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**University of Central Florida**  
**Fifty-Fourth Student Body Senate**  
**Internal Bill 54-17**

[Updates to Title VI: The Election Statutes]

**WHEREAS**, Statutes require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;  
**WHEREAS**, Many aspects of the Election Statutes are outdated and need to be modernized;  
**WHEREAS**, Making it statutorily allowable for the Election Commission to use the resources available to them, specifically through Student Government sponsored websites, will allow them to run elections more effectively and efficiently;  
**WHEREAS**, Finance Limitations are also currently outdated, having never been altered after the spending caps were lowered in the 52nd Senate Session through Internal Bill 52-28;  
**WHEREAS**, These changes were discussed but never put into legislation by Fifty-Third Student Body Senate's E&A Committee; and  
**WHEREAS**, This Bill will go into effect immediately.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, by the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that Title VI be amended as follows:

**Chapter 600 Definitions**

- 600.1 The following are defined, but not limited to:
- J. ~~Election Bulletin Board~~ — Bulletin board containing election information. The Election Commission shall maintain the board in the Senate Workroom.

**Chapter 601 The Election Commission**

- 601.2 Duties of the Supervisor of Elections:
- B. Shall post on ~~the SG Bulletin Board~~ **a Student Government sponsored website** all election results no later than 12:00 p.m. on the afternoon following each election.
  - D. **Shall submit a memorandum to the Elections and Appointments Committee at the end of each non-election semester summarizing the Election Commission's work.**
  - E. Shall maintain a ~~notebook~~ **record** containing all pertinent information related to violations of the Election Statutes. This ~~notebook~~ **record** shall include, but not be limited to: notices of violations; actions taken; Judicial Council decisions; and all material relevant to reaching these decisions. Each piece of documentation pertaining to violations shall be signed and dated, with the time noted by the Supervisor of Elections.
  - L. **Shall schedule, lead, and verify that all Election Commissioners attend an Election Commission Orientation within ten (10) academic days of the start of Fall semester or of them being sworn in as an Election Commissioner, whichever comes first.**
- 601.3 Duties of the Assistant Supervisor of Elections
- D. If the Supervisor of Elections is dismissed by the Student Senate, the appellate process, or resigns voluntarily during an election period, ~~one of~~ the Assistant Supervisor of Elections shall assume the responsibilities of the Supervisor of

Elections which will be determined by the Student Body President, and ~~an additional~~ **a new** Assistant Supervisor of Elections shall be appointed by the Student Body President.

#### 601.4 Duties of the Election Commissioners

The Supervisor of Elections shall supervise and direct the Election Commission. The Election Commissioners:

- D. Shall procure and compile a concise report of all requirements and regulations in reference to active campaigning on any University of Central Florida Campus **and make this report available alongside the online petition.** ~~The Election Commission shall also distribute this report at the time of petition pick-up.~~ Providing a copy of the Elections Statutes to each candidate does not suffice in fulfilling the obligation of distributing the above stated report to each candidate. The report must specify where the Election Statutes can be found.
- E. Shall ~~immediately have~~ **certify the date and time reported on** the Declaration of Candidacy forms ~~time stamped~~ once received.
- I. Shall notify all campus media of the results of the election (in memorandum form) within twenty-four (24) hours of the confirmation of each election's results.
- K. Shall send a copy of the Election Statutes to all campus media, notifying them that these statutes will be used in the upcoming election, before the end of Declaration of Candidacy.
- M. Shall procure posters, which will be displayed in each building in which classes are held and shall advertise in all campus media 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 ends.
- P. Shall notify the candidates and all campus media of the date, time and place of Candidate Forum by the first (1st) school day after the Declaration of Candidacy ends.
- R. Shall be responsible for advertising the Election in the campus media three (3) weeks before the end of the previous semester.

#### 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 ~~the Election Bulletin Board~~ **a Student Government sponsored website**, within one (1) school day after the end of Declaration of Candidacy. There shall be two (2) additional school days in which those candidates/tickets that are not qualified may clear up questions of qualifications.

