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- 1 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent  
2 student concerns in all University wide matters, and;
- 3 Whereas: The Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government given  
4 the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the  
5 Student Body of the University of North Florida, and;
- 6 Whereas: Legislation dealing with necessary and proper statutory revisions to the System of Statutes shall  
7 be considered by the Senate, and;
- 8 Whereas: It is necessary to maintain a system of checks and balances within the Student Government of  
9 the University of North Florida, and;
- 10 Whereas: The Elections Policies and Procedures needs modernization and reform in order to increase  
11 engagement in Student Government elections, and;
- 12 Therefore: The following necessary and proper revisions to the Student Government System of Statutes are  
13 being proposed in an effort to ensure future compliance with the law and the balance of our  
14 democratic system:
- 15 **I. Organization**
- 16 There shall be an Office of Elections responsible for the unbiased production and  
17 maintenance of all Student Government elections.
- 18 **II. Purpose**
- 19 The purpose of the Office of Elections shall be to maintain a system of binding guidelines  
20 for the aforementioned office, political party organizations on campus, and all prospective  
21 candidates for election. Thus, this system shall be known as the Election Policies and  
22 Procedures and shall dictate the manner and scope in which this government applies  
23 restriction, resolution, and restitution in all election related manners.
- 24 **III. Composition of the Office of Elections**
- 25 The Office of Elections will be responsible for election oversight, candidate training, and  
26 maintenance of poll locations and materials. Additionally, the Office of Elections shall  
27 consist of up to six members which shall include: The Elections Commissioner, the Deputy  
28 Elections Commissioner, and up to four Election Assistants.
- 29 **IV. Duties of the Elections Commissioner**
- 30 A. Be responsible for proposing changes for the Elections Policies and Procedures to the  
31 Government Oversight (GO) Committee, when necessary.
- 32 B. Be responsible for executing all provisions provided within the Elections Policies and  
33 Procedures.

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- 34 C. Make public an election timeline, containing all important dates, deadlines, and statutes of  
35 limitations prior to the start of each semester as they pertain to the upcoming General  
36 Election.
- 37 D. Be responsible for forwarding all documents to be posted online to the Senate Secretary, or  
38 the relevant Legislative Branch Web Master, a reasonable amount of time before their  
39 required postdate.
- 40 E. Forward all witnessed and reported violations of the Election Code and Election Policies  
41 and Procedures, to the Office of the Attorney General against the accused candidate(s)  
42 within the constraints of the Election Policies and Procedures timeline.
- 43 F. Be responsible for employing impartial members to the Office of Elections including one  
44 Deputy Elections Commissioner and up to four Election Assistants.
- 45 G. Shall serve as the chair of the Office of Elections.
- 46 H. Convene the Office of Elections with regular meetings and establish an agenda for said  
47 meetings.
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- 49 I. Rule on the qualifications of the candidates, submitting their decision to the Office of  
50 Elections.
- 51 J. Be solely responsible for maintaining the membership of Election Assistants within the  
52 Office of Elections.
- 53 K. Submit recommendations for removal of the Deputy Elections Commissioner to the Senate.
- 54 L. Train and assign duties to the members of the Office of Elections
- 55 M. Be responsible for ensuring all important dates, times, locations, ballots, referenda and  
56 constitutional amendments are posted to the appropriate Social Media outlets.
- 57 N. Shall approve and file all campaign materials, including financial information and election  
58 results.
- 59 O. Be responsible for distributing the appropriate campaign and financial packets.
- 60 P. The Elections Commissioner shall be responsible for implementing a Student Government  
61 sponsored Executive Candidate Debate every Spring Semester that will include the Student  
62 Body President. This debate must take place during campaigning and it is the  
63 Commissioner's responsibility to:
- 64 1. Generate questions specifically for each candidate and their respective position  
65 2. Notify all candidates for office of the event details in writing including the time, place,  
66 and location.  
67 3. Advertise the event to the Student Body no less than five (5) school days prior to the  
68 event.

