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SENATE LEGISLATION

SB-07F-2191

1 ***SB-07F-2191 : Revision of Inter-College Poll Placement***

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

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

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

10 Whereas: The Elections Statutes is in need of revision;

11 Whereas; The following changes will be made to Title VI section 606.2 B. to insure that our
statues are in agreement with one another;

13 B. Placement - Inter-College Elections

14 1. These regulations must be followed only in the event that the Inter-
15 College Elections are held separate from the General Elections.

16 ~~1.2.~~ There must be at least one (1) booth for every three thousand (3000)
17 students registered in that college.

18 ~~2.3.~~ A minimum of two (2) booths per college.

19 ~~3.4.~~ Inter-College Elections booths may be placed in the respective colleges
20 during elections.

21 **Therefore: Let it be enacted, by the University of North Florida Student Government**
22 **that the proposed revisions to Title VI be made effective immediately.**

Senate Action

Respectfully Submitted: Sen. Christiana Patterson

Introduced by: Senator Christiana Patterson

Senate Action: Passed - Unanimous consent

Date: 2/8/08

Signed, **John R. Barnes**

John Barnes, Student Senate President

Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-07F-2191 is hereby

PASSED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED

on this 2/19 day of Feb. 2008

Signed, **Rachael Tutwiler**

Rachael Tutwiler, Student Body President

- B. Only Students currently registered and paying A&S fees to the University of North Florida shall be eligible to vote in the Fall and Spring Inter-College Elections and shall only vote for the Senatorial seat in which college they are enrolled.

606.2 Polls

- A. Placement - General and Special Elections

- 1. There must be at least two (2) booths for every five thousand (5000) registered UNF students.
- 2. A minimum of four (4) voting booths must be placed at the Bookstore.
- 3. The Elections Supervisor may place additional voting booths at his/her discretion, pending approval of the Elections Commission.

- B. Placement - Inter-College Elections

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- 1. There must be at least one (1) booth for every three thousand (3000) students registered in that college.
- 2. A minimum of two (2) booths per college.
- 3. Inter-College Elections booths may be placed in the respective colleges during elections.

- C. Hours

- 1. Voting booths may be open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- 2. The Elections Supervisor, upon majority approval by the Elections Commission, may extend or shorten the hours of the election.
- 3. All Senators not appearing on the ballot or running in the election are required to supervise a polling station for at least two (2) hours during the time of elections. Any Senator not meeting this requirement will be issued an absence.

- D. Polling Station Procedures

- 1. The Elections Supervisor must mark off the polling region with tape or other tangible items two (2) business days before the first day of the election. The Elections Supervisor or a designee must then remove all posters and campaign

literature from this designated area. Two (2) business days before the first day of the election through election day(s), any campaign material or vote-soliciting within this polling region will be considered a violation of this statute and subject to the repercussions stated in this statute.

2. Bands and loud speakers audibly promoting candidates or parties shall not be allowed within two hundred (200) feet of any voting booth, but a candidate may yell or project his/her voice outside the 75 foot perimeter.
3. Poll workers shall be responsible for keeping the polling station clear of campaign materials at all times during elections. Candidates shall not be held responsible for campaign materials discarded on polls, polling stations, or on the ground directly beneath polls and polling stations.
4. Voters shall be entitled to vote in privacy, which will be provided by the sides of the voting booths.
5. No candidate shall serve as a polling station worker.
6. Authorized polling station workers will maintain the student registrar list or other means of preventing students from voting more than once.
7. The University of North Florida Student Identification card shall serve as a student voter registration card for campus elections. If necessary, a valid Drivers License, Military Identification card, Passport, or State issued Identification card may be accepted, but must be cross-referenced immediately with a student registrar list.

606.3 The Ballot

A. Format

1. The official ballot must contain the list of all vacant offices to be filled by the election, referendum questions, and constitutional amendments.
2. Candidates shall be listed in alphabetical order by their last names and the name shall be printed in the same form as requested at the time of filing.

3. Space for write-in candidates shall be placed within the same page on the official ballot during General Elections and Inter-College Elections.
4. For elections to office, the ballot shall only contain the names of the candidates who properly filed all appropriate paperwork by the deadline as set by the Elections Supervisor and are otherwise qualified to hold the office they seek.
5. A sample ballot must be posted in the Student Government Lobby within one (1) business day following the deadline for applications and shall remain posted for two (2) business days. Any errors must be reported to the Elections Supervisor who will make corrections at this time.
6. Candidates omitted from the sample ballot may petition to be reinstated by an order of revision from the Judicial Council, provided such an order is filed no later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to any election.
7. The Official Ballot may not be changed or altered within the forty-eight (48) hours preceding any election.

B. Absentee Ballots

1. Students away from campus on Election Day may request absentee ballots from the Elections Supervisor no later than seven (7) business days preceding the election. This ballot must be returned to the Elections Supervisor no later than the last day of elections by 7:00 p.m. along with a photocopy of their UNF I.D. card. Absentee ballots shall consist of a copy of the official ballot and instructions for voting (timestamped or postmarked).
2. The Elections Supervisor must post in a newspaper of general campus circulation the accessibility of absentee ballots at least fourteen (14) business days before the date of the election.

C. Collecting and Handling

1. Two (2) student government members not candidates in the election and/or the Elections Supervisor must attend the polling station at all times to ensure that this Statute is fairly enforced.
2. The Elections Supervisor shall lock or seal the ballot boxes before the polling station opens, and no ballot box shall be

opened or removed from the polling station except in the company of the University Police Department. Ballot boxes cannot be opened until votes are ready to be tabulated.

