

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION RULES GOVERNING CANDIDATES 2004 – 2005

CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL

I. DEFINITION OF RULES

A. Authority.

These rules and regulations are promulgated pursuant to the authority granted to the Election Commission under the Constitution and By-laws of the Student Government of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, hereby referred to as SG-UNO.

B. Rule Changes

Each Election Commission shall meet within two (2) weeks after certification of the Election results to review and/or revise these Election Rules based on observations of the completed Elections. No rules may be revised within six (6) weeks of the first day of the Election. All changes must first be submitted to the Rules Committee of SG-UNO before the Student Senate votes upon the changes.

II. INITIATION INTO OFFICE

Volunteers Poll-workers will assist with election procedures as necessary. Based on necessity, Poll-workers shall be hired and sworn into office by the Election Commissioner at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the first day of the Elections. The oath used in both instances shall read as follows:

"Upon my acceptance of the Position of Election Commission Member/Poll-worker, I realize that I have accepted obligations to and responsibilities toward the Students of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. I solemnly promise to act on behalf of the Student Body, serving to benefit it at all times. I promise to obey and uphold all Rules and Regulations Governing the Student Elections."

III. PUBLICIZING ELECTIONS.

A. Publicizing.

The Election Commission will take sufficient measures to adequately publicize available office, filing dates, polling places, and procedures for obtaining absentee ballots. The Election Commission will publicize elections at least two weeks prior to the last day for filing petitions. Election publicity should include but not be limited to the following:

- 1) Placing posters at strategic locations in the Milo Bail Student Center and other locations across campus;
- 2) Off campus Election publicity such as distribution of press releases and/or other pertinent information regarding the Elections to the Gateway, campus television Channel 26, campus radio stations KBUL and KVNO. and other local media offices shall be accomplished through the LPR, and University Relations;
- 3) Submitting any Election advertisements to be published in the Gateway purchased with SG-UNO funds appropriated by the Student Senate; and
- 4) Advertising the procedures for obtaining Absentee Voter Applications including: required information (name and social security number), last date to request ballots (one week prior to Elections), phone number and hours for requesting ballots (all ballots must be postmarked the last day of Elections and any postmarked after this time will be marked void and destroyed).

B. Publications Chairman.

The LPR shall serve as Publicity Chairperson for the Elections.

IV. PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOTS

A. Preparation Procedures

1. If Paper Ballots Are Used

- a) The Election Commission will be responsible for obtaining Optical Scan Ballots (OSB) for each voter at least two weeks before the Elections. The total number procured will be based upon historical trends of student voting. The commission will also be responsible for having a program available for reading the OSB through Campus Computing.
- b) The Election Commission will then prepare an adequate number of paper ballots for each race. Paper ballots will be clearly and permanently marked as per race and referendum.

2. If Electronic Ballots are Used

The Election Commission will be responsible for setting up a timeline and Election Screens with Student Enrollment Services (SES) at least one month before Elections.

Only those names of candidates that have filed by the deadline and are eligible to run will appear on the ballot. The names will appear in a rotational order on the ballots as provided by the candidate on the petition form. No ballots other than those for specified Student Government races and referendums will be prepared or distributed.

B. Security

1. If Paper Ballots Are Used

The Election Commissioner shall be held solely responsible for the security of the paper ballots. The paper ballots shall be held in a safe place prior to the Elections and for at least two weeks after the Elections. A safe place for storing the paper ballots shall be mutually agreed upon by the Election Commissioner and the Director to Student Organizations and Leadership Programs, or a designated representative.

2. If Electronic Ballots Are Used

The Election Commissioner, Director of Student Organizations and Leadership Programs, and ITS will be held solely responsible for the security of the electronic ballots. A safe database for storing the electronic ballots shall be mutually agreed upon by the Election Commissioner, Director of Student Organizations and Leadership Programs, and SES.

C. Transporting Paper Ballots

The Election Commissioner will place paper ballots into envelopes and mark them according to time and place. The Election Commissioner and one other Commission Member will transport the paper ballots to the "safe place" immediately upon closing of the poll. The Election Commissioner may decide if it is necessary to be accompanied by Campus Security.

D. Sample Ballots

1. If Paper Ballots Are Used

Sample paper ballots, clearly marked as such for referendums, shall be released to the media at least six (6) days prior to the first day of the Elections. Complete sample paper ballots without the race "dot" marked, shall be posted at each voting booth during the Elections. A copy of referendums (e.g. encased in plastic) shall be posted in each voting booth for purposes of voting.

