



The University of West Florida

Student Government Association

Election Timeline Bill

Legislation: 17-18 Bill XIV

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Ms. Bayla Bessemer
Senate Pro Tempore

Be it known that Student Government 17-18 Bill XIV is hereby signed on _____.

Pass

Veto

Date

Mr. Kishane Patel
Student Body President

Legislative Intent: The purpose of this bill is to give the president elect and vice president elect enough time to become properly acclimated to their role before completely taking over, as well as not losing traction over the break. Along with this bill, the election timeline would be shortened so that one week will be cut out of the filing period and one week out of the campaigning period.

Chapter 403: Election Process

- 403.01 The Spring Election shall take place the ~~third~~ week (on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday) ~~following~~ **preceding** Spring Break. Voting shall begin at 8:00am Monday and end at 8:00pm Wednesday.
- 403.02 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 runoff election shall take place on Tuesday after the last election day, pending appeals.