



FROM: Hannah Jackson, Speaker of the 85<sup>th</sup> Session of the ASUN Senate  
TO: Samuel Bruketta, Chief Justice of the Associated Students  
DATE: 11/28/2017  
RE: Formal Request for Stay of Reapportionment Proceedings

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Chief Justice Bruketta,

I would like to formally request a stay of proceedings for the apportionment procedure mandated by the Constitution of the Associated Students II.1.b, which reads:

*“Each college and school shall have at least one seat. Thereafter, the seats shall be apportioned among the colleges and schools proportionally according to their respective enrollment numbers. The apportionment and number shall be set by law every two years.”*

The Committee on Oversight has discussed this matter, and wished to address the following concerns:

1. Due to reorganization within the current Division of Health Sciences, what is currently nine academic colleges will now become eleven.
2. There is inconsistent information as to whether there will be eleven academic colleges or twelve academic colleges.
3. If apportioned with the current number of senators (22), representation would be thinly spread among the several academic colleges.

I will address these concerns in more detail below.

First, it has come to our attention that the Division of Health Sciences will be splitting into three academic colleges. The new colleges will be as follows:

1. The Orvis School of Nursing
2. The Division of Health Sciences

### 3. Community Health Sciences

We currently have Senators representing nine academic colleges. This number will now be eleven. This change drastically alters representation within the Senate. Using the Huntington-Hill method of proportional representation, each academic college is required to have at least one representative.

Second, we have received inconsistent information concerning the status of the Speech Pathology program. Potentially, the program will report directly to the School of Medicine within the coming year. In pursuance with the Statutes of the Associated Students and the Constitution, the School of Medicine would have to have a senate representative, which would increase the number to twelve academic colleges.

Third, by using the Huntington-Hill Method as prescribed in Statutes of the Associated Students I.101.12, we have calculated that both the College of Science and Interdisciplinary Programs will lose Senate representation in order to accommodate for the new academic colleges, who will be required to have at least one representative.

In order to ensure adequate representation for our students and to make the most prudent decision moving forward, the Committee on Oversight is requesting a stay of proceedings for this year's scheduled reapportionment. If this request is approved, the Association would reapportion with current enrollment numbers, but keep the current standing of nine academic colleges, until a more equitable solution of representation is found.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hannah Jackson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'H' and 'J'.

Hannah Jackson

*Speaker of the Senate*