2. If Electronic Ballots Are Used

Sample electronic ballot availability and its corresponding website address will be released to the media at least six (6) days prior to the first day of Elections.

V. POLLS AND POLL WORKERS.

A. Recruiting Poll-Workers.

If the election is paper ballot, the Election Commission shall recruit (15 to 20) Poll-workers if paper ballots are used, or a number selected by the Election Commission if electronic ballots are being used, no less than two (2) weeks prior to the first day of Elections to ensure the efficient operation of polls during the Election period. The poll workers may be provided through the Office of the Douglas County Election Commissioner. All poll-workers shall receive adequate training to ensure

that the Poll-workers are skilled in determining voter eligibility and informing the voter of proper voting procedures, releasing the ballot to the voter, ensuring voter secrecy, and maintaining the integrity of the Elections.

- B. Reserving Poll Areas and Voting Booths if Paper Ballot Elections are Utilized.
The Election Commission must make advance space reservations for Election sites by contacting the Administrative Office of the Milo Bail Student Center and any other building where voting will be held. The Election Commission must also contact the Office of the Douglas County Election Commissioner at least four (4) weeks in advance of the Elections to reserve and transport election booths and ballot boxes. A booth for disabled voters must be provided. The Election Commission is responsible for acquiring the deposit needed from SG-UNO. On the day of Elections, all polling areas as determined by the Election Commissioner shall be specifically identified as a polling area.
- C. Minimum Staff at Poll if Paper Ballot Elections are Utilized.
Each polling area must be staffed by at least two (2) Poll-workers. If two (2) Poll-workers are not present, the polling area must be closed by the present Poll-worker. The Poll-worker will then immediately inform the Election Commissioner of the poll closing. The poll can only be re-opened by an Election Commission Member.
- D. Hours.
A minimum of one (1) poll must be kept open from 8:00a.m.until 8:00p.m. on each full day of paper balloting during the Elections. At minimum of one (1) poll must be kept open from 8:00a.m.until 5:00p.m.on each full day of electronic balloting during the Elections. If necessary, the poll may be closed for lunch and dinner breaks for a period not exceeding thirty (30) minutes.
- E. Compensation.
Poll-workers hired and compensated through the Office of the Douglas County Election Commissioner are subject to their rules and regulations. Poll-workers hired from the populous of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Student Body will be compensated through the allotted budget allocated to the Election Commission by the Student Senate. Members of the Election Commission may not be compensated for more than the allotted salary for additional work.

VI. VOTING PROCEDURES AND DUTIES OF POLL-WORKERS.

- A. Qualifications of Voters: Safeguards Against Voting Twice.
 - 1) If Paper Ballot are Used
Poll-workers must verify that each voter is an officially registered student of the University of Nebraska at Omaha during the semester in which they vote. A student may not vote without producing their valid UNOmaha identification. Before handing each voter his or her ballot, that person's identification card must be permanently marked to signify that he/she has voted in the Election. Poll-workers will also highlight the voter's name on the enrollment printout before they may vote. At least two (2) poll-workers must highlight each ballot with their initials, day of the week, and hour (e.g. JH/M/6).
 - 2) If Electronic Ballot
Electronic ballot software must verify that each voter is a registered student at the University of Nebraska at Omaha during the semester in which they vote.
Each voter may vote for the maximum number of seats available for each college and class race.
- B. Voting.
Each voter may vote for the maximum number of seats available for each respective college and class race.
- C. Electioneering.
Any officially appointed poll-worker is obligated, by oath of initiation, to enforce those provisions of the Rules Governing Candidates regarding electioneering within designated polling areas. If a poll-worker has probable cause to believe that a violation has been made within the polling areas, they should first inform the violator of the infraction, and then report it to the Election Commission on a

"Grievance Form" immediately. These grievances must be filed before the final results of the Election are announced (See GRIEVANCES). Poll-workers must remain publicly neutral in relationship to the candidates and in no way shall publicly express support or opposition for any candidate or issue.

D. Voters' Right to Privacy.

The Poll-workers shall ensure that each voter is permitted to mark their ballot in privacy. No person may speak to any individual who is in the process of voting with the exception of clarification. Poll-workers shall assist a disabled student in voting, if required.