3. Following collection, ballots shall be locked and securely sealed in the presence of the Elections Supervisor. They are to be moved only in the presence of the Election Supervisor or a designee and any person from the University Police Department. Candidates are allowed to be present.
4. The Elections Supervisor shall ensure that the ballots are secure from damage, loss, theft, or alteration.
5. The Elections Supervisor and members of the Elections Commission shall ensure that no one attempts to use their Osprey identification number or their social security number to determine the names of voters.
6. The Elections Supervisor, under the direction of the Student Government Advisor, shall destroy the ballots thirty (30) business days after the deadline for contesting the elections, or thirty (30) business days after the conclusion of a court challenge to election, whichever comes later.

D. Tabulation

1. The method of counting shall be done as the Elections Supervisor deems proper; i.e. Duval County tabulation, computer tabulation or scantron. The official count must be made in the presence of the Elections Supervisor and two (2) Election Commission Members.
2. If any ballots are hand-counted, which can occur only in unforeseen, emergency situations, counting shall be done in a public place designated by the Elections Supervisor. The Elections Supervisor and two (2) Election Commission Members must be present.
3. The Elections Supervisor shall order an immediate recount if the difference between two (2) or more candidates is five (5) percent or less of the total votes cast. If the results of the recount reveal that a different candidate would be elected, then the Elections Supervisor shall immediately order a third count. If the Elections Supervisor does not order a recount, the Election Commission must convene and order one.

4. No ballot shall be disqualified if the voter's choice is clear. Any parts of a ballot that is marked correctly and legally shall be counted.

606.4 The Voter Registry

The Elections Supervisor may create a Voter Registry to serve as a means of further determining the actual number of voters during a given election. This is recommended for an election for which the ballots will be hand counted.

A. Preparing the Voter Registry and Record Sheets

1. The Voter Registry shall be prepared by the Elections Supervisor at least two (2) business days before the first day of elections.
2. The Voter Registry shall consist of a sufficient number of blank Record Sheets that are to be fashioned together in a binder.
3. A Record Sheet shall be incremented with a standard number of potential student entries per page, shall indicate and provide adequate space for a voter to print his/her name, signature, and partial N number. The Record Sheet shall also provide a space, preferably at the bottom, for the signatures of both the Elections Supervisor and the Student Government Advisor.
4. Each blank Record Sheet must be initialed by both the Elections Supervisor and the Student Government Advisor before the first day of elections.
5. For convenience, a polling station may have multiple Voter Registries.
6. In the case of multiple polling stations, multiple registries with location identifiers (on all record sheets) shall be prepared.

B. Availability of the Voter Registry

1. The Voter Registry shall be made easily accessible to eligible voters at the registration table of the polls.
2. Once a student has been deemed a qualified voter, (s)he must sign the Voter Registry accordingly before receiving a ballot.

C. Reviewing the Voter Registry

1. Once the election has ended, it is the responsibility of the Elections Supervisor and the Student Government Advisor to compare the tallies for the number of ballots cast, the number of flagged names in the student registrar list, and the number of signatures within the Voter Registry. The legitimacy of these totals may be subject to review by the Elections Commission and/or Judicial Council if fraudulent activity is suspected or if the margin is greater than five percent (5%).

606.5 Invalidation

- A. Individual and small groups of ballots may not be invalidated for any reason except in the instance that an individual is caught in the action of voting multiple times and the votes of that person can be removed. Only the Elections Supervisor may invalidate the vote in this situation, subject to the approval of the Elections Commission.
- B. The Elections Supervisor may invalidate the election at any time prior to the release of election results with a two-thirds vote of the Senate, discounting members who are also candidates in that election.
- C. Other students may call for invalidation of the election within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the election. Such students must file their written complaint to the Elections Supervisor, the Student Government Attorney General, and the Chief Justice. It will then be investigated and brought before the Senate within three (3) business days from the end of the election for a decision. The Senate President must call a special session at the end of this time.
- D. The Senate must deny all invalidation complaints before the Senate can validate the election. Any students running in the election may be present for this decision but may not vote. They will not count for or against quorum at this time.
- E. Following posting of the results, official or unofficial, no more complaints calling for invalidation of the election will be accepted.
- F. Upon invalidation of the election, the Elections Supervisor must call another election within three weeks or before the end of the semester, whichever comes first. This election does not require Senatorial approval. The same ballot must be used for this election; exceptions are limited to candidates who wish to or are required to be removed from the ballot and any referenda the Student Senate chooses to add to the ballot.

Chapter 607: Assuming Office

607.1 Announcement of Election Results

- A. The Elections Supervisor may release “unofficial” results no less than twenty-four (24) and no more than forty-eight (48) hours after the end of the election if no requests for invalidation of the election have been filed.
- B. Election results must be sealed from view until official publication. No person, except the Elections Supervisor, may view the results until publication. No election results can be posted until complaints or charges calling to invalidate the election have been resolved by Senate.
- C. At the next Senate meeting, the results will be validated by a majority vote, and then the Elections Supervisor shall post the official results.
- D. The Election Supervisor shall prepare and distribute a press release announcing the final results immediately following validation. All announcements of the final results shall include a statement that the results may be challenged to the Judicial Council.

607.2 Certificates of Election

- A. No Certificate of Election shall be issued to a candidate whose election is being contested.
- B. Certificates of Election shall be of a form prescribed by the Elections Supervisor.
- C. The Student Government President and the Elections Supervisor must sign the Certificate of Election to certify the candidate’s proper election.

607.3 Installation

The Installation process shall begin within five (5) business days of the last day of any election. Candidates with the most votes shall assume all abilities and responsibilities of office when and only when, in accordance with specifications of this title and in this order:

- A. A bill to validate the election is posted by the Election Supervisor,
- B. The legislation to validate the election is passed,
- C. And each Elected Candidate is sworn into office.