

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY
THE NINETY-EIGHTH STUDENT SENATE
WINTER TERM TWO THOUSAND TWELVE

RESOLUTION NO. S.Res-98-010

AUTHORED BY the Constitutional Convention
SUPPORTED BY

A RESOLUTION TO: AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION ORDINANCES

THE STUDENT BODY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, the current ordinances are deficient in several areas,

NOTING, the Constitutional Convention consisted of a wide range of members, including the Student Body President and Vice President, the Speaker of the Senate, specially appointed senators, the Judicial Sergeant, and the Clerk, and was also open to public input,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Election Ordinances shall be amended in the following areas:

3. Election Commission

- b. **Term.** The commission shall be in session from January to ~~April~~ December. The commission is out of session when there is no appointed commissioner.
- d. **Election Commissioner.** The Election Commissioner (commissioner) shall be appointed by the Student Senate by the second meeting of the winter term. The Student Senate, through resolution, has the power to recall the commissioner *and association commissioners* for prudent reason.
- f. **Availability.** The commission must have posted office hours from the months of January through ~~April~~ March. The commission must hold at least five hours per week when the SG Office is open.

4. Election of a Student Body President and Vice President

d. Requirements.

~~3. Both prospective candidates must be at least University recognized sophomores prior to the time of the beginning of official campaigning.~~

6. Write-in

- h. **Forms.** Any write-in candidate must complete the same forms, including valid signatures, of the office they running for by the end of election season.

7. Referendums

- f. **Petition.** In order for a referendum to be considered for approval, *a three hundred (300) five hundred* signature petition must be completed and submitted to the commission by a date mandated by the commission.
- h. **Presidential Referendums.** The Student Body President shall have the power to submit referendums to the Student Senate. With a two-thirds affirmative vote in the Senate, it shall go before the Student Body for consideration. Such referendums shall not require signatures to appear on the ballot, but shall otherwise be bound the same rules.

8. Campaigning

- b. **Campaigning.** Prospective campaigns and official campaigns may *campaign orally* ~~oral campaign~~ at anytime, but cannot active campaign until the stated official campaigning season Noncompliance will result in disqualification.
 - 1. Campaigning orally ~~Oral campaigning~~ shall be defined as prospective candidates explaining to and asking students to sign their petition papers, as well as explaining their platforms.
- l. **Restricted Areas.** Campaigns shall be prohibited from using the kiosk and the accompanying wall beside Pray-Harold for the purposes of campaigning. Violation of this rule shall result in sanctions deemed appropriate by the election commission.

9. Voting

- b. **Election Vote.** Each student of Eastern Michigan University has the right to cast only one vote when voting for an executive ticket in the executive elections and the right to cast up to as many votes as there are seats available in Senate elections. ~~has the right to cast ten (10) votes in senate elections~~
- h. **Vote Counting.** Only members of the commission shall faithfully count the votes and report on them. The Student Government Clerk and the Judicial Sergeant shall supervise to vote count. No other person may be present during the vote count unless they are a candidate, in which case, the Student Body President shall appoint a supervisor with the approval of the Commissioner.
- k. **Notification of Unofficial Results.** Once the vote count has concluded, the commission shall hold a meeting and notify the candidates, campaigns, media, and public on the unofficial results. At this meeting the commission shall orally report on the vote count. After the report has been given, each candidate and campaign will be

asked to sign a statement, ~~if they can~~, attesting to their knowledge of the results and waving their right to submit a grievance. Winning candidates and campaigns shall sign an additional statement, ~~if they can~~, that states they will accept their elected position.

10. Violation of the Election Ordinances

a. Grievances

1. Right to Submit a Grievance. Any student has the right to submit grievances against any other student regarding violations of the EO. Grievances shall be submitted to the commissioner in a typed document. Said grievances shall be received no later than twenty-four (24) hours following the alleged violation ~~or 11:59 P.M. on the Thursday of the election days, whichever occurs first~~. Said grievances shall conform to any and all mandates of the commission.

4. Election Grievance Board. The commission will draft and approve rules of procedure for the board. Membership of the board is to consist of three senators, chosen by lottery, and the commissioner. If this method is unable to produce an unbiased group, members of the University Judicial Board may serve. The commissioner has no vote and acts as an advisor and presiding officer to the board. No member of the board will be part of any party involved with an election grievance.

5. Power to Penalize. The board is empowered to penalizing any candidate or campaign for infractions of the EO brought up through grievance.

- (i) This power shall not permit the invalidation of legitimate votes a candidate has received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the following general changes shall be made to the Election Ordinances:

All acronyms shall be fully spelled out;

The format shall be consistent with the rest of the Bylaws and Constitution;

The font shall be Garamond;

All minor grammatical errors shall be corrected, permitting that such changes do not change the logic or substance of the language;

All instances of words encapsulated in parentheses as a means of abbreviation shall be replaced with the format of "Student Government Bylaws, hereafter referred to as bylaws", as opposed to "Student Government Bylaws (bylaws)".

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE: 1/31/12

COMMITTEE ACTION:

VOTE REQUIRED: 13:1:0

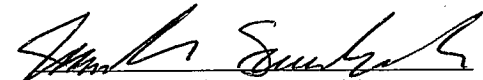
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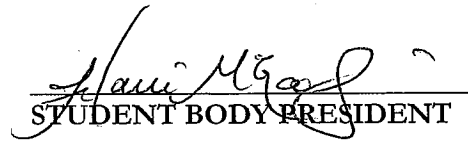
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FAIL

SILENT CONSENT

AUTHORIZE VETO


CLERK OF THE SENATE


STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT