

Title: AS Council Honorary President Selection Process

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Background/Purpose

The AS Council Honorary President is a constitutionally described position that had dated back many decades. This individual is a Queen's School of Medicine faculty member who attends AS meetings as a non-voting member, and acts as an advisor, liaison and resource as needed. This person is designated by the AS Council to be the staff champion for initiatives of the AS, so long as they support the initiative and are the person best suited for the role.

As this position can be seen as a statement of confidence by the QMed student body in a faculty member who will look out for their broad interests, the selection of this individual has for many years been done solely by the elected student representatives of the AS Council with little to no input from the QMed student body at-large. The purpose of this policy statement is to formalize a process in which Honorary Presidents are selected with greater transparency and with input from all interested students who wish to see a faculty member that has been of significance to them as a potential candidate for this role.

In addition, as the term for Honorary President is two years and successive AS Councils have many seen and unforeseen priorities and initiatives, having the selection process for Honorary president outlined in this document will ensure a) institutional memory for years to come and b) that the position of Honorary President shall always be filled and the selection of an incoming Honorary President shall be done in a timely and organized manner.

Description of Selection Process

During the spring AS elections period in years that an Honorary President's term is set to expire the following process shall be followed:

1. The University Affairs Officer, Sr. shall organize a "Student Open Solicitation for Recommendations for Honorary President" (which can be done in the form of a Google Form etc.) that will commence two weeks prior to the AS spring elections period. This period of student input shall be open for two weeks and is open to all Aesculapian Society members.
2. At the end of the student input period, a working group consisting of University Affairs

Officer, Senior (Chair); University Affairs Officer, Junior; AS President, and Equity Officer, Senior, and overseen by the Chief Electoral Officer shall meet to go review the submissions made during the student input period. This meeting shall be open to observers.

3. Selection of up to ten of the most recommended names for Honorary President shall be made by the working group.
4. At the subsequent AS Council meeting, the University Affairs Officer, Sr. shall forward these names for consideration.
5. All voting members of the AS Council shall cast their preferential votes for Honorary President amongst the recommended names. Each member shall have up to 3 votes for Honorary President with no more than one vote per candidate
6. The full results of the vote shall be made open to the AS Council. The University Affairs Officer, Sr. shall be tasked with contacting the faculty member with the most preferential votes to accept their election to the position.
7. If in the event the faculty member with the most preferential votes declines their election, the University Affairs Officer, Sr. shall contact the faculty member with the second most preferential votes etc. until such faculty member accepts their election to the role.
8. The newly selected Honorary President shall assume their role on the date set by the AS Constitution.

In the event that a vacancy in the role happens outside of the normal term, this process will immediately commence until a new Honorary President has been selected.