

Motion of Electoral Deferment

14 May 2007

We, the members of the Executive Council of Model United Nations at the University of California at San Diego, do hereby call for a motion of deferment to postpone the officer elections, previously scheduled for the month of June, until the month of October.

Article II, Section 1E of the Constitution of Model United Nations at the University of California San Diego clearly states that one purpose of our organization shall be to

Instill in each member a sense of responsibility of maintaining international peace and well-being through international co-operation.

To that end, we recognize the imperative of establishing and upholding democratic norms such as having regularly scheduled elections. However, we assert that, at this time, there exist a number of strategic and logistical obstacles that preclude successful and democratically sound elections from occurring. These obstacles include:

1. Model United Nations at UCSD, being recently reconstituted in February of 2007, is an institutionally new organization. As such, with the conclusion of only one general body meeting, its membership is not fully established and potential leaders are not fully realized. We believe that by October of 2007, members will have a more complete understanding of which members carry the best potential as new leaders.
2. Model United Nations at UCSD, from a structural perspective, has not been fully developed. Presently, the travel team and the corresponding Fall Quarter seminar do not

exist, bringing into question the democratic principles behind any process for the selection of the position of Undersecretary-General of Travel.

3. Model United Nations at UCSD, being recently reconstituted in February of 2007, lacks a clearly defined pool of viable candidates for office that have declared their intention to run and have been actively campaigning.

Recognizing both the imperative to establish democratic norms and the difficulties that preclude such as an action, we call for an affirmation in the leadership, fidelities, and abilities of Secretary-General Anne Song as acting Secretary-General of Model United Nations at UCSD. We attest that, because of her exemplary performance as acting Secretary-General, she shall continue to serve in this capacity until successful and democratically sound elections can take place in October of 2007.

We do these things openly, without reservation, and of our own accord on this day, the fourteenth day of May in the year two thousand and seven.