,** A CSG Assembly Session starts in April with one to three meetings occurring in the month of April; **AND**

6 **WHEREAS,** Basing the absences count on academic terms leads to some confusion over how absences from the first meetings in April are counted

8 **WHEREAS,** if they are included in the fall term absences count, the fall term has significantly more meetings than the winter term;<sup>1</sup>

10 **WHEREAS,** If the absences count terms were shifted to be the periods between the swearing in of reps from the Spring and Fall elections, the number of meetings per term would be more balanced<sup>2</sup>; **THEREFORE BE IT**

12 **RESOLVED,** That the clause XVI §. B(1) ) of the Operating Procedures be amended to state:

14 Recall proceedings will be initiated for a member when s/he accumulates six absences per term. *The fall term of a legislative session begins with the meeting at which the new Assembly is sworn in. The winter term begins with the meeting at which representatives elected during the*  
16 *November elections are sworn in.*  
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**AND BE IT FURTHER**

20 **RESOLVED,** The clause XVI § B(4) of the Operating Procedures be amended to state:

22 4. Failing to attend a Representative Orientation shall receive two absences against them *for the fall term*, one of which may be excused by the Speaker, at his or her discretion, when he or she feels an offending  
24 representative has satisfactorily oriented himself to Assembly procedures and rules.

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<sup>1</sup> **2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly:** 14 Fall vs 9 Winter; **3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly:** 15 Fall vs 12 Winter; **4<sup>th</sup> Assembly:** 16 Fall vs 10 Winter

<sup>2</sup> **2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly:** 12 Fall vs 11 Winter, **3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly:** 13 Fall vs 14 Winter, **4<sup>th</sup> Assembly:** 15 Fall vs 11 Winter (4<sup>th</sup> Assembly had 1 extra meeting in April and the new November reps were sworn in on week later than previous terms)

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