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- 69 **V. Duties of the Deputy Elections Commissioner**
- 70 A. Assume the duties of the Elections Commissioner in the event of their absence.
- 71 B. Shall serve as the Vice Chair of the Office of Elections
- 72 C. Assist the Elections Commissioner in hiring and training the Election Assistants, including
- 73 the administration of the proper Elections Code examinations.
- 74 D. Work with the Elections Commissioner to properly advertise each event (such as the
- 75 Executive Candidate Debate, poll dates, tabling, et cetera) with the appropriate information
- 76 attached.
- 77 E. Assist the Elections Commissioner in overseeing the completion of initiatives related to elections as
- 78 needed.
- 79 **VI. Duties of the Election Assistants**
- 80 A. Shall serve as members of the Office of Elections.
- 81 B. Shall not be candidates for any Student Government office nor in affiliation in any way to a
- 82 political party on campus.
- 83 C. Shall be required to take and pass the Elections Code examination with at least an 80%.
- 84 D. Assist the Elections Commissioner in documenting campaign materials.
- 85 E. Establish at least two Mandatory Candidacy Meetings.
- 86 F. Shall be held accountable to working their designated poll shifts.
- 87 G. Assist the Elections Commissioner and Deputy Elections Commissioner with any additional
- 88 duties as needed.
- 89 **VII. Employment of Election Assistants**
- 90 A. Election Assistants shall be employed by the Elections Commissioner and Deputy
- 91 Commissioner and shall only start their position a month prior to elections.
- 92 B. Each Assistant must pass the Elections Code examination by 80% (or greater) in order to be
- 93 qualified for the position.
- 94 **VIII. Elections Code of Ethics**
- 95 A. Purpose
- 96 1. The Elections Code of Ethics is established as a mutual respect and agreement between
- 97 all persons involved with the elections process. As such, it serves to establish basic
- 98 standards and values that are essential to the preservation of democratic principles.
- 99 B. System of Ethical Standards
- 100 1. No person shall:



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- 101 a. Misrepresent any material fact(s) through any campaign material(s) or  
102 action(s).
- 103 b. Misrepresent any campaign material(s) or action(s) as being the property  
104 or undertaking of any other candidate or party organization.
- 105 c. Condone or authorize the destruction or theft of any candidate(s) or  
106 party organization(s) campaign material(s).
- 107 d. Commit written, printed, or verbal defamation.
- 108 e. Violate any University Policies and Regulations that are in place during  
109 the course of the election.

110 2. Candidates and/or Political Party Organizations are responsible for the action(s) of  
111 other individual(s), and/or organization(s) acting on their behalf or at their direction  
112 beyond a reasonable doubt.

113 3. Every candidate shall hold themselves to the highest level of ethical standards as they  
114 are a representative of the entire student body of the University of North Florida.

115 **IX. Candidate Guidelines**

116 A. Elections Timeline

117 1. Timeline Definitions

- 118 a. Day, Business: All days Monday through Friday in which the University  
119 is open for business between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.
- 120 b. Day, Common: All calendar days between the hours of 12:00 AM and  
121 11:59 PM.
- 122 c. Week: Seven (7) consecutive Common Days.

123 2. Format

- 124 a. Attached to the Elections Policies and Procedures shall be a timeline that  
125 prescribes the chronological order of events within the elections system.
- 126 b. This timeline shall be designed in a clear and unmistakable manner that  
127 includes all the appropriate dates and times for each event.
- 128 c. Attached to this timeline shall be a description of the event(s) and list of  
129 necessary document (s), where applicable, for each deadline.

130 3. Publication

- 131 a. The Elections Timeline and all relevant documents shall be published  
132 and made available to the public prior to the start of the semester that  
133 the election will take place.

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- 134 b. In the absence of an Elections Commissioner, the duty of publication of  
135 the Election Timeline shall fall with the Attorney General.  
136 c. This Timeline shall be published to the appropriate Media Outlets (i.e.  
137 the Student Government Website).

