An ASUCD Senate Bill to allow members of ASUCD to electronically sign Nominating Petitions.

BACKGROUND: Collecting signatures by hand is archaic in an age where even voting is done digitally. Providing candidates an electronic platform to collect signatures on the official ASUCD Elections website streamlines the nominating process and makes ASUCD elected office more accessible. Members of ASUCD will provide the same information online that they would in person. Candidates still have the option to collect signatures in person.

Section 1. The ASUCD Senate hereby amends Section 405 of the ASUCD Bylaws as follows:

405. PETITIONS AND NOTICE OF CANDIDACY
A. All candidates or Tickets for any ASUCD elected office must obtain an official Nominating Petition and a Notice of Candidacy and a copy of Chapter Four of the ASUCD Bylaws in person from the Student Government Administrative Office. The original petition (no other physical copies may be used or submitted) must be returned to the ASUCD Elections Committee after being signed by the requisite number of ASUCD members. The official petition will be made available to candidates and Tickets four (4) weeks prior to the first day of the General Election and must be returned no later than three (3) weeks prior to the first day of the Election. The ASUCD Elections Committee shall publicize the availability of these documents and the deadline for submission of petitions through campus media.

B. The ASUCD Elections Committee shall, upon receipt of each candidate or Ticket’s petition with the requisite number of signatures and UC Davis Student ID numbers (as they appear on the registration cards of ASUCD members), determine the validity of the UC Davis Student ID numbers. Candidates for Senate must obtain one hundred twenty-five (125) signatures and UC Davis Student ID numbers and Executive Tickets must obtain two hundred fifty (250) signatures and UC Davis Student ID numbers of current ASUCD members. The determination of the validity of these signatures and UC Davis Student ID numbers shall result in the certification of the candidate or Ticket for listing on the ballot, pending all other eligibility checks. The ASUCD Elections Committee shall verify twenty-five percent (25%) of the UC Davis Student ID numbers on each petition by random method. After
establishing the proportion of valid UC Davis Student ID numbers within the random sample, the ASUCD Elections Committee shall then check to see if the petition meets the required number of valid UC Davis Student ID numbers by assuming that the proportion of valid UC Davis Student ID number in the entire petition is the same as the random sample. If there would be an insufficient number of valid ID numbers using this proportional method, the ASUCD Elections Committee shall then check the entire petition to see if the petition has the required number of ID numbers. If the petition still fails to meet the required number of ID numbers, the ASUCD Elections Committee shall promptly inform the Campaign Executive of the number of valid ID numbers their petition has. The ASUCD Elections Committee shall verify each candidate or Ticket’s petition after receiving the list of registered undergraduate students from the University Registrar. i. Only entries (defined as a row with matching printed name, signature, and UC Davis Student ID number) written on the original lines of official ASUCD elections petition forms and digital entries on the candidate’s official ASUCD Elections webpage shall be counted towards the required total. Incomplete entries (those without a matching or incomplete printed name, signature, or UC Davis Student ID number entries), not written on the petition’s original lines, and entries written on anything other than an official ASUCD election petition form or the electronic equivalent shall not be counted by the Elections Committee.

Finance: No  Appropriation: None  Vote: Majority

DO PASS AS AMENDED, 8-2-2, BY A ROLL CALL OF THE SENATE ON October 15, 2015. YES: CHANG, GUERRERO, LEE, NAHABEDIAN, RIVILIS, SANTIAGO, THOMAS, TRESH. NO: FATAYERJI, NGUYEN. ABSTAIN: JOHNSON, VELAZQUEZ

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