University of Illinois Springfield

Student Government Association Resolution 26 (AY 2013 – 2014)

Supporting Modifications to Election Rules and Processes

By: Parliamentarian Kyle Noland
Sponsored by: Approval from the Rules and Constitution Committee

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Student Government Association (SGA) serves as the official student voice;

WHEREAS, the Rules and Constitution Committee should recommend streamlined changes to the election process for future candidates;

WHEREAS, Article 14, Section 3 of the SGA Constitution requires candidates for any elected Senator position be required to obtain a minimum of 25 signatures to be eligible to run for office;

WHEREAS, Article 14, Section 3 of the SGA Constitution requires candidates for any elected Executive position be required to obtain a minimum of 30 signatures to be eligible to run for office;

WHEREAS, there is no process defined for the collection of candidate signatures, only the requirement;

WHEREAS, the spending expenditure limit for any candidate running for office is $200;

WHEREAS, Article 8, Section 2, Clause A, Sub-Clause 3 of the SGA Bylaws states that a candidate must refrain from campaigning in the Student Center or in Computer Labs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rules and Constitution Committee recommends a maximum number of signatures for candidates defined as four times the minimum requirement (100 for Senators, 120 for Executive);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Rules and Constitution Committee recommends that a student may only sign for one candidate for each elected open position;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Rules and Constitution Committee recommends that each candidate obtain the signature, printed name, and NetID of each student wishing to be in favor of the candidate running for office;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Rules and Constitution Committee recommends candidates should cap personal spending at $100 for any election, however the maximum monetary expenditure shall not exceed $200 as it is currently stated in the SGA Bylaws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Rules and Constitution Committee recommends modifications to Sub-Clause 3 of Article 8, Section 2, Clause A to read:

Campaigning may continue throughout the election period. However, campaigning is not allowed in Computer Labs as defined by the Elections Committee. All departments or other University entities established on the University of Illinois Springfield campus reserve the right to disallow campaigning in their respective areas.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these election process changes be in effect for the upcoming Spring 2014 elections.

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President Mulvey   Secretary Ahmad