

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE  
STUDENT SENATE

CLASSIFICATION BYLAW CHANGES TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4J – DEMOCRATIC  
ELECTIONS

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INTRODUCED BY ABOU AMARA II, PARLIAMENTARIAN AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
CHAIR; AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 WHEREAS, there were many problems with the Election Bylaws during the  
2 last general election; and

3 WHEREAS, Attachment “A” signifies the changes made to the Bylaws to  
4 correct the problems with last year’s election; and

5 WHEREAS, many sections needed clarification and rewording in order to  
6 be easier to understood; and

7 WHEREAS, online voting procedures needed to be clarified in order to  
8 allow for a more organized election procedure; and

9 WHEREAS, the Elections Committee Chairperson must follow the Bylaws  
10 when making decision regarding the elections process;

11 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate adopt the changes

12 made to Article 4 regarding democratic elections; and

13 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that upon passage, President Lauer transmit a  
14 copy of this bill to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Marty Wood,  
15 Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. V. Thomas Dock, Acting Vice Chancellor,  
16 Administration, Facilities & Finance; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student  
17 Affairs; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students  
18 Office.

## ARTICLE 4: DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS

### J. Voting

- a) Currently enrolled students at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire are eligible to vote once for representatives running for seats on Student Senate.
- b) Students shall be able to cast a cumulative ballot, casting a number of votes for each community equal to the number of apportioned seats in each community available on Student Senate.
- c) Students will only be allowed to vote for one Presidential ticket.
- d) Polling will take place via only computer or only paper ballots. Electronic voting may include voting from remote sites such as home computers. **No person besides current members of the elections committee shall administer (a) polling/voting place(s).**
- e) The program employed for polling shall insure privacy for all voters. It will not allow students to vote more than once. Responsibility for set-up and configuration of the polling program shall be primarily that of the Parliamentarian. Only the Parliamentarian and the Student Senate Program Assistant, and the Student Senate Advisor will have access to the online polling questionnaire.
- f) Online voting must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Student Senate 30 days prior to an election.
- g) If online voting is used, ~~elections will begin and end at the same time as they would, were paper ballots used, although online voting will be open for the full period ("polls" won't close until the end of elections)~~ the election will be held on one of the dates that were chosen as mandated by Article 3 Section 1 (D) of the Student Body Constitution. For online voting, an email will be sent to all students at 8 a.m. the morning elections begin and will end 24 hours after the e-mail is sent. ~~A reminder email will be sent at 8 a.m. on the morning of the last day of elections. The online ballot will be closed at 8 p.m. on the last day of elections.~~
- h) If paper ballots are used, voting booths are available for use in the elections. At least two people must work the polls (preferably four people). No candidate may be a poll worker. The voting student must show the poll worker his/her valid Blugold I.D. The poll worker will then scan his/her I.D. and give them a certified ballot. The student then takes the stamped ballot to the voting booth. If the student requires instructions, the poll worker will explain the procedure to the student. After voting, the student deposits the ballot in the ballot box.
- i) The candidate with the most votes for an open seat will be declared the winner.
- j) **In the case of online voting, the student must agree to a disclaimer stating they are voting by secret ballot before proceeding to the voting ballot.**