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A BILL OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE TO AMEND THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY CODE BY UPDATING TITLE V TO INCLUDE EXISTING ADVISORY OPINION LAWS AND MODIFY CURRENT REGULATIONS TO BEST SERVE THE STUDENTS AND THE ELECTIONS PROCESS, WHICH FOR THE SAKE OF BREVITY AND IN INTEREST OF BEING MORE DESCRIPTIVE, THE CURRENT AND ALTERED FORM MAY BE FOUND ATTACHED

WHEREAS, codifying long standing regulations in DOJ Advisory Opinions, such as Executive Officer impartiality and the use of tents, helps centralize the election rules for both candidates and the DOJ;

WHEREAS, limiting the number of campaigners for each team will benefit the structure of public campaigning in regards to the continued increase in candidates and public campaigners;

WHEREAS extending the deadline for ASB members who must resign from their position with an intent to campaign allows for a smoother transition of responsibilities; AND

WHEREAS, the DOJ has a responsibility to evaluate and potentially modify election regulations after each election cycle in order to ensure free, fair, and fun elections for the student body;

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED THAT THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE AMEND TITLE V OF THE ASB CODE TO MODIFY THE ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governmental
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Committee

Madison Waldrop

Committee Chair

11-30-2023

Date

11-28-2023

Date of Introduction

Passed Unanimously

Action of Student Senate

Sellers Shockley

Clerk Signature

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Mason Greenwald

11-30-2023

Vice President Mason Greenwald
Senate Presiding Officer

Date

Approval of Associated Student Body Elected President:

Sara Austin Welch

12-03-2023

Sara Austin Welch
ASB President

Date

Acknowledgment of Campus Administration:

Brent Marsh

Dr. Brent Marsh, Ph.D.
Dean of Students

Charlotte Pegues

Dr. Charlotte Fant Pegues, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Receipt of Chancellor's Office:

Glenn Boyce

Dr. Glenn Boyce, Ed.D.

University Chancellor

V) SUBTITLE A ELECTORAL PROCESS

(V.a) Section 101. Notification of Elections.

B) Recusal and Resignation

- 1) ASB Executive Officers may not run as a candidate or publicly support candidates. If an ASB Executive Officer wishes to do so, they must step down or resign from their position for the duration of the campaign period.
 - a) ASB Executive Officers reserve the right to request that their cabinet or department members refrain from endorsing or publicly supporting candidates.
- 2) All ASB Executive Officers and members of the Elections Review shall disaffiliate themselves from their Greek Organization two (2) weeks before the date of candidate certification and may not reaffiliate until the conclusion of the election cycle.
- 3) Any ASB Agent that resigns from their position with intent to campaign and has conflict of interest with their current role must do so no later than two (2) weeks before the end of the petitioning period.
 - a) Public notice for any ASB Agent that resigns from their position with intent to campaign and has conflict of interest present with their current role shall be given and widely shared no later than one (1) week before the end of the petitioning period.

(V) SUBTITLE C CAMPAIGN RULES

(V.c) Section 121. Rules Governing Campaigns for all Elections.

- A) No candidate, or their representatives, may indulge in campaigning prior to the beginning of the campaign period as set by the Department of Justice and this Title.
 - 1) Candidates are permitted to have developed a core campaign team, campaign strategies, and platforms, prior to the beginning of the campaign period. Any such meetings shall be limited to no more than five (5) members, of which the candidate must be a member.