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139 4. Regulations

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- 140 a. Ten (10) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming general election, the  
141 Elections Policies and Procedures shall be finalized and published.
- 142 ~~a.b. Eight (8) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming general election, the Office~~  
143 ~~of Elections will host at least one party Elections workshop.~~
- 144 ~~b.c. Six (6) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming general election, all political~~  
145 ~~party organizations shall have filed their Declarations of Intent. Once a~~  
146 ~~Declaration of Intent has been filed and approved for the calendar year,~~  
147 ~~parties may begin the process of recruiting candidates.~~
- 148 d. Five (5) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming general elections, the Office  
149 of Elections shall host a Party Fair. ~~The date of the Party Elections Fair~~  
150 ~~commences campaigning.~~
- 151 i. ~~The Office of Elections will begin accepting Candidate~~  
152 ~~Declarations of Intent the day of the Elections Fair.~~
- 153 ~~e.c. Five~~Between five (5) and four (4) ~~weeks prior to the nearest upcoming~~  
154 ~~general election, the Office of Elections shall host a candidate workshop.~~
- 155 ~~d.f. Three (3) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming general election, all~~  
156 ~~Candidate Declarations of Intent must be filed.~~
- 157 ~~e.g. Disqualifications shall be finalized on the third (3) business day following~~  
158 ~~the deadline for the Candidate Declaration of Intent.~~
- 159 ~~f.h. Between three (3) and one (1) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming~~  
160 ~~general election, at least one (1) candidate forum shall be held for the~~  
161 ~~public to attend.~~
- 162 ~~g.i. Between three (3) and one (1) weeks prior to the nearest Presidential~~  
163 ~~election, at least one (1) Presidential Debate shall be organized, assuming~~  
164 ~~there is contest.~~
- 165 ~~h.j. All Fall General Elections shall begin on the tenth (10) Tuesday of the~~  
166 ~~Fall semester at 9:00 AM and shall close at 6:00 PM on the next day.~~
- 167 ~~i.k. All Spring General Elections shall begin on the ninth (9) Tuesday of the~~  
168 ~~Spring semester at 9:00 AM and shall close at 6:00 PM on the next day.~~
- 169 ~~j.l. All financial statements shall be filed by the conclusion of the business~~  
170 ~~day following the close of elections.~~



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171 k.m. All Judicial Complaints related to a specific election shall be filed  
 172 no later than the conclusion of the second (2) business day following the  
 173 close of the election under which the matter(s) in question transpired,  
 174 with the exception of Judicial Complaints forwarded by the Elections  
 175 Commissioner.

176 l.n. The Election Commissioner and the Attorney General shall have a  
 177 reasonable amount of time following the conclusion of each election to  
 178 forward and file, respectively, elections-related Judicial Complaints, not  
 179 to exceed five (5) business days.

B. Candidacy

1. Requirements

- 182 a. The requirements for candidacy shall in no way exceed those placed by  
 183 the Constitution and every effort shall be made to ensure that no  
 184 excessive barriers exist to candidacy.
- 185 b. The constitutional requirements for candidacy may be seen under Article  
 186 V § 2 of the Student Government Constitution.
- 187 c. To become a candidate in any Student Government election, a student  
 188 must only meet the constitutional requirements and complete a  
 189 Candidate Declaration of Intent.
- 190 d. Presidential candidates are required to run on a two-person (2) ticket with  
 191 a Vice-Presidential candidate. Presidential tickets shall file a joint  
 192 Candidate Declaration of Intent.
- 193 e. All candidates must attend one of two Mandatory Candidacy Meetings  
 194 or will be immediately disqualified.

2. Candidate Declaration of Intent Form

- 196 a. The format for the Candidate Declaration of Intent form is at the  
 197 discretion of the Commissioner but shall consist of, at a minimum, a  
 198 single page for a prospective candidate to indicate acknowledgement and  
 199 compliance with all required subsections.
- 200 b. Required information that must be provided on the Candidate  
 201 Declaration of Intent form shall include the candidate's:
  - 202 i. Full name, as it appears on their Osprey-1 Card.
  - 203 ii. N-number, as it appears on their Osprey-1 Card.
  - 204 iii. Contactable e-mail address.
  - 205 iv. Contactable phone number.
  - 206 v. Year in college and Major.

