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DATE:	7 MARCH 2019
TO:	SENATE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH
FROM:	CHIEF JUSTICE NICOLE SHEERIN
SUBJECT:	Procedure in the Event of Supreme Court Justice Unavailability
RE:	(a) NMIMT Constitution 10.4.1.f.iii
	(b) NMIMT Constitution 10.4.1.f.v

Student Government

Association

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1. This memo purposes a new regulation wherein the Dean of Students may oversee the ballot box in the event of complete SGA Supreme Court Justice unavailability during an election.

2. Students at NMIMT undergo a strenuous course load which causes many scheduling conflicts. As classes are often scheduled at the same time among different students, instances may arise when no members of the Supreme Court are available to be present at the ballot box. As of now, a scheduling conflict will prevent the election from being performed as prescribed in Article 10 Section 4.f.iii and the election will be considered invalid.

3. To prevent invalidating an election for an unavoidable conflict, the Dean of Students should be granted the power to oversee the ballot box. The purpose of the presence of a Supreme Court Justice is to ensure fair and just elections as per Article 10. The Dean of Students is familiar with the procedures of the election as such, the Dean will maintain an impartial presence and fulfills the same roll as a Supreme Court Justice.

4. Approval of this amended regulation will ensure that extenuating circumstances do not render an election invalid. For this regulation to be accepted, as per Article 10 Section 4.1.f.v of the 2018 NMIMT SGA Constitution, there must be approval from the super majority (2/3) of the Senate and the Executive Branch. Email <u>nmt.sga.chiefjustice@gmai.com</u> if there are any questions.

> NICOLE SHEERIN Chief Justice NMIMT Supreme Court

Attachments: 1. Current SGANMIMT Constitution