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Subject: Request for review by the GBC of the Senate President's "veto" of the 2/20 Motion to call for a vote of no confidence
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Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Governance and Bylaws Committee,

Given the following facts:

- At the 2/20/2025 Senate meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and passed by a majority vote to call for a full faculty vote of confidence/no confidence in Provost Thomas Poon ("VNC Motion"),
- And subsequently the VNC Motion was challenged on procedural grounds and referred to the Governance and Bylaws Committee (GBC),
- And at the Senate meeting 3/27, the GBC recommended that the VNC Motion was extraconstitutional and no further action should be taken.
- At the 3/27 meeting, a motion was made to accept the GBC recommendation on the VNC Motion,
- And that this motion failed via a 13-9 vote with 4 abstentions,
- Logic would dictate, and the discussion in the room reflected, that given the failure to accept the GBC recommendation to quash the VNC Motion, the VNC Motion should stand as it was passed in the 2/20 Senate meeting.
- Upon hearing this conversation, the Senate President unilaterally declared that he "vetoed" the VNC Motion, without any stated constitutional authority to do so.
- Given that no such constitutional veto authority exists,
- And given that the Senate Parliamentarian immediately raised a constitutional and procedural objection to this veto,

I hereby respectfully request that the Senate President's veto on the VNC Motion be directed to the Governance and Bylaws Committee for review with respect to the constitutionality of this action. I further request that this review and any relevant recommendations be delivered no later than the next Senate meeting.

Thank you,

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