Subject: Resolution No. 74-10A1
AMENDING THE SAC CONSTITUTION: CREATING INTERIM STUDENT DELEGATE TERMS
- Student Delegate Diana Suen and Commissioners Jill Wynns, Mark Sanchez, Norman Yee, Hydra B. Mendoza, Jane Kim, Eric Mar, & Kim-Shree Maufas

RESOLVED: That the Student Advisory Council suggests the following changes to the Council’s bylaws to be adopted by the Board of Education:

P5132 -ARTICLE 5 – STUDENTS
SECTION ACTIVITIES – STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
ARTICLE VIII – STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL CABINET (F.)

SECTION I – Election of Officers (new language to F. in bold and underscored)

F. The voting members of the Student Advisory Council shall nominate and elect one student delegate to the Board of Education. The other student delegate to the Board will be elected district wide by all high school students in the SFUSD.

1. If the current elected SAC Student Delegate is not a senior, the Student Advisory Council shall vote to allow the Student Delegate to serve an interim term, from July 1 of that year to November 15 of that year or until the new SAC elected Student Delegate is elected, whichever comes first.

2. If the current SAC elected Student Delegate is a senior, the current Student Advisory Council elected Student Delegate may recommend a student to serve in this interim position. The Student Advisory Council shall elect a new non-senior student to serve an interim term, from July 1 of that year to November 15 of that year or until the new Student Advisory Council elected Student Delegate is elected, whichever comes first.

3. If the current district-elected Student Delegate is not a senior and has been approved by district election to serve an interim term, he/she shall serve an interim term, from July 1 of that year to November 15 of that year or until the new district-elected Student Delegate is elected, whichever comes first.

4. If the current district-elected Student Delegate is a senior and/or has not been approved by the district election to serve an interim term, the current district-elected Student Delegate may recommend a student to serve in this interim position. The Student Advisory Council shall elect a new non-senior student to serve an interim term, from July 1 of that year to November 15 of that year or until the new district-elected Student Delegate is elected, whichever comes first.

5. Henceforth, all Student Delegates serving interim terms shall be known as an “Interim Student Delegate.”
6. At least one interim delegate shall be elected from a school that has not been represented by student delegates for at least three (3) years. (amendment from 5/8/07)

BACKGROUND: The results from Youth VOTE, or similar district-wide elections for students, are often not publicized until early November in order to coincide with the general November elections, and Student Advisory Council officers are typically elected in early October. That, combined with the California Education Code which states that Student Delegate terms start in July of each year, leaves empty Student Delegate seat(s) on the Board of Education from July to November, or roughly half a year. Traditionally, Student Delegates have attended the Board of Education meetings voluntarily during those months, but there is still a lack of direct student participation on the Board of Education. This proposal seeks to create two interim Student Delegate terms to serve as a remedy for lack of official student representation; however, it is by no means an encouragement for the Student Advisory Council or for the general San Francisco Unified School District population to automatically vote for the interim Student Delegates to be the official Student Delegates of the following school year. The Student Delegates may choose to run for an interim term, but they are not guaranteed the offices of the Student Delegate.

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Please Note:
- Referred by order of the Chair on 4/10/07 to the Rules, Policy, and Legislation Committee.
- Taken up by the Rules, Policy, and Legislation Committee on 4/18/07. Forwarded to the Board with a positive recommendation by general consent of the Committee.
- Postponed by the authors on 5/8/07 to the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2007. Amendment language presented on 5/8/07 is point #6 of the Resolution in **bold, italics, and underscored**.
- Adopted, as amended, on May 22, 2007