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## EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-01:

### AN EXECUTIVE ORDER POSTPONING STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS UNTIL FALL 2020

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By the authority vested in me as President of the Student Body by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Government Association assembled at Wright State University, I hereby order the following:

#### **SECTION 1:** *Summary*

Wright State University, the State of Ohio, the United States of America, and the entire global community is currently battling against COVID-19, more commonly referred to as the coronavirus. Governor Mike Dewine recently announced that elections in the state of Ohio were to be extended until June 2nd. The purpose of this drastic and unprecedented action is to ensure the health and safety of all Ohioans. With the same intent, and under the same circumstances, I am hereby postponing Student Government Elections until Fall 2020.

#### **SECTION 2:** *Background*

In late December, 2019 Chinese officials announced that they were investigating a group of seemingly related respiratory cases all from the same city. It was soon announced to be a novel coronavirus. The novel coronavirus was named COVID-19 and declared a Global Health Emergency by the World Health Organization (WHO) on January 30th.

This was 6 days after the first case of COVID-19 was detected in the United States on January 24th.

On March 9th, the first case of Covid 19 was declared in Cuyahoga County in northeastern Ohio, and the Governor Mike DeWine declared a State of Emergency in the State of Ohio. On that same day, Ohio State University suspended all face to face classes until March 30th.

On March 11th, the WHO declared COVID-19 to be a Pandemic. The WHO defines a pandemic as “an epidemic occurring worldwide, or over a very wide area, crossing international boundaries and usually affecting a large number of people”.

Since March 9th, the Government of Ohio has taken drastic measures to curb the spread of COVID-19. Some of these measures include, canceling K-12 education for a number of weeks, closing bars and restaurants, limiting crowd sizes, closing bowling alleys and movie theaters, and most recently postponing elections in the state of Ohio until June 2nd.

Wright State has also taken actions to help curb the spread of COVID-19. These actions include canceling all face to face classes for the remainder of the semester, canceling all university events, and encouraging social distancing measures through university planning meetings.

Along this same theme of curbing the spread of COVID-19 and in giving all candidates the best opportunity to campaign to all students, it is my decision that Student Government elections will be postponed until the fall. The following sections will detail the timeline and other details of how this modified election will take place.

### **SECTION 3: *Timeline***

August 24: First day of fall classes; Petitions open.

September 2nd: Petitions due to the Special Elections Committee (SEC) by 5pm.

- All candidates will have to attend a candidates meeting and submit all necessary paperwork prior to petitions being due to the SEC

September 7th: Campaigning begins  
September 12th Campaign period ends  
September 13th: Election portal open on Wings  
September 17th: Election portal closes 5pm.  
September 18th: Election Results are announced.  
September 22nd: Newly elected officials take office.

**SECTION 4:** *Current members of Student Government.*

All currently elected members will retain their positions until September 22nd when the newly elected members take office.

All members of the Executive Board will retain their positions until September 22nd when the newly elected members take office.

All members of the Cabinet will be relieved of their duties on the first day of summer term, May 11th.

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