E. Absentee Ballots.

Any person considered being a qualified voter under the SG-UNO By-laws may vote by absentee ballot, if the individual will be unable to vote during polling hours of operation or will not be able to access the electronic ballot. Requests must be made to the SG-UNO Office Secretary or the Election Commission on a form provided for absentee ballot requests. An Election Commission Member must then certify the request. The absentee ballots must be postmarked by the first day of Elections. Names of absentee voters must be lined-out on the enrollment printouts when the ballots are sent out. The Election Commission must be informed of the need for an absentee ballot not more than four weeks prior to the Election. Ballots are to be sent out ten (10) calendar days prior to the Election.

VII. TABULATION OF BALLOTS.

A. The Following Procedures Apply to the Election Commission.

- 1) Paper ballots will be sorted face up and unidirectional each night after the polls are closed and the paper ballots have been secured. The Election Commissioner and one other Election Commission Member or the members designated will sort the paper ballots without taking notice of the votes cast. Paper ballots, which are torn or deemed otherwise unusable, will be copied onto a new paper ballot by the Election Commissioner. A number will be assigned to the paper ballot and marked on both. The unusable paper ballot will be marked VOID and stored separately. Paper ballots without the Poll-workers initials will be removed and marked VOID. The total paper ballot count will then be adjusted on the Final Tabulation Sheet (FTS). Electronic Ballots will be sorted completely by the ITS Director, his/her assistants, and any software deemed necessary by ITS in the electronic elections. The FTS tabulation will then be delivered to and verified by the director of Student Organizations and Leadership Programs (SOLP).
- 2) After the Paper Ballot Elections end, the sorted paper ballots will be safely (as determined by the Election Commissioner) transported to Student Organizations and Leadership Programs where the results will be secured until they are complete. Preliminary results will only be released to members of the Election Commission and the Director of Student Organizations and Leadership Programs or his/her representative. After Electronic Ballot Elections end, the sorted Electronic Ballots will be safely transported from ITS to Student Organizations and Leadership Programs where the results will be secured until results are confirmed.
- 3) The number of voters lined-out on the enrollment printout will then be counted at least twice. If the number is more than 6% off, a second count will be made by hand. This total will then be compared to the voter total provided by the ballot count. (See STAY OF CERTIFICATION)
- 4) The paper ballot results will then be transferred to a Preliminary Result Sheet (PRS). It will not include the names of write-in candidates unless they win a seat. The PRS will then be posted at the Northwest entrance of the Milo Bail Student Center and filed in the SG-UNO Office. The electronic ballot results will not be transferred to a PRS. It will not include the names of write-in candidates unless they win a seat. The electronic FTS will be the only posted tabulation of the Electronic Ballot Election, and will then be posted at the Northwest entrance of the Milo Bail Student Center and filed in the SG-UNO Office.

B. Observation by Candidates and/or Agents.

Paper ballots will be counted in privacy through Student Organizations and Leadership Programs. Electronic Ballots will be tabulated in privacy, through SES. The Election Commission may take

appropriate means to ensure the integrity of the tabulations.

CHAPTER 2 – RULES GOVERNING CANDIDATES (“Campaign Practices”)

I. Rules Applying to Campaigns for All Elected Student Positions

Candidates have the responsibility to create and support an educational environment. Each member should be treated with respect and dignity.

Candidates, and their agents, have the right of extensive latitude in making their opinions known. It is understood however, that exercising this right the rights of others may not be jeopardized. The public exploration and resolution of differing views can be successful only when groups and individuals discuss the issues in forums where the rights to disagree and speak freely and be heard is preserved.