- B) Coordinated campaigning or other support, including donations of money or campaign materials, for candidates by groups not comprised exclusively of University of Mississippi students is prohibited.
- 1) Students may not publicly campaign for a candidate while acting on behalf of a University department or academic school.
- C) Any attempt by a candidate, campaign representative, or organization to coerce, bribe, incentivize, intimidate, or force a person to vote or campaign in any form, shall result in the candidate's immediate disqualification.
- 1) Candidates benefitting in any way from an organization or campaign representative penalizing members for not voting or campaigning in any form shall be immediately disqualified.
- 2) Neither candidates, nor representatives, from the campaign shall utilize organizations to penalize members for failing to participate in voting or campaigning.
- D) No campaigning shall occur in an academic setting, except through apparel worn by students.
- E) No campaigning may occur on the steps or porches of the Student Union.
- F) Posted campaign materials shall not exceed eight-and-one-half-by-eleven (8 ½ x 11) inches in size.
- G) Free giveaways of campaigning items are allowed, given that each item has a value of \$1 or less per unit. All items used as a giveaway must be accounted for in the candidate's expense voucher.
- 1) Additional guidelines for giveaways of food and drink items may be imposed by the Department of Justice or the Gertrude C. Ford Ole Miss Student Union.
- H) Campaign cards, stickers, or buttons for candidates' supporters to wear shall not exceed five-by-seven (5 x 7) inches.
- I) Candidates shall include the costs of t-shirts, costumes, and other articles of clothing worn for the purposes of campaigning on their expense voucher.
- J) No candidate or their campaign representative shall tear down, mutilate, remove, or otherwise damage another candidate's campaign and campaign materials.
- K) The public use of campus media and social media for campaigning shall be permitted.

- 1) Forms of campus media, including advertisements in the *Daily Mississippian* or campus radio and television stations, shall be unlimited within campaign expenditure limits during the time of campaigning.
 - 2) The use of digital campaign materials posted to social media accounts (including, but not limited to, graphics, photos, videos, etc.) are not required to be included on a candidate's expense voucher, unless the digital materials were professionally created and procured.
 - 3) The sponsoring or boosting of campaign material on social media shall be permitted, provided that the amount paid is included on the candidate's expense report, and that the total value is accounted for in the candidate's overall budget for the campaign.
 - 4) The use of individualized or targeted unsolicited campaign messaging shall be prohibited, except in the case of GroupMe.
 - 5) The use of GroupMe for the purposes of campaigning shall be permitted.
 - a) There shall be no restriction as to how many Campaign GroupMes (CGM) may be created, nor on the total number of participating individuals.
 - b) Campaigning in existing GroupMes shall be permitted, provided the campaigner was a member of the GroupMe in question prior to the certification meeting for the relevant election.
- L) No student shall infringe upon the right of another to a private ballot.
- M) Public campaigning on the Tuesday of Election Day and, if necessary, the Thursday of the run-off election will be limited to the Union Plaza. Public campaigning at the prescribed areas shall be permitted from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM on the established dates.
- N) Campaigners at the Union shall be limited to the location(s) determined by the Department of Justice at any given period of time during the established times. ~~Any violations of this subsection shall be considered an intermediate violation.~~
- 1) ~~No more than five (5) campaigners, including the candidate, may campaign for a candidate at one time.~~ Each campaign team will be allotted ~~at least ten (10)~~ identification materials that the candidate and their campaigners at the Union Plaza must wear.
 - 2) No campaigner may wear identification materials from two or more campaign teams at a time. No campaigner may wear campaign materials from a campaign that does not belong to the same campaign identification material they are wearing.

- O) Campaigners may utilize a tent, no larger than 8 ft x 8ft, in the event of harsh weather.
 - 1) Any logos, other than the tent brand, must be covered up at all times.
 - 2) Candidates must list the use of a tent on their expense voucher, but they do not have to include the market value in their total expenditure.
- P) Campaigning in residence halls will be permitted in accordance with guidelines agreed upon by the Department of Justice and Student Housing.
- Q) Candidates shall remove all campaign materials from public areas of campus within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of their campaign.
- R) Candidates shall be responsible for the nature and legality of their campaign, materials, and demonstrations.

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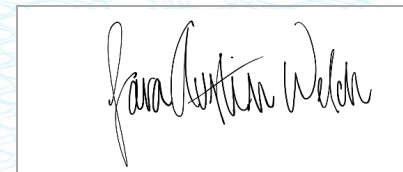
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