

THE SEVENTY FIRST STUDENT SENATE

Bill 90

Sponsored by: Senators Jacobsen & Gerdts

A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FIRST STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 704.2 with regards to Oglesby Union Board mandatory orientation.

Read 1st Time: 10/2/19

Referred to Committee: Judiciary

Committee Report: Amended and passed in Judiciary 10.8. Amended and passed Judiciary

10.15

Read 2nd Time: 10/9/19, referred back to Judiciary. 10.16.19.

Senate Vote: 29y-0n-1a.

PASSED: 16th of October, 2019

President of the Senate

Date

Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

President of the Student Body

Date

Purpose & Description: This is a companion bill to two others being introduced on recommendation of the Ogelsby Union Board. The Union Board would like to ensure that all candidates are fully aware of the responsibilities and commitment expected of each elected member.

Statute Number(s): 502 Records of the Court

704.2 Declaration of Candidacy

- A. No candidate shall be placed on the Official Ballot who has not filed declaration of candidacy or who has not met the specific qualifications for the office.
- B. The Supervisor of Elections shall provide the Declaration of Candidacy Form which shall be signed by the SGA Director of Student Affairs or SGA Assistant Director, to confirm the candidate's qualifications for office.
- C. A political party may remove its affiliation with any candidate with the consent of the party's officers. Otherwise, only a candidate for office may change their declaration.
- D. Only the candidate may withdraw their Declaration of Candidacy twenty-four (24) hours before the starting time of the election day.
- E. No student shall declare candidacy for more than one (1) major office at a given time.
- F. Each candidate shall show understanding and acceptance of all filing procedures, campaign restrictions, and the elections and ethics codes prior to filing. This will be shown by signing an affidavit provided by the Supervisor of Elections. In addition, candidates will also sign a statement that they shall be liable for all actions undertaken by their party.
 - 1. The Supervisor of Elections or the SGA Director of Student Affairs shall make all information pertaining to filing available at least one (1) week prior to the filing dates. At that time the Election Code shall be considered binding for the elections in question and shall not be changed by the Student Senate.
- G. There shall be Mandatory Candidate Seminars on Monday and Tuesday after the deadline of the declaration of candidacy organized by the Supervisor of Elections that will inform candidates about rules and procedures. Independent candidates and political party candidates are only required to attend one of the mandatory candidate seminars. Political Parties must send their candidates along with their Campaign Manager or Treasurer who falls under Chapter 710.3 A of the Student Body Statues. The Supervisor of Elections shall have the sole discretion to hold additional seminars. Candidates or parties who fail to attend one of the seminars held by the Supervisor of Elections shall lose their eligibility for office unless they show proof of class conflict or illness. This shall not apply to candidates seeking only seats in the Congress of Graduate Students.
- H. Candidates for the Ogelsby Union Board must attend an Orientation Session to be held immediately after the Mandatory Candidate Seminars. Current Members of the Ogelsby Union Board shall organize the meeting.
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- H. All candidates for office will sign a memorandum of understanding provided by the Supervisor of Elections discussing the penalties associated with, and specified by, Chapter 711 of the Student Body Statutes.
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