

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 6-001

**A RESOLUTION TO ADD ARTICLE VI § B(8)(C)(IV) To The Election Code**

**WHEREAS,** In recent elections, it has been common practice for the University Election Commission (UEC) to assess registered candidates 1-2 demerits for failing to attend the mandatory candidates' meeting in person; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** On March 11, 2016 the UEC wrote a 14 page advisory opinion<sup>1</sup> which assessed demerits to Joe Ambrose and Jakob Haber who took the semester to study in Washington, DC and Barcelona, Spain respectively; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** Both candidates were given one demerit which resulted in a 3% deduction from their total vote count; **AND**

**WHEREAS** Candidates who are physically unable to attend the mandatory candidates meeting should not be assessed a demerit, as they are already at a significant disadvantage of not being able to campaign on campus, and penalizing these candidates will likely deter future abroad candidates from participating in Central Student Government elections;  
**THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** that Article VI § B(8)(c)(iv) be added to say:

“The UEC shall issue no demerits to candidates who fail to attend the mandatory candidate’s meeting as a result of: attending religious holidays recognized by the office of the provost, serious illness or medical procedure, death of a family member, University of Michigan sponsored athletic obligation, professional or academic commitments such as study abroad programs, exams or other serious circumstances as determined by the UEC that prevent the candidate from attending. Candidates must provide reasonable proof of their absence to the UEC. Candidates must make an honest effort to obtain information missed at the meeting.

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Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abs: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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