ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 29
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Brandon Wayne Phillips
Sponsor(s): Alex Summers, Libardo Coronado
First Reading: 15 February 2015

WHEREAS, the lack of historical knowledge is detrimental to the sustainability of the Student Association. It prevents us from learning from our predecessors which negates the further development of the Student Governing body.

WHEREAS, the lack of transition materials increases the learning curve for each session of senate and decreases productivity for each incumbent executive branch due to lack of historical knowledge of each position.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

That the Bylaws shall now read as follows in the new Article II, Section 1, Clause S:

"S. The Speaker shall have the authority to appoint the Student Association Historian.

The Student Association Historian:
1. Shall be a currently elected Senator appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and confirmed by the Senate via simple majority vote.
2. Shall be in charge of maintaining the Student Association archive at the Regional History Center in conjunction with The Center's Local Government Records collection as part of the Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) system administered by the Illinois State Archives.
3. Shall be in charge of archiving all past Student Association business in the archive Founders Memorial Library.
4. Shall be in charge of collecting all current and previous press releases by all media outlets regarding Student Association business, objectives, and achievements.
5. Shall be in charge of recording all student campaign materials during Senate and Executive elections and shall create a master list of past and current voter turnout election results in the archive at Founders Memorial Library; after the election process has concluded in conjunction with the Election Commissioner.
6. Shall work with the Senate Clerk to maintain a printed and digital archive copies of Student Association Senate Legislation to be saved in the archive at Founders Memorial Library.
7. Shall work with the Director of IT on creating and maintaining a Student Association Administration history page on the SA website.
8. Shall not be a paid position.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.
I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

Dillon J. Donak, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

SEAL:

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Joe Fracello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 30
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Speaker Domke

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 22 February 2015

WHEREAS, the Vice-President of the Student Association has granted Secondary Educators' Organization temporary recognition

WHEREAS, the senate has the responsibility of approving student groups for complete recognition

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

That the Student Association grants permanent recognition to Secondary Educators' Organization.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha
Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the TWENTY-SECOND day of FEBRUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

Seal:

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 31
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Deputy Speaker Robert Kreml
Sponsor(s): Speaker Domke
First Reading: 22 February 2015

WHEREAS, Nowhere in the current Bylaws of the Northern Illinois Student Association is there an Order of Succession to the chair of the senate currently exist.

WHEREAS, In the Bylaws, the only current Order of Succession that exists is stated in Article II, §1 titled "Duties and Responsibilities of the Senate", Point P, titled "Deputy Speaker", Number 6. This states that "The Deputy Speaker shall become Acting Speaker if at any time the Speaker shall resign, be removed, or otherwise leave office before the end of term. The Acting Speaker shall only hold office until the Senate chooses a new Speaker at the first regular meeting after the vacancy has occurred."

WHEREAS, As defined in Robert's Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedures, an order of succession to the chair of the governing body should always be defined for any governing group.

WHEREAS, In the constitution of the Northern Illinois University Student Association, there already exists a Order of Succession for the presidency, which is the chair of the governing body of the Student Association.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

That there be an amendment to the Bylaws of the Northern Illinois University Student Association a new section to read: "Section 6 Senate Order of Succession". This section is to read:

Section 6
Senate Order of Succession

A) If at any time during the Speaker of the Senate's one year term in office the Speaker of the Senate chooses by their own free will, or is forced to pass the chair in a situation, then the Senate Order of Succession is to take place to determine who assumes the Temporary Speaker of the Senate role. The title of Temporary Speaker of the Senate is to only take place for the length of time that a piece of legislation is on the floor and once the legislation has been decided upon, then the Speaker of the Senate is to assume the chair once again until such a time they choose by their own free will, or is forced to pass the chair again. The Senate order of Succession is as follows:

1) Deputy Speaker of the Senate
2) Vice Chair of the Rules and Procedures Committee
3) Chair of the University Services Committee
4) Chair of Campus Life and Greek Affairs Committee
5) Chair of Public Affairs Committee
6) Vice Chair of Mass Transit Committee
7) Sergeant at Arms
8) Legislative Director
9) Director of Community Service
10) Most Senior Senator as determined by most amount of time in office.
This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

Dillon J. Demke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the TWENTY-SECOND day of FEBRUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

SEAL:

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 32
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): David White

Sponsor(s): Rules and Procedures Committee

First Reading: 22 February 2015

WHEREAS, The current due date of executive election policies is the Friday following the Monday on which the candidate’s meeting is held.

