Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Date: 1/28/13
Senate Bill 26
Sponsor(s) Cavallaro Castagna

Purpose & Description (Use back if more space is needed)

To increase the ethical standards of our SGA elections.
The Cavallaro-Castagna Elections Ethics Act of 2013

Approved for First Reading

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Senate Judiciary Chairperson Senate Action
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Chapter 700 Restrictions on Altering the Election Code

History: Amended by 44th Senate Bills 104, 161, 162, 163 and 166. Revised by 45th Senate Bills 155 and 172. Revised by the 46th Senate Bills 34 and 35. Revised by the 47th Senate Bills 14, 61, 62, 71, 78, 99, 174, 177 and 186. Revised by the 48th Senate Bills 19, 31, 65, 66, 75, 109, 119, 152 and 156. Revised by the 49th Senate Bills 6 and 116. Revised by the 50th Student Senate Bills 51, 146 and 162. Revised by the 51st Senate Bills 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 72, 105 and 121 A, 121 C. Revised by the 53rd Senate Bills 8, 12, 47 and 119. Revised by the 54th Senate Bills 11, 25, 64, 82 and 106, 110 (A), 113 and 117. Revised by the 55th Senate Bills 45, 71, 92 and 103. Revised by the 56th Senate Bills 22, 58 and 98. Revised by the 57th Senate Bills 8, 14 and 47. Revised by the 58th Senate Bills 3, 7, 50, 70, 79. Revised by the 59th Senate Bills 5, 19, 65 and 100. Revised by the 60th Senate Bills 8, amendment to Bill 8, 12, 27 and 59. Revised by the 61st Senate Bills 9, 16, 47, 73 and 82. Revised by the 62nd Senate Bill 19. Revised by the 63rd Senate Bills 39, 81. Revised by the 64th Senate Bill 53.

The Election Code which is in force three (3) weeks prior to an election shall be the election code used for that election, regardless of changes made in the interim. Changes to the election code shall be in force if made three weeks prior to any election date. The Election Code shall be in effect all year.

Chapter 720 The Cavallaro-Castagna Elections Ethics Act of 2013

720.1 This act shall be entitled the “Cavallaro-Castagna Ethics act of 2013”. The purpose of this Act is to increase
the ethical standards of SGA Elections.

720.2 Political Parties

A. All political parties as defined in 701.1I must be RSO's as per 710.4B5. All political parties must register with the Supervisor of Elections and follow all standards set in 710.4.

B. All Political Parties once they are recognized as a political party shall keep that designation for two whole years.

1. Therefore the election code shall apply to all of the RSO-Political Party's actions for this time.

2. Political Parties shall not receive any donations from RSOs.

3. Non-political party RSOs shall not be used for recruiting for a political party. Any RSO found recruiting for a political party shall be barred from receiving A&S Fees as well as using facilities that operate using A&S Fees for a period of two years.

   a. This shall not permit an RSO from hosting political parties or candidates; however, an RSO may not encourage members to join their RSO for the direct purpose of organizing for SGA elections or to solicit students to join an SGA political party.
b. The Supervisor of Elections shall report all violations of 720.2 B3a to the Union Board, the Union Guest Services, the Student Body Treasurer, the Senate and the Senate Finance Committee to enforce the provisions set forth in 720.2 B3a.

C. Political Parties shall submit an Expense Statement at the end of each election as per 714.3B. Political Parties shall also submit Expense Statements by the third Wednesday in January, the second Wednesday of April, the third Wednesday of September, and the first Wednesday of December to the Supervisor of Elections.

1. In case of Holiday or No Classes in session, the Supervisor of Elections shall set a date in the same month as the due date for the expense statement should have occurred.

2. These Statements shall be reviewed by the Supervisor of Elections, and the schedule of events for approval or correction as per 714.3 B and 714.3 G as well as all other applicable expectations, appeals process, and procedures as after an election shall occur, only adjusted for different dates.

3. The Supervisor of Elections shall ask the Elections Commission to meet whenever necessary to hear appeals. When outside of the three weeks before an election and up to installation of newly elected officials,
the Supervisor shall call for the Elections Commission to meet whenever deemed necessary.

