

PURDUE STUDENT SENATE

RESOLUTION 18-20

“Intent to Transition to Ranked Choice Voting”

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Assigned to:
Recommendations:
Action(s):
President Pro Tempore: Spencer Henderson
Student Senate President: Olivia Keller
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WHEREAS, The first-past-the-post voting system currently used in Purdue Student Government elections may poorly reflect the preferences of the student body when a competitive number of candidates run for office; and

WHEREAS, Ranked-choice voting has been shown theoretically and experimentally to better reflect voter preferences[1] and lead to increased association with positive voter experiences[2]; and

WHEREAS, Ranked-choice voting has been shown theoretically and experimentally to increase candidates perception and use of positive campaigning tactics[3]

Therefore, be it RESOLVED,

that Purdue Student Government expresses its intent to officially transition to a ranked-choice voting system as soon as BoilerLink confirms that online ranked-choice voting is technologically feasible; and

that Purdue Student Government deliver this resolution to the office of Student Activities and Organizations

References:

[1]https://sophia.stkate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=http://www.rcvmaine.com/what_data_exists_to_support_the_claim_that_ranked_choice_voting_increases_participation_in_the_democratic_process&httpsredir=1&article=1022&context=maol_theses

[2]<https://fairvote.app.box.com/v/tolbert-electoral-reform>

[3]<http://cddrl.fsi.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/todd-donovan.pdf>

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