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SB-20S-3497: Title VI Changes

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1 0Whereas: 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 Government Oversight Committee is a standing Committee of the Student Government
4 Senate responsible for oversight in all intergovernmental affairs of Student Government and
5 preliminarily vetting and approving legislative appointments;

6 Whereas: When Senators of Student Government are elected by the student body, the Senate becomes a
7 truly representative body;

8 Whereas: The appointment process is not intended to confirm a seat for a Senator, rather only to fill seats
9 that are open the semester prior to their time of appointment;

10 Whereas: Those who seek a Senate seat during or near the time of elections should go through the elections
11 process;

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:

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16 602.1 Candidacy

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18 A. The Election Policies and Procedures shall maintain a section concerning candidates.

19 B. Such a section shall contain, at a minimum, the following applicable provisions:

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21 1. Any student who meets the constitutional requirements for candidacy shall be able to
22 declare themselves as a candidate for any election through the submission of a Candidate
23 Declaration of Intent document.

24 2. Candidate Declarations of Intent documents shall include:

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26 a. An agreement on the part of the candidate to abide by the Elections timeline published
27 by the Elections Commissioner.

28 b. An agreement on the part of the candidate to abide by and uphold the Election Code of
29 Ethics.

30 c. An agreement on the part of the candidate to submit a Candidate Financial Statement,
31 as dictated under the Election Policies and Procedures.

32 d. An agreement on the part of the candidate to indicate his or her chosen Student
33 Government political party affiliation, whereas "Independent" is an option.

34 e. An agreement on the part of the candidate to the SG Authorization and Release form to
35 acknowledge verification of records.

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37 f. An agreement on the part of the candidate to submit a conduct form to the Director of



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38 Student Government.

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40 g. An agreement on the part of the candidate to attend one of the mandatory candidacy
41 meetings.

42 3. Candidacy may be withdrawn up to the time in which the ballot may no longer be changed
43 by presenting a written and signed Statement of Withdrawal to the Elections Commissioner.

44 C. The following Student Government Positions must resign from their office once they declare
45 candidacy or obtain a position of leadership within a political party during an election season
46 due to a conflict of interest:

- 47 1. Elections Commissioner
- 48 2. Deputy Elections Commissioner
- 49 3. Attorney General
- 50 4. Student Advocate

51 ~~5. Government Oversight Chair~~

52 ~~6. Supreme Court Justices~~

53 D. Members of The A simple majority of the Rules and Government Oversight Committee will be
54 comprised of a majority of Senators that do not have a conflict of interest in an upcoming
55 election. must be transferred from the committee to another by the Senate President once they
56 declare candidacy or obtain a position of leadership within a political party organization. A
57 conflict of interest includes, but is not limited to, declaring candidacy in a current election or holding
58 positions of leadership within political parties which includes, but is not limited to, campaign manager
59 and party chair.

60 E. Party Chairs shall notify the Elections Commissioner of all individuals who have a position of
61 leadership within a political party organization.

62 F. A position of leadership in a political party organization shall be defined in the Elections
63 Policies and Procedures. The Elections Commissioner shall have the final authority in
64 identifying positions of leadership.

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67 Therefore: Let it be enacted that the following changes to Title VI of the SG Constitution and
68 Statutes be made effective July 1, 2020.

69 **Legislative Action**

70 Author: Thatcher Hart
71 Sponsor: Kristen Ballard
Committee: Government Oversight
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Date of Action: 3/13/2020

Signed and Delivered to the Student Body President
on this _____ day of _____, _____.

Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-20S-3497 is hereby
APPROVED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED
on this 13 day of MARCH, 2020

Signed, _____

John Aloszka, Student Body President

Signed and Delivered to the Senate Secretary