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Renaming the Student Union Ethics
Commission and Election Committee

On Wednesday, November 20, the Student Senate officially passed SO2425-19, an Order amending the Constitution to rename two judicial bodies. Specifically, SO2425-19 renamed the 'Student Union Ethics Commission' to the 'Student Union Ethics Council,' and the 'Election Committee' to the 'Election Council.'

Despite having formerly inconsistent names, the newly renamed Ethics Council and Election Council serve relatively identical adjudicatory functions: the Ethics Council is responsible for hearing and redressing complaints of unethical/unconstitutional conduct within the Student Union, while the Election Council is responsible for hearing and redressing complaints of unethical/unconstitutional conduct in elections.

This naming inconsistency has been a continued source of unnecessary confusion and complexity for the Student Union and electoral candidates alike. With this change, the Judicial Council hopes to further increase simplification and transparency.

This new standardization comes after over a dozen years of name stagnation. The Ethics Council was formerly named the Ethics Commission since at least 2009, while the Election Council has been named the Election Committee since at least 2004.

We hope this newfound naming consistency will serve to introduce increased clarity and reduce confusion regarding the purpose, jurisdiction, structure, and names of the judicial bodies crucial to the administration of fair justice within the Student Union.

Respectfully,

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