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First Principles

1. Full representation of all Faculties on Students’ Council is ideal to ensure all undergraduate students have representation.

2. Current mechanisms to fill vacancies on Students’ Council, including fall by-elections and councillors-in-waiting, are not always effective.

3. Faculties often have vacancies after the fall by-elections and therefore remain vacant, without representation, for the entirety of the elected term.

4. A new mechanism shall be created to help fill vacancies after the period of the fall by-election.

5. Immediately following the by-election period, the office of Discover Governance shall create a petition form for all faculties with vacancies and disseminate the form broadly, including to the Faculty Association in which the vacancy is held.
6. Any student member in the faculty with a vacancy shall be eligible to complete the petition form which will require signatures from a prescribed number of students in that faculty based on past elections.

7. After the valid petition is submitted, it shall come into effect after 7 days unless another valid petition is received.

8. In the event that two or more students submit petitions, the student with the higher amount of signatures shall be the winner.

9. Bylaw 100 and other pertinent Bylaws shall be amended to implement this mechanism.

10. This mechanism shall be called a “Vacancy Petition.”