### Chapter 603 Candidates

#### 603.3 Presidential Candidates

- D. The Student Government Senate Graduate Assistant shall sign and **verify the** date the form **was** received. The candidate/ticket shall complete, sign and date this form.
- E. The Student Government Senate Graduate Assistant shall immediately post the Declaration on ~~the Election Bulletin Board~~ **a Student Government sponsored website.**

### Chapter 604 Election Procedures

#### 604.1 Election Code of Ethics

- E. No candidate shall alter their ~~legal~~ **official** name provided by the University when placing such on the ballot.

#### 604.3 Election Times

- D. In the event of a tie in an election, a runoff election will occur, the academic week following the posting of the Election Results, among the candidates/tickets receiving the most votes.
  - 1. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of a presidential runoff election, the Senate shall, at their next regularly scheduled session, elect one of the tied tickets as President and Vice-President. The Senate may only elect a President and Vice President from the same ticket. ~~Runoff election procedures will follow the details listed in subsection 604.3(B)~~
  - 2. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of a ~~presidential~~ **senatorial** runoff election, the senate shall, at their next regularly scheduled session, elect one of the tied candidates to their respective seat. ~~Runoff election procedures will follow the details listed in subsection 604.3(B)~~

#### 604.9 Election Contingency Plan

- A. In case of a campus emergency which necessitates a delay in the normal election period, the Student Body President may, upon consultation with the Supervisor of Elections, suspend or delay an election period and must reschedule it within ten (10) academic days following the resumption of normal campus operations, or as soon thereafter as practicable. In the event of an election suspension or delay, the new election times will be properly advertised and posted on ~~the Election Bulletin Board~~ **a Student Government sponsored website**.
- B. The Student Body President may, upon consultation with the Supervisor of Elections, suspend or delay an election and reschedule it within ten (10) academic days after the suspended or delayed election or as soon thereafter as practicable if the change incorporates part of the Student Body which would otherwise be excluded due to an unalterable event coinciding with the elections. Any such change may be made no later than three (3) school weeks prior to the elections and will be properly advertised and posted on ~~the Election Bulletin Board~~ **a Student Government sponsored website**.

### Chapter 605 Campaign Expense and Physical Assistance Reporting

- 605.3 Expense statements and physical assistance statements shall be submitted weekly to the Supervisor of Elections via email **or approved Student Government website** no later than 11:59 p.m. each Sunday of the campaign period.

### Chapter 606 Violations

- 606.2 Tier II violations shall be:
  - A. Altering their ~~legal~~ **official** name provided by the University when placing such on the ballot.
- 606.4 Tier IV violations shall be:
  - N. Exceeding the campaign expense cap of ~~\$5,500 dollars~~ **\$2,500** for Spring elections. In the event of a runoff election exceeding the campaign expense cap of ~~\$6,500 dollars~~ **\$2,950** for Spring elections.
- 606.6 Tier II sanctions could be, but are not limited to:
  - C. Finance Limitations of up to **\$150.00** ~~\$300.00~~
- 606.7 Tier 3 sanctions could be, but are not limited to:

C. Finance Limitations of up to ~~\$350.00~~ ~~\$700.00~~

606.8 Tier IV sanctions could be, but are not limited to:

C. Finance Limitations of up to ~~\$700.00~~ ~~\$1,500.00~~

## Chapter 607 Contestment

607.1 Any contestment of a campaign or an election by a candidate/ticket shall be submitted in the form of a ~~typed~~~~written~~ letter and signed ~~in ink~~. This letter of contestment shall be ~~hand-~~delivered to the Senate Graduate Assistant or **Senate Advisor**, as well as a copy to the Chief Justice and the Supervisor of Elections, no later than 5:00 p.m. ~~on the Wednesday~~ **one academic week** following public posting of each election's results.

607.2 The Election Commission shall review all contestments and formulate a decision within one (1) **academic** week based on the case presented. This decision may be further appealed to the Judicial Council. If the appeal of any candidate/ticket is based upon direct action of the Election Commission, it shall be reviewed by the Judicial Council and bypass the Election Commission.

## Chapter 609 Recall

609.4 The person designated in the petition may file their ~~typewritten~~ **typed, signed** resignation, ~~signed in ink~~, with the Attorney General within two (2) school days after the receipt of the petition copy. Upon receipt of the resignation letter, the Attorney General shall at once notify the governing body of the fact.

### AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

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Student Body President

12/5/2022

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