720.3 Express Advocacy and Outside Organizations

A. Express Advocacy shall be defined as the publicizing or solicitation of support for or against a ballot item, political party, or candidate for an elected office of the Student Body, and calling forth the action to vote or support for and against.

B. Non-political party RSOs, Political Action Committees, non-profit organizations and other entities shall be forbidden from Express Advocacy in SGA Elections.

C. All Non-political party RSOs, Political Action Committees, non-profit organizations and other entities shall be forbidden from recruiting for SGA Political Parties.

D. Only political parties, individual candidates, and individual students can “Campaign” as defined in 701.1A as well as participate in Express Advocacy as defined in 720.3A in FSU SGA Election Code.

E. All Non-political party RSOs, Political Action Committees, non-profit organizations and other entities shall only donate to the individual candidates or political parties.

F. All organizations that are registered as Political Action Committees or non-profit organizations with the state shall adhere to all state and federal law. This includes the proper registration with the state. Further,
any PAC or NPO that seeks to run issue advocacy ads or campaigns, as well as wishes to donate to any SGA political party, shall register as an FSU SGA Political Action Committee with the Supervisor of Elections office. SGA PACs shall adhere to all Election Code provisions as well as the expectations set in the FSU Student Code of Conduct.

1. The Supervisor of Elections shall create an appropriate registration form using the State of Florida’s form as a base.

2. Issue Advocacy shall be defined as advocacy by an individual or by an advocacy group normally aim to influence SGA policy and resource allocation decisions. Issue Advocacy shall have no reasonable interpretation as an appeal to vote for, or against, a specific candidate or ballot item.

G. Any candidate or political party found to be using any PAC, NPO, or other entity to circumvent these Election Codes shall be disqualified from SGA office for two (2) years.

H. All advocacy (express and issue) and campaigning shall adhere and face appropriate punishment based on the FSU Student Code of Conduct, Federal and State laws on slander and libel, section 715.7A and sections 715.7B of this Election Code.

720.4 The Supervisor of Elections

A. The Supervisor of Elections shall hold a minimum of 3 hours worth of office hours a week
extended outside of the three weeks before and leading up to an election. During the week in which financial statements are due, the Supervisor shall have 5 hours worth of office hours.

B. The Budget for 2014 and thereafter shall adjust the OPS wages for the Supervisor of Elections to adhere to 720.4A. Until the 2014 Budget, Senate Projects will fund the Supervisor’s hourly wages.

720.5 Community Service Exemption

A. Community Service endeavors such as but not limited to the BIG Event, CARE Move-in, Relay for Life, Dance Marathon, and other student service projects recognized by the FSU Servscript as well as the Supervisor of Elections shall not count as a “service” as defined in the campaign contributions definition of 701.1B for SGA recognized political parties and individual candidates.

B. Political parties are allowed to recruit year-long and at any event, however Express Advocacy as well as “campaigning” as defined in 701.1A shall be prohibited as per 704.4 and 705.4.

720.6 This Act shall take place immediately once becoming SGA Statutes.
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Date: 1/38/13
Senate Bill 27
Sponsor(s) Cavallaro Montenegro

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To increase the accountability and transparency of SGA Senators by publishing their voting and attendance records.

400.2F
A. The Senate Clerk shall record and publish the votes of all Senators. Rules and Procedure of the Senate shall be amended to ensure that all Senator's votes on all bills in final form shall be recorded in an honest way. The Senate Clerk shall compile the votes into a chart illustrating how each Senator voted on all bills. The Clerk shall then forward this to the SGA Webmaster for posting on the SGA Website. Attendance at Senate meetings shall also be recorded and published. The highest ethical standards shall go into the Clerk's role of recording votes and attendance for publishing to the website. The Senate President Pro Tempore shall be the immediate supervisor for the collecting and publishing of Senators' votes.

Senate Judiciary Chairperson
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The Sixty-Fifth Student Senate

Resolution 15

Sponsored by: Cavallaro & Montenegro

WHEREAS: Senators' votes ought to be published.

