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SENATE LEGISLATION

SB-06S-1975

1 ***SB-06S-1975 : Title VI – Campaign Expenses, Financial Statements & Regulations***

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
6 necessary 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
8 the Student Senate;

9 Whereas: Title VI is need of revision;

10 Whereas: There is currently no explanation outlining the role of the Elections, Selections &
11 Appointments Committee (ESAC), nor the ESAC Chairman, nor the ESAC Vice-
12 chairman;

13 Whereas: The following revisions will be made to Title VI:

14 Whereas: The language outlining campaign material and the services made available by the
15 Spinnaker during an election are both misleading and ambiguous;

16 605.1 Campaign Material

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- 18 A. Campaign material includes all ~~writing and~~ written or printed materials and
19 items that are distributed in a manner which advertising or calling advertise
20 or calls for support of a specific candidate(s) for elective office.
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- 22 B. ~~The Spinnaker, UNF’s campus-wide newspaper, guarantees one full page~~
23 ~~dedicated to all official presidential and vice-presidential candidates. This~~
24 ~~space will be divided between all of these candidates equally, and no other~~
25 ~~candidates may appear on this page. The Elections Supervisor will supply~~
26 ~~the newspaper with information regarding these candidates. Any additional~~
27 ~~information that candidates wish to submit for this advertisement must be~~
28 ~~given to the Elections Supervisor before campaigning begins. Other~~
29 ~~advertisements in campus-wide newspapers will be permitted. Space will be~~
30 ~~sold and/or given to as many candidates as possible in a fair manner as~~
31 ~~designated by the Editor of that newspaper. If the Elections Supervisor sees~~
32 ~~that space is not being issued fairly, (s)he may forbid further campaigning~~
33 ~~with that newspaper for the remainder of that election period. This applies~~
34 ~~only to UNF Activities and Service Fees funded newspapers.~~
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The Spinnaker, UNF’s campus-wide newspaper, will allocate one (1) full page during a spring election campaign period to advertise all official Presidential Tickets. This dedicated space will be divided equally amongst these official candidates only. The Spinnaker shall also fairly allocate reasonable space during a spring/fall election campaign period to promote official Senatorial Candidates. These specific advertisements shall be free of charge to official candidates and will not be seen as campaign expenses. The Elections Supervisor will supply the newspaper with general information regarding these candidates (i.e. name, classification and major). It is the responsibility of each candidate to submit their platform and have a photograph taken by the newspaper. Any additional information beyond the free platform/ photograph that a candidate wishes to submit to the newspaper shall be sold to the candidate as an advertisement; which must be claimed by the candidate as an expense.

C. No active campaigning or advertising may take place within a classroom while class is in session; unless the candidate is enrolled in said class and has received prior permission from his/her instructor to do so.

605.2 Other Regulations

A. The Elections Commission may hold debates at any time within the campaign period. These debates shall include any candidates (and invite all who have submitted a Declaration of Intent prior to the time of the debate. Other students and/or organizations can only hold debates after campaigning has begun. These debates should also be open to all candidates and to the public. The Elections Supervisor prior to the debate must approve any debates not directly sponsored by the Elections Commission. The approval will be of the date, time, place, format, and notification of candidates, but not the content.

B. Verbal Campaigning may occur at any time and at any place except within the polling region (as expressed in I etter 605.2 C), or in the Senate chambers during Senate, cabinet, or committee meetings. Common courtesy is expected in other settings such as classrooms, the Library, the Academic Resource Center or the Computer Labs.

605.3 Expenses

A. Campaign expenses shall include but are not limited to:



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- 2 1. Monetary campaign contributions shall not be seen as campaign
3 expenses and may be received at any time; however monetary
4 contributions that are used toward the purchase and/or construction of
5 campaign materials must be accounted for.
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7 2. Indirect campaign materials (i.e: staplers, paint brushes, hammers,
8 shovels, printers, etc) shall not be seen as campaign expenses.
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10 B. Campaign expenses of candidates shall be limited to the following:

- 11 1. A Presidential and Vice-President Ticket Combined total of shall be
12 limited to two thousand dollars (\$2000.00).
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14 2. Senate Candidates
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16 a. Senate At-Large and the graduate seat (Seats 1-41) shall be
17 limited to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per
18 candidate.
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20 b. College Seats (Seats 42-46) shall be limited to five hundred
21 dollars (\$500.00) per candidate.
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23 3. Independent presidential shall claim all campaign expenses at full
24 cost.
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26 4. Independent senate candidates shall claim all campaign expenses at
27 full cost.
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29 C. ~~No~~ A candidate ~~/ticket~~ may ~~not~~ accept monetary donations from any clubs,
30 bodies, or organizations recognized by UNF and funded through Activities
31 and Service fees.
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33 Whereas: The Expense Statements in their current form do not adequately request campaign
34 contributions. Therefore, the document shall be renamed Financial Statement and will
35 refer to a candidate's campaign expenses and contributions;

36 605.4 ~~Expense~~ Financial Statements

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38 A. ~~Expense~~ Financial Statements shall be submitted by all candidates to the
39 Elections Supervisor no later than 5:00 p.m. on the second business day
40 following any election and shall include:



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3 1. ~~Statement of the known cumulative campaign expenses based on~~
4 ~~actual market value signed by the candidate(s) and/or campaign~~
5 ~~manager.~~

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7 A statement containing an itemized list of all known campaign
8 expenses which is based on Fairly Valued Worth, that includes
9 cashiers receipts for all documented campaign goods and services
10 purchased, and is to be signed by the candidate(s) and/or campaign
11 manager.

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13 2. ~~An itemized list of all campaign expenses including actual market~~
14 ~~value.~~

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16 2. A statement attesting to the validity of the total campaign expenses
17 and contributions that is to be signed by the candidate.

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19 3. An itemized list containing the full name and residence or business
20 address of each person who has made one or more contributions
21 and/or donations to the campaign.

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23 C. ~~Campaign Expense~~ Financial Statements become public information upon
24 submission.

25 **Therefore:** Let it be enacted, by the University of North Florida Student Senate that the January 1,
26 2006 effective date be overridden so that these proposed revisions are made into Title VI
27 of the Student Government Statutes as soon as possible.

Senate Action

Respectfully Submitted: Sen. Alexander Koby

Introduced by: Senator Alexander Koby

Senate Action: 25-02-00

Date: February 13, 2006

Signed, **Stephen K. Horne**
Stephen Horne, Student Senate President

Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-06S-1975 is hereby

PASSED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED

on this 27 day of Feb, 2006.

Signed, **Thomas J. Foran III**
Tom Foran, Student Body President