WHEREAS, This amount of time is deemed insufficient if a second candidate’s meeting were held later in the week on which the Monday candidate’s meeting is held.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Where Part II, Article VII, Section 2, Clause B reads "Each Candidate Meeting shall consist of the following: (1) a comprehensive orientation to elections policy, (2) a copy of the Elections Policy shall be issued to each candidate, (3) Registration Packets shall be distributed, and (4) dates for all major election events - election days, Registration Packet due dates, etc... All candidates, including potential write-in candidates, are required to attend the Candidates' Meeting. Persons who do not attend a Candidates' Meeting shall not be allowed to run in an election. All Candidates who wish to be on the ballot shall return their Registration Packets to the SA Office Manager or their designee prior 4 o'clock p.m. on Friday of the same week of the first Candidates' Meeting. All candidates shall request and shall be given a receipt for their Registration Packets noting the date and time. Ballot order for all elections shall be in the same order as the return of completed Registration Packets, with the first candidate for each office appearing first on the ballot. If two or more candidates turn in their registration packets at the exact same time, then random lot shall determine their order."

Part II, Article VII, Section 2, Clause B of the Student Association bylaws shall now read "Each Candidate Meeting shall consist of the following: (1) a comprehensive orientation to elections policy, (2) a copy of the Elections Policy shall be issued to each candidate, (3) Registration Packets shall be distributed, and (4) dates for all major election events - election days, Registration Packet due dates, etc... All candidates, including potential write-in candidates, are required to attend the Candidates' Meeting. Persons who do not attend a Candidates' Meeting shall not be allowed to run in an election. All Candidates who wish to be on the ballot shall return their Registration Packets to the SA Office Manager or their designee prior 4 o'clock p.m. on Monday of the following week of the first Candidates' Meeting. All candidates shall request and shall be given a receipt for their Registration Packets noting the date and time. Ballot order for all elections shall be in the same order as the return of completed Registration Packets, with the first candidate for each office appearing first on the ballot. If two or more candidates turn in their registration packets at the exact same time, then random lot shall determine their order."

Where Part II, Article VII, Section 3 reads "The Election Commissioner shall check on the qualifications for all candidates on Monday and shall contact each candidate immediately and privately for confirmation of the results of the qualifications check. The candidates who are determined to be eligible shall be announced on the Tuesday following the Friday on which Registration Packets are due. Candidates who are not allowed to run may appeal to the Board. Election campaigning may begin on the next day, Wednesday, following the announcement of eligible candidates."
Part II, Article VII, Section 3 shall now read "The Election Commissioner shall check on the qualifications for all candidates on Tuesday and shall contact each candidate immediately and privately for confirmation of the results of the qualifications check. The candidates who are determined to be eligible shall be announced on the Wednesday following the Monday on which Registration Packets are due. Candidates who are not allowed to run may appeal to the Board. Election campaigning may begin on the next day, Thursday, following the announcement of eligible candidates."

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

Dillon J. Dunke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the TWENTY-SECOND day of FEBRUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 34
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Speaker Domke

Sponsor(s): 
First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, Part 1 Article III §4 Sub-section K point 4 states that the Director of Public Affairs "Act as the official Student Association Historian by maintaining articles and records for future use, including filing digital copies of relevant materials and information in the NLIU Library archives for later review."

WHEREAS, there is legislation on the floor that will create a position of Student Association Historian.

