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**University of Central Florida**  
**Fifty Sixth Student Body Senate**  
**Internal Bill 56-29**

[Updates to Title VI: Creating Clarity of Declaration of Candidacy]

**WHEREAS**, Statutes require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;  
**WHEREAS**, The Declaration of Candidacy is currently used interchangeably between two different meanings;  
**WHEREAS**, The uncertain definition of the Declaration of Candidacy creates confusion when reading Title VI;  
**WHEREAS**, This update would clarify the definition of the Declaration of Candidacy by adding the Declaration of Candidacy Period to differentiate between being referenced as a time frame or a form; and  
**WHEREAS**, This Bill will go into effect immediately upon conclusion of the current election period.  
**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, by the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that Title VI be amended as follows:

Chapter 600 Definitions

- 600.1
- J. Contribution – Any service, goods or sum of money donated to the candidate with the intent of promoting or aiding the candidate in their campaign.
  - K. Declaration of Candidacy: The approval of the application consisting of the Senate Candidate Packet or Presidential Candidate Packet that the Election Commission will make available at the start of the Spring Semester.**
  - L. Declaration of Candidacy Period: Shall be during the fourth (4th) academic week prior to the election and shall take place between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.**
  - M. Election Period – Shall start Monday of petitions and end two (2) weeks after the last day of voting. (For special elections, the Election Commission shall define the election period no later than two (2) academic days after regular voting.)

Chapter 601 The Election Commission

601.3 Duties of the Assistant Supervisor of Elections

- D. Work with the appropriate Executive Branch designee for website coordination to update and maintain a link through the SG website, listing each candidate running, whether incumbent or non-incumbent, and an optional area for each individual running to post qualifications, resume, platform, etc. All such information must be submitted by the last day of **the Declaration of Candidacy Period** at 5:00 PM. Candidate information shall be made available immediately after submission and approval by the Election Commission and shall remain available until 5:00 PM on the day following the election period. All information posted on the website must first be approved by an Election Commissioner.

601.4 Duties of the Election Commissioners

- E. Shall certify the date and time reported on Declaration of Candidacy forms once received.
- F. Shall work a minimum of ten (10) hours, during the week in which **the Declaration of Candidacy Period** occurs and the following week. Election Commissioners shall also work a minimum of ten (10) hours per week during the week in which
- K. Shall conduct at least ten (10) informational sessions, at varying times, including at least three (3) during **the Declaration of Candidacy Period** and at least one (1) after the completion of **the Declaration of Candidacy Period**, to explain the Election Statutes, relevant sections of the Golden Rule, and Title XI: Code of Ethics, and to answer questions concerning the elections, for all candidates/tickets. These informational sessions shall include information regarding what is and is not appropriate campaign material, as per Student Body Statutes and the Golden Rule. The Attorney General should be present if available. The ten (10) informational sessions' dates and times must be posted on the SG website and in the SG office no later than ten (10) academic days prior to the first informational session. Furthermore, these dates must be announced during the Senate meeting prior to the first informational session. Additional informational sessions may be scheduled and posted on the SG website as needed.

- L. Shall send a copy of Title VI: The Election Statutes to the primary campus media outlets, notifying them that these statutes will be used in the upcoming election, before the end of **the Declaration of Candidacy Period**.
- N. Shall procure posters, which will be displayed in each building in which classes are held and shall advertise to the primary campus media outlets information regarding elections. These advertisements shall be made available during the last week of the semester preceding the Election. Information concerning the Petition of Candidacy Forms shall include the date, time, place of voting, offices to be elected, and when the Declaration of Candidacy **Period** ends.
- Q. Shall notify the candidates and primary campus media outlets of the date, time and place of Candidate Exposition by the first (1st) academic day after the Declaration of Candidacy **Period** ends.

601.5 Duties of the Student Government Advisor

- A. Shall check the qualifications of all candidates and shall post the names of those qualified to hold office on a Student Government sponsored website, within one (1) academic day after the end of **the Declaration of Candidacy Period**. There shall be two (2) additional academic days in which those candidates/tickets that are not qualified may clear up questions of qualifications.

Chapter 603 Candidates

603.2 Senate Candidates

- ~~C. **The Declaration of Candidacy Period** for spring elections shall be during the fourth (4th) academic week prior to the election and shall take place between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.~~
- D. To be placed on the ballot, and be eligible for active campaigning, candidates must complete the following by closing of the Declaration of Candidacy **Period**:

603.3 Presidential Candidates

- A. A Presidential ticket must file a Petition form with the signatures of one hundred (100) students currently enrolled at the University of Central Florida. 1. To be considered valid, a signature shall consist of: The typed name and the last eight (8) digits of the student's UCF ISO number. 2. It shall be the duty of the Election Commission to verify that all submitted UCF ISO numbers correspond appropriately with the listed name on the candidate's petition. 3. If, upon verification by the Election Commission, a candidate's Petition form is found to contain less than the required number of signatures, the candidate shall have until 5:00 p.m. on the first academic day following the end of **the Declaration of Candidacy Period** to complete the Petition form. Any Petition form not fully completed by 5:00 p.m. on the first academic day following the end of **the Declaration of Candidacy Period** shall be considered invalid.
- B. Petitions may be obtained from the Student Government Advisor or Designee no earlier than 9:00 a.m. on the first (1st) academic day of the Spring semester. The Petition will be turned in at the time of the candidate's declaration of candidacy.
- ~~C. **The Declaration of Candidacy Period** for spring elections shall be during the fourth (4th) academic week prior to the election and shall take place between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.~~
- F. Active Campaigning shall begin immediately following the tickets' Declaration of Candidacy.

Chapter 612 Forms

- 612.1 All forms used during the elections will be developed by the Election Commission and in compliance with the Election Statutes prior to the Declaration of Candidacy **Period**.

Chapter 614 Revising the Election Statutes

- 614.1 Changes to the Election Statutes enacted after the beginning of the Declaration of Candidacy **Period** shall not affect the election in progress.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

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