VGSA Senator Election Proposal

Application

An application will be developed by the VGSA Executive Board and GAPP advisers. The intent of the application will be to have applicants demonstrate their critical thinking and enthusiasm, commitment for becoming a senator. The application may involve 2 parts, one part for internal review and a second part that will be displayed as the candidate's platform.

Minimum requirements

Applicants will need to meet the following commitments to continue to the review process:

1. Be available for all council meetings
2. Commit to senator position for entire school year (August to May)

Senator Terms

Senators elected in the Fall will be expected to serve on VGSA until May of the following year. If for any reason a position becomes vacant by the end of the Fall term VGSA will hold a special election for just that department at the beginning of the following spring semester.

Review & Certification

An "applicant" is anyone who applies for a senator position. A "candidate" is someone who the board has reviewed and will be on the ballot for popular vote.

At the conclusion of the application period the VGSA Executive Board will review application contents (excluding student name) to create a smaller and most qualified pool of candidates for the popular vote. An I Incomplete application will not be allowed to proceed past the review process. The number of applicants permitted to run for election will be no more than 10 and no fewer than double the number of seats available (i.e. Civil has 1 senator so there will be no less than 2 candidates). If number of applicants equals the minimum in a given department all applicants will become candidates. Upon completion of the review the VGSA Executive Board must submit to the GAPP advisers the results as well as justification for all decisions (this must include all reasons why an application was disqualified). Once the results are certified by the GAPP advisers, each department will have its candidates for election.

Election

Senator elections will be held at the beginning of every Fall semester by the 3rd week of school. Candidate profiles will be displayed for all students within the given department to read. Election will then span an appropriate amount of days as determined by VGSA Executive Board and GAPP Advisers. The ballot will be created by the VGSA Executive Board using Qualtrics with the guidance of the GAPP advisers. Upon completion the ballot the GAPP advisers will deploy the ballot with personalized, one-use only email links. Other measures will be implemented as necessary to ensure fairness and equality for the election process.