WHEREAS, the need for this part of the job description of Director of Public Affairs will no longer exist with the implementation of the Student Association Historian.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

That Point 4 of sub-set K in §4 Article III Part 1 of the Student Association Bylaws be removed. All other Jobs requirements shall be renumbered as appropriate.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 36
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, The voter eligibility requirements are no longer needed, except for polling stations, due to online voting. Also, absentee voting is a non-issue due to online voting ameliorating the issue and circumventing the process for absentee voting.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Where Part II, Article I, Section 1 of the Student Association bylaws currently read as follows, “Any eligible student wishing to vote must present an official, valid NIU Student ID and/or whatever else is determined by the Election Commissioner to prove student registration in order to obtain a ballot. The stated criteria for valid ballots shall be clearly posted at all polling stations. All disputes/ questions concerning voter eligibility shall be directed to the Election Commissioner.”

Part II, Article, Section 1 of the Student Association bylaws shall now read as follows, “Any eligible student wishing to vote at a polling station must simply use the voting machine. The stated criteria for voting at polling stations shall be clearly posted. Any eligible student wishing to vote online shall simply access the appropriate online voting method. All disputes/ questions concerning voter eligibility shall be directed to the Election Commissioner.”

Where Part II, Article I, Section 2 of the Student Association bylaws currently read as follows, “Students on temporary leave of absence from the University or students on university business studying or working away from NIU’s DeKalb Campus shall be entitled to vote by Absentee ballot. Any such student shall be charged with responsibility of informing the Election Commissioner of his/her status and requesting such materials before the election. The Election Commissioner must receive said absentee ballots by 4:00 p.m. of the last day before the scheduled election.”

Part II, Article I, Section 2 of the Student Association bylaws shall now be omitted from the Student Association bylaws due to the fact that absentee voting is a non-issue with online voting.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

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Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate
Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

SEAL:

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 37  
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White
Sponsor(s): 
First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, The main purpose for the Student Association is to be more inclusive and represent all students. The current format of executive debates is to be held on one night during the week before Spring Elections. This singular day of executive debates limits potential audience members. Thus, it is the opinion of the current senate body that there should be language in place to allow for more debates in the attempt to further publicize the election and improve political involvement on campus.

WHEREAS, With the advent of online elections, there should be a more pronounced effort and presence on the part of the election commissioner to ensure proper online campaigning.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article VI, Section 5, Clause E of the Student Association Bylaws currently reads as follows, “The Election Commissioner shall be responsible for holding an executive candidate debate, one week before the first day of Spring Elections”

Part II, Article VI, Section 5, Clause E of the Student Association Bylaws shall now read as follows, “The Election Commissioner shall be responsible for holding the executive debate(s) in the weeks preceding the week of the Spring Elections.”

Part II, Article VI, Section 5, Clause G shall read as follows “The Election Commissioner shall make every effort to monitor candidate’s online activities as related to campaigning.”

Part II Article V, Section 7, Clause G shall read as follows “The Board of Elections shall make every effort to monitor candidate’s online activities as related to campaigning.”

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate
Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

SEAL:

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 38
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, Online elections does away for the need of ballot boxes.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article VIII, Section 9, Clause B of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, "In addition to the sanctions stated herein, the Board of Elections shall disqualify a candidate at any time before, during or after an election upon commission by the candidate or person(s) acting on behalf of the candidate of one or more of the following: five (5) or more separate violations of the SA election procedures before election day or three (3) or more separate violations of the SA election procedures on election day(s); Any fraud relating to the election including, but not limited to, stuffing ballot boxes, altering or destroying ballots, buying votes, intimidating other candidates or voters, or repeated interference with another candidate’s campaign. If the candidate(s) or candidate’s workers are caught interfering with another candidate(s) campaign, the applicable sanctions, or even disqualification from the race entirely will be levied upon the interfering candidate(s). A note to disqualify a candidate from an election shall require four (4) of the five (5) members of the board to agree in writing."

Part II, Article VIII, Section 9, Clause B shall now read as follows, "In addition to the sanctions stated herein, the Board of Elections shall disqualify a candidate at any time before, during or after an election upon commission by the candidate or person(s) acting on behalf of the candidate of one or more of the following: five (5) or more separate violations of the SA election procedures before election day or three (3) or more separate violations of the SA election procedures on election day(s); Any fraud relating to the election including, but not limited to, altering or destroying voting machines, buying votes, intimidating other candidates or voters, or repeated interference with another candidate’s campaign. If the candidate(s) or candidate’s workers are caught interfering with another candidate(s) campaign, the applicable sanctions, or even disqualification from the race entirely will be levied upon the interfering candidate(s). A note to disqualify a candidate from an election shall require four (4) of the five (5) members of the board to agree in writing."