- A. Candidates running on the adjoined ticket for the Offices of Student President-Regent and Vice President may expend up to, but no more than a total of \$400.00 in campaign expenditures which include all monies from campaign contributions during the regular SG-UNO Elections. If a Run-off Election is required, candidates for the office may expend an additional \$200.00 in campaign funds and contributions.
- B. Candidates for the Office of Student Senate may expend up to, but not more than a total of \$100.00 in campaign expenditures which includes contributions related to seeking office. Candidates are responsible for keeping an account of expenditures, but do not need to provide evidence for it UNLESS a grievance for over expenditures has been filed against them. Grievances for senate campaign over expenditures must include all apparent expenditures by the candidate.
- C. Candidates for the Offices of Student President-Regent and Vice President must submit an itemized list of all contributions, expenditures related to seeking office, and agents. With this list, all receipts and statements of expenditures and contributions should be submitted. The deadline for submission is two (2) days after the Election. These lists are available for public inspection. The fair market value of all non-purchased material used by a candidate shall be disclosed in the report. A Statement of Responsibility will be placed on the Candidates' Rules.
- D. No organization may raise more than \$100.00 for the purpose of supporting candidates for SG-UNO offices per election.
- E. Political parties are not allowed an expenditure budget, nor are they allowed permissions to hang posters or banners. This does not retract the rights of a candidate's use of posters or banners permitted for individual candidates. After a political party is registered with the Election Commission, candidates may include their party's name, logo, or insignia on their banners or posters, but may not include the names of other candidates, with the exception of banners or posters of the President/Regent candidate which may only include the Vice-Presidential candidate's name. If members of a political party chooses to “pool money” for a group expense then a document stating each member's equal contribution for the expenditure must be submitted to the election commission prior to purchase, and copies of the receipts must be included with all list of expenditures submitted. Every member of the party must be part of the expense and must sign the expense form acknowledging their participation.

The amount contributed by a member to a group expense is considered part of that member's campaign expenditures. Group expenses may not be posters or banners, and must have either:

- 1) All members listed at equal size and equal relative placement and the name of the party
 - 2) Only the party name
 - 3) No names at all
- F. No mass e-mail or individual electronic mailings of campaign literature may be sent to the Student Body. This literature includes both positive and negative literature sent about a candidate either by them, by another candidate, or by one of their representative. The definition of mass e-mail will be

under the jurisdiction and interpretation of the Election Commission.

II. Campaign Literature

A poster shall be defined as any posted literature or material specifically related to the Election no larger than 14 ½ inches by 22 ½ inches. A banner is defined as anything larger than a poster. Any printed material for the election authorized by the candidate, with the candidate's name or picture, shall count towards their poster total.

No posters may be posted in the Eppley Administration Building or in non-designated posting areas. At no time may posters or campaign literature be displayed in designated polling areas. No banners or posters may be displayed on the Dodge Street crosswalk northeast of Kayser Hall. No banner may be displayed from the center stairway railing at the South entrance of the student center. No banner may be displayed within one-hundred-fifty (150) feet of a designated polling area during the hours of election.

Banner approval may be granted in the Student Organizations and Leadership Programs Office in the Milo Bail Student Center. Banners may be posted on a candidate's personal property outside the Student Center, but in no other building in the University.

Each Student Senate candidate may post no more than three (3) posters on any floor of each University building. Candidates for President/Regent and agents for referendums may place four (4) posters per floor of each University building.

Each candidate for the position of Student President-Regent, adjoined to a Vice President, may display one banner at an approved location in the Milo Bail Student Center.

University residential housing of students at UNO, including but not limited to University Village and Scott Village/Residence Hall, are operated by the University of Nebraska at Omaha or College Park Properties. All distribution and placement of campaign literature must be approved by the appropriate property manager.

III. Electioneering in the Polling Areas

After the election (either paper or electronic) has commenced, candidates or their agents may not campaign within one-hundred-fifty (150) feet of designated polling areas. In the case of Electronic Ballot Elections no active campaigning will be allowed in any computer used room on the UNO campus. Posters existing in designated polling areas at the time it is designated as a polling area will be taken down and returned to the candidate and/or their agent. Candidates and agents may not intentionally abuse or misuse the computer facility so as to cause damage, program disturbances or harassment to other persons.

IV. False Statements

No candidate and/or agent shall make false statements relating to himself/herself or any other candidate. It will be violation of the rules to provide the Election Commission with any false or misleading information. Violation may result in Misfeasance of Office.

CHAPTER 3

I. ELIGIBILITY

The Election Commission shall ascertain the eligibility of each candidate filing a petition for office prior to the creation of the paper or electronic ballots. Eligibility of candidate will be checked against the Registrar's records at the time of filing for office. The names of ineligible candidates may not appear on the ballot. The eligibility of write-in candidates will be verified prior to his/her swearing in. No

candidate may be denied membership in the Electorate on the basis of race, color, age, disability, religion, gender, national origin, marital status, or sexual orientation.

