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ESC amends constitution

Members of the Engineering Student Council (ESC) passed several constitutional amendments toughening rules to limit council members' absences and redrafting election procedures during their weekly meeting last night.

In the new draft, three consecutive unexcused absences or four unexcused absences during the course of a semester will lead to an automatic impeachment.

Additionally, council members announced that upcoming nominations for board positions including president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary will be held at the next meeting Feb. 28.

ESC President Demetra Agelopoulos, SEAS '95, urged interested School of Engineering and Applied Science students to contact an executive board member, as only council members can nominate candidates. A nomination is necessary to run in the March 7 elections.

Also during the meeting, representatives from several campus organizations requested ESC funding for upcoming projects.

The council granted \$100 for a joint project of the College Democrats and Women's History Month to bring Harvard Professor J.B. Kay to Columbia to conduct a workshop on violence and its effects on children.

Council members also voted to give \$500 to the AIDS Quilt project, which is expected to come to campus April 22 if the organizers reach a \$55,000 fundraising goal.

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