



Office of the Vice President
Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services

August 11, 2016

Members of the UCF 48th Student Government Association Senate
Room 214, Student Union
University of Central Florida
Orlando, FL 32816

Dear Honorable Members of the Student Senate,

As vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services, I am committed to protecting and sustaining the rights of students during their time at the University of Central Florida. I have reviewed Bill 48-75, revisions to Title IV – the Election Statutes. After careful review and consideration, I hereby veto Bill 48-75. It is my belief that several components of this Bill challenges the rights of students.

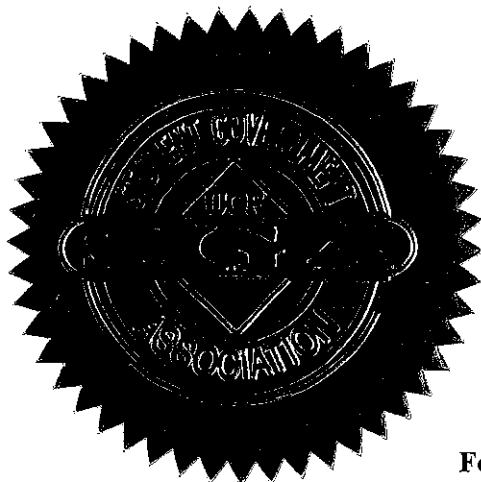
Thank for your service to the University of Central Florida.

If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 407-823-4372 or Maribeth.Ehasz@ucf.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Maribeth Ehasz'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Maribeth Ehasz, Ph.D.
Vice President, Student Development and Enrollment Services



Introduced By: Senator Milich
Sponsored By: E&A Committee
Contact: sga_ba5@ucf.edu
First Reading: June 23, 2016
Committee Action: Passed Favorably, 6-0-0
Second Reading: July 7, 2016
Third Reading: July 14, 2016
Final Vote: Passed, 24-0-0
SBP¹ Veto: July 21, 2016
Overturned Veto: July 28, 2016
Senate Vote Count: 19-9-0

University of Central Florida
Forty-Eighth Student Body Senate
Bill 48-75

[Changes to Title VI – The Election Statutes]

- .01 **WHEREAS**, Statutes require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;
- .02 **WHEREAS**, Revisions to Title VI will allow for increased ease and fairness of orchestrating elections; and
- .03 **WHEREAS**, Greater specificity would help to build a more functional Student Government Association;
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- .05 **THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, by the Forty-Eighth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that
- .06 Title VI, Chapter 605.11 be amended as follows:
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- .08 605.11 Rights of the Accused:
- .09 Any candidate/ticket accused of a violation at any time during the election period is awarded the following rights:
- .10 **A. To be considered innocent until proven guilty.**
- .11 ~~A. B.~~ To be informed of all policies, procedures, and decisions made by the Election Commission or Judicial
- .12 Council, concerning the violation hearing.
- .13 ~~B. C.~~ To know the offenses and adverse witnesses and to review all evidence prior to the violation hearing.
- .14 ~~C. D.~~ To have the assistance of a Judicial Advisor as per Title IV.
- .15 ~~D. E.~~ To refrain from self-incrimination and to not be called upon as a witness in said individual's own hearing.
- .16 ~~E. F.~~ To submit any tangible evidence and/or submit witnesses to be questioned during the violation hearing.
- .17 ~~F. G.~~ To resign from candidacy at any time during the Election period, thus concluding all actions of the
- .18 violation hearing.
- .19 ~~G. H.~~ To cross-examine all witnesses that testify in the violation hearing. No evidence submitted by a witness
- .20 may be considered at the Violation Hearing if the witness does not appear at the violation hearing for cross-
- .21 examination by the accused candidate/ticket.
- .22 ~~I. To have at least one (1) full school day prior to the violation hearing to review the evidence for the violation~~
- .23 ~~hearing.~~
- .24 ~~H. I.~~ **To receive hard copies of all evidence submitted by the accuser.**
- .25 ~~I. J.~~ **To have at least one (1) two (2) full school days prior to the violation hearing to review the evidence**
- .26 **for the violation hearing.**
- .27 ~~J. K.~~ To ask for statutory interpretation by the Attorney General at any time.
- .28 ~~K. L.~~ To appeal the ruling of the Election Commission to the Judicial Council as outlined in Title VI.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES **VETO** *mbc*

 Christopher Clemente
 Student Body President

 Date

 Dr. Maribeth Ehasz
 Vice President, SDES

8/12/16
 Date



¹ Student Body President (SBP)

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