WHEREAS: SGA should always look to become more transparent and accountable.

WHEREAS: Numerous other universities such as the University of Florida as well as the University of Miami publish and record their senators' voting and attendance records.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTY FOURTH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

The following changes to Rules & Procedure be enacted based from statute number 400.2F (if enacted).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Copies be sent to:

Brandon Eisaman, Senate President
Lindsay Wood, Senate President Pro Tempore
Ben Young, SGA Webmaster
Addition:

9.09 Recording and Publishing of Senators' Votes

The Senate Clerk shall be held with responsibility of recording all Senators' votes on bills in final form. Before every bill is heard in Second Reading or in Committee as a whole, the Senate Clerk shall hand out ballot sheets that appear as the following:

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Vote: Yea Nay Abstain

There shall only be one sheet on each Senator's desk at any time. After a voice vote is called, each Senator shall complete the above form and submit it to the Senate Clerk who shall walk around the Chamber collecting ballots. No other bill shall be heard until all voting slips are collected. The number of voting slips must match the Senate Program Assistant's quorum numbers. If a roll call vote occurs, the clerk does not need to collect ballots and shall use the Senate Program Assistant's roll call results. All ballots placed on the Senators' desks shall remain for the next item on the agenda.

A. If any Senator is found to have two ballots in his or her name, the Clerk shall conduct an investigation. If deemed that the Senator placed two ballots in for intentional purposes, he or she shall be brought up to Rules & Calendar for disciplinary actions. If another Senator tries to imitate another Senator, that Senator shall be brought up to Rules & Calendar to start the impeachment proceedings. If a ballot is submitted for a Senator who is absent, the Senator who submitted the fake voting slip shall be brought up to Rules & Calendar for impeachment proceedings. Senators shall keep the highest ethical standards in submitting their voting slips as shall the clerk in collecting and publishing such slips.

B. The Senate Clerk shall compile the attendance records as well as the voting records in an appropriate fashion and submit such to the SGA Webmaster for publication on the SGA Website.

C. The Senate Pro Tempore, the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms or the Senate Parliamentarian shall be responsible for such duties at times when there is no clerk or the clerk is absent.
WHEREAS: The Black Student Union is celebrating Black History Month, and

WHEREAS: The would like to bring two comedians, Spank and Sean Larkins for Comedic Relief, and

WHEREAS: The event is slated to take place on Friday, February 22, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Moore Auditorium, and

WHEREAS: The total price to bring both comedians is $6,000.00, and Senate permission is needed to spend more than $2,000 in contractual services, therefore

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SIXTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

We give permission to the Black Student Union to spend more than $2,000 to bring these two comedians for FSU for Black History Month.
THE SIXTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE

Resolution 17

Sponsored by: Senator Butler

WHEREAS: The Black Student Union is celebrating Black History Month, and

WHEREAS: The would like to bring Dr. Michael Eric Dyson for their event entitled “Black and Brilliant”, and

WHEREAS: Dr. Dyson is an author, political analyst, professor of Sociology at Georgetown University and radio talk show host, and

WHEREAS: The event is slated to take place on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at 2 p.m. in the Union Ballrooms, and

WHEREAS: The total price to bring him is $13,000 and Senate’s permission is needed to spend more than $2,000 in contractual services, therefore

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SIXTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

We give permission to the Black Student Union to spend more than $2,000 to bring Dr. Michael Eric Dyson to FSU for Black History Month.
THE SIXTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE

Resolution 18

Sponsored by: Senator Forst

WHEREAS: The Women Student Union is having an event entitled “We Found Love” on Thursday, February 14, 2013, and

WHEREAS: It will be a Valentine Mixer with Karaoke and other fun, and

WHEREAS: No space is available this year on campus, and

WHEREAS: The Women Student Union will like to have this event at AJ’s Grill on Tennessee Street, and

WHEREAS: The event is free to all FSU students with FSU ID, therefore

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SIXTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