- A. Any enrolled student at the University of Nebraska at Omaha is eligible to vote for:
 - 1) A President/Regent and Vice-President.
 - 2) A Senator for class representation based on their class.
 - 3) A Senator for college/division representation based on their college/division.
- B. To be eligible to run for or hold an elected position in SG-UNO, a candidate must:
 - 1) Be in good standing at UNO with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00. Any candidate currently on disciplinary probation is ineligible.
 - 2) Be an enrolled and the University Program and Facility fees paying student at UNO.
 - 3) Attend the Election Orientation meeting held prior to elections. The time and date of this meeting will be posted in the SG-UNO Office when election packets become available.
 - 4) Not be a member of the Election Commission.
- C. An additional stipulation on candidates running for the office of Senator of a college (college/division representative) is that they must be a member of the college at the time the candidate files his/her petition.
- D. An additional stipulation on candidates running for the office of Senator of a class (class representative: freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, graduate) is that they must be a member of that class during the spring semester following their election.
- E. An additional stipulations on candidates running for the Office of Student President-Regent or Vice President is that the candidate must be continuously enrolled (Fall and Spring Semesters) in at least six (6) credit hours at UNO during the two (2) years prior to the semester during which elections are held and the candidate must retain their civil rights.

II. PROCEDURES FOR FILING FOR OFFICE

A. Petition

Candidates who wish to campaign must file an Election Commission Petition for election to Student Office. These forms shall be made available by the SG-UNO Office Secretary or the CAO and returned to the SG-UNO Office during regular business hours. Returned applications shall be stamped with the date of receipt. Petitions may not be submitted more than four (4) weeks prior to the first day of Elections.

Filed petitions are to be open for public inspection and reproduction (at inquirer's cost) during regular business hours in the Office of SG-UNO.

B. Student President-Regent and Vice President

Students seeking to run on the adjoined ticket of Student President-Regent and Vice President must secure a (one per ticket) petition from the SG-UNO Office and return the completed petition before filing for office. The petition will consist of sixty (60) spaces for signatures and student identification numbers (social security numbers). The candidate must return the petition with a least fifty (50) valid student signatures and identification numbers. The Election Commission will then be held responsible to verify the signatures as currently enrolled students with the help of the Registrar and the Director of Student Organizations and Leadership Programs.

C. Write-In Candidates

Any student who fails to file two (2) weeks prior to the first day of Elections may not be listed on the ballot, but may run as a write-in candidate. Any eligible student who is elected as a write-in candidate must file a petition prior to campaigning and accepting their position. Write-in candidates must adhere to all *Election Rules Governing Candidates*.

D. Agents

Agents are those authorized or instructed by a candidate to act on behalf of the candidate. Candidates will be responsible for the action of their agents. Candidates are responsible for briefing agents as to the *Election Rules Governing Candidates*. Agents are not required to register

with the Election Commission, but it is recommended that candidates keep a logbook of agents and instructions for future questions. Individuals acting independently of a candidate's authority or instruction are responsible for provisions of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibility. Agents must be duly registered students of the University of Nebraska at Omaha or registered by the Office of Student Organizations and Leadership Programs as a Student Organization at UNO.

E. Political Parties

Candidates and agents may form political parties to hone in and build on the strengths of each other. If a candidate chooses to join or form a political party, additional stipulations must be followed in addition to the rules of *Campaign Practices*. All political parties are required register their party name as well as all of the members of the party with the Election Commission before party involved campaigning may begin. Each political party may not have more candidates running for office than there are positions available in that office. Candidates may not be in more than one political party. No member of the Elections Commission shall be affiliated with a political party.

III. DISPUTES

A. Grievance: Probable Cause

Any person having witnessed a candidate or the candidate's agent in violation of any of the rules Governing Candidates may file a grievance with the Election Commission on a form designated by and obtained from the Election Commission. This form should include questions pertaining to:

- 1) Specific rule violated or misinterpreted (article and section);
- 2) Specifically when and where violated; and
- 3) Other witnesses.

Upon the submission of a grievance, the election for that office will be considered "in dispute". The Election Commission shall hear any and all complaints within ninety-six (96) hours of the deadline for the last complaint submission. (see *HEARING*)

B. Grievance Deadline

All grievances must be filed no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the polls have closed on the last day of the Election.

