# S.A. Resolution #24
## Attendance Policy Charter Changes

**Sponsored by: Matthew Henderson '16**

**Whereas,** under current policies members of the Student Assembly will automatically lose their seat after three consecutive or six cumulative absences in a term;

**Whereas**, there is no distinction between excused and unexcused absences under our current attendance policy;

**Whereas,** the current intent of our attendance policy is to insure that every constituency is effectively represented;

**Whereas**, there are potential circumstances where a seat could be acted and remain vacant for the rest of the term, or the enforcement of this policy could put the Student Assembly in a perpetual state of elections;

**Be it therefore resolved**, that Article IV Section 5 of the Student Assembly Charter is amended as follows (italicized and underlined font denotes additions);

**Section 5: Absentees**

Any voting members who are absent for three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings or for six regularly scheduled meetings cumulatively during their term will have their position vacated. _The Executive Committee may avert such a vacancy by a unanimous vote of all voting members of the Executive Committee. The vote would be conducted by secret ballot. The Executive Committee should consider the reasoning for past absences, the likelihood of future absences, and the representative's supplemental actions to represent their respective constituency in making their decision. The same action must be taken to avert a vacancy whenever the three consecutive absences or the six cumulative absences mark is exceeded._

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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