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## Senate Bill Number FA19 SB034

### A Bill to Amend the Empty Cabinet Seat Section in the Constitution

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**Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students of Lewis & Clark here assembled that:**

**Section 1: Amend Article III, Section 12 to read:**

12. Vacancies within the Cabinet, with the exception of the position of President, shall be filled with a plurality of a vote of the Senate,
  - a. If a Cabinet seat is vacated, the President or the Director of Elections shall send out an application for the vacated seat within one (1) week of the vacancy, and the applicants will be voted on by the Senate within three (3) Senate meetings of the application going out,
    - i. If the vacated seat is a non-elected Cabinet position, then the President shall nominate one (1) applicant for the seat who is then confirmed with a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the Senate,
  - b. If there are multiple applicants for a vacant seat, each voting member of the Senate can either:
    - i. Vote for one applicant by stating the applicant's name, or
    - ii. Abstain from the vote with an "Oi" vote,
  - c. If there is a single applicant for a vacant seat, each voting member of the Senate can either vote with an "Aye" vote, a "Nay" vote, or an "Oi" vote,
  - d. If there are more abstentions than votes for candidates, then the process starts over with the President or Director of Elections sending out the application again with the same time constraints of sending out the application and voting,
  - e. In the event of a vacancy in the position of President, the Vice President shall assume the position of President until a special election can be held for the position of President within two (2) weeks of the vacancy,
  - f. All applicants must meet eligibility requirements for their respective office,
    - i. A two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of Elections Committee may waive any eligibility requirements if approved by the Chief Justice,
  - g. In the absence of a Senate, the President may appoint an interim Cabinet member with the approval of a majority ( $>\frac{1}{2}$ ) vote of the Cabinet,
    - i. The terms of all interim Cabinet members expire upon the first convening of the impending Senate,

**Section 2: This bill shall take effect immediately.**

Introduced on November 21, 2019 by Senator Roland Berg '22

Adopted on November 21, 2019

Signed on 12 / 09 / 2019 by 