The Women Student Union is allowed to hold their event off campus at AJ’s Grill.
The Sixty Fifth Student Senate
Resolution
Sponsored by: Senator Ellis, Senator Raz

WHEREAS Governor Rick Scott has convened the Blue Ribbon Task Force to recommend reforms to the State Education System,

WHEREAS Their first set of recommendations which have to do with accountability are as follows:
1. The BRTF proposes “accountability” metrics for universities:
   a. Percentage of graduates employed or continuing education,
   b. Bachelor’s degrees in areas of “strategic emphasis”
   c. Cost per graduate and cost to graduate.
   d. Salary of graduates.
2. Board of Governors shall develop statewide and institutional specific metrics to keep universities on track with their missions
3. Universities should report to the Board of Governors more frequently than currently required, and should align their plans to the BRTF goals, as well as any other goals adopted by the BOG.

Whereas While the availability of data can be useful to students when deciding what subjects to pursue, these metrics do not reflect the quality of the education provided

Whereas These accountability metrics bias the function of a university towards certain majors and programs,

Whereas The State Universities become accountable to the Board of Governors instead of the Legislature,

WHEREAS The goals of the State University System should not be set by an unelected body

BE IT RESOLVED AT THE SIXTY-FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:
We the students of the Florida State University do not believe these recommendations are in the best interest of Students, Faculty, or the State University System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:
A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO:
President Eric Barron, Kathleen Daly, Governor Rick Scott, Dr. Dale Brill, Dean Colson (Chair of the Fl. BOG),
The Sixty Fifth Student Senate  
Resolution  
Sponsored by: Senator Smith, Senator Arnold, Senator S. Rosenthal

WHEREAS: Governor Rick Scott has convened the Blue Ribbon Task Force to recommend reforms to the State Education System,

WHEREAS Their second set of recommendations which have to do with funding are as follows:
1. Universities should be measured by how well they
   a. Produce bachelor’s degrees in “strategic areas of emphasis”
   b. Increase graduates who get jobs upon graduation or continue their education
   c. Increase the salary of graduates
   d. Lower costs through institutional efficiencies
2. Tuition should differ based on majors, with majors in “market determined demand” having lower tuition and high State funding
3. BOG pick “Preeminent” universities, and make specific “performance measures” for them.
4. Bright futures should be reformed to align with the above recommendations.

WHEREAS Performance funding based on these metrics, whether a university is deemed “Preeminent” or not, is biased against certain majors, treats students inequitably, and punishes Universities who support majors not in “market determined demand”

WHEREAS Though there should be considerations into how to make bright futures and florida pre-pay better for students, those programs should be evaluated independently of the above Blue Ribbon Task Force’s recommendations.

WHEREAS The students of Florida State University have overwhelmingly rejected the implementation of different tuition rates being charged for different majors, or any further tuition increases,

WHEREAS These recommendations to not embody the notion that State Universities should receive more funding, but in fact just puts measures in place to allow students to pay for funding shortfalls through “tuition strategies”,

BE IT RESOLVED AT THE SIXTY-FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:
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WHEREAS: Governor Rick Scott has convened the Blue Ribbon Task Force to recommend reforms to the State Education System,

WHEREAS Their third set of recommendations which have to do with governance are as follows:
1. The Board of Governors must make rewards for universities that complete BRTF goals.
2. Control of the State University System budget should be given entirely to the BOG, and they should fund based on accountability metrics.
3. Universities should revise their mission statements to align with the system-wide goals as set forth by the BOG.
4. The BOG should have direct involvement in searching and choosing university presidents, ensuring “communication and trust”,

WHEREAS For the sake of accountability, control of the State University System should not be in the hands of an unelected body,

WHEREAS To avoid disrupting the quality of University educations, funding should not be tied to overly simplistic “performance metrics”,

WHEREAS The missions and goals of Public University should not be defined in narrow terms of Economic return on investment but on providing a quality education,

WHEREAS An unelected board with little vested interest in specific institutions should not have authority to select University Presidents

BE IT RESOLVED AT THE SIXTY-FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:
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