Central Student Government

Assembly Resolution 13-050

Elections Development Act

Resolution Information

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Long title	A Procedural Resolution to Amend the Elections Code
Author Summary	This resolution proposes changes to the close of voting, and various penalties for violating party rules.

Assembly Information (to be completed by the Speaker)

Requirements	Reading in two separate meetings; simple majority vote; Presidential approval.
Committees	**Rules**

Committee Information (to be completed by the respective Committee Chairs)

Committee (if applicable)	**Passed For First Reads (Y/N; Initials)**	**Passed For Second Reads (Y/N; Initials)**
Rules	N/A	N/A
Finance		
Communications		
Resolutions		

Attest

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Jarek Schmanski, LSA
Speaker of the Assembly

Unanimous Consent Date: 6 February 2024

Presidential Approval

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Meera Herle, Ford Date

Section 1.

The Central Student Government Assembly finds and declares all of the following:

WHEREAS,

The Assembly adopted AR 13-003 on May 25, 2023, authorizing the formation of the Elections Code Task Force (ECTF); AND,

WHEREAS,

Almost no votes are cast during the late hours of the nights, except directly before the close of voting, which can be shifted; AND,

WHEREAS,

Elections officials are required by the Compiled Code to immediately release preliminary elections results at the close of voting; AND,

WHEREAS,

This requirement, combined with the late-night close of voting, creates an unnecessary burden on elections officials and candidates; AND,

WHEREAS,

The penalties for an invalid party name or invalid party chair result in near disqualification and disqualification respectively; AND,

WHEREAS,

The ECTF believes these penalties overly harsh for a minor and correctable error; AND,

WHEREAS,

The ECTF recommends the changes herein.

Section 2.

THEREFORE it is, by the Students of the University of Michigan, through Central Student Government:

RESOLVED,

That the Compiled Code be amended pursuant to Appendix A.

Appendix A:

Article VI Elections Code

3. Elections Administration.

3.1. **Dates of Voting.**

3.1.1. **November Election.** The November Election is held until 10PM on the final non-Thanksgiving Thursday before Thanksgiving ~~in the month of November~~ from midnight ~~and~~ the preceding Wednesday (Ann Arbor time).

3.1.2. **March Election.** The March Election is held until 10PM on the final ~~Wednesday and~~ Thursday completely within the month of March from midnight the preceding Wednesday (Ann Arbor time).

4. Basic Timeline. The timeline of the election is as follows:

4.7. **Withdrawal of Candidacy.** Any candidate may withdraw from an election by submitting a written request to the Elections Director. Withdrawal more than 24 hours ~~eight days~~ before the election will result in removal from the ballot. Withdrawal thereafter does not guarantee removal but will result in the candidate being ineligible to win the election from which they withdrew.

4.7.1. A member of an Executive Ticket may withdraw without affecting the Ticket's ability to win the election.

6. Campaign Rules and Regulations.

6.4. **Campaign Teams and Parties.**

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6.4.2. **Parties.**

6.4.3. **Party Names.**

6.4.3.4. **Penalty.** Candidates registered with any party with an ineligible party name will be assessed ~~at most 4~~ 1 demerit~~s~~.

6.4.4. **Party Structure.**

6.4.4.1. **Party Chair.** The Party Chair is the primary contact for the party that has the sole authority to appoint counsel to represent the party in cases before the Election Court and CSJ.

6.4.4.1.1. **Eligibility.** Party Chairs must be students. They do not need to be a candidate.

6.4.4.1.2. ~~**Penalty**. Candidates registered with any party with an ineligible Party Chair are disqualified.~~ **Disbandment.** Parties with an ineligible Party Chair are disbanded, unregistering all of its candidates from the party.

6.4.4.1.3. **Candidate Membership.** Any candidate may register ~~and unregister~~ with ~~from~~ any party before the Filing Deadline by inclusion in the original Party Registration Application or through later notice to the Elections Commission with signatures from both the candidate and Party Chair. ~~After The Filing Deadline, a~~ A candidate may ~~must not~~ unregister from their party until 24 hours before the election. A Party Chair, with the signatures of a majority of party candidates, may unregister a candidate from their party until 24 hours before the election. Candidates must not register with more than one party simultaneously. Any candidate in violation of this rule is disqualified**.**