



The University of West Florida

Student Government Association

Elections Statutes Bill

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Ms. Samantha Lubowiecki
Senate Pro Tempore

Be it known that Student Government 18-19 Bill (III) is hereby signed on 10/11/18

✓ 10/11/18
Pass Veto
Date

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Legislative Intent:

Updates to the Election Statutes to coordinate with the Election Statutes changes that were approved in 17-18 Bill XIV.

TITLE IV: THE STUDENT BODY ELECTION CODE

Chapter 400: The Election Commission

400.01 The Election Commission shall be responsible for all Student Government Elections.

400.02 The Election Commission members and appointments:

A. The Election Commission shall be composed of at least five members, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. These members may not be a candidate.

B. The Supervisor of Elections must be appointed by the ~~first~~ **last** senate meeting in ~~January~~ **November**. The remainder of the Election Commission must be appointed by the last senate meeting in ~~January~~ **December**. The Election Commission appointees must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate.

C. All Election Commissioner appointees not confirmed by said time requirements must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the senate.

Chapter 403: Election Process

403.01 The Spring Election shall take place the week (on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday) preceding Spring Break. Voting shall begin at 8:00am Monday and end at 8:00pm Wednesday.

403.02 The Election Commission may use an instant runoff, ranked choice voting, or another legitimate voting system to support a fair election process.

403.02~~3~~³ The Elections Commission shall conduct Spring Elections according to the following schedule:

- A. Campaigning is defined as active promotion of one's candidacy through publications and marketing material as well as public appearances and/or presentations. This does NOT include informal conversations or the use of social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.)
- B. Campaigning shall begin only after the candidate has filed and been cleared by the Election Commission and attended a mandatory candidate meeting.
- C. A student may change office for which they become a candidate any time prior to the closing date of filing. No student may be a candidate for more than one office, whether elected or appointed, at a given time.
- D. A candidate may withdraw at any time during the election process.
- E. Counting electronic ballots may begin no sooner than the closing of the polls at the end of the elections.
- F. Any paper ballots will be cross checked by the SGA Advisor against students who filled out an electronic ballot and a registered student list to determine if they are eligible. Any paper ballots that are ruled eligible will be manually added to the final vote count.
- G. ~~The A~~ runoff election ~~shall~~ ^{may} take place on ~~the next~~ Tuesday ~~that school is in session~~ after the last Election Day, pending appeals.