An ASUCD Senate Bill to make Initiative Ballot Measures more easily accessible.

BACKGROUND: According to Bylaw 401(D)2, an “Initiative Ballot Measure” is a measure in which an individual collects signatures and UC Davis Student Identification (ID) numbers of eight percent (8%) of ASUCD members to place the measure on the ballot.” With rapidly increasing population of undergraduates and a rapidly modernizing society, ASUCD ought to adapt to the times. Garnering 8% of the undergraduate population in an election is hard enough. This bill would seek to make ballot initiatives more accessible by allowing for the circulation of petitions electronically – which is not impermissible by the current bylaws. This bill would make it clear petition signature collection is valid through non-handwritten means.

Section 1. The ASUCD Senate hereby enacts Section 416B(4)(ii) as follows:

(4) The Campaign Coordinator and any other ASUCD members who wish to circulate the petition may do so. Only signatures of ASUCD members shall be valid for the Petition. The Petition requires eight percent (8%) of the currently registered undergraduate population, as specified in Article V of the ASUCD Constitution.

ii. The Petition may be signed and circulated by electronic and online means. Through the ASUCD Elections website.

Finance: No
Appropriation: None
Vote: Majority
DO PASS AS AMENDED, 11-0-1, BY A ROLL CALL OF THE SENATE ON October 15, 2015. YES: CHANG, FATAYERJI, GUERRERO, LEE, NAHABEDIAN, NGUYEN, RIVILIS, SANTIAGO, THOMAS, TRESH, VELAZQUEZ. ABSTAIN: JOHNSON.

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