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate
Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

SEAL:

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 39
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, The move towards online elections extends the times for voting.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article X, Section 6 of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, “The polls shall be open for two consecutive days from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Fall and Spring elections”

Part II, Article X, Section 6 of the Student Association bylaws shall read as follows, “The polls shall be open for two consecutive days from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Fall and Spring elections. Additionally, voting can be done online beginning from 9:00 a.m. the first day until 6:00 p.m. the following day.”

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in Dekalb, Illinois on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 40
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, The move towards online elections does away with the need for ballot boxes.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article VIII, Section 10, Clause B of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as “Each voter shall deposit his/her ballot into the locked ballot box once he/she has voted and may only do so once per election”

Part II, Article VIII, Section 10, Clause B of the Student Association bylaws shall now read as follows, “Each voter shall cast their vote on voting machines at polling stations or from an equally suitable voting machine. Voters may only vote once per election.”

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in the presence of Joe Frascello, President of the Student Association of Northern Illinois on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.
ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 41
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, The move towards online elections does away with the need for ballot boxes.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article X, Section 4 of the Student Association bylaws is currently entitled Ballot Boxes and reads as follows, "The Election Commissioner shall provide one official ballot box for each polling station. All boxes shall be delivered, unopened and locked, to the polling station by the Commissioner or any officially designated member of the Board of Elections."

Part II, Article X, Section 4 of the Student Association bylaws shall be renamed to "Voting Machines" and read as follows. "The Election Commissioner shall provide the voting machine(s) at each polling station. All voting machine(s) shall be delivered to the polling station by the Commissioner or any officially designated member of the Board of Elections."

Part II, Article X, Section 5 of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, "The Election Commissioner will be charged with the responsibility of dividing ballots, poll workers, and polling station according to the districts as outlined in the SA Bylaws. Two (2) poll workers will be assigned to each polling station at all times during the election. If at any time two (2) poll workers cannot be present at a polling station, it shall be temporarily closed in accord with Section 10, Paragraph D of this Article."

Part II, Article X, Section 5 of the Student Association bylaws shall read as follows, "The Election Commissioner will be charged with the responsibility of dividing voting machines, poll workers, and polling station according to the districts as outlined in the SA Bylaws. Two (2) poll workers will be assigned to each polling station at all times during the election. If at any time two (2) poll workers cannot be present at a polling station, it shall be temporarily closed in accord with Section 10, Paragraph D of this Article."

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate
Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

SEAL:

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 42
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, Current language mentions a physical ballot and the ballot that will be used is an online format.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article X, Section 9 of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, “Any eligible student wishing to vote must present an official, valid NIU Student ID and/or whatever else is determined by the Election Commissioner to prove district residency and/or student registration in order to obtain a ballot. The stated criteria for valid ballots shall be clearly posted at all polling stations.”

Part II, Article X, Section 9 of the Student Association bylaws shall now read as follows, “Any eligible student wishing to vote must simply access a voting machine at a polling station or an internet capable device to access their ballot”

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 43
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, Current language mentions a physical ballot and the ballot that will be used is an online format.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article X, Section 9 of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, “Any eligible student wishing to vote must present an official, valid NIU Student ID and/or whatever else is determined by the Election Commissioner to prove district residency and/or student registration in order to obtain a ballot. The stated criteria for valid ballots shall be clearly posted at all polling stations.”

Part II, Article X, Section 9 of the Student Association bylaws shall now read as follows, “Any eligible student wishing to vote must simply access a voting machine at a polling station or an internet capable device to access their ballot”

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 44
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, The move towards online elections does away with the need for ballot boxes.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article X, Section 10, Clause A of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, "After determining a voter’s eligibility, the poll worker will initial the front of each ballot before handing it to the voter. No ballot will be considered valid unless such mark is affixed to the ballot."

