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SENATE LEGISLATION

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1 *SB-06S-1974: Title VI – Election Code of Ethics*

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: Only a certain amount of legislation can be written to enforce various standards that
11 encompass an election, not every scenario can be documented. Hence the need for a Code of
12 Ethics in which each candidate agrees to adhere to in honestly following the rules and
13 guidelines expressed within Title VI;

14 604.6 Election Code of Ethics

15 This code of ethics shall be applicable to all candidates for Student Government elective
16 office and all persons associated with a candidate or ticket’s campaign.

17 A. All reported complaints and/or violations of either the Election Code and/or
18 Campaign Guidelines Document which occur before or during an election cycle
19 shall be reviewed by the Elections Commission once the statute of limitations
20 has ended.

21 B. No candidate or ticket shall misrepresent any material fact(s) through any
22 campaign material(s) or while campaigning.

23 C. Any candidate or campaign staff member suspected of perjuring himself/herself
24 while testifying before the Elections Commission shall be subject to review by
25 the Judicial Council, with a recommendation of disqualification for the candidate
26 associated with the perjury.

27 D. No candidate may misrepresent any campaign material as being the property of
28 any other candidate.

29 E. No candidate shall condone or authorize the destruction or theft of another
30 candidate’s campaign material.

31 F. No candidate shall publish either by verbal, written, or printed material anything
32 which directly or by inference threatens to accuse another of any crime or
33 offense, or which is designed to injure the person, property, or reputation of
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2 another, or threatens to expose another to disgrace, or threatens to deny or
3 terminate the membership of another in any campus organization without proper
4 evidence of accusatory remarks.

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6 G. A candidate and is responsible for the actions of other individuals and
7 organizations supporting it; and may be subject to review by the Elections
8 Commission for these actions.

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10 H. Each candidate and/or ticket shall submit a signed Declaration of Intent, Code
11 of Ethics and Financial Statement, affirming their knowledge of the rules and
12 guidelines expressed within the Election Code, and understand that violations of
13 this is subject to review by the Elections Commission. The Declaration of
14 Intent, Code of Ethics and Financial Statement are binding documents.

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16 **Whereas:** The code of ethics shall become part of the Candidate Application that is distributed to prospective candidates. The Code of Ethics Agreement must be signed, dated and submitted;

17 3. Code of Ethics Agreement

18 A signed, legally binding, statement which shall be applicable to all
19 candidates for Student Government elective office, affirming a
20 candidate’s integrity and adherence to the rules and guidelines expressed
21 within the Election Code.
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23 **Therefore:** Let it be enacted, by the University of North Florida Student Senate that the July 1, 2006
24 effective date be overridden so that these proposed revisions are made into Title VI of the
25 Student Government Statutes as soon as possible.

Senate Action

Respectfully Submitted: Sen. Alexander Koby

Introduced by: Senator Alexander Koby

Senate Action: 28-00-00

Date: February 13, 2006

Signed, **Stephen K. Horne**

Stephen Horne, Student Senate President

Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-06S-1974 is hereby

PASSED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED

on this 27 day of Feb., 2006.

Signed, **Thomas J. Foran III**

Tom Foran, Student Body President