

Referendum Question No. 1
Princeton University Undergraduate Student Government
Special Referendum—March 2015

Condensation (Ballot Question)

Shall the undergraduates (1) call on each bicker eating club to end bicker not later than the first day of the 2019-2020 academic year; (2) direct the USG Senate to, not later than 45 days after approval of this referendum resolution, establish an ad hoc committee to facilitate ending bicker; and (3) call on the Interclub Council to appoint a member of such ad hoc committee to serve as a nonvoting member of the Council who shall work with the Council to facilitate ending bicker?

Explanation (Submitted by the Sponsor)

For over a century, Princeton's eating clubs have played a formative role in our University's culture. As undergraduates, we should honor the positive aspects of our traditions while correcting the harms they generate. Many students feel that bicker is an outdated and harmful system that does not have a positive impact on campus life. Please support our referendum to end bicker and help us find an alternative that makes our campus community more inclusive.

Digest

- **Section 1** expresses that the undergraduates call on each bicker eating club to end bicker not later than the first day of the 2019-2020 academic year.
- **Section 2** directs the USG Senate to, not later than 45 days after approval of this referendum resolution, establish an ad hoc committee to (1) facilitate ending bicker; and (2) develop and work to implement an alternative system to bicker.
- **Section 3** expresses that the undergraduates call on the Interclub Council to appoint a member of the ad hoc committee created under section 2 to serve as a nonvoting member of the Council who shall work with the Council to, as described in sections 1 and 2, (1) facilitate ending bicker; and (2) implement an alternative system to bicker.
- **Section 4** directs the Executive Secretary of the USG Senate to transmit an official copy of this resolution to certain individuals.

The following is the full text of the referendum measure.

THE UNDERGRADUATES OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Referendum Resolution ___-2015
Referendum Question No. 1 (Special Referendum, March 2015)
Sponsored by RYAN LOW '16

Referendum Resolution

Calling on each bicker club to end bicker not later than the first day of the 2019-2020 academic year,
and for other purposes.

Resolved by the undergraduates of Princeton University,

SECTION 1. CALL ON BICKER EATING CLUBS TO END BICKER.

The undergraduates call on the each bicker club to end bicker not later than the first day of the 2019-2020 academic year.

SEC. 2. AD HOC COMMITTEE.

The undergraduates direct the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government to, not later than 45 days after approval of this referendum resolution, establish an ad hoc committee to—

- (1) facilitate ending bicker; and
- (2) develop and work to implement an alternative system to bicker.

SEC. 3. AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBER ON INTERCLUB COUNCIL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The undergraduates call on the Interclub Council (“Council”) to appoint a member of the ad hoc committee created under section 2 to serve as a nonvoting member of the Council.

(b) ROLE OF AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBER ON COUNCIL.—The role of the member of the ad hoc committee described in subsection (a) is to work with the Council to, as described in sections 1 and 2—

- (1) facilitate ending bicker; and
- (2) implement an alternative system to bicker.

SEC. 4. TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.

The undergraduates direct the Executive Secretary of the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government to transmit an official copy of this resolution to each of the following individuals:

- (1) President Christopher L. Eisgruber '83, President of the University.
- (2) Vice President Cynthia Cherrey, Vice President for Campus Life.
- (3) Dean Kathleen Deignan, Dean of Undergraduate Students.
- (4) Dean Bryant Blount '08, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Students.
- (5) Joe Margolies '15, President of the Interclub Council.
- (6) Thomas Fleming, Jr. '69, Chairman of the Graduate Interclub Council.
- (7) The president of each bicker eating club.
- (8) The president of the graduate board of each bicker eating club.

Approved

, 2015.

*Executive Secretary of the Senate,
Undergraduate Student Government.*