Proposed Special Rules for the Fall 2020 Election

Justification: Special rules are being created and proposed due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic and to be in compliance with state and university guidelines regarding safety.

Special Rule #1: Qualifying in Person/Virtually
The term “qualify” can mean electronically or physically submitting forms, (candidate affidavit, a certification of good standing, and other necessary papers) with the Supervisor of Elections.

Code Impacted 700.4 (y)

Special Rule #2: Mandatory Meeting
The Supervisor of Elections will hold a mandatory meeting in person with limited attendance. There also will be an opportunity to attend the meeting over Zoom/Facebook Live. Those unable to attend virtually or in person will be able to submit an excuse in person or virtually

Code Impacted: 714.6

Special Rule #3: Tabulation
Tabulation will be completed virtually. Invitations will be sent to those identified in the original code.

Code Impacted: 716.3

Special Rule #4: Election Announcement
The Supervisor of Elections will announce Election results virtually from the Reitz Union.

Code Impacted: 716.6

Special Rule #5: Proof of Residency
Supervisor of Elections will allow for proof of residency checks to be completed virtually or in person.

Code Impacted: 732.31, 732.3

Special Rule #6: Proof of Residency Statement
The statement a candidate must sign to show proof of physical residence for the district a candidate seeks to represent can be done virtually or in person.

Code Impacted: 732.32

Special Rule #7: Eligibility Waiver
Upon qualifying, each candidate can sign a waiver electronically or in person allowing SG to affirm the eligibility requirement of their office.

Code Impacted: 733.3

Special Rule #8: Early Voting
The Supervisor of Elections will be authorized to implement an early voting period. Completed ballots will be placed in a secured location and counted by a member of the Supreme Court, using the same process as absentee ballots.

**Special Rule #9**

Upon qualifying, each candidate can sign the statement, "I understand that failure to comply with any portion of the Student Government Election Code is subject to penalty," electronically or in person.

Code Impacted: 735.3

Any student is welcome to offer comment on the general subject matter