

RUSA

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**Complainant:** Viktor Krapivin, Internal Affairs Chair

**Question:** What are the necessary qualifications to run for Vice President of RUSA?

**Findings:** The qualifications for Vice President are the same as thus for a general member with no extra requirements being placed on candidates. The requirements for general members are laid out in Article 4 section 4.01. Specially the language runs, “All undergraduate students enrolled in a professional school may vote and run for office in their respective Professional School Council or The Assembly.” Beyond the requirement of undergraduate status at Rutgers University the Vice President has no further requirements in the Constitution, however, as per the Standing Rules, further requirements can be applied through the passage of such additions in elections guidelines.

The President of the Assembly has an additional requirement of active participation in the Assembly for at least one year prior to their elections as President.<sup>1</sup> Further the Vice President is the appointed successor of the President in the event that the President can no longer fulfill the duties of their office.<sup>2</sup> Thus a question might be raised as to whether the Vice President must also have at least a year of experience in the Assembly. The answer to the above question is that the President’s year requirement shall not descend to their Vice President in the event of a President's resignation, thus a Vice President without a years experience may, in the event of a vacancy of the office of the President, serve as President for the remainder of the President's term.

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<sup>1</sup> RUSA Constitution Article 5.03.1.b The language runs “Shall have at least one year of experience on The Assembly. “

<sup>2</sup> RUSA Constitution Article 4.02. The language runs “In the event of the President’s resignation, the Vice President shall assume the Presidency”