Part II, Article X, Section 10, Clause A of the Student Association bylaws shall now read as follows, "After determining a voter’s eligibility, the poll worker will provide a voting machine for the voter to use."

Part II, Article X, Section 10, Clause B of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, "Each voter shall deposit his/her ballot into the locked ballot box once he/she has voted."

Part II, Article X, Section 10, Clause B of the Student Association bylaws shall now read as follows, "Each voter shall cast his/her vote on the voting machine if voting at the polling station."

Part II, Article X, Section 10, Clause E of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, "A ballot box may be impounded at any time by authority of the Election Commissioner or Acting Election Commissioner for good and sufficient cause."

Part II, Article X, Section 10, Clause E of the Student Association bylaws shall now read as follows, "A voting machine at a polling station may be impounded at any time by authority of the Election Commissioner or Acting Election Commissioner for good and sufficient cause."

Part II, Article X, Section 10, Clause G shall be added and shall read as follows, "Voters may vote online from the beginning of the election to the end of the election via an applicable voting machine."

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate
Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

SEAL:

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 45
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, The move towards online elections necessitates a change in the language and process of tabulation of votes,

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article XI, Section 1, Clause A of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, "After the closing of the polls, the poll worker(s) shall wait for the Election Commissioner or his/her designated representative to arrive, identify his/herself, secure all elections materials and lock or seal the top of the ballot box before leaving."

Part II, Article XI, Section 1, Clause A of the Student Association bylaws shall read as follows, "After the closing of the polls, the poll worker(s) shall wait for the Election Commissioner or his/her designated representative to arrive, indentify his/herself, secure all elections materials and voting machines before leaving."

Part II, Article XI, Section 1, Clause D of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, "Once the ballot boxes are open and counting has begun, no candidate or candidate's representative, other than a designated observer, will be permitted to be present in the area where the counting is taking place."

Part II, Article XI, Section 1, Clause D of the Student Association bylaws shall read as follows, "Once the voting machines have arrived and counting has begun, no candidate or candidate's representative, other than a designated observer, will be permitted to be present in the area where the counting is taking place."

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate
This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

Seal:

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 46
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, The move towards online elections necessitates a change in the format in which votes are cast for write-in candidates.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article XI, Section 8, Clause B of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, "Write-in candidates shall register one version of their name, which must obey the same rules listed for candidates whose names appear on the ballot. Only this registered name shall be accepted as a vote for the candidate. An instruction sheet describing and illustrating how to cast a correct vote for a write-in candidate will be made available to students at all polling places. To be valid, a vote for a write-in candidate must be cast in the correct manner, which will be as follows: 1) the name written in on the ballot must be identical in form and spelling to the name which the write-in candidate registered; and, 2) a completed oval must appear before the name."

Part II, Article XI, Section 8, Clause B of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, "Write-in candidates shall register one version of their name, which must obey the same rules listed for candidates whose names appear on the ballot. Only this registered name shall be accepted as a vote for the candidate. To be valid, a vote for a write-in candidate must be cast in the correct manner, which will be as follows: 1) the name written in on the ballot must be identical in form and spelling to the name which the write-in candidate registered."

Part II, Article XI, Section 8, Clause D of the Student Association bylaws shall read as follows, "The name that is registered with the Student Association Office must appear identical to that written on the ballot with the appropriate spelling and a completed oval before the name. Failure to do so will result in the ballots with those inappropriate write-in names to be not counted in the determination of winners for that office, even though that ballot itself is still valid. The remaining votes will determine the winner. Misspelled, incomplete, and/or illegible names shall not count as votes or count in the determination of winners."

Part II, Article XI, Section 8, Clause B of the Student Association bylaws shall read as follows, "The name that is registered with the Student Association Office must appear identical to that written on the ballot with the appropriate spelling. Failure to do so will result in the ballots with those inappropriate write-in names to be not counted in the determination of winners for that office, even though that ballot itself is still valid. The remaining votes will determine the winner. Misspelled, incomplete, and/or illegible names shall not count as votes or count in the determination of winners."

