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University of Central Florida
Fifty Sixth Student Body Senate
Internal Bill 56-66

[Updates to Title VI: Giving Election Commissioners More Autonomy]

WHEREAS, Statutes require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;
WHEREAS, Normal EC Commissioners are held to many rules that can restrict their abilities;
WHEREAS, Many of the rules stated should be held as a standard for the Commission itself and not its individuals;
WHEREAS, Many of these rules will be placed onto the Election Supervisor to handle; 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 601 The Election Commission

601.2 Duties of the Supervisor of Elections

- A. Shall not be actively identified with any candidate or campaign for elective office, nor act in any partisan manner during membership on the Election Commission.
- B. Shall post on a Student Government sponsored website and ensure the publication of all election results no later than 12:00 p.m. on the afternoon following each election.
- C. Shall submit a memorandum to the Elections and Appointment Committee, listing problems, solutions, and/or possible changes to the Election Statutes by the end of each election period, as defined by Title VI.
- 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 record containing all pertinent information related to violations of the Election Statutes. This 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.
- F. Shall be responsible for submitting an oral report to the Student Senate at each Senate meeting throughout the election period as well as immediately prior to and immediately following the election period.
 1. In the event of the Supervisor of Elections' absence, an Assistant Supervisor of Elections shall be designated to make an oral report before the Student Senate
 2. Failure to appear by the Supervisor of Elections or either of the Assistant Supervisor of Elections to the Senate two (2) times during an election period will result in the automatic dismissal of the Supervisor of Elections, unless overturned by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
 3. Failure to appear by the Supervisor of Elections or either of the Assistant Supervisor of Elections at the Senate meeting following an election will result in the automatic dismissal of the Supervisor of Elections, unless overturned by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
- G. Shall be responsible for submitting a memorandum to the Student Body President and the Elections & Appointments Committee Chair, if Election Commission members are not completing the duties assigned in Chapter 601.
- H. Present to all Election Commissioners a summary of all statutorily required duties and responsibilities. All confirmed Election Commissioners must receive this report upon being sworn into office.
- I. Shall conduct and chair regular meetings with the Election Commission to discuss the Election Statutes, procedures, and other pertinent business as needed.
- J. Shall be responsible for setting and posting the meeting times and locations, with the concurrence of a majority of the Election Commission. The time of the meeting must be posted in accordance with Sunshine Law.
- K. Shall have the power to expunge Election Commissioner absence(s) upon written petition. The written petition must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections within two (2) weeks following the absence in

question otherwise said absence will not be considered expunged. A majority vote of the Election Commission can overturn the decision of 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.
- M. Shall attend one (1) Elections and Appointments committee meeting within the first two (2) weeks of the fall, spring, and summer semesters.
- N. Shall attend all Elections & Appointments committee meetings during the election period.
- O. Shall attend two (2) additional Elections & Appointments committee meetings immediately following the completion of the election period.
- P. Shall attend Elections & Appointments committee meetings upon the request of the Election & Appointments Committee Chair.
 - 1. The Elections & Appointments Committee Chair must provide a minimum of one (1) weeks' notice to the Supervisor of Elections prior to the requested committee meeting attendance.

601.4 Duties of the Election Commissioners

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

- A. Shall not be actively identified with any candidate or campaign for elective office, nor act in any partisan manner during membership on the Election Commission.
- B. Shall only establish polling places in the following locations unless otherwise approved by the Senate in Resolution form:
 - 1. In front of the Student Union (South Side)
 - 2. The hallway outside of the Pegasus Ballroom
 - 3. Memory Mall
 - 4. At all other University of Central Florida Campuses
- C. Shall make arrangements for voting materials for the elections. The Election Commissioners shall arrange for other such things as required for the proper, efficient, impartial, and legal completion of the elections.
- 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. 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 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 Declaration of Candidacy occurs and the following week. Election Commissioners shall also work a minimum of ten (10) hours per week during the week in which voting takes place.
- G. The Main Campus Election Commission office location shall be provided for under the direction and agreement between the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Senate President, and the Senate President Pro Tempore, upon the approval of Senate.
 - 1. All regional campus questions concerning elections shall be redirected to the main campus
- H. Shall be responsible for checking the campus every day for any campaign materials that may constitute a violation of Student Body Statutes, the Golden Rule, or University Policies and Procedures from the day before the beginning of Active Campaigning until 5:00 P.M. the day following an election period.
- I. Shall inform, via written notice, any candidate of campaign materials which are deemed improper by the Election Commission and shall make arrangements for the removal of such campaign materials. If the candidate fails to remove said campaign materials within 24 hours of notification, a violation shall be filed by the Election Commission.
- J. Shall notify the primary campus media outlets of the results of the election (in memorandum form) within twenty-four (24) hours of the confirmation of each election's results.
- K. Shall conduct at least ten (10) informational sessions, at varying times, including at least three (3) during Declaration of Candidacy and at least one (1) after the completion of Declaration of Candidacy, 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 Declaration of Candidacy.
- M. Shall procure a canopy large enough to provide a protective covering for those voting at outdoor Election Commission voting locations.

- 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 ends.
- O. Shall organize, publicize, and take all responsibilities of establishing a Candidate Exposition (open to all students). Additionally, the Supervisor shall determine where the Exposition will be held and hold the Candidate Exposition by the end of class hours, as determined by the University Registrar, by the Thursday prior to the voting period.
- P. Shall, in the event of a Presidential runoff election, organize a date, time, and place to hold a debate exclusively between the two runoff tickets. This debate shall be scheduled by 5:00 p.m. on the day following the announcement of the election results and shall be held by 5:00 p.m. on the first day of the runoff elections.
- 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 ends.
- R. Shall not specify rules or procedures in addition to the Election Statutes, unless the Senate has approved them in Resolution form.
- S. Shall be responsible for advertising the Election to the primary campus media outlets at least three (3) weeks before the end of the previous semester.
- T. Shall submit a letter of resignation to ~~the Student Body President~~ and the Supervisor of Elections, in case of voluntary resignation.
- U. Shall attend the regular meetings chaired by the Supervisor of Elections. Two unexpunged absences shall result in automatic dismissal from the Election Commission.
- ~~V. Shall attend one (1) Election & Appointments committee meeting during the fall and spring semesters.~~
- ~~W. Shall attend Elections & Appointments committee meetings during the election period upon the request of the Elections & Appointments Chair.~~
 - 1. The Elections & Appointments Chair must provide a minimum of one (1) week notice to the Election Commissioner prior to the requested meeting.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

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