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Dear Senate President Grosse,

I have reviewed Student Senate Laws 2018-102, 2018-103, and 2018-105. At the last Senate meeting Minority Party Leader Birnholz stated, "Inspire believes it is critical for elected representatives to consistently consult with the students that they are elected to represent before making decisions that affect them." I believe this is an important premise and I am slightly concerned with the hypocrisy of not consulting the Supervisor of Elections on pieces of legislation that have direct implications on students and the Supervisor of Elections' work. I believe this is a poor precedent to set and I am disappointed in the authors of these pieces of legislation. Transparency is important but so is inclusivity. We need to be working with all of our branches on important matters such as these. Therefore I will be vetoing these pieces of legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Smith Meyers".

Smith Meyers
Student Body President
Trustee, Board of Trustees
University of Florida

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STUDENT SENATE LAW 2018-105

TITLE: General Body Meeting Act - 700 Codes Revision

AUTHORS: Senator Benjamin Lima and Senator Richard German

SPONSORS: Senator Joel Kratt, Senator Daniel Ospina, Minority Party Leader Nathan Morse, Senator Zarella Berrocal, and Senator Connor Bradley

CHAPTER 760 – THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT (2000-141, 2002-144, 2002-155, Spring 2006 Ballot Initiative, 2006-129, 2007-131, 2008-107, 2009-101, 2011-100, 2012-101, 2012-107, 2012-SC: Students Party v. Swamp Party, 2013-SC: Students Party v. Swamp Party, 2016-104)

- 760.1 This subsection, from 760.001 to 769.999, shall be known as “The Election Campaign Act.”
- 761.1 Campaign Activities begin on the first day of the active election cycle and ends immediately after the close of polls on the final day of elections.
- 761.2 Removed by 2013-Supreme Court: Students Party, Appellant vs. Swamp Party, Appellee.
- 761.3 The maintenance of a campaign website shall be permitted four weeks prior to the first date of Fall and Spring election and shall conclude at the end of both the Fall and Spring General election.
- 761.4 No candidate shall give, offer, or promise to any student or student organization any benefit not authorized by student body law in order to influence the votes of that student or members of that organization.
- 762.0 Candidates shall ensure that all “campaign material” as defined in Section 700.4(f) shall be labeled with the phrase “Registered Political Advertisement” or a phrase of similar import approved by the Supervisor of Elections. The phrase shall be followed by the name of the individual who authorized the creation of, disbursement of, or payment for, a piece of campaign material. In addition, all campaign material must be registered with the Supervisor of Elections or his or her Assistant Supervisors of Elections prior to the time of distribution. Procedures for distribution and posting of campaign material not provided for by the Student Government Election Code may be established by the Supervisor of Elections or by the Elections Commission. However, such procedures shall not be inconsistent with the Student Government Election Code and they shall not be effective unless presented in writing to the candidates and registered political parties twenty- four (24) hours prior to the time that any such procedures take effect.
- 762.11 No candidate or representative of a political party shall misrepresent any material fact in campaign material or in campaigning in any form.

- 762.12 No candidate or representative of a political party may misrepresent any campaign material as being the material of any other candidate or political party.
- 762.13 No candidate or representative of a political party may misrepresent any material as being the material of the Supervisor of Elections.
- 762.14 The Supervisor of Elections and his/her designees have the exclusive right to distribute any material that indicates a student has already voted during the Student Government election cycle.
- 762.15 Any impersonation of another political party/independent candidate by a candidate, representative, or campaign material of another political party/independent candidate shall be considered an Election Violation.
- 762.3 Campaign material may only be posted on off-campus property in compliance with the laws and regulations applicable to Alachua County elections.
- 762.4 No unauthorized person may post or remove any campaign material of any candidate or political party. The Supervisor of Elections or Assistant Supervisors of Elections may remove any and all campaign material posted, displayed, or distributed in unauthorized locations pursuant to 733.6.
- 762.41 No candidate or political party shall destroy, remove or steal any campaign material of another candidate or political party.
- 762.5 No candidate or representative of a political party shall attach campaign material to any road surface or walkway on University property.
- 762.51 Candidates and representatives of political parties shall only hang cloth, plastic, or paper banners in areas designated by the University and the Supervisor of Elections.
- 762.65 No candidate or representative of a political party shall distribute or place campaign material on any mode of transportation without the permission of the owner.
- 762.7 No candidate or representative of a political party shall place any campaign material in message boxes in residence halls, unless the campaign material conforms to University regulations, Department of Housing and Residence Education policies, and the Student Body Statutes.
- 763.0 Candidates and representatives of political parties may not campaign in classrooms, unless the classroom is reserved and utilized by a student organization in accordance with the policies of the Department of Student Activities and Involvement and the University Registrar's Office.

Danielle Grosse 4/20/2018
Danielle Grosse Date
Senate President

Vetoed on 4/24/18 (CG)
Smith Meyers Date
Student Body President

Dr. Dave Parrott Date
Vice President of Student Affairs