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.
This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 47
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, The move towards online elections necessitates a change in the process of determining valid and invalid ballots.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article XI, Section 3 of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, “The following ballots shall not count in the determination of winners and shall be considered invalid votes for all the offices listed on the ballot:

1. A ballot that is not initialed by a poll worker will not be counted and will be reported as an invalid ballot;
2. A ballot which is properly initialed but which has too many votes cast on one ballot, or in which votes are cast in the wrong or more than one place;
3. A vote for an unregistered or disqualified write-in candidate;
4. A vote for a registered write-in candidate, but the name of the candidate is misspelled;
4. Ballots which are profane; and
5. Ballots on which a non-person is marked (such as animals or cartoon figures).”

Parts 1 and 2 shall be omitted. So Part II, Article XI, Section of the Student Association bylaws shall read as follows, “The following ballots shall not count in the determination of winners and shall be considered invalid votes for all the offices listed on the ballot:

1. A vote for an unregistered or disqualified write-in candidate;
2. A vote for a registered write-in candidate, but the name of the candidate is misspelled;
3. Ballots which are profane; and
4. Ballots on which a non-person is marked (such as animals or cartoon figures).”

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate
Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

SEAL:

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 49
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, The move towards online elections requires antiquated language and processes be updated.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article XI, Section 6 of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, “Copies of the voided, official ballot shall be given to the Tabulation Officer two (2) weeks prior to the first day of elections for the purpose of calibrating machinery. If changes are made to the official ballot after this time, copies shall immediately be made available to the Tabulation Officer. After the machine counting process, the Tabulation Officer shall return all election results sealed to the Election Commissioner and Board Chair.”

Part II, Article XI, Section 6 of the Student Association bylaws shall read as follows, “Copies of the voided, official ballot shall be given to the Tabulation Officer in the weeks prior to the first day of elections for the purpose of inputting the ballot online. If changes are made to the official ballot after this time, copies shall immediately be made available to the Tabulation Officer. After the machine counting process, the Tabulation Officer shall return all election results sealed to the Election Commissioner and Board Chair.”

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in

DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 50
Forty-Sixth Session

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s): 

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, The move towards online elections necessitates a change in the format in which elections can be considered valid.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Part II, Article XI, Section 5, Clause B of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, “If the difference between the total number of votes cast for any particular office in any particular election (including valid votes, valid no-votes, invalid votes and disqualified votes) and the number of valid signatures or ID presentations on that election's voter registration lists is greater than 5%, the election will be ruled invalid.”

By changing to online elections, this process for determining the validity of an election is null and void. All following clauses shall be renamed one letter position closer to A.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

Seal:

Joe Frascello, President
ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 51

Author(s): Commissioner White

Sponsor(s):

First Reading: 1 March 2015

WHEREAS, With the advent of online voting ballot boxes is antiquated language.

Therefore the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:

Whereas Part II, Article V, Section 8, Clause B of the Student Association bylaws currently reads as follows, “On the day prior to each election the Board shall meet. Each day of the election, the Board shall meet immediately following the closing of the polling stations and all events necessary to secure the ballots. These meetings shall serve as the only point on each Election Day in which disqualification as a punishment shall be determined and issued. The Board shall hear all cases and issue all sanctions and/or punishments, in writing, that it shall deem necessary, prior to opening the sealed report from the Tabulation Officer.”

Part II, Article V, Section 8, Clause B of the Student Association bylaws shall now read as follows, “On the day prior to each election the Board shall meet. Each day of the election, the Board shall meet immediately following the closing of the polling stations and all events necessary to secure the voting machines. These meetings shall serve as the only point on each Election Day in which disqualification as a punishment shall be determined and issued. The Board shall hear all cases and issue all sanctions and/or punishments, in writing, that it shall deem necessary, prior to opening the sealed report from the Tabulation Officer.”

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Jamal Pasha Mohammed, Clerk of the Senate

Dillon J. Domke, Speaker of the Senate

This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIRST day of MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.
SEAL:

Joe Frascello, President