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1 ***SB-06F-2049 : Title VI - Candidacy, Group of Like Minded Candidates & Spending Corrections***

2 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent
3 student concerns in all University wide matters, and;

4 Whereas: The Student Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student
5 Government, given the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary
6 and proper for the Student Body of the University of North Florida;

7 Whereas: Legislation dealing with necessary and proper statutory revisions shall be considered by the
8 Student Senate;

9 Whereas: Title VI is need of revision;

10 Whereas: Language defining a party is not currently expressed within Title VI. The methods in
11 which a student becomes a candidate is also in need of revision, as are the deadlines for
12 which candidacy documents are due, plus other minor improvements are needed;

13 600.2 Definitions

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15 AA. Group of Like Minded Candidates – A political group comprised of four (4) or
16 more election candidates, organized to promote and support common goals
17 and/or candidates for public office through the use of shared campaign materials
18 and/or monetary resources.

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20 E. Campaigning – All ~~active or passive~~ publicizing and/or distribution of campaign
21 materials (i.e.: flyers, handbills, food, apteral, internet solicitation, etc) which solicits
22 or calls for support of a candidate(s) or party for an eleted elective office of the
23 Student Government during the campaign period, excluding verbal campaigning.

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25 CC. Billboard Campaigning – Placement of constructed materials (i.e.: road signs,
26 plywood billboards, posters, etc) advertising or calling for support of a specific
27 candidate(s) or party for an elective office of Student Government.

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29 PP. Candidate – Any student who has properly submitted all of the necessary
30 paperwork and has met the eligibility requirements for seeking an elective
31 office of Student Government (i.e.: Senator, Student Body President, etc.).

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33 Whereas: The explanation of campaigning is quite convoluted, simpler language should be in place
so that it is simpler to interpret.

34 **Chapter 603 Types of Elections**



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2 603.1 General Elections

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4 E. Passive Campaigning may commence sixteen (16) business days before the first
5 day of elections date, with the exception of verbal campaigning, which can
6 commence at anytime.

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8 F. Active Billboard Campaigning may commence eleven (11) business days before
9 the first day of elections date, with the exception of verbal campaigning, which
10 can commence at anytime.

11 Whereas: Definitions describing these actions are required.

12 Whereas: The timeframe for accepting candidate information required modification since some of the
13 dates overlapped, and some of the language is inaccurate;

14 604.2 Becoming a Candidate

15
16 To become a candidate for Student Government elective office, whose name appears
17 on the Official Ballot, one must submit the following documents by the close of filing
18 as determined by the Elections Supervisor:

19 Whereas: The language calling for a Declaration of Intent included redundant points and ignored the
20 matter of handling a candidates name on the Official Ballot;

21 A. Declaration of Intent to Run

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23 The Declaration of Intent must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM seventeen
24 (17) business days before the first day of the election (excluding the week of
25 Spring Break). All Declarations of Intent must be officially dated by the
26 machine located in the Student Government Office on the day of submission.
27 Declarations of Intent without this official date stamp will not be accepted.

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29 1. ~~Written statement professing one's intent to run in an election.~~

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31 A statement of understanding, signed by the candidate ensuring (s)he
32 has read and understands the guidelines and consequences expressed
33 within the Election Code, and pledges to adhere to those guidelines.

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35 2. ~~The close of filing shall be by 5:00pm on the twelfth (12) business day~~
36 ~~before the first day of the election.~~

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- 2 4. ~~Must be officially dated upon submission by the machine located in the~~
3 ~~Student Government Office. Declarations of Intent without this~~
4 ~~official date stamp will not be accepted.~~
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6 6. No one may declare candidacy for more than one (1) office ~~at a given~~
7 ~~time during a given election cycle.~~
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9 9. A candidates name will appear on the ballot exactly as it is written on
10 the Declaration of Intent. Variations of a candidate's given first name
11 are subject to the discretion of the Elections Supervisor.
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13 Whereas: The Statement of Understanding is currently stated as part of the Candidate Application, in
14 actuality it appears with the Declaration of Intent;

15 B. Candidate Application

16 The Candidate Application must be submitted by 5:00 PM ~~seven (7)~~ twelve
17 (12) business days before the first day of the election (excluding the week of
18 Spring Break). All Candidate Applications must be officially dated ~~on the date~~
19 ~~of submission~~ by the machine located in the Student Government Office on
20 the day of submission. Candidate Applications without this official date stamp
21 or that are missing any of the following documents will not be accepted.
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23 The Candidate Application is comprised of:

24 1. Candidate Information

25 Statement of Understanding

26 ~~Written statement signed by the candidate ensuring (s)he has read and~~
27 ~~understands the guidelines and consequences outlined herein, and~~
28 ~~pledges to adhere to those guidelines.~~
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30 A document containing a candidate's contact information (i.e.: phone
31 number, E-mail address, student N number, etc.) and academic status
32 (i.e.: classification, major.)
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2. Student Endorsement

e. Elected Senatorial candidates, ~~whom~~ who are running as incumbents in the same general election for an At-Large seat or for the same college seat, are not required to receive a student endorsement.

10 Whereas: The purpose of the Campaign Guidelines Document is not currently defined;

11 3. Campaign Guidelines Document

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13 A document compiled by the Elections Supervisor expressing
14 general guidelines regarding campaign policies (i.e.
15 appropriate verbal/pictorial campaigning areas, penalties for
16 violations, etc.)

