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University of Central Florida
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate
Internal Bill 56-44

[Updates to Title VI: The Election Statutes]

WHEREAS, Statutes require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;

WHEREAS, The integrity of the University of Central Florida Student Government elections is paramount to ensuring fair representation and maintaining student trust;

WHEREAS, This Bill aims to add on to previous election procedures to ensure accurate and truthful interactions during election campaigns, which is essential for informed and engaged voter participation as well as preventing deceptive or misleading practices within campaigns;

WHEREAS, The misrepresentation of campaigns or campaign materials, including those associated with external political entities such as local, state, or federal level political parties, candidates, and entities, can create confusion about Student Government campaigns, lead to misconceptions of Student Government purview, and undermine the transparency of Student Government elections;

WHEREAS, The enforcement of ethical, impartial, and neutral conduct through clear election statutes is essential for upholding the principles of not only the Student Body Constitution, but also the Golden Rule Handbook and the overall Statutes of the Student Government;

WHEREAS, This Bill aims to ensure that Student Government Elections are conducted with the highest standards surrounding integrity, fairness, and transparency, thereby strengthening the student democratic process, engaging the student body, and respecting the rights of student body voters to a fair and student body centered election; and

WHEREAS, This Bill will go into effect immediately.

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

Chapter 604 Election Procedures

604.1 Election Code of Ethics

- A. No candidate/ticket shall misrepresent any material fact in campaign material or in campaigning in any form.
- B. No candidate/ticket or individual shall knowingly provide false information before the Election Commission.
- C. No candidate/ticket or individual shall misrepresent any campaign material as being the material of any candidate/ticket other than themselves, **including but not limited to federal, state, or local political figures.**
- D. No candidate/ticket shall condone or authorize the destruction or theft of campaign material of another candidate.
- E. No candidate/ticket shall commit slander or libel.
- F. No candidate/ticket shall commit or attempt a bribe.
- G. No candidate shall alter their name provided to the University, except with approval from the Supervisor of Elections or the Student Government Coordinator on a case-by-case basis when applying for candidacy.
- H. No candidate/ticket shall commit or attempt to commit extortion or blackmail.
- I. No candidate/ticket shall use Student Government Property or Activity and Service Fee Funds to benefit that candidate/ticket's campaign.
- J. No candidate/ticket shall authorize, aid, advise, condone, or in any way induce another to act in violation of any provision of the Golden Rule, Student Body Constitution, and Statutes.

604.2 Active Campaigning

- B. Candidates may not devise a name **that** would associate themselves with another candidate that would reasonably lead the voter to conclude that the candidate is not who they purport to be but is in fact another candidate, including but not limited to, federal, state, or local candidates.
- G. **Candidates may not knowingly create or use any material (apparel, digital, print, brochures, pamphlets, stickers, etc.) that would reasonably lead the voter to conclude that the candidate is not who they purport to be but is in fact another candidate, including but not limited to, federal, state, or local political figures.**
- H. **No candidate's electronic or tangible material may directly reflect that of partisan or political figures.**
- I. **Candidates may not create, use, or partake in any material that would reasonably cause an interference with a candidate acting in a professional capacity.**

606.1 Tier I violations shall be:

- D. **Knowingly devising any campaign material that would misconstrue the scope of Student Government jurisdiction.**

606.3 Tier III violations shall be:

- C. **Misrepresenting any campaign material as being the material of any candidate/ticket, including but not limited to, federal, state, or local political figures.**
- G. **Devising any campaign material that would violate Student Government rules.**

606.4 Tier IV violations shall be:

- S. **Failure to comply with any election ethics or Golden Rule guidelines.**

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