



Memo:

5/9/16

From the Desk of the Vice President of the Student Government Association of the University of North Texas.

Attached to this memo is B11-S2016. This bill was voted on by the SGA Student Senate and passed by unanimous consent. This allocates a certain amount of money to the Election Commissioner giving them a budget to work with to put on events like debates and voter drives. This also makes the Election Commissioner a paid position.

Thank you,  
-Christopher Lee  
Vice President of the Student Government Association  
Speaker of the Senate.



**B11 S2016 - Election Budget & Commissioner Compensation**

**WHEREAS**, the Election Board may engage in Board-sponsored campaign activities (Bylaws V.5.4.A) in the interest of increasing voter turnout; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spring 2016 Elections have proven Board-sponsored campaign activities to be effective in increasing voter turn-out; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility of hosting the aforementioned campaign activities falls on the Election Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, the position of Election Commissioner is currently a volunteer position appointed by the SGA President; and

**WHEREAS**, the duties of the Election Commissioner increase dramatically during the election season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Election Commissioner must be held to the standards of conduct and accountability as of that of a paid Executive Officer; therefore

**LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, Bylaws Article IV, Section 2 be amended as follows:

Section 2: Election Board

- A. The Election Board shall consist of six members and an Election Commissioner appointed by the SGA President.
- B. The Election Commissioner shall be a paid member of SGA and, while not considered a member of the Executive Branch, will be held to the obligations outlined in Bylaws Article III, Section 5 (Student Government Paid Employee Obligations).
- C. The job responsibilities, to include required office hours, and payment agreement of the Election Commissioner shall be approved by the Student Senate at the third full Senate meeting of each long semester.
- D. General Duties of the Election Commissioner:
  - A. to serve as a liaison between the Election Board and other entities on campus.
  - B. oversee Election Board meetings, represent the Election Board in any public situation, draft the final election report, and only vote on an Election Board decision in the event of a tie.
  - C. hold office hours, plan Election Board-sponsored election events, maintain contact with electoral candidates, and coordinate other duties that may arise, as directed by the SGA President or Senate.
- E. The Election Board shall have the power to rule on matters pertaining to Elections, including but not limited to: interpretations and violations of the Election Code, questions of candidate eligibility not covered in Article XIII, Section 1A of these Bylaws, candidate and Referendum Party complaints and concerns, questions of referendum eligibility, filing dates and deadlines, and the certification of any election results.
- E. Appointees must be approved by the Student Senate at the second full Senate meeting of the fall semester and must be present to be confirmed, unless the appointee has class or work during this time, as verified by the SGA Advisor.

- F. Election Board members must meet the active member eligibility requirements as stated in Article XIII of these Bylaws. No member of the Election Board shall be an active member of any branch of SGA or the Freshman Intern program, nor an elective candidate, while serving on the Election Board.
- G. Election Board members shall not endorse or in any way promote a candidate.
- H. In case of a vacancy in the Election Board, the SGA President must immediately appoint a replacement. This replacement must be present at the next full SGA or Senate meeting to be confirmed, unless the appointee has class or work during this time, as verified by the SGA Advisor.
- I. All Election Board meetings will be open only to Election Board members and the SGA Advisor. The Board shall keep written minutes of all meetings, including hearings. Quorum for all Board meetings, including election certification meetings, shall be defined as three Board members plus the Election Commissioner.

**LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, Bylaws Article VI, Section 2 C be added as follows, and subsequent clauses be re-numbered:

C) The Executive Branch shall allocate at least three-hundred dollars per semester for Elections-related expenses, including promotional materials and room/equipment rental.

**LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, this position will be paid the same hourly wage as the executive directors on the UNT SGA Executive Branch.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

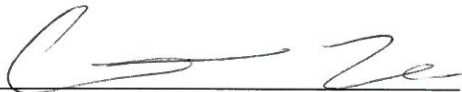
**Barrett Cole**

*Senator, College of Business*

**Aaron Davis**

*Election Commissioner*

In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.



*Speaker of the Senate*

5/9/16  
Date

**Presidential Action:**

- Vetoed
- Approved



*President of the Student Body*

5/9/16  
Date



*Vice President of Student Affairs*

5.10.16  
Date