

MINORITY OPINION
STUDENT GOVERNMENT JUDICIAL BOARD

After extensive review of The Constitution of the Texas A&M University Student Government Association, the minority opinion had to answer some very difficult questions. The issue we discussed concerned the referendum voted upon by the student body concerning article III section III subsection (f) and (g). We had to decide what was the original definition of the term "referendum" in the constitution. At this time it was the minority opinion that although the definition of referendum is unclear in subsection (f) that it is defined quite clearly sub section (g).

A dictionary (Webster's) definition of referendum is the right of the people to vote directly on such laws, superseding or overruling the legislature. In Article III Section III subsection (f) the constitution called for a general referendum of the student body, in order to consider proposed legislation. It is understood by the minority opinion that an issue had to already have been debated and considered among the senate before entrusting the right to decide an issue directly to their constituents, the student body.

It is the view of the minority opinion that the decision made by the Judicial Board did not reflect the judgment of the student body nor did they have the foresight to enact a living constitution, one that is both well defined and holds the senate accountable to its voters.