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Late last month Parliamentarian, Jacob Kurtz, finalized appointing two students, Neil Chada '19 and Doreen Nguyen '20, to fill vacant seats (College of Engineering and School of Theatre, Film and Media Arts respectively) for this academic year's Temple Student Government Parliament. The two students had informed the previous Elections Committee of their interest following the Spring 2017 elections. After being approved as Parliamentarian, Kurtz, contacted both students to ensure they were still interested. Both students responded with an enthusiastic, yes. Both students were subjected to the same requirements as other members of Parliament including GPA, student conduct and time requirements and both met the requirements needed for the role.

The process of filling vacant seats is outlined in the Temple Student Government Constitution (Specifically in Article II, Section 5, Sub-section iv). Usually, the vacant seat is filled by the runner-up, in both situations no other students applied to run for either seat. Since there were no other interested students in either seat following outreach leading up to the Spring 2017 election, Chada and Nguyen became the sole appointees for each seat.

For both students to hold the position they must be approved by the Steering Committee by a simple majority vote. The current Parliament has yet to create a Steering Committee, however the former Steering Committee does hold Emeritus Membership status which grants them the power to vote on Nominations (TSG Constitution Article II, Section 5, Sub-section v, portion b). This Committee is made up of the former Speaker and the seven committee chairs (including two co-chairs). Both students have given the Committee resumes and statements of interest, committee members have also been able to digitally contact the students with any questions, the hope is to finalize the vote within the upcoming weeks.

There are two vacant seats in Parliament one for Boyer School of Music and Dance and the other for Transfer Students. The two Freshman Class representatives will be elected by their peers in early fall, and the RHA and Greek Life representative will be determined by those organizations in early fall. Students who are interested in any open seats can contact either TSGelect@temple.edu or parliamentarian@temple.edu for more information.

This appointment is one of many ongoing projects being undertaken by Temple Student Government over the summer. All with the goal to ensure Temple Student Government

is representative of all aspects of our campus and constantly advocating on behalf of the students of Temple University and its surrounding community.