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- 207 vi. Indication of Party Affiliation. If affiliated, the Political Party  
208 Organization (PPO) chair must undersign. If not, the candidate  
209 is automatically recognized as an Independent.
- 210 vii. Indication of Financial Statement option selection.
- 211 c. The following agreements must be provided with the Candidate  
212 Declaration of Intent form and each candidate must sign that they have  
213 read, understood, and agreed to all of them:
- 214 i. FERPA release and acknowledgment forms.
- 215 ii. Agreement to uphold the Code of Ethics and the Elections  
216 timeline
- 217 iii. Agreement to abide by all University and Student Government  
218 laws, policies and procedures.
- 219 iv. Student Conduct Form
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- 221 C. Political Party Organizations
- 222 1. Creation and Registration
- 223 a. Requirements
- 224 i. Any two (2) or more currently enrolled students may form a PPO  
225 and register with the Office of Elections through the completion  
226 of a Party Declaration of Intent.
- 227 ii. Registered PPO's are guaranteed the rights afforded them under  
228 Title VI.
- 229 iii. PPO's must select a chair person from amongst themselves and  
230 indicate their selection on their Party Declaration of Intent.
- 231 b. Party Declaration of Intent Form
- 232 i. The format for the Party Declaration of Intent form is at the  
233 discretion of the Commissioner.
- 234 ii. The form shall contain the following required information to be  
235 completed by the founding members:
- 236 1) Names and N-numbers of founding members, as they  
237 appear on their Osprey-1 cards.
- 238 1) Designation of Party Chair
- 239 2) Designation of PPO name and abbreviation.
- 240 3) Designation of Financial Statement option selection.





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- iii. The following agreements must be provided with the Party Declaration of Intent form and the founding members must sign on behalf of the party that they have read, understand, and agree to all of them:
- 1) Agreement to uphold the Code of Ethics.
  - 2) Agreement to uphold all University Policies and Regulations.
  - 3) Agreement to abide by all Student Government laws, policies, and procedures.
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- iv. All Political Party Organizations' registrations shall expire annually. At the time of expiration, the expired PPO's name will be reserved until the Party Declaration of Intent deadline of the nearest upcoming election.
- i. The name of the PPO shall have a maximum term of four (4) years. After the PPO has operated for a maximum of four (4) years, then the two (2) year retirement period shall begin immediately.
  - ii. The PPO's name will be reserved until the deadline for the previous party chair, or someone possessing written consent of said party chair, to re-register. The final result of this process may be appealed to the Judicial Branch.
  - iii. If the previous party chair does not return and no written consent is given, the party will be retired.
  - iv. Retired PPO names shall be kept on record by the Office of Elections for a period of two (2) years, at which point they will be eligible to be reinstated.
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- v. The Elections Commissioner reserves the right to retire a PPO's name should the party's registration term lapse.
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- vi. PPO's that were previously registered with the Office of Elections need only complete a party re-registration form annually to remain registered. Party re-registration forms shall contain the following information completed by at least two (2) renewing members:
- i. Names and N-numbers of renewing members, as they appear on their Osprey-1 cards.
  - ii. Designation of Party Chair.
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- 311 I. All campaign-related signage is only permitted on university  
312 grounds starting the day the Party Fair is held or within five (5)  
313 weeks of the nearest upcoming election.
- 314 II. Physical Facilities and other University officials reserve the right  
315 to remove intrusive or obstructive signage.
- 316 III. The Office of Elections shall make available the most up to date  
317 university regulations in the form of an election signage map.
- 318 IV. Placement of signs shall adhere to current university policy as  
319 directed by Physical Facilities, including but not limited to:
- 320 i. Yard Signs, which may be placed near walking paths  
321 within the interior of campus.
- 322 ii. Banners, which may be hung from buildings with  
323 permission from the proper authorities. In the case of the  
324 Student Union (Bld. 58), the Student Union  
325 Administration must be contacted.
- 326 V. Campaigns are responsible for removing all campaign-related  
327 materials, including official PPO social media posts, within one  
328 (1) business day following the close of an election.
- 329 b. Active/Passive Campaigning
- 330 I. Active Campaigning shall be defined as the direct promotion of  
331 one's campaign or political party organization through the use of  
332 verbal or electronic communications that solicits or calls for  
333 support of that candidate or political party organization for an  
334 elected office of Student Government. This includes, but is not  
335 limited to, the direct request for a student or organization to  
336 endorse or advocate for the candidate.
- 337 II. Passive Campaigning shall be defined as the indirect promotion  
338 done in a way that does not solicit direct communication and is  
339 done in a non-intrusive manner. This may include, but is not  
340 limited to, signs, posters, websites, t-shirts, or other  
341 paraphernalia.
- 342 III. Active Campaigning shall be prohibited ~~in all University~~  
343 ~~buildings, with the exception of dining halls, the Osprey~~  
344 ~~Clubhouse, Arena, and Wellness Complex in the Thomas G~~  
345 ~~Carpenter Library and classrooms.~~
- 346 IV. ~~A second exception~~ An exception shall be made to permit Active  
347 Campaigning in ~~University Buildings; reserved spaces within the~~  
348 Thomas G. Carpenter Library or classrooms, limited to meetings



