**Proposed Changes to the By-Laws**

These proposed changes would eliminate language limiting the number of co-chairs.

In May of 2013, this was a topic of discussion on the ESA list-serv (see the list-serv archive). Several former co-chairs expressed support for changing the language and there were no dissenting opinions expressed. There wasn’t enough time to change the by-laws before the election and so the suggestion was lost in the shuffle.

While some might call for an upper limit to the number of co-chairs, I’m not in favor of solving problems that don’t exist. Co-chairs hold two seats on the program Executive Committee, so I imagine there’s enough incentive for pairs of people to run and keeps a check on co-chair power.

**Article IV: OFFICERS AND GOVERNANCE**

The ~~sole~~ officers of the ESA are the ~~two~~ ESA Co-chairs, charged with the responsibilities of facilitating discussion among members, acting as liaisons between the English Program student body and the English Program Executive Officer, organizing ESA meetings, and managing the ESA finances. Co-chairs will be nominated and elected annually according to the election process.

Explanation: Only officers have access to Program Student Association funds held by the DSC. This change allows for more than two ESA Co-Chairs.

**Article II: ESA Co-chairs**

*~~Section 2.1 Number of Co-chairs~~*

~~The total number of Co-chairs will be two (2).~~

Explanation: Eliminating this section allows for any number of co-chairs.

**Article III: Committee Membership**

*Section 3.4 Permanent ESA Committees Sharing English Program Governance*

ESA members serve on the following permanent committees responsible for sharing in English Program governance:

* The Executive Committee is composed of four (4) student members~~,~~: two ~~including the~~ ESA co-chairs who serve *ex officio* and two elected student members.

Explanation: This clarification ensures the make-up of the ESA Executive Committee remains the same regardless of the number of co-chairs.