The election commission will be allowed ninety-six (96) hours from the final closing time of the polls to examine and verify the contributions and expenditures lists filed by candidates including candidates for President-Regent and Vice President. Over expenditures constitute an offense, which may lead to the invalidation of the candidate. (See *COMPAGN PRACTICES*)

C. Stay of Certification

The tabulation of the Election results must be certified within nine (9) days¹ of the Election. If there is specific evidence of an inaccurate or incomplete count, then a signatory may refuse to sign. The resulting grievance is considered grounds for invalidating the Elections. The grievance must be filed within twenty-four (24) hours of the alleged inaccuracy or incomplete result being discovered. This grievance begins a process of invalidating either the entire Election, or a particular race, if the inaccuracy can be limited to such. The invalidation of an SG-UNO Election is subject to Nebraska State Law. If certification is denied, the appeal advances to the next level. If certification is approved at any level, then the appeal process will fall under the guidelines of *SPECIAL ELECTIONS*, but all Election Rules will apply.

All appeals should be submitted immediately and the final appeal decided within nine (9) days¹ of the Election. All inaccurate or incomplete count grievances shall be typed and signed by the aggrieved party or parties.

¹ Definition of Day M-F School in session.

D. Notification of Complaint

The Election Commission has the responsibility to notify a candidate of any complaint filed against them. The information should be sent by way of registered mail and include times for hearings. A copy of the complaint must be provided.

E. Hearing

Once a Candidate has signed a grievance and it has been filed, the Election Commission is responsible for notifying all candidates and individuals against whom a grievance has been filed, and those who have filed grievances as to the place and time of the hearing. The notification should be made within twenty-four (24) hours of the announcement of the Election results. The hearing must take place within six days¹ of the end of the Election and will be an *open hearing conducted pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Student Court*. The person(s) filing grievances will be provided an opportunity to withdraw their grievance.

IV. SANCTIONS

After the Election Commission has conducted a hearing on a written grievance against a candidate or their agents, the Election Commission may include the following sanctions:

- A. Provide a verbal warning of violation;
- B. Restrict candidate campaigning before elections are over;
- C. Write a written reprimand to the candidate or agent in violation of the rule;
- D. Sanctions that involve a conflict of interest within the Election Commission may be submitted by the Election Commission to the Student Court for hearing;
- E. The Election Commission may recommend disciplinary action found in the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibility through the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs;
- F. May recommend disciplinary actions contained in the statement in the Student Right and Responsibilities.
- G. Immediately file a resolution in SG-UNO calling for Misfeasance of Office. This is extreme and should be used for cases such as:
 - 1) Fraudulent manipulation of vote count (e.g. stuffing ballot box, voting twice);
 - 2) Extreme cases of libelous statement about opponent;
 - 3) Extreme propagation of falsehoods about oneself;
 - 4) Spending more than campaign expenditure limits permit;
 - 5) Distributing or promising money, currency, or coin of any nation; and
 - 6) Promising of services or relinquishment of service relating to wages, money, currency, coin, or scholarship requirements will be promised by a candidate at any time.
 - 7) Failure to comply with sanctions.

Clear and convincing evidence must be provided in each case.

V. FAILURE TO COMPLY: MISFEASANCE OF OFFICE

If a candidate does not comply with an issued sanction (e.g. paying fine) before taking the office to which elected, the Election Commission may file a resolution calling for Misfeasance of Office with SG-UNO. Misfeasance of Office does extend to misconduct while campaigning prior to taking office, unless the filed Misfeasance of Office is a sanction, because intention to take office indicates the same standards of behavior required while in office. If a candidate is found to be in Misfeasance of Office, then the vacancy will be filled according to rules established by the SG-UNO Constitution and By-laws.

VI. SPECIAL ELECTIONS.

- A. A Special Election for an issue or office may be held by a 2/3 vote of the Student Senate. Members of the Election Commission will be responsible to administer the Elections. The Student Senate will determine compensation for the work, and determine the length of the election. A Special

Election, including a **Run-off Election** for the adjoined ticket of Student President-Regent and Vice President, will follow the same rules as the General Election.

- B. If the Secretary of the State of Nebraska invalidates an entire Election, the Election Commission will hold a new Election.
- C. According to Article V. Section II of the SG-UNO Constitution, the Election Commission is responsible for conducting a run-off Election for the Office of Student President/Regent and Vice President.

VII. FAILURE TO TAKE OFFICE

Any candidate elected to a SG-UNO Office must personally notify the SG-UNO Office within seven (7) days of the public announcement of the Election results of their intentions to accept their office. Failure to do so will result in Forfeiture of Office. If the office is thus forfeited, the seat will be considered vacant and is subject to appointment by the Student Senate. The list of nominees for appointment should be limited to the remaining slate of candidates for that race.

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