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- 349 of Student Organizations, Registered or Unregistered, scheduled  
350 to meet in these buildings with the consent of the organization.
- 351 ~~IV.V.~~ A second exception shall be made to permit Active Campaigning  
352 in classrooms with written permission from the instructor, as well  
353 as invited and casual conversation between classmates.
- 354 ~~V.VI.~~ Active Campaigning is allowed in the entirety of the Student  
355 Union, with the exception of the third floor of the East Building,  
356 in which all forms of campaigning are prohibited.
- 357 c. Campaigning is permitted to begin the day of the Party Fair.
- 358 d. No campaigning is permitted in Residence Halls including, but not  
359 limited to, distribution of fliers and door to door campaigning.
- 360 i. The only exception is in the event of invited and casual  
361 conversation between residents of the Residence Hall in  
362 question.
- 363 e. Campaign materials may not be distributed in such a way as to create  
364 excessive litter or to willfully deface any property, public or private.
- 365 f. Each candidate is liable for all campaign materials relating to his/her  
366 campaign, and shall see to their proper disposal, except materials  
367 discarded by voters in the polling region while the polls are open.
- 368 g. No candidate shall operate under an implied Student Government  
369 endorsement. This includes, but is not limited to, any logos present in  
370 campaign materials or use of Student Government sponsored items in  
371 their campaign.
- 372 h. Candidates or political party organizations (PPO) may not accept or  
373 solicit financial donations or endorsements from any organization or  
374 individual explicitly acting on behalf of an organization outside of the  
375 University of North Florida campus.
- 376 i. No candidate or organization shall promise or guarantee a future position  
377 to a student or student organization in order to obtain votes
- 378 j. Candidates or political party organizations (PPO) may not accept or  
379 solicit financial donations or endorsements from university  
380 administrators or non-student university employees.
- 381 k. The campaign materials form must be filled out and approved by the  
382 Elections Commissioner or designee prior to posting/placement.

E. Recruitment

I. Restrictions

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a. Recruitment and Campaigning

- I. Recruitment shall be defined as a personal invitation from a PPO for students to run for office with the PPO, as well as the education of potential candidates in order for them to make an informed decision regarding their candidacy.
- II. Recruitment is distinct from campaigning in that it does not include signage on campus, nor does it attempt to solicit votes from students.
- III. Recruitment may occur once a Declaration of Intent has been filed and approved for the calendar year.
- IV. Violations of the Recruitment rules are considered Elections Violations.

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X. **Financial Guidelines**

A. **Format**

1. Financial Statements are to be completed within a provided packet given to all candidates.
2. Financial Statement packets shall contain:
  - a. A cover page listing the contents of a final and completed statement and the undersigned agreement to the accuracy of the statement.
  - b. A blank itemized page(s) for the listing of all campaign expenses.
  - c. A totaling line at the conclusion of the list.
  - d. A guide for PPO financial statements that allows a party to calculate their combined expense limit.
3. Parties may choose to complete a PPO Financial Statement and forego individual statements if they wish to share resources.
4. All elections contested or not contested shall require parties as well as candidates to file financial statements.

B. **Regulations**

1. **Expense Limits**

- a. Senate Candidates: \$500.00.
- b. Presidential Tickets: \$3,500.00.
- c. Political Party Organization option: Not to exceed the sum of the individual candidate's expense limits combined.

