

Attendees: Paul Grover, Stephany Haack, Adrian Canilho-Burke, Anna Goelz,

Call to Order – 3:55pm

Deliberation and proposed changes for Spring 2013 Election Bylaws – 3:55pm

⑩ Change dates of Approval and Update from December 2011 to November 2012.

⑩ The Student Court is omitting the “physical” in “Physical Campaigning” to read “Campaigning” in order to include the use of electronic media within Student Court's jurisdiction.

The rationale for this change was due to campaign infractions committed during the Spring 2012 United Council Referendum. The SGA Vice President David DePeau Fall 2011-Spring 2012 had listed his official status in an email to fellow students in order to garnering votes against the United Council (See Student Court Minutes of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012).

⑩ Moving Spring 2012 Election Bylaws Section IV sub-section A to become sub-section B and the new sub-section A shall read “The terms “campaign,” and “campaigning” refers to any communication, physical, electronic, or otherwise, which attempts to persuade eligible voters to support any candidate for elected position, or any position on referenda.”.

\*See previous rationale\*

⑩ Change Spring 2012 Election Bylaws Section IV sub-section D to Section IV sub-section G, and add a new sub-section D to read as follows:

“All campaign materials (including but not limited to print materials, posters, banners, chalking’s, and table tents) must comply with Public Safety and University Union policies

Public safety policies can be found here: <http://www.uwgb.edu/publicsafety/policies/index.htm>

University Union policies can be found here:

<http://www.uwgb.edu/union/policies.asp>.”

The rationale is to provide all relevant campaigning/advertisement policies into one document to prevent issues of disorganization or ignorance which had been issues of the Spring 2012 United Council Referendum.

⑩ Add to Spring 2013 Election Bylaws' Section IV Campaigning: sub-section E which reads as: “Any person seeking to cite their membership in any student organization (excluding the SGA), for endorsement purposes, must first gain approval, by unanimous consent, from that organization through a recorded roll-call vote.”

The rationale is to assure that use of official status is not an undue influence during elections.

⑩ Add to Spring 2013 Election Bylaws' Section IV Campaigning: sub-section F which reads as, “Any person holding office in the Student Government Association may not cite their title in a way appearing to endorse a particular candidate or referendum.”

⑩ Make an addition to Spring 2013 Bylaws' Section IV Campaigning sub-section G:

\*See previous rationale\*

⑩ Omit “Infraction Categories” so that the distinction between Major and Minor Campaign Infractions will be under the Student Court's discretion instead of a set list in the Student Election Bylaws.

The rationale for this change is to account for unforeseen discrepancies between SGA campaigning

rules and UWGB campus advertisement policies.

⑩ The Student Court shall omit line “While they outline many of the foremost infractions, the court is not limited to assigning penalties for only the actions listed below.” from Section V. Infractions sub-section B and add in its place “The Court may provide a warning for non-compliance, and will deliberate on appropriate penalties for investigated claims.”

The rationale for this change is to assure the discretionary power of the Student Court pertaining to election infractions.

⑩ In accordance with the previously mentioned Election Bylaw change the Student Court shall omit from Section V Infractions sub-section B...

#1: “Minor infractions: If a candidate is found to have committed more than three (3) infractions that are considered to be “minor” in nature, their actions may result in their removal as a candidate.”

#5: “Major Infractions: If a candidate is found to have committed an infraction that is listed in the Major category, the action may result in their disqualification as a candidate.”

#5.a: “Overspending the allotted campaign budget.”

#5.b: “Unexcused absence for the candidate debate.”

#5.c: “Illegal campaign contributions.”

#5.d: “Failure to turn in a campaign resource report by the mandated deadline.”

⑩ To Section V Infractions sub-section B the following additions will be made...

#2: “or any other mass communication.”

#3: shall read: “Non-compliance with Public Safety or University Union policies.”

#6: “Citing any title of membership in any student organization in a manner appearing to endorse any candidate or position.”

⑩ The Student Court will change 2012 Spring Election Bylaws Section V Infractions sub-section B Complaints to be sub-section C.

⑩ The Student Court will omit from 2013 Spring Election Bylaws Section V Infractions sub-section C the line: “This includes, but is not limited to, matters associated with electronic voting procedures.”

⑩ The Student Court will omit the following passages from Section VII Election Mechanics sub-section C: Representation:

#1: “In the event of a multi-ticket ballot (more than two), a winning ticket must obtain 40 percent of total votes cast. For example, if 1,000 students voted in the election, a single ticket must gain a total of 400 votes in order to win the election.”

#2: “In the event two tickets gain the required 40 percent, the ticket with the most votes will be proclaimed the winner.”

#3: “In the event no single ticket reaches the 40 percent threshold, a runoff election will take place between the two tickets with the most votes. The Court will determine the date and time of the runoff election.”

⑩ In accordance with the above mentioned changes, the Student Court will add to Section VII Election Mechanics sub-section C Representation:

#1: Each student may vote for as many of the alternatives as they like, with the winning ticket being that with the most votes.

The rationale is to prevent runoff elections which would impede the expediency of transfer of power of SGA officials. The old mechanics were “first past the post” which will be changed to approval voting. This gives the student body more options, liberties of expression (in the electoral sense), and in the

event of three or more presidential candidates will assure a more expedient election.

Adjourn – 6:15pm