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19 Whereas: Write-in Candidates should be held to a more sufficient standard for filing their paperwork
20 for candidacy;

21 604.3 Write-in Candidates

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23 604.3.A. Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent to Run by 5:00 p.m. ~~seven~~
24 ~~(7)~~ twelve (12) business days ~~preceding an election~~ and must be approved by
25 the Elections Supervisor in accordance with this Chapter.

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27 604.3.B. Write-in candidates must file a Candidate Application by 5:00 PM ~~the two (2)~~
28 seven (7) business days before the first day of the election and must be
29 approved by the Elections Supervisor in accordance with this Chapter.

30 604.3.C. Write-in Candidates' names do not appear on the Official Ballot.

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32 604.3.D. Write-in candidates are bound by all provisions of ~~this Statute~~ the Election
33 Code, are not in conflict with this Section and must meet all eligibility
34 requirements outlined herein.

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37 604.4 Approval for Candidacy

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2 604.4.A. The Elections Supervisor shall investigate the qualifications of all candidates
3 and may reject candidates unqualified according to requirements ~~made~~
4 specified within this statute the Election Code.

5 Whereas: To allow more fairness, spending caps should be reconsidered;

6 605.3 Expenses

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8 A. Campaign expenses of candidates shall be limited to the following:

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10 1. A Presidential Ticket shall be limited to two thousand dollars
11 (\$2000.00).

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13 2. Senate Candidates

14 a. Senate At-Large and the graduate seat (Seats 1-41) shall be
15 limited to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per
16 candidate.

17 b. College Seats (Seats 42-46) shall be limited to five hundred
18 dollars (\$500.00) per candidate.

19 3. *Independent* presidential tickets who are neither affiliated with nor
20 receiving support from a party shall claim all campaign expenses at
21 full cost.

22 4. *Independent* senate candidates shall claim all campaign expenses at full
23 cost.

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25 605.4 Financial Statements

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27 D. Each candidate is responsible for claiming all campaign expenses,
28 both individual and (group of like minded candidate) related (if
29 applicable) while remaining within their respective monetary limits.

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31 604.6 Election Code of Ethics

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33 This code of ethics shall be applicable to all candidates for Student Government elective
34 office and all persons associated with a candidate's, ticket's or Group of Like minded
35 Candidates campaign.

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2 B. No candidate, ticket or Group of Like Minded Candidates shall misrepresent any
3 material fact(s) through any campaign material(s) or while campaigning.

4 C. Any candidate, Group of Like Minded Candidates representative, or campaign
5 staff member suspected of perjuring himself/herself while testifying before the
6 Elections Commission shall be subject to review by the Judicial Council with a
7 recommendation of disqualification for the candidate associated with the perjury.
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9 D. No candidate or Group of Like Minded Candidates may misrepresent any
10 campaign material as being the property of any other candidate or Group of Like
11 Minded Candidates.
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13 E. No candidate or Group of Like Minded Candidates shall condone or authorize
14 the destruction or theft of another candidate's or Group of Like Minded
15 Candidates campaign material.
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17 F. No candidate or Group of Like Minded Candidates shall publish either by verbal,
18 written, or printed material anything which directly or by inference threatens to
19 accuse another of any crime or offense, or which is designed to injure the person,
20 property, or reputation of another, or threatens to expose another to disgrace, or
21 threatens to deny or terminate the membership of another in any campus
22 organization without proper evidence of accusatory remarks.
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24 G. A candidate and/or Group of Like Minded Candidates is responsible for the
25 actions of other individuals and organizations supporting it; and may be subject
26 to review by the Elections Commission for these actions.
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29 600.2.GG. Campaign Violation – A penalty incurred by a candidate and/or Group of Like
30 Minded Candidates for violation of the Election Code during an election cycle,
31 as outlined in Section 605.5 of this Title.
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33 600.2.NN. Group of Like Minded Candidates – Being a member of and receiving support
34 from a Group of Like Minded Candidates at the close of filing through the
35 remainder of the election cycle.
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2 600.2.QQ. Campaign Material – Any material of any size and consistency that is
3 published, displayed or distributed, publicizing a candidate(s) or Group of Like
4 Minded Candidates for an elective office of Student Government and/or calls
5 for the action to vote for or against a particular candidate(s) or Group of Like
6 Minded Candidates for such office.

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8 600.2.SS. Campaign Staff – A person(s) publicly campaigning for a candidate(s) or
9 Group of Like Minded Candidates under the direction of said candidate(s) or
10 Group of Like Minded Candidates.

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12 601.5.A. The Attorney General shall assume the role of chief prosecutor in all
13 cases pertaining to specific campaign violations. The accused
14 candidate(s) or Group of Like Minded Candidates will be responsible
15 for his or her own defense. In disputes between two (2) or more
16 candidates, each candidate will represent themselves before the
17 Elections Commission.

18 **Therefore:** Let it be enacted, by the University of North Florida Student Senate that these proposed
19 revisions are made into Title VI of the Student Government Statutes effective January 1st,
20 2007.

Senate Action

Executive Action

Respectfully Submitted: Senator Alex Koby
Introduced by: Senator Alex Koby
Senate Action: 26-00-00
Date: 9/14/06
Signed, **Alberto Javier Souto**
Alberto Javier Souto, Student Senate President

Let it be known that **SB-06F-2049** is hereby
~~PASSED~~ ~~VETOED~~ ~~LINE-ITEM VETOED~~
on this 19 day of SEPT, 2006.
Signed, **Justin Damiano**
Justin Damiano, Student Body President