C. **Contents**

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- 419 1. A completed Financial Statement must contain:
- 420 a. An itemized list of all expenses incurred throughout the campaign. The
- 421 Financial Statement must include items purchased in a previous campaign if
- 422 they are re-used for the upcoming election.
- 423 I. Each calendar year, any re-used item will depreciate by half. After
- 424 four (4) years of reuse, an item may be claimed at zero (0) percent of
- 425 the current market value.
- 426 b. Copies of all receipts supporting the itemized list of expenditures. In the case
- 427 of items purchased previously and re-used for a campaign, a receipt is not
- 428 necessary. Instead, a fair market value must be provided.
- 429 c. Sworn agreement on behalf of the candidate or, in the case of PPO Financial
- 430 Statement, the chair, to the accuracy of the full and complete statement.
- 431 d. All contributions and donations, monetary or otherwise must be accurately
- 432 reported and must include the name of the donor, contribution type, and
- 433 market value of the donation.
- 434 **XI. Operations of the Election System**
- 435 A. The Ballot
- 436 1. Ballot Format and Creation
- 437 a. The Elections Commissioner shall be responsible for overseeing the
- 438 creation and final format of each ballot and ensuring their compliance
- 439 with statute.
- 440 b. Candidates' names and political party organization affiliation shall be
- 441 arranged on the ballot in a randomized manner.
- 442 c. Unopposed candidates shall be declared the winner by acclamation and
- 443 shall not be placed on the ballot.
- 444 2. Constitutional Referenda
- 445 a. All signed Constitutional Referenda shall be formally summarized and
- 446 forwarded to the Elections Commissioner by the Senate President ten
- 447 (10) business days before the election, to be placed on the ballot.
- 448 b. All proposed amendments shall be published on the Student
- 449 Government website ten (10) business days prior to the upcoming
- 450 election.
- 451 3. Plebiscites
- 452 1. A Plebiscite shall be defined as, a nonbinding referendum on a proposed
- 453 law, constitutional referendum, or significant public issue.

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2. Any student may petition the Office of Elections to request that a plebiscite be placed on an electoral ballot. All plebiscite requests must be forwarded to the Elections Commissioner six (6) business days prior to the upcoming election. Plebiscites shall be placed on the ballot at the Elections Commissioner's discretion.
  3. Any Plebiscite placed on the ballot shall be made open for discussion at the Senate meeting in which the vote is held to validate the election.

461 B. Polling Information

462 1. Polling Locations

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- a. A polling station shall be defined as a location where students may go to cast their official votes in a protected, secure and confidential environment.
  - b. The Office of Elections shall maintain at least two (2) polling stations on campus where students may cast their votes in a secure and protected environment. Having two or more polling stations is at the discretion of the Elections Commissioner.
  - c. No group or individual outside the Office of Elections has the right to create or police a polling station.
  - d. The Elections Commissioner shall determine the best location for each station to best serve the student body and to adhere to the following provision:
    - I. All polling devices used to cast votes at the polling stations must be hard-wired.
  - e. Protected Polling Regions (PPR's) shall exist in the area of each polling station provided by the Office of Elections and, as such, maintain the following provisions within them:
    - I. No active campaigning shall occur.
    - II. Passive campaigning is allowed, with the exception of signage placed within the PPR.
    - III. No individual, including poll workers, shall stand above or behind a student casting a vote.
    - IV. Every effort shall be made to ensure the confidentiality of a student's vote.
    - V. Poll workers may not answer inquiries concerning candidates, platforms, or campaign events within a PPR.

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- 489 VI. Groups may not gather or in any way impede access to or within  
490 a PPR.
- 491 VII. Students with any physical impairments that make it difficult to  
492 mark their own ballot may request assistance from any working  
493 poll worker. Even in said instance, poll workers must still adhere  
494 to the above guidelines.
- 495 f. The Office of the Attorney General shall supervise the enforcement of  
496 all PPR provisions.
- 497 g. Polling stations provided by the Office of Elections shall remain open  
498 from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM each day during the course of an election.

#### 2. Poll Workers

- 499
- 500 a. The Elections Commissioner is responsible for staffing all polling  
501 stations with qualified workers.
- 502 i. Qualified shall be defined as an individual who has no conflict of  
503 interest in regard to the current election and who has completed  
504 mandatory Election Poll Worker Training.
- 505 ii. Poll workers must not hold any type of leadership position within  
506 a PPO.
- 507 iii. A leadership position is defined as, any involvement in which a  
508 PPO has assigned a title for a delegated position that instructs an  
509 individual to advocate, campaign, or manage any matters  
510 regarding a particular PPO before, during, and after an election  
511 cycle.
- 512 iv. Election Poll Worker Training shall be created and maintained by  
513 the Office of Elections. It shall be made available online for any  
514 individual who wishes to complete it.
- 515 b. There shall be at least two (2) poll workers maintaining a station at all  
516 times.
- 517 c. The Elections Commissioner is responsible for determining the length  
518 of the shift that each Senator is required to work during the elections.  
519 The Elections Commissioner shall make this shift known to Senators no  
520 less than ten (10) business days prior to the Elections
- 521 i. The length of the shift is contingent upon the number of eligible  
522 Senators

