The Election Process
and the Select Interim Committee

The ASSC Student Government is comprised of an Executive Board and a Senate. Any student enrolled in PLSC 50 can be appointed a senator or associate senator, provided they meet the requirements (see ASSC Bylaws); three of the Executive Board positions – the Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer – are also by appointment. However the President, Vice-President, Student Trustee, and Legislative Advocate must be elected into office every spring, and serve a two-semester term.

Last spring, the ASSC voted to invalidate the results of our annual elections. The election process was plagued by a series of mistakes. Honest errors, lack of information, and the relative newness of all involved resulted in an unreliable outcome. Poor voter turnout further undermined the election results.

Fortunately, the ASSC Constitution has a provision for just this situation. The lack of a validly elected President and Vice-President triggers the formation of a “Select Interim Committee.” The Select Interim Committee’s main purpose is to oversee the establishment of a new Executive Board by conducting elections in the fall semester. It also functions as a limited version of the Executive Board, allowing the ASSC Senate to continue to function during the election process.

The Select Interim Committee, or SIC, has been active since May and has been meeting all summer. We have been going over the ASSC election code, examining the issues we had last spring, and discussing the election process in anticipation of the elections we will be holding this semester. Once the elections are over, the SIC will be dissolved, a new Executive Board will be seated, and the ASSC will resume regular operation.