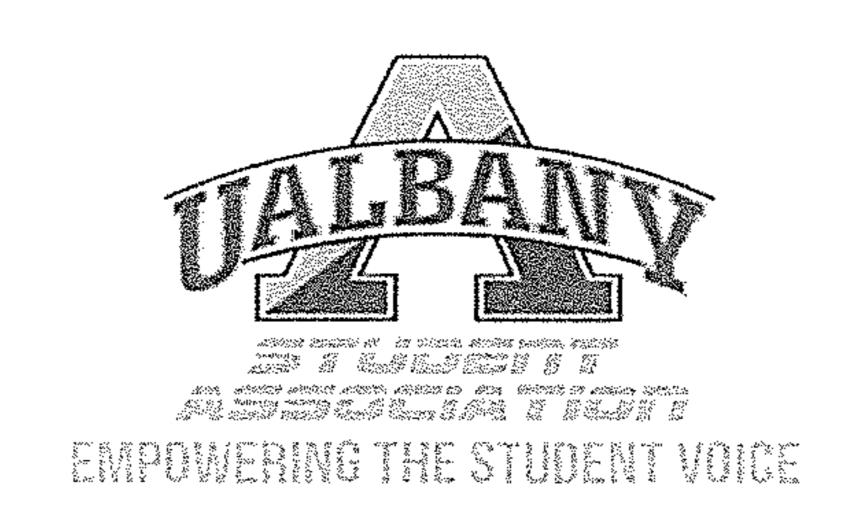
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SEN. Nicholas Chin CHAIR SEN. Tanner McCracken Vice Chair

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SPONSORED BY: Senator Sevor	COMMITTEE: Rules and Administration
SUBJECT: Elections Bylaw Update	COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0-1
SENATE VOTE: 36-2-5	LEGISLATIVE RESULT: PASSED

## I. That the 601 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:

601.4.1 – The Elections Commission shall be responsible for running all *internal and external* Student Association elections, in addition to deciding and resolving any and all disputes arising out of this policy and its interpretation. Any decision made by the Elections Commission may be appealed to the Supreme Court of the Student Association by a candidate.

601.4.1.2.1 – The duties and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair written in these bylaws are only meant for when the Commission conducts their regular meetings or when representation of the Commission is required, and nothing else.

601.4.1.2.2.1 - For the duration of elections cycles, the Elections Commission Chair shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of the Student Association Senate.

601.4.1.2.2.1.1 – The duration of the elections cycle shall be defined as from the <del>submission of the elections</del> timeline to the Senate Chairman beginning of the self-nomination period until (and including) the Senate meeting following the publicization of the winners of the election.

- 2. That the 602 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:
- 602.2.1.6.2.2 All re-scheduled meetings must happen within three (3) SA business days of the original candidates meeting. Any candidate who does not meet with the Elections Commission within the following three (3) days will be ineligible to run, with absolutely no exceptions permitted.
  - 3. That the 603 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:

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- 603.2.1.3.2.1 Disqualification may *only* be *done as* a last resort *and* in the direct of circumstances and is to be decided by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the Elections Commission.
  - 4. That the 604 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:
- 604.1.1.1.1 Self-nomination forms will be due *a minimum of* two (2) SA business days prior to the candidates meeting to ensure that the verification process can be completed in a timely manner.
- 604.2.1.1.1 Self-nomination forms will be due *a minimum of* seven (7) SA business days prior to the candidates meeting to ensure that the verification process can be completed.
  - 5. That the 605 Section of the Student Association Bylaws be amended to read:
- 605.2.2 In the event of a pending investigation into a particular election, the Commission reserves the right to withhold the results of the election until the investigation has concluded.
- 605.2.2.1 The powers of the Commission in this situation may include, but are not limited to, invalidation of an election and administration of a new election and the retroactive removal of a candidate from the ballot.

II. That this bill go into effect immediately upon passage in accordance with the Student Association Constitution.

Desann Chin-Carty, President

Passed by the Senate

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Sen. Nicholas C. Chin, Chair