#### 3. Polling Devices





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- 525 a. The ability to cast a vote electronically from any web-accessible device shall  
526 be provided to students.
- 527 b. This electronic system shall be protected and monitored by the university  
528 and overseen by the Elections Commissioner in conjunction with the  
529 Attorney General to ensure that:
- 530 I. Each eligible student only casts one (1) vote per election, and;  
531 II. All statutory mandates concerning ballots are met, and;  
532 III. Confidentiality is protected, and;  
533 IV. All votes are batched and traceable, and;  
534 V. Electronic voting remains consistently open from the start of  
535 elections until their close.

#### C. Voting

- 537 1. The ability to cast a singular vote in every election is the inherent right of all A&S fee-  
538 paying students of the University of North Florida.
- 539 2. Voters must be able to:
- 540 a. Have access to a display containing each candidate's platform.

#### D. Restrictions

- 542 1. In the interest of protecting the confidentiality of each student's vote, votes shall not  
543 be solicited by candidates or campaign supporters through the individual distribution  
544 of electronic devices. This includes mobile devices, laptops, tablets, or computers of  
545 any kind.
- 546 2. Candidates and campaign supporters may direct students to online voting through  
547 electronic communication, flyers, and physical direction to polling stations but may not  
548 accompany them into the PPR.

### XII. Validation of an Election

#### A. Tabulation

- 551 1. All results shall remain confidential until the election closes. The operators of the  
552 Voting Application will at that time deliver the results to the Election Commissioner  
553 and Attorney General for confirmation.
- 554 2. The Elections Commissioner in conjunction with the Attorney General shall confirm  
555 the tabulated results following the close of an election.
- 556 3. Unofficial election results shall be released by the conclusion of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
557 business day following the close of an election along with a list of all pending Judicial  
558 Complaints related to the election.



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559 4.The Elections Commissioner shall, with the approval of the Attorney General and  
560 Chief Justice, release official elections results following the resolution of all pending  
561 Judicial Complaints.

562 B. Senate Validation

563 i. The Elections Commissioner shall formalize the official results of all closed  
564 elections and forward them to the Senate in the form of a Senate Bill introduced  
565 by the Government Oversight Committee chair to be considered on second read  
566 (2<sup>nd</sup>) at the next upcoming Senate meeting.

567 ii. The Senate must receive a validation bill within ten (10) business days following  
568 the close of an election provided all Judicial Complaints surrounding the election  
569 are resolved.

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571 HISTORY: JR-14SB-2785 (July 28, 2014)– Original  
572 JR-14F-2817 (Nov. 21, 2014)  
573 JR-15SB -2885 (July 23, 2015)  
574 JR-16S-2961 (April 8, 2016)  
575 JR-16SB-3018 (July 13, 2016)  
576 JR-16F-3063 (November 2, 2016)  
577 JR-17SA-3212 (June 26, 2017)  
578 JR-17F-3258 (November 3, 2017)  
579 JR-18SA-3295 (May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018)  
580 JR-18F-3334 (November 30, 2018)  
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582 Therefore: Let it be enacted that the following changes to the Elections Policies and Procedures be  
583 made effective immediately, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

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585 **Legislative Action**

586 Author: Kathryn Schneider  
587 Sponsor: Kristen Ballard  
Committee: Government Oversight \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Action: 5-0-0  
Date of Committee Action: 7/12/19  
Senate Action: 14-0-0  
Date of Action: 7/12/19

Signed and Delivered to the Student Body President  
on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 2019.

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*Thatcher Hart, Student Senate President*

**Executive Action**

Let it be known that SB-19SB-3408 is hereby

APPROVED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED

on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 2019.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